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Cracks in Opp's RS ranks, walkouts enable passage of Bill, PM says archaic practice finally in dustbin of history

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NEW DELHI, JULY 30

NEARLY TWO years after the Supreme Court set aside the centuries-old practice of instant triple talaq or talaq-e-biddat calling it un-Islamic, arbitrary and not an integral part of religious practice, The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2019 got the stamp of Parliament when it was cleared by Rajya Sabha Tuesday, five days after it got the nod from Lok Sabha.

The passage of the instant triple talaq Bill is a major win for the government given that ruling NDA lacks numbers in Rajya Sabha. The Bill was passed with 99 votes in favour and 84 opposed after BJD came out in

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Union Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad at Parliament House on Tuesday. *Anil Sharma*

How Modi 2.0 felled Opp where it had upper hand

MANOJ C G, ABANTIKA GHOSH & LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

WITH THE Modi government riding a landslide to return to Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha was where the Opposition hoped to counter it with its greater numbers. But that Opposition unity lay in tatters Tuesday — the second time in a week following the passage of the RTI amendment Bill — when the BJP-led government, with some astute political manoeuvering that started a week ago, ensured the passage of the instant triple talaq Bill in the Upper House.

As many as 23 Opposition members — 4 Congress, 6 SP, 4 BSP, 2 NCP, 2 TDP, 2 PDP, 1 DMK, 1 CPM and 1 TMC — were not present in the House. This apart, the JD (U), AIADMK and TRS with a total of 23 members were also

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Bill overrides personal law

WHILE THE jury is still out on the feasibility of BJP's commitment on a Uniform Civil Code, the government has managed to enact a legislation impacting Muslim personal laws through the Rajya Sabha where the ruling party lacks an outright majority.

OUTRAGE MOUNTS OVER UNNAO RAPE VICTIM PLIGHT, CENTRE HANDS OVER CASE TO CBI

UP BJP says we suspended accused Sengar last year, its disciplinary chief says he doesn't know

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DEHRADUN, LUCKNOW, JULY 30

AS OUTRAGE mounted over the Unnao rape victim battling for life in a Lucknow hospital and the Opposition demanded answers on the continuance of the rape accused-MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar in the BJP, the party scrambled for cover Tuesday, claiming it had already suspended him in April 2018 when the CBI probe was ordered into the rape case.

A day after he declined to comment on Sengar's status in the party when *The Indian Express* reached out to him, UP BJP president Swatantra Dev Singh told reporters Tuesday that he had spoken to his predecessor, Mahendra Nath Pandey, who told him that Sengar had already been suspended from the party.

Pandey, now a Union Minister, said: "He was suspended when CBI probe was ordered in the case. Notice was earlier issued to him.

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The Pore Dauli crossing in Rae Bareli where the accident took place. *Manish Sahu*

In heavy rain, truck was speeding on wrong side, driver fled: Witnesses

MANISH SAHU
RAE BARELI, FATEHPUR, JULY 30

ARJUN YADAV was on the highway in Rae Bareli Sunday afternoon when the car the Unnao rape victim was travelling in collided with a truck, killing her two aunts and critically injuring her and her lawyer.

"The truck driver was driving in the wrong direction and at high speed. After the accident, the driver and the cleaner of the truck fled from the spot leaving the vehicle behind," Yadav, who runs a shop at Pore Dauli crossing where the incident took place, told *The Indian Express*.

Other shop owners who claimed to have witnessed the collision recalled that it was raining heavily at the time and they all saw a truck speeding in the wrong direction. "There is a curve at Pore Dauli crossing, the truck driver was on the wrong

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Days before accident, she wrote to CJI on threat by MLA's aides

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

DAYS BEFORE she was critically injured and her two aunts killed in a road accident, the Unnao victim, who has accused Uttar Pradesh BJP MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar of sexual assault, had written a letter to the Chief Justice of India, stating that she faced threats by the accused in the rape case.

And more than two months ago, a Supreme Court bench of Justices S A Bobde and S Abdul Nazeer had issued notices to the CBI and the accused in the case on a plea by the woman's mother seeking transfer of four cases currently being heard by a CBI Special Judge in Lucknow to Delhi.

CJI Ranjan Gogoi, it is learnt, has asked the Supreme Court Secretary General to prepare a

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Cafe Coffee Day founder is missing, search underway

JOHNSON T A
BENGALURU, JULY 30

THE FOUNDER of Cafe Coffee Day, India's biggest coffee chain, V G Siddhartha has been reported missing since Monday night, last seen by his driver near a bridge over the Nethravathi river in Mangaluru.

Hours before his disappearance was reported, Siddhartha called his personal staff at the company head office in Bengaluru and informed them about a letter to be disseminated. The purported letter referred to the "tremendous pressure" he was under from lenders and "harassment" from Income Tax officials. And that he was "very sorry to let down all the people that put their trust in me".

The 60-year-old son-in-law of former Karnataka Chief Minister S M Krishna, considered among the most successful modern-day businessmen from the state with investments in the IT sector, real estate, coffee cultivation and exports and hospitality, disappeared following a random drive to Mangaluru with his driver, Basavaraj Patil (27).

Teams of National Disaster Response Force, Coast Guard,

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A search operation being carried out in Mangaluru. *PTI*

1,700 outlets, but pressure from PEs and huge debts

SANDEEP SINGH, KRISHN KAUSHIK & GEORGE MATHEW
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

Siddhartha, son-in-law of ex-CM S M Krishna

AS THE Karnataka police launched a search operation for VG Siddhartha who disappeared suddenly Monday evening, the spotlight fell on his diversified group's debt woes in a slowing economy, alleged pressure from private equity investors wanting to sell their shares in the company, and enforcement action by the income-tax department.

Not only do these issues find mention in Siddhartha's note to

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Behind J&K troop surge, move to hoist Tricolour in all panchayats on I-Day

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

THE CENTRE is "infusing" troops in Jammu and Kashmir to provide security cover for a move to hoist the Tricolour in every panchayat in the state this Independence Day, government sources said.

"The government is infusing troops as many panchayat heads want to hoist the national flag this Independence Day. This deployment is being done to ensure no disruption to the process and avoid any untoward incident," said sources. Over the weekend, reports of deployment of additional troops in the state had led to intense speculation over the Centre's plans.

Sources said the ruling BJP has already given instructions to its units in every panchayat of the state to hoist the Tricolour on August 15. Following the panchayat elections in the state last year, which it considers as a "gain in grassroots democracy", the BJP also hopes that the move will help it gather momentum for the assembly elections that are expected to be held this year.

According to sources, preparations for the elections topped the agenda of the meeting of senior BJP leaders with its J&K core group in Delhi Tuesday evening. The meeting follows BJP

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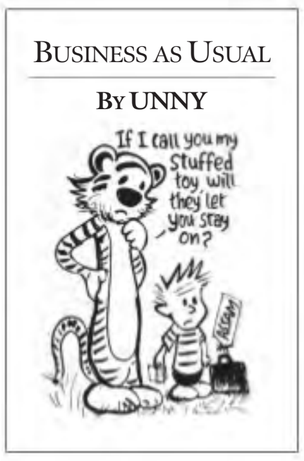

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Witness in Agusta case missing, must have been killed: ED to Delhi court

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate told a Delhi court Tuesday that they "believe" a witness in the AgustaWestland case "must have been killed" as he has been missing for the past four months. The ED's statement was made while opposing the anticipatory bail of Ratul Puri, nephew of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath.

Puri is under the scanner for allegedly receiving kickbacks in the AgustaWestland deal through his companies. His interim protection from arrest will now continue until Wednesday as hearing on his anticipatory bail could not be completed. The ED has also levelled allegations against Puri claiming that he received "proceeds of crime" from AgustaWestland middleman, Christian Michel.

ED Special Public Prosecutor D P Singh told the court that Puri was an influential person who posed a flight risk, could tamper with evidence and influence witnesses. He said: "One witness, we believe, must have been killed. We cannot reach him. His whole family is in shock. They are so scared that they have not filed an FIR."

The ED disclosed the witness's identity as K K Khosla and

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IIM-Calcutta named OCI card-holder as director, now Home has a poser for HRD: Is she eligible?

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RITIKA CHOPRA
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

JUST MONTHS after IIM-Calcutta appointed American citizen Anju Seth as its new director, the Home Ministry is learnt to have asked the HRD Ministry to clarify whether a foreign national, registered as an Overseas Citizen of India (OCI), can head a central educational institution.

The Home Ministry's letter mentions Seth's selection for the top job.

Seth, who held the position of Pamplin Professor of Management at Virginia Tech in the US, is the first female head of the IIM and was appointed to the post in November 2018. The IIM Rules, notified less than a month after her appointment, make OCIs eligible for the director's post.

According to a Home Ministry order of December 2017, foreign nationals registered as OCI card-holders under The Citizenship Act, 1955, are eligible to be appointed as teachers in central educational institutions such as IITs, NITs, IIMs, central universities and IISERs.

Referring to this order, the letter to the HRD Ministry states that a director, in addition to an academic role, also enjoys administrative powers — it's in this context that the clarification was sought.

When contacted on her mobile phone Tuesday, Seth asked *The Indian Express* to send queries to her official email address. Replying on the director's behalf, Alok Chandra, chief administrative officer of IIM-Calcutta, confirmed that the institute's director was an OCI card-holder.

Responding to the question on whether the government had raised any objections or asked questions regarding her citizenship at the time of her appointment, Chandra wrote: "We are not aware of such issue."

Seth isn't the first foreign national and OCI card-holder to head an IIM. Sushil Vachani, who was appointed director of

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Anju Seth appointed in November 2018

IIM rules notified after her appointment makes OCIs eligible

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YEDIYURAPPA GOVT ENDS TIPU JAYANTI CELEBRATION IN KARNATAKA
Observed in the month of November every year, the celebration was started in 2015 as an annual event under the previous Congress government led by Siddaramaiah. In the past years, BJP has led heated protests against the Tipu Jayanti celebrations

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2017 UNNAO RAPE CASE EXPLAINED
Is the accident a big conspiracy to silence the victim?

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UNNAO VICTIM WROTE TO CJI ABOUT 'THREAT'
'Take back case or whole family will be put in jail'

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Sengar

There were serious allegations against him. He is still suspended." He said he had conveyed this to Swatantra Dev Singh.

But at least two party office-bearers seemed clueless about the action initiated against Sengar. Satyadev Singh, who became the disciplinary committee head when Pandey was state party chief, said: "Party state president directly looked into that matter. Party state president forwards it to us for further action if he finds it appropriate. Otherwise, he takes a decision at his level. This matter never came before me."

Unnao BJP district president Shrikant Katiyar said, "I never received any formal communication from the party state unit regarding suspension or any other action against MLA Sengar. I have no information about this. The state team has dealt with the matter because Sengar joined the party in Lucknow."

On the other hand, BJP state spokesperson Rakesh Tripathi said the party state unit had issued a show cause notice to Sengar last year. He said Sengar had submitted a reply to Pandey. The party disciplinary committee had examined the reply and decided to suspend him. "But BJP did not issue any press release on the action at that time. Now when this matter has got highlighted again, and media has asked questions about his membership in the party, the BJP has shared the information that Sengar is already suspended. He was suspended that time itself."

Sengar, the BJP MLA from Bangarmau, is a four-time lawmaker who has changed parties and assembly constituencies. Sengar (52) started his political career in 2002 when he was elected MLA from Unnao Sadar on a BSP ticket. He joined the SP before the 2007 assembly elections. He contested from Bangarmau as the SP candidate and won. In the 2012 elections, he contested as the SP candidate from Bhagwant Nagar constituency and won again. In the middle of the 2017 assembly election, Sengar joined the BJP and was named as the party nominee from Bangarmau.

Everyone in Unnao district, including authorities, acknowledge him as a political heavyweight, and speak of his influence during SP rule. When he did not get a berth in the Akhilesh Yadav cabinet even after two years, he once hurled expletives at the party leadership publicly. But no action was taken.

Such is Sengar's clout that the rape victim, after running from pillar to post in vain, attempted immolation outside the CM's residence in Lucknow, seeking his intervention. She alleged that her father had been framed and sent to jail on the orders of the MLA.

CBI investigations showed that the then station officer of the local police station had been in constant touch with Sengar and took instructions from him while the girl moved to Lucknow, seeking the CM's help.

Even after his arrest by the CBI, he allegedly led a luxurious lifestyle behind the bars in the Unnao jail and had to be moved to Sitapur jail, around 130 km away, following a complaint from the victim's family that he was using his clout to threaten them and influence witnesses.

After the Lok Sabha poll results, Sakshi Maharaj, BJP MP from Unnao, reached Sitapur jail to meet Sengar. To queries from the media, Sakshi Maharaj said: "He has been lodged in jail for a long time. I had come to meet him and thank him after the election."

Truck

side of the road. Suddenly, he made a turn to move to the other side of the road and the car, coming from the opposite direction, rammed into the side of the truck," said Ramesh Chandra Yadav, who also runs a shop at the crossing.

"The truck dragged the car for around 10 meters and stopped. Before we could reach the spot, the truck driver and cleaner exited the vehicle and ran into the fields. Everyone was busy trying to rescue the people in the car so no one chased the driver and cleaner," he said.

Another shopkeeper then called police, which arrived around 15 minutes later and rushed the victims to the district hospital for treatment. While one of the woman's aunts was declared dead at the district hospital in Rae Bareli, the other three were referred to Lucknow, where another aunt died during treatment.

Gaya Prasad (54), who also claimed to have witnessed the incident, told The Indian Express that the truck driver needed to be questioned. "I also used to drive a truck before opening this shop but this was not the way to drive a heavy vehicle on road. The fact that one number plate was blacked out also needs to be probed," he said.

And as the Centre Tuesday handed over to the probe into the road accident to the CBI, the truck driver Ashish Pal, cleaner Mohan and truck owner Debendra Kishore are still in police custody. Around 80 km from the accident spot, the family of the truck driver Ashish Pal (24) claimed he is innocent. "There is no conspiracy. We are also demanding a CBI investigation," said Ashish's mother Raj Rani, a resident of Othi village in Fatehpur district. "Had my son been involved in any wrong activities, we wouldn't have been living in a house built of mud. We even don't have a television or a fridge in the house."

Debendra's older brother Nand Kishor Pal said, "My brother had purchased the truck last year under finance from a company in Kanpur. Because of a financial crisis, Debendra failed to pay the last four instalments."

"Fearing his truck would be re-possessed, my brother got one number plate blacked out. There is no other reason behind it," said Nand Kishore, who is presently Fatehpur's district secretary of the Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party (PSM).

"Before joining PSM, I was with Samajwadi Party. I was Fatehpur district secretary of the SP in 2003 and later rose to member of Samajwadi Party state committee member in 2005."

Nand Kishore denied any links to MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar, who is accused of raping the woman. "No one in my family has ever met Sengar. My brother is innocent and there is no criminal conspiracy behind the accident. The cleaner Mohan has been staying with us for the last six years," he said.

Letter to CJI

report for him on the woman's letter.

In her plea to the SC on April 16, her mother stated that after the alleged rape of her daughter and "murder" of her husband, she had moved with her family to Delhi where they were living with relatives. "However, the petitioner, the prosecutrix and other family members are attending the courts at Lucknow under constant fear and threat from Kuldeep Singh Sengar and his aides and they are apprehending danger to their lives from the said main accused and his aides during their visits to Lucknow," she said in her petition filed through Advocate Ramkrishna Reddy.

Almost two months later, on July 12, the woman wrote a letter to CJI Gogoi as well as the Allahabad High Court and other authorities of the UP government. Unnao SP Madhawa Prasad Verma said, "As many as 25 complainants were made by the woman and her family since July last year. In most complaints, allegations were made against the MLA, his family and his associates for threatening them. As per police station records, enquiries were conducted on the complaints and the allegations were not found to be true."

Her letter to authorities, including the CJI, states that on July 7 some people allegedly associated with Sengar threatened her family with dire consequences. It also sought directions for registration of an FIR against those who had intimidated them.

Citing similar concerns, her mother's plea in the SC prayed the court to transfer the cases to Delhi, saying her remaining children would become orphans if something happens to her too. Two of the four cases relate to the alleged rape incident while the third relates to the death of her husband.

Her plea states that her husband was "brutally assaulted by the aides of Kuldeep Singh Sengar" when he went to Unnao on April 3, 2018, to attend the POCSO court. This, she said, was for filing criminal cases against Sengar. As a result of the assault, her husband succumbed to his injuries in the Unnao district hospital on April 9.

Incidentally, the cases were were transferred to the Lucknow Special Court on the orders of the Allahabad High Court. The plea seeking transfer of the cases has not come up for hearing before the SC again as the notice is yet to be served to all respondents.

Law is in: Instant triple talaq becomes a crime

support, allies JD (U) and AIADMK walked out while the Opposition BSP, TDP and TRS did a no-show.

A motion by CPM member Elamaram Kareem to refer the Bill to a Select Committee was defeated 84-100. An amendment moved by Congress member Digvijaya Singh to remove the penal provision in the Bill too was defeated 84-100.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, taking to Twitter, hailed the passage of the Bill: "An archaic and medieval practice has finally been confined to the dustbin of history! Parliament abolishes Triple Talaq and corrects a historical wrong done to Muslim women. This is a victory of gender justice and will further equality in society. India rejoices today!"

"I thank all parties and MPs who have supported the passage of The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2019 in both Houses of Parliament. They have risen to the occasion and this step of theirs will forever be remembered in India's history," he said.

Home Minister Amit Shah described it as a great day for democracy: "I congratulate PM @narendramodi ji for fulfilling his commitment and ensuring a law to ban triple talaq, which will free Muslim women from the curse of this regressive practice. I thank all parties who supported this historic Bill."

This was a second setback for the Opposition in a week — its attempt to force referral of The Right to Information (Amendment) Bill, 2019 to a Select Committee had failed last week.

While participating in the debate, the AIADMK opposed the Bill and demanded that it be sent to a Select Committee, but staged a walkout hours before the motion was put to vote. Opposition benches too were not full.

Introducing the Bill, Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad called it a historic day. The law, he said, follows from the Supreme Court judgment of 2017 but even after that, newspapers have reported 574 cases of instant triple talaq.

"I want to ask this House, should we tell the women of this country that there is a judgment but we are not acting on it? That is why we have brought this Bill. Because the law is a deterrence. There were some misgivings... people said it is possible a neighbour files an FIR, so we made changes that allow only the woman or her blood relative to lodge an FIR. We have made a provision that this is compoundable. At the instance of the wife, a magistrate can do it... magistrate can give bail upon appropriate condition after hearing the wife... we have kept provisions for bail, for compromise and for subsistence allowance," he said.

The Opposition's main objection to the Bill was declaration of triple talaq as a cognizable offence, attracting up to three years imprisonment with a fine. Speaker after speaker referred to it, saying that a Muslim woman who has been given triple talaq and her children will be left in the lurch if the husband is sent to jail. In his reply, Prasad said many personal laws like the Hindu Marriage Act and Dowry Prohibition Act have penal provisions. He said cruelty against wife is also a criminal offence under the Indian Penal Code.

Leader of Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad, in his brief intervention, accused the government of attempting to finish the Muslim community by bringing this Bill. "This Bill is called The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill. It is a misnomer. In my view, the real intention is destruction of Muslim families," he said.

"If Muslims are killed by mob lynching, there are law and order implications. But here you are trying to burn Muslim households with the lamp of their own house... so nobody will have any problem," Azad said. He said the changes brought by the government in the Bill were cosmetic.

Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi listed the pro-women initiatives of the NDA government. His mention of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao was met with cries of "Unnao" from the Opposition benches — a reference to the Unnao rape victim being seriously injured in a road accident. The rape accused is UP BJP MLA Kuldeep Sengar.

How Modi 2.0 felled Opp where it had upper hand

missing at the time of voting. The Opposition motion to refer The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2019 to a Select Committee was negated 84-100, and the Bill was passed 99-84.

In the House of 245 where five vacant seats have reduced the strength to 240, 184 members voted. That's 56 abstentions. While the government's floor managers had been in touch with the AIADMK, TRS and JD(U), what swung the day for them was the absence of 23 Opposition members.

Congress members who were absent during the voting were Partap Singh Bajwa, Ranjib Biswal, Mukut Mithi and Vivek Tankha besides Sanjay Sinh who resigned during the day. His resignation was immediately accepted. NCP chief Sharad Pawar and former Union Minister Praful Patel too were not present. DMK member R S Bharathi and CPM's Jharna Das Baidya were absent and so were all four BSP MPs — Satish Chandra Mishra, Rajaram, Veer Singh and Ashok Siddharth.

SP sources said three of their members — Tazeen Fatma, Sanjay Seth and Beni Prasad Verma — have health issues. The other SP MPs who were not present were Sukhram Yadav, Chandrapal Yadav and Surendra Singh Nagar. Fatma is the wife of SP Lok Sabha MP Azam Khan.

The two PDP members, Mir Mohammad Fayaz and Nazir Ahmad Laway, were also not present in the evening though both had spoken against the Bill.

Following the passage of the Bill, Trinamool's Derek O'Brien voiced the Opposition angst when he said: "This is not floor management. It's the not-so-invisible but most dependable allies of the BJP: CBI and ED."

Both TDP MPs, Ravindra Kumar Kanakamedala and Thota Seetharama Lakshmi, were absent when the Bill was put to vote. Hours earlier, Kanakamedala had participated in the debate. Trinamool MP K D Singh too was absent but party leaders said the fact that Ritabrata Banerjee voted against the Bill made up for the absence.

BJP sources said the victory was a "result of a strategy which was meticulously planned and carefully laid down" over a week. Party president Amit Shah had given the responsibility of organising the numbers to Bhupender Yadav, Piyush Goyal, Dharmendra Pradhan and Pralhad Joshi. On the day of the voting, the coordination task was carried out by V Muraleedharan.

After ensuring the maximum presence of 78 party members, BJP leaders, sources said, did a "man-to-man" marking of the MPs in the House. "We counted everyone, assessed possible abstentions and approached them. The biggest advantage for us was the overconfidence among Opposition leaders who did not bother to ensure that every member is present," a party leader said.

Cafe Coffee Day

Home Guard, fire services and coastal police then scoured the swollen Nethravathi river, but found no trace of him.

In a statement to the Mangaluru police Tuesday, Patil recounted the events of the day where Siddhartha briefly visited his CCD office in the morning around 8 am and returned home at 11 am and instructed the driver to prepare for a drive to the businessman's home in Sakleshpur near Hassan.

When they reached Sakleshpur, Patil was instructed to drive towards Mangaluru to a property that Siddhartha was reportedly developing for his hospitality business. "When we entered a large bridge across the river, he decided to get off the car and asked me to wait across the bridge for him," said Patil.

"He crossed the road and began walking back in the direction of Mangaluru city. Around 8 pm, when he did not return to the car, I tried calling him on his mobile but it was switched off."

The Karnataka police found that the last cell location for one of his phones was in the Jeppu area of Mangaluru across the bridge where the entrepreneur was last seen. "The cell location may be for the general area around the river and not specifically Jeppu," sources said.

Police sources said that the July 27 letter that Siddhartha left behind and final conversations he had with a few staff members suggested he was not his usual self. "He told one staff member to look after the interests of the firm after clearing an outstanding loan. He seemed emotional. This was a bit out of character for the businessman," sources said.

"Too many things began piling up one after the other. His father has been unwell for many days. There was a liquidity crunch due to issues with the IT department. He had been holding fort for long but too many things happened at the same time for him to withstand. He was forced to liquidate his stake in Mindtree," said a close business associate.

Huge debts

the board of directors of Coffee Day Enterprises Ltd and his employees, the publicly-listed company's latest annual report also bears testimony to its rising liabilities.

The coffee chain - Café Coffee Day - started by Siddhartha in 1993, has about 1,600 outlets across India and some other countries including the Czech Republic and Austria, Malaysia and Egypt. It has over 18,000 employees, owns plantations in Chikmagalur, and had ventured into vending. The group had diversified into real estate, logistics, information technology and metals.

Listed on BSE and NSE, the company raised about Rs 1,150 crore through a public issue in November 2015. In 2018-19, Coffee Day Enterprises posted a net profit of Rs 128 crore on a turnover of Rs 4,264 crore.

The group has, of late, been battling to repay its debt which topped almost Rs 4,500 crore. In an earnings' call on May 24, 2019, the company informed analysts it had accumulated a gross debt of Rs 4,500 crore and a net debt of Rs 2,400 crore. R Ram Mohan, CFO of Coffee Day Enterprises informed that while the holding company had a net debt of Rs 300 crore; Sical, the group's metal and mining company had net debt of Rs 1,300 crore. Tanglin Developments Limited, a real estate firm of the group, had Rs 800 crore in debt and the group's coffee business' debt was around Rs 300 crore.

Though the group had raised debt from banks, mutual funds and NBFCs among others, Siddhartha's letter to the board made public Tuesday also points to pressure from a private equity partner to buy-back its holdings in Coffee Day Enterprises. It said the private equity partner exerted pressure on him and his businesses.

"I fought for a long time but today I gave up as I could not take any more pressure from one of the private equity partners forcing me to buy back shares, a transaction I had partially completed six months ago by borrowing a large sum of money from a friend. Tremendous pressure from other lenders lead me to succumbing to the situation," said Siddhartha in the letter.

While Siddhartha also wrote about enforcement action by tax department in the letter, the department said it acted as per legal provisions. In a press statement, the Office of Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Karnataka and Goa, Bangalore (B.R. Balakrishnan) said the provisional attachment of shares was made to protect the interests of revenue out of the income admitted by him based on "credible evidence gathered during searches". The department had attached Mindtree shares held by Siddhartha and Coffee Day which delayed the Larsen and Toubro deal to buy Mindtree. "This was very unfair and has led to a serious liquidity crunch," Siddhartha's letter said.

In its statement, the tax department, also pointed out that Siddhartha had "admitted unaccounted income of Rs 362.11 crore and Rs 118.02 crore in the hands of V G Siddhartha and M/s Coffee Day Enterprises Ltd, respectively, in the sworn statement." The attachment of shares was a "normal requirement to protect the interests of revenue, it claimed.

A source in the financial services industry said Siddhartha was under pressure from a distress debt fund that had provided Siddhartha's family with funds in January-February 2018 to buy-back shares of Coffee Day Enterprises from KKR, a global PE firm, which was then looking to pare down its holding.

In February 2018, when KKR reduced its holding in Coffee Day from 10.33 per cent to 6.07 per cent, the exit seems to have been extended by the promoter family. Shareholding data filed with the stock exchanges show that on the same day in February 2018, the shareholding of Malavika Hegde (wife of VG Siddhartha) jumped from 1.44 per cent to 4.05 per cent.

The source confirmed that "recently there was pressure on Siddhartha and his family from the debt fund to repay the money it had provided to the family to buy KKR's shares".

An email sent to KKR did not elicit any response.

The CEO of a leading mutual fund said that as per Siddhartha's description the group seems solvent and nowhere close to bankruptcy. "It is very strange to believe that someone will take an extreme step for normal business stress," he said.

In desperate need to raise funds, Coffee Day Enterprises and Coffee Day Trading Limited, both promoted by Siddhartha's family, sold their entire stake in Mindtree Limited, a global IT consulting and service company, to Larsen and Toubro Ltd. The group received funds to the tune of Rs 2,100 crore (net of expenses and taxes). In a statement post approval of the deal, the company said, "The proceeds would be used to pare down the Coffee Day Group's debt."

"Repaid completely in TRR. Because before last — before market [sell], we consolidated all the debt to Tanglin Retail Reality. We repaid INR 2,400 crores in the Tanglin Retail Reality," Ram Mohan, CFO of the company said in the earnings' call on May 24, 2019.

In its May presentation, Siddhartha, however, maintained all was well within the group. The company said while its holding firm did not have any cash, Sical and Resorts had Rs 100 crore each and Tanglin had around Rs 550 crore. It further said that while Coffee Day Trading had around Rs 200 crore another company had Rs 460 crore. Besides, Way2Wealth, a brokerage firm of the group, was said to hold around Rs 300 crore and Tanglin Retail Reality to have around Rs 400 crore in cash.

In fact, in his letter to his board members Siddhartha said, "I have endorsed a list of our assets and tentative value of each asset. As seen below, our assets outweigh our liabilities and can help repay everybody."

Shares of Coffee Day Enterprises on Tuesday plunged by 20 per cent to Rs 154.05 on the stock exchanges after Sidhartha was reported 'missing'. The board said "it is evaluating and assessing the situation, formulating appropriate steps to ensure business operations are unaffected, and has resolved to co-operate with authorities".

Tricolour

president and Union Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to the state during which he held detailed discussions with the state unit leaders. The party's working president J P Nadda is expected to visit the state soon.

State BJP chief Ravinder Raina told reporters: "The announcement of elections could take place any time after the Amarnath Yatra concludes. As our Home Minister said in the Lok Sabha, the government and the BJP are ready to face elections whenever they are announced."

Agusta probe

told Special Judge Arvind Kumar, that the witness is a 73-year-old, who had retracted his statement and has been missing for the past four months.

ED sources said Khosla worked for Puri and was involved in a "range of activities". He had even recorded a statement with the agency where he had given details of some financial transactions, sources said.

"He did not destroy some documents. They were fearing him because of that and he has not been found. What has happened to him I do not know. We also have a genuine apprehension that he has been made to flee not to return. It was recently in May when the IT department conducted search and seizures that he retracted his statement and has gone underground," Singh told the court.

Singh also told the court that the ED has traced "one million dollars transaction from Christian Michel's company to Puri".

Appearing for Puri, senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi told the court that the ED's stand was "unfair as, after 25 meetings with Puri for a minimum of 200 hours of questioning in the past four months, they still land up at his house and call him an absconder". He said ED's replies were like "Alice in wonderland. It keeps getting curiouser and curiouser".

Singhvi also claimed that the ED's investigation was politically motivated, after "political developments in Madhya Pradesh". The ED denied that their probe was motivated by political vendetta and alleged that "Puri fled from their custody on Friday, and went to Lalit Hotel to meet with his lawyers and to prepare anticipatory bail".

Rejecting the ED's allegations against Puri, his company, Hindustan Power Project, said: "The Group conforms to the highest standard of ethics and governance and categorically denies any involvement in AgustaWestland helicopter or any defence deal. The promoter and the company is fully cooperating and will continue to cooperate with the Enforcement Directorate and has provided all the information requested."

IIM Calcutta

IIM-Bangalore in June 2014, was also an American citizen and OCI card-holder. He had resigned from the post prematurely in 2016 citing personal reasons.

Seth is an alumnus of IIM-Calcutta (1978) and has a doctorate degree from the University of Michigan (1988). She joined Virginia Tech in 2008 and headed its department of management from 2008 to 2013.

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At Hindu College, a research centre for undergrads

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

A DEDICATED research centre for undergraduate students is coming up at Delhi University's Hindu College — a novel intervention in a landscape where research gets left behind.

The construction of a four-storey building for the upcoming Centre for Interdisciplinary Research is currently under construction on the campus and, according to officials, should be completed by next March. Apart from research laboratories for science programmes offered in the college — Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, Computer Science, Mathematics and Statistics — the centre will also have a language laboratory and a media laboratory, along with research cells and rooms for those carrying out research projects.

According to principal Dr Anju Srivastava, the development of this facility is in response to a need felt to push inter-disciplinary research at the undergraduate level. "Within the existing undergraduate curriculum, there isn't much space for research, but with students' increasing curiosity levels and questioning capacities, and the rise of liberal arts, it becomes the responsibility of institutes to satisfy and enable students. For students, research will add to their credentials and also enable them to make an informed decision as to whether they want to continue or discontinue with the sciences after graduating...," she said.

Research work to be carried out at the centre will be extra-curricular and not mandatory for students. The college does not have a journalism or mass media programme but the media lab is primarily in response to the ethnographic filmmaking course in the sociology honours programme.

"We are planning to also offer add-on courses in the future which will utilise the research centre, for instance journalism for women. Sociology department will primarily take charge of the media lab and the English, Hindi and Sanskrit departments will collaborate on the language lab, but this is purely administrative," said Dr Shalini Suryanarayan, director of the college's Internal Quality Assurance Cell.

The approximate cost of the project is Rs 7-8 crore for the infrastructure, and an additional Rs 2 crore for equipment. According to Dr Srivastava, the entire cost has been raised through "philanthropic donations".

BODY WAS DECOMPOSING, SAY POLICE

Safdarjung doctor found dead at home

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

A 30-YEAR-OLD junior resident doctor at Safdarjung Hospital was found dead at his Lajpat Nagar residence Tuesday morning. Dr Sudhanshu Singh, who was pursuing his post-graduation in anaesthesia at the government hospital, was found in his room with an injection sticking out of his arm, police said.

DCP (South East) Chinmoy Biswal said, "A call was received from the doctor's flatmate, Dr Rudra, a junior resident at LNJP Hospital, at 8.51 am about a locked door and foul smell emanating from Singh's room."

Biswal said, "Dr Rudra hails from Goa and had gone there for a visit. He returned to Delhi around 2.30 am Tuesday. He claimed that he went straight to his room as it's closest to the entrance of the house. At 8 am the next day, the domestic help told Rudra that Singh hadn't opened the door on Monday."

"Police broke open Singh's door. His sister, who lives in Gurgaon, was also present there. His body was lying on a mattress in a decomposed state, with an injection administered in his arm. Empty vials of medicine were found in the dustbin," said Biswal. Prima facie, it appears that Singh died Sunday, said police.

Outside the doctor's residence in Lajpat Nagar, Tuesday

Singh hailed from UP's Mughalsarai and was pursuing his MD from Safdarjung Hospital since 2017. The post-mortem will be done Wednesday at AIIMS. Biswal said that he was at work till Sunday morning and did not show up on Monday.

According to his colleagues at Safdarjung hospital, Singh was at work Sunday.

One of his colleagues told *The Indian Express*, "On Sunday, he managed patients and seemed to be in a happy mood. He was an introvert, who never shared his problems or complained about anything. He diligently did his work, usually with a smile on his face."

"It's a case of suspected suicide and more will be revealed when the post-mortem report is out. All angles are being explored. No suicide note has been recovered so far," said a police officer. Inquest proceedings under section 174 of the CrPC have been initiated, said police.

Amrapali's 2 top officers arrested in 'fraud' case

AMIL BHATNAGAR
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

AMRAPALI GROUP'S Chief Financial Officer and Statutory Auditor were arrested Monday evening by the Economic Offences Wing of Delhi Police for alleged fraud. The arrest of the accused, Prakash Wadhwa and Anil Mittal, comes days after the Supreme Court cancelled Amrapali's registration for defaulting on delivery of thousands of homes.

"An FIR was filed in 2017 under IPC sections 406 (punishment for breach of trust), 409 (breach of trust), 420 (cheating) and 120(B) (conspiracy) against the group. The accused were instrumental in creating a large number of bogus companies for the purpose of diversion of funds of homebuyers by employing their known persons or relatives at key management posts in companies. Further investigation is pending," the EOW said in a statement.

The FIR, filed on the basis of a homebuyer's complaint, alleged that the company "looted hard-earned money" and delayed possession of the flat even after six years. The company, for about 1-2 years, made "false and incorrect promises" with regards to the flat delivery, the FIR said.

The Supreme Court has cancelled the group's registration for defaulting on delivery of thousands of homes. *Archive*

According to EOW officials, the investigation is looking at three aspects given the extent of the alleged fraud.

"We are looking at several cases, which involves investigating each Amrapali housing project. Since there are many projects as well, we are looking into regulatory lapses, diversion of funds and contracts. The roles of other senior officials and members of staff in terms of alleged lapses is also under the scope of the investigation," said Suvashis Choudhary, Additional CP (EOW).

The EOW is looking into the permissions sought by the company and the lapses which allegedly led to the delay along with the trail of funds allegedly diverted. Several hundred homebuyers registered complaints with the EOW while investigation is pending in most of them.

According to police sources, the Supreme Court had highlighted the specific role of Wadhwa and Mittal in the alleged siphoning of funds to other projects which led to the delay. The role of other stakeholders, apart from the company, is also a part of the investigation, police officers said.

A team of 2 DCPs, 3 ACPs and several IOs are currently monitoring cases related to Amrapali. The director Anil Sharma and two senior officials are currently lodged in judicial custody.

HC raises question mark on Nauroji Nagar being used as commercial area

PRITAM PAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

THE DELHI High Court Tuesday asked how a commercial area can be built on land marked for residential purposes.

The court was hearing a petition related to the environment clearance given to redevelopment of seven central government residential colonies in the city. This includes a project at Nauroji Nagar, where the Centre had decided to build a World Trade Centre. The land, however, is earmarked for residential purposes.

A bench of Justice G S Sistani and Justice Jyoti Singh observed that Nauroji Nagar is purely marked for residential use, and forms an integral part of the adjoining residential development of Safdarjung Enclave.

The judge's oral observation were made when it asked the New Delhi Municipal Council whether the government had sought permission for bringing commercial buildings at Nauroji Nagar, and if it had received any written communication from authorities for such permission.

The counsel for NDMC said they have given the go ahead only after considering the requisite compliance by authorities.

The Centre had in 2017 approved the redevelopment of seven old General Pool Residential Accommodation (GPRA) colonies — Sarojini Nagar, Nauroji Nagar, Netaji Nagar, Kasturba Nagar, Thyagraj Nagar, Sriniwaspuri and Mohammadpur in Delhi.

However, it attracted considerable public attention because of the large number of trees that were supposed to be chopped for the construction. A petition against the project was filed and the High Court asked the ministry of urban development to seek fresh approvals in accordance with the law with regard to six of the colonies. By an order of July 2018, it had stayed further construction at Nauroji Nagar.

Trees were chopped in Nauroji Nagar last year. *Archive*

The National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC) together with the Central Public Works Department is executing the project. Following the stay, the NBCC moved the court seeking vacation of the stay order.

The High Court declined their request and is hearing petitions.

The counsel for the petitioner also submitted in court that the 25-acre site for the proposed World Trade Centre at Nauroji Nagar is located on the inner ring road close to Safdarjung Hospital and adjoining the district centre of Bhikaji Cama Place. The counsel also said that there will be huge traffic problem as well as water issues.

Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Pinky Anand, however, opposed the same and said requisite clearances have been obtained, and there is surplus water for the area in question.

She also apprised the court that Nauroji Nagar has been decided to be redeveloped as a commercial space under the GPRA scheme, as per which the component of 10% commercialisation in all other projects has been clubbed together and set in Nauroji Nagar.

The bench asked why 10% was not kept separately in all seven projects: "House is a big problem... You will not ask your employee to travel from Faridabad. Give 10% in each colonies, so that no one will have to go to INA market to buy daily needs. Residents will save fuel, which will also cause less air pollution." Arguments will resume on August 1.

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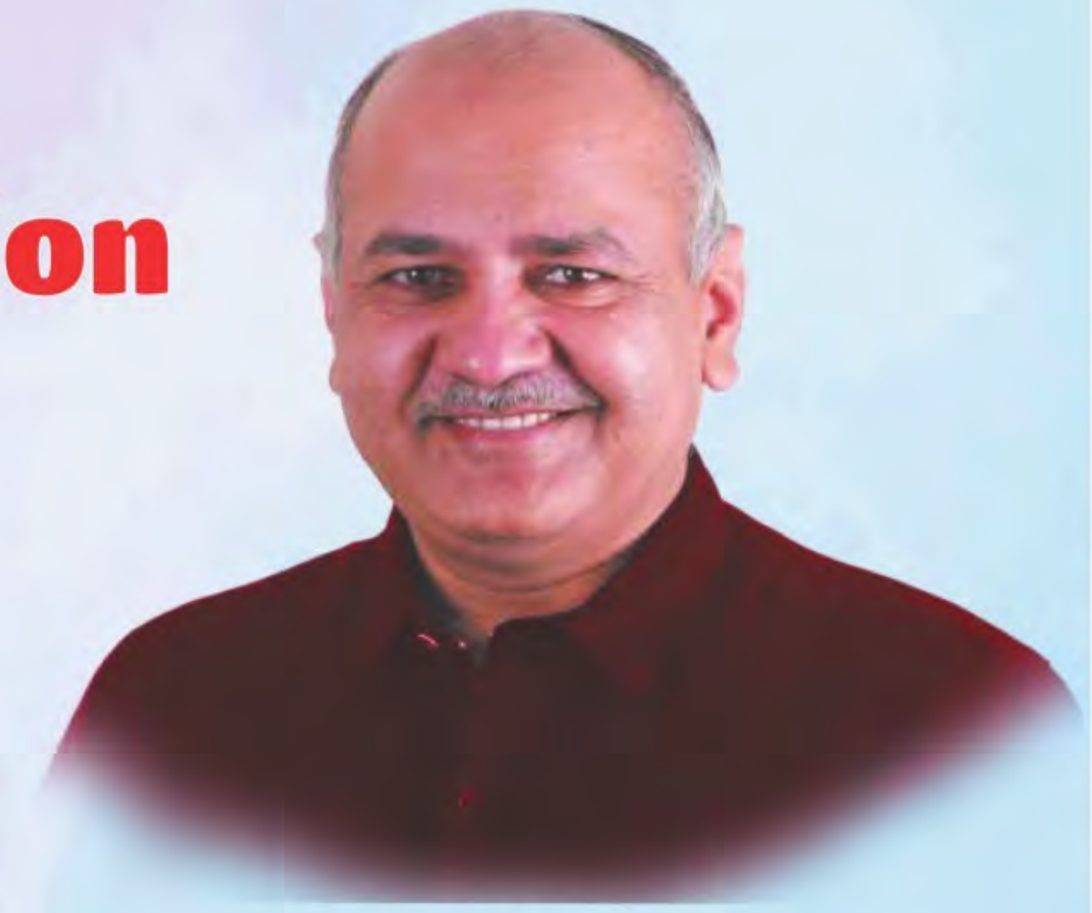

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WEAK NETWORK, TECHNICAL GLITCHES

200 mosquito checkers return tabs as SDMC scheme falls flat

ABHINAV RAJPUT
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

THE SOUTH civic body's ambitious plan to use technology to intensify its anti-mosquito measures has fallen flat, as all 200 tablet devices given to domestic breeding checkers (DBCs) for better monitoring of work have now been returned.

While there have been four to five cases of the tablets being stolen, the remaining were returned by workers, as there were frequent complaints of weak network and technical glitches, officials said.

In June 2017, the South Delhi Municipal Corporation had launched an app called vector-borne disease control (VBDC), and had distributed 200 tablets so that DBCs can feed data on mosquito breeding electronically for senior officials to keep track.

In 2017, 200 tablets were given out so DBC workers could feed data on mosquito breeding electronically

DBC workers, whose job is to check mosquito breeding in households, have been collecting data in their registers since 1996. Their current strength is around 3,500.

Vice-President of the Anti-Malaria Ekta Karamchari Union Budhram said the tablets, instead of making work easier, were having the opposite effect as the workers were able to check just 20-30 houses, while supervisors wanted them to check 50 houses on a daily basis.

"Also, there were regular technical glitches, the tablets used to hang a lot... Most workers complained of a weak network, causing them to do the work both manually on registers and by also feeding details on the app," he said.

President of the Union Debanand Sharma said there were also technical problems, and all this led to workers surrendering the devices.

At least 50 of the 200 tablets that had been distributed had stopped working by March 2018, and the numbers kept increasing, a DBC said.

Medical Health Officer of SDMC P K Hazarika confirmed the development and said that DBCs are not using tablets any longer. "They were having trouble mainly due to weak networks," Hazarika said.

Former mayor Kamaljeet Sehrawat, who had launched the scheme, said there is a general tendency to show resistance to technological changes, because of which many workers continued working manually even after introduction of tablets.

"I won't say the scheme was bad, but we need to look at the reasons that led to people returning the tablets and give a fresh push later," he said.

Driver and passenger escape unhurt after cab goes up in flames in Saket

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

A FIRE broke out inside a car belonging to a cab-based aggregator in South Delhi's Saket Tuesday morning.

The cab, a Hyundai Xcent, was on MB Road at the time of the incident, said officials from the Delhi Fire Services (DFS).

No casualties were reported, and the cause of the fire is being investigated, they added.

"At 9.30 am, we were informed a car had caught fire near the Sub-Divisional Magistrate's office in Saket. We reached the spot within 15 minutes, and saw the car was gutted. The driver and a passenger managed to escape unhurt," a fireman said.

The driver claimed a short circuit caused the fire

"A fire tender was deployed to douse the blaze, which took about an hour," he added.

Mithilesh Kumar, the driver, claimed the fire may have been caused due to a short circuit inside the vehicle.

"I was on my way to drop the passenger to Hauz Khas, when I saw smoke coming out of the car's hood. I alerted the passenger and stopped the car immediately. We got out, and within seconds, the blaze engulfed the car and gutted it. A bystander called police and firemen came to douse the fire," said Kumar.

A bystander, Sachin Upadhyay (18), said the fire broke out "suddenly". "There weren't a lot of cars on the road. Luckily, the two men could stop the car in the middle of the road and escape safely," said Upadhyay, who was on his way to Saket Metro station.

On Thursday, a man had died when the SUV he was travelling in caught fire in North West Delhi's Mahendra Park. The man was on his way to the airport at the time.

200 evacuated as Janakpuri building with coaching centres catches fire

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

OVER 200 people were evacuated from a four-storey building in West Delhi's Janakpuri Tuesday afternoon, after a fire broke out in the electricity meters on the ground floor. Three coaching centres function out of three floors of the building, and over 140 students were among those evacuated, said Bhupender Prakash, the Hari Nagar fire station officer.

"A call was received at 11.49 am. Three fire tenders and at least 20 firefighters were deployed to douse it. Prima facie, it appears to be a case of short circuit. The electric meters, panels and cables on the ground floor caught fire," said Delhi Fire Service chief Atul Garg.

The building houses 3 coaching centres. A short circuit in the electric meters on the ground floor may have caused the fire

Garg said the basement was empty, the ground floor has stilt parking and the electricity meters, a State Bank of India (SBI) office on the upper-ground floor, and Aakash Institute, Vidyamandir classes and Bansal NEET-JEE academy on the first, second and third floors, respectively.

Prakash said, "The fire was doused soon after the fire tenders arrived. It did not reach any floor, but the smoke travelled, and a quick evacuation was done. The building, too, was inspected after that." He said that at the time of the incident, at least 30 staffers and 10-15 customers were present at the SBI office, five employees at Aakash Institute, 140 students and 15 staffers at Vidyamandir and five employees at the Bansal academy.

Garg said the building did not need a fire NOC "as it is less than 15 metres high".

The Delhi High Court had Monday pulled up a power company for providing electricity to coaching centres in the Mukherjee Nagar area without any fire safety clearance and observed that discoms and its officers were "turning a blind eye" to the problem, which could result in a fire like in Surat, where 22 people had died in May.

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NOTICE

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Tata Steel Limited (the 'Company') will be held on Wednesday, August 7, 2019, *inter alia*, to consider and take on record the audited Standalone and unaudited Consolidated financial results of the Company for the quarter ended June 30, 2019.

The financial results will be made available on the website of the Company at www.tatasteel.com as well as on the website of the National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.nseindia.com and BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com.

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NOTIFICATION

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The last date for submission of application along with a D.D of **Rs. 4000-00** in favour of **Director cum Dean, BMCRI, and Bengaluru** is 09-08-2019 The interview will be held in the chambers of **Director Cum Dean, BMC&RI Bengaluru on 21.08.2019 and 22.08.2019 at 11:00 AM. For further Information visit the institution's website www.bmcri.org**

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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2019

(₹ in Lakhs)

	3 months ended 30.06.2019 (UNAUDITED)	3 months ended 31.03.2019 (AUDITED)	3 months ended 30.06.2018 (UNAUDITED)	12 months ended 31.03.2019 (AUDITED)
Income				
a) Revenue from operations	4,702.53	8,497.06	4,734.95	26,418.26
b) Other income	244.97	343.13	203.36	951.75
Total income	4,947.50	8,840.19	4,938.31	27,370.01
Expenses				
a) Consumption of provisions, wines and others	409.07	638.98	399.76	2,045.50
b) Employee benefits expense	1,360.68	1,402.98	1,330.43	5,610.19
c) Finance costs	12.44	9.93	13.81	43.44
d) Depreciation and amortisation expense	377.63	366.66	350.69	1,426.16
e) Other expenses	2,534.48	3,654.59	2,550.92	12,410.21
Total expenses	4,694.30	6,073.14	4,645.61	21,535.50
Profit before tax	253.20	2,767.05	292.70	5,834.51
Tax expense				
Income tax	81.47	951.98	95.52	2,071.83
Deferred tax	(7.22)	(4.33)	8.57	(31.15)
Profit after tax	178.95	1,819.40	188.61	3,793.83
Other comprehensive income				
- Remeasurements of post-employment benefit obligations	(4.37)	(18.86)	(2.30)	(17.51)
- Tax relating to these items	1.53	6.59	0.80	6.12
Total other comprehensive income/(loss), net of tax	(2.84)	(12.27)	(1.50)	(11.39)
Total comprehensive income	176.11	1,807.13	187.11	3,782.44
Paid-up equity share capital (Face Value - ₹ 10 each)	3,046.81	3,046.81	3,046.81	3,046.81
Other equity				29,309.61
Earnings per equity share - (Face Value - ₹ 10 each) - ₹				
(a) Basic	0.59	5.97	0.62	12.45
(b) Diluted	0.59	5.97	0.62	12.45

Notes :
1. The results for the first quarter are not indicative of a full year's working due to the seasonal nature of the Hotel Industry in India.
2. These financial results have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in Ind AS 34 Interim Financial Reporting prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the relevant rules issued thereafter ('Ind AS') and the other accounting principles generally accepted in India, to the extent applicable.
3. The Company has no reportable segment other than hotels as per Indian Accounting Standard.
4. Earnings Per Share are not annualised except for the year ended 31st March, 2019.
5. The Company has adopted Ind AS 116 'Leases' effective April 1, 2019. This resulted in recognition of Right-of-Use asset of ₹ 943.29 lakhs and Lease Liability of ₹ 150.72 lakhs. The cumulative effect of applying the standard resulted in ₹ 37.97 lakhs (net of tax) being credited to retained earnings. The impact of adoption of Ind AS 116 on the financial results for the quarter is insignificant.
6. The tax expense for the current quarter has been determined using the current prevailing tax rate of 30% as against the reduced rate of 25% proposed in the Finance Bill 2019, which has not been enacted by the quarter-end, in respect of companies having turnover less than ₹ 40,000.00 lakhs in financial year 2017-18.
   Had the Company applied the reduced tax rate, deferred tax liabilities (net) balance would have been lower, tax expense would have been lower and profit after tax would have been higher by ₹ 758.07 lakhs, with consequential impact on earnings per share.
7. Figures for the quarter ended 31st March, 2019 are the balancing figures between audited figures for the full financial year upto 31st March, 2019 and the published figures upto 31st December, 2018 which were subject to limited review.
8. Figures have been regrouped and/or rearranged, wherever necessary.
9. Renovation of 66 rooms at Trident Udaipur which commenced in May, 2018 was completed in October, 2018. Renovation of further 52 rooms commenced on 1st April, 2019 and is expected to be completed by 31st August, 2019. The balance 23 rooms is expected to commence on 1st September, 2019 and will be completed by 5th January, 2020.
10. The above unaudited financial results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at its Meeting held on 30th July, 2019.

Chennai
30th July, 2019

VIKRAM OBEROI
Managing Director
DIN : 00052014

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BRIEFLY

Demand to rename bridge: CM says no

New Delhi: CM Arvind Kejriwal Tuesday rejected the Delhi Congress's demand that the Signature Bridge be named after his predecessor Sheila Dikshit, who passed away earlier this month. In a letter to Kejriwal on July 29, the Delhi Congress had said that naming the 67-metre-long cable stayed bridge would not just be a "befitting honour for Dikshit, but also to the people of Delhi, who loved her from the core of their hearts for making a truly world class city". "The people of Delhi like the name of the Signature Bridge in its current form. It is best to keep politics out of this," Kejriwal said at a press conference, when asked to comment on the Congress demand.

Performance poor in CTET

New Delhi: Results of Central Teaching Eligibility Test (CTET) declared Tuesday recorded poor performance, with just 14% and 15% candidates clearing the exam for elementary and primary teaching respectively. According to the Right to Education Act, clearing the CTET is one of the essential conditions to be eligible for appointment as a teacher for classes I to VIII.

7 more sites in pilgrimage scheme

New Delhi: The Delhi government Tuesday expanded its pilgrimage scheme for the elderly by bringing under its fold seven new destinations. Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal announced that his Cabinet has cleared the proposal to add Tirupati, Dwarkadheesh, Puri-Konark, Shirdi, Ujjain, Rameswaram and Bodh Gaya to the list of pilgrimage sites.

Woman hangs herself

New Delhi: : A 27-year-old woman allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself from a ceiling fan at her house in West Delhi's Janakpuri on Monday. Police said Sonali Agrawal, a chartered accountant, had recently left her job and appeared for UPSC exam. A post-mortem was conducted on Tuesday. Police said that no foul play is suspected. **ENS**

Iconic WHO building from 1962 razed to make way for new design, M F Husain mural inside is saved

SOMYA LAKHANI
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

IN JUNE, an M F Husain mural, dated 1963, which adorned the walls of a conference hall inside the World Health Organisation (WHO) headquarters in Delhi, was "rescued" by the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH). This was done days before the demolition of the iconic office began on June 20, being carried out by the National Buildings Construction Corporation Ltd (NBCC).

The WHO headquarters was built by Padma Bhushan recipient architect Habib Rahman, who was a senior architect with the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) at the time. The three-year project was completed in 1962 and inaugurated by Jawaharlal Nehru. A year later, the modernist Husain painted the mural on the walls of the conference room.

Ram Rahman

Habib Rahman

The mural has been signed in two places, in Hindi and English; (right) the WHO building.

"The artwork by Husain belongs to WHO and it was rescued by the specialised agency before demolition work began. The rescue has been carried out systematically and safely by INTACH," an official at NBCC said.

The mural by the Padma Vibhushan artist, in his typical bold brushstrokes, depicts Lord Hanuman holding a mountain and progresses to show the evolution of the country. It is undersigned at two places, in Hindi and English, with the 1963 dateline.

The NBCC official added that "the mural will be placed inside the new office". The new office, expected to be finished in two years, has a budget of Rs 228 crore, said an NBCC official. He added, "Around 80 per cent of the demolition is complete and the rest will be done in the next two-three days. The building was very old and fell under the seismic zone 4. The WHO was apprehensive about this and it was decided that the NBCC will demolish it and a new one will be built in its place."

The WHO headquarters comprised two blocks — one was a six-storey structure while the other was a low-rise building with a conference hall and an auditorium. The NBCC official said the new building "will have 17 floors."

For decades, the blue and white WHO headquarters were a city landmark, known best for the "Rahman touch" with clean horizontal and vertical lines. Rahman's son Ram, a photographer and curator, said, "I received a call from the WHO last year about the impending demolition of the building as it wasn't earthquake-compliant. I laughed because it was one of the strongest building in the 1960s."

Ram recalled his father jokingly calling it the "who building instead of the WHO building every time he crossed it. He was very proud of it". He told *The Indian Express*, "I was very young when the building was completed and remember my father telling me that a WHO representative, a Mr Unger, was deployed especially for this project. Since it was a building being done for the UN, it was very important. He said, 'I ensure quality by daily visits'."

Rahman graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and was greatly influenced by German architect Walter Gropius. He is credited with building the National Zoological Park, Rabindra Bhawan, Indraprastha Bhawan, the 21-storey Vikas Minar, and the mazaar of Maulana Azad, among other structures. In 1974, Rahman was made the first secretary of Delhi Urban Art Commission (DUAC). He passed away in December 1995.

FOR ACCIDENT, BURN VICTIMS

Will cancel licences if pvt hospitals deny free treatment: Kejriwal

ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

COMING DOWN heavily on private hospitals for allegedly refusing to provide free treatment to victims of accidents, burns and acid attacks, the Delhi government has warned that it will not hesitate to cancel their licences if they are found guilty.

A meeting was called Tuesday morning, wherein Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal met representatives of over 150 private hospitals with more than 30 beds operating in the city. Launched in February 2018, the Delhi government scheme is meant to ensure free treatment to victims of accidents, burns and acid attacks in private hospitals. A total of 2,501 people have been treated under the scheme from February 2018 to April 2019.

Under the scheme, anyone falling under any of the three categories can be admitted in a private hospital in the city and the government will pay for treatment. The patient will not be charged and private hospitals will be reimbursed at set rates, for which bills have to be submitted. These bills will be scrutinised by Health Department officials.

"It has been conveyed to them that strict action will be taken against irresponsible hospitals... We have made it clear that if a person dies due to their negligent behaviour, the government will not think twice before cancelling the hospital's licence. These guidelines have been mandated by the Supreme Court and the state government is bearing the expense. There should be no reason why any person should be refused treatment," said Kejriwal.

Kejriwal on Monday. Under the scheme, hospitals are reimbursed for treatment. *Prem Nath Pandey*

An output report prepared by the government this year stated that 152 hospitals and medical institutions in the capital are offering treatment to the patients under the scheme. A budget of Rs 50 crore has been allocated by the government for it.

The report further claimed that Rs 1.95 crore has been reimbursed by Delhi Arogya Kosh (DAK) towards treatment of such people. In August last year, several private hospitals wrote to the government threatening to pull out of the scheme as their dues were not being cleared.

"The scheme was started to ensure that people are treated within the golden hour — the one hour after any accident when treatment is most effective in cases of traumatic injuries. But in several instances, we have seen that private hospitals have turned down a patient over fears of not getting paid... In the last few days, I have received some complaints that few hospitals are still refusing to treat patients. The hospitals have assured us that no patient under the scheme will be denied treatment," said Kejriwal.

Representatives of hospitals and nursing homes raised several grievances during the meeting.

According to the sources, representatives of several nursing homes explained how they have been facing trouble while transporting a patient to another hospital. The CM has assured the services of CATS ambulances to them in such critical situations.

Another concern raised by private hospitals was about the reimbursement process. "Many times, a patient visits two private hospitals for treatment. In such a scenario, the government will reimburse the amount to both the hospitals if a patient has availed treatment," clarified an official.

Hospitals have been asked to submit their suggestions, if any, to the department of health after which a follow-up meeting will take place to have an update on the implementation of the scheme.

Army captain's body found on rly tracks, police say may be suicide

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

THE DECAPITATED body of a 26-year-old Army Captain was found on a railway track near Sadar Bazaar Railway Station Monday morning. Captain Diwakar Puri was returning home to Rohini following seven-week training in Lucknow, said police, adding that it could be a case of suicide.

Police said CCTV footage near New Delhi Railway Station shows him walking on the platform towards Sadar Bazaar Railway Station, where he was hit by a train. "Puri left Lucknow in Shramjeevi Express Sunday, which arrived in the capital around 5 am Monday. He was asleep when the train arrived at the station, and an attendant woke him up. Later, police discovered three bags he had left inside the coach. At 11:30 am, a constable found his body on the track," Dinesh Gupta, DCP, Railways, said.

Puri was returning home after attending training in Lucknow

A post-mortem was conducted at Sabzi Mandi mortuary, said police, adding that no foul play is suspected so far.

Girdhar Lal (55), Puri's father who works as an auditor at the National Institute of Malaria Research, told *The Indian Express*: "When he did not come until 8:30 am, we asked one of his cousins to pick him up from the station. There, he found that the train had already arrived and his luggage was with police."

"My son wasn't depressed. He could not have committed suicide. He was happy and was eager to meet us. He was recently promoted as Captain. I talked to him over the phone Saturday and he told me that he has been posted to Pulwama and had to join mid-August," said Lal.

Puri worked in the Army Medical Corps. He studied at the Armed Forces Medical College in Pune. "His mother always talked about how Puri wanted to join the Army... His cousins were waiting for *rakhi* and were excited to meet him," said Girish Nath (43), his uncle.

Police have registered a case under CrPC section 174 (investigation under unnatural death).

3 courses at IP to bolster criminal justice system

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

TO ENCOURAGE scientific investigations and create a modern security ecosystem, the Union Home Ministry is starting three postgraduate diploma courses in the fields of Security Management, Victimology and Victim Assistance, and Cyber Crime and Law in IP University. The courses will begin from the 2019-20 academic year and are aimed at producing professionals who can help police investigations become more scientific and professional.

"All three courses will help manning the criminal justice system by providing a specialised and trained task force. The curriculum is a blend of theoretical and practical knowledge covering aspects required on the field," a Ministry official said.

He added it is a long-term project of the Ministry's newly formed Women's Safety Division, with an aim to improve conviction rate; equipping police forces with know-how and equipment; and creating a talent pool outside the government.

"The course will be delivered with the help of academicians and experts... The duration of all diplomas is one year," the official said.

"The courses are affiliated to GGSIP University. Classes will tentatively commence in August at Lok Nayak Jayaprakash Narayan National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science. Application forms are available on the varsity's website. The total intake in each course is 25 - 20 seats for open candidates, and five for in-service government officers," the official added.

New excise policy seeks to curb liquor smuggling

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

THE DELHI Cabinet Tuesday cleared a new excise policy which, among others things, seeks to curb smuggling of foreign liquor from Haryana to Delhi by ensuring parity in prices. Under the policy, liquor importers and wholesale vendors will have to submit affidavits declaring that the wholesale price as submitted for price fixation in Delhi is the "lowest anywhere in India".

Presently, only the licencees need to submit such affidavits.

A senior official explained that the current arrangements had led to a situation where the price difference in the MRPs became too wide between Delhi and Haryana, leading to large-scale smuggling from towns such as Gurgaon and Faridabad.

Meanwhile, the new policy has also tightened the rules of obtaining permits for serving liquor at unlicensed premises by making the Deputy Commissioner of the Excise Department the sole sanctioning authority, ending the prevailing arrangement where retail liquor vends can also issue permits. Unlicensed premises, mostly restaurants or banquet halls, can currently obtain temporary permits - P 10 - to serve liquor through retail vends holding L-6, L-7 and L-10 licences.

But under the amended policy, "P-10 permit may be issued by the Deputy Commissioner for specific occasion." The move was necessitated as many unlicensed eating houses, which are otherwise eligible for obtaining permanent permits, were making do with temporary permits. "They were doing so to evade the annual fees," an official said.

FIR against 17 builders in Shahberi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NOIDA, JULY 30

THE GAUTAM Budh Nagar administration has registered an FIR against 17 builders for alleged illegal constructions and sale of flats in Shahberi.

The action follows a meeting held by the Gautam Budh Nagar District Magistrate B N Singh, who took cognizance of a report identifying 30 builders by the Stamp Duty Department. "In the last few months, FIRs have already been filed against 17 such builders and sections of the Gangsters Act was imposed on them. The Greater Noida Authority will register an FIR against the remaining builders in the next few days...," said Singh. Officials said the administration will invoke the National Security Act (NSA) against accused builders in the coming days, in line with the government's directions.

The administration had launched a crackdown on illegal constructions after a building collapse killed nine people in Shahberi in July last year. Last week, UP CM Yogi Adityanath had directed officials to send builders responsible for illegal construction "to jail".

The CM had also called for a list of officials allegedly involved in the irregularities to initiate action against them.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE
(through e-tendering)

Tender No. 558-Sig/16/M/Tender/1279 — Dated : 30.07.2019

S. N.	Name of work with its Location	App cost of the work (in Rs.)	Tender Inviting Officer Address	Tender Document Fee (in Rs.)	Earnest Money to be deposited (In Rs.)	Date & Time for closed of tender	Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.
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Dated 26.07.2019

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07	Earnest money deposit (EMD)	50000/-
08	Website for downloading tender document	www.kotamc.org., http://sppp.raj.nic.in, https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in
09	Bid validity period	--day from the date of submission
10	Date and time of downloading of bid/document	31.7.2019 to 5.8.2019 upto 3.00 PM
11	Date and time of Online submission of bid/document	31.07.2019 to 5.8.2019 upto 3.00 PM
12	Last Date of submission of DD/Original Documents in the office of S.E. Nagar Nigam, Kota. (Room No. 211)	5.8.2019 upto 5.00 PM
13	Date and time of technical bid opening	5.8.2019 at 6:00 PM
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Sd/-
Superintending Engineer
Municipal Corporation, Kota

Government says law a deterrence, Oppn says marriage a civil contract

Union Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad and Leader of Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad in the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday. *PTI*

'Should I leave them (Muslim women) crying... on footpath'

MANOJ C G
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

DEFENDING THE instant triple talaq Bill, Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said the government cannot leave hapless Muslim women "crying and sobbing on the footpaths". Targeting the Congress, he said it was standing where it stood in 1986, when the Rajiv Gandhi government passed a Bill overturning the Supreme Court verdict in the Shah Bano case.

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Replying to the discussion on the Bill, Prasad said the country has matured. "Let us understand the changing profile of India, that the people are willing to support a positive initiative for change if the initiative is fair," he said. Justifying the three-year jail term for offenders, he argued that the provisions for imprisonment were there in laws prohibiting dowry and multiple marriages by Hindu men, passed by Congress governments in the past.

"Why no religion-centric issues are raised when wholesale amendments for right reasons were sought to be done in the Hindu Marriage Act, when the marriage was sought to be made void in the absence of subsistence of the marriage. Not only void simply, but even punishment for seven years? That time, nobody said how would the family be run. On the Dowry Prohibition Act, no one raised the issue that when the husband goes to jail, how he will feed his wife or children," said Prasad.

"No questions were asked. When Section 498A came about, three years' punishment and the offence made non-bailable, not a question was raised on this," he said. Section 498A in the Indian Penal Code is related to a woman being subjected to cruelty by her husband or his relative. He said all these laws were passed by Congress governments which, however, succumbed in the Shah Bano case in 1986.

"The Congress is standing where it stood in 1986... From Shah Bano to Shayara Bano... you are standing where you were... irrespective of whether you have been reduced to 44 or 52. I don't know what will happen in the future," he said.

Prasad told Leader of Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad that he should introspect why the Congress, which got 400-plus seats in 1984, could never get majority on its own in the Lok Sabha elections since then. The minister said he could not leave women who have been divorced by triple talaq via WhatsApp or other such means in the lurch. "Should I leave them crying and sobbing on the footpaths," he said.

The Law Minister said the BJP may get fewer votes from the Muslim community, but it considers them very much a part of the country and works on the principle of '*sabka saath, sabka vikas, sabka vishwas*'. Prasad said the Bill should not be seen through a political prism as it is a matter of humanity, woman empowerment and gender equality.

He said that despite the Supreme Court judgment setting aside the practice of instant triple talaq, many cases had come to light. "Should we tell the women of this country that there is a judgment but we are not acting on it? That is why we have brought this Bill. Because the law is a deterrence. There were some misgivings... We have kept provisions for bail, compromise and subsistence allowance," Prasad said.

It is a matter of gender justice, gender dignity and gender equality, he said.

'Real intention to finish them (Muslims) in their house'

MANOJ C G
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

OPPOSING THE Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, Leader of Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad said the name of the Bill was a "misnomer" as the real intention was "destruction of Muslim families".

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He said the idea was to "finish" the Muslim community. He said some parties and the government get defamed because of incidents of lynching. "So it is better to let the (Muslim) households burn by the lamps of their own house... the house will burn and nobody will have any objection," he said. "So if this clan is to be finished... finish them in their house... make such a law... that was the real intention," he said.

He rejected the government's argument that several changes were made to the original Bill. "You have done a cosmetic surgery... the illness has not gone," he said. Azad, like others in the Opposition, argued that Muslim marriage is a civil contract, and accused the government of giving a "criminal face" to a civil contract.

"You have made it a cognizable offence. So the police can put somebody in jail without a warrant... you are very keen to put the husband in jail... but the government will not give any financial assistance to the wife... you have said that many Islamic countries have similar laws... So, will you also bring a law to enforce chopping of hands and head, whipping... don't compare Indian Muslims with the Muslims of any other country," he said.

He said the government eagerly brought the Bill, saying the Supreme Court had said so. "First of all, the Supreme Court has not said anything about criminal law... it was in the minority judgment of the Supreme Court... how many minority judgments have come since 1947 and how many are you going to implement... The Supreme Court also said that a law should be made on lynching... bring a Bill on lynching... don't be selective... then I will accept that you follow the Supreme Court's suggestion and guidance," he said.

Azad said the Supreme Court has already declared instant triple talaq as null and void. "So if I abuse you now, if I threaten to kill you... threaten to shoot you in a fit of rage... will you give me capital punishment... you cannot since it is a mere threat... the triple talaq law is like that... the Supreme Court has said triple talaq is null and void... so what are you giving punishment for," he asked.

"This Bill is politically motivated. This (Bill is such that) minorities remain engaged in personal conflict. Husband will hire lawyer against wife and wife will hire lawyer against husband. They will sell their land or home to fight the case.... The wife and children will be on the roads and, after the husband is released from jail, he will commit suicide or become a dacoit or thief or start begging," Azad said.

His party colleague, Digvijaya Singh, asked whether the government had taken the Muslim community into confidence before bringing the Bill. "Where was the BJP's love for Muslim women when a pregnant woman was stabbed in Gujarat during the 2002 riots," he asked.

Congress member Amee Yajnik noted that through the Bill, the government thrust the women into a criminal magisterial court to take up a family matter. "I am not against the Bill. I am for women empowerment," she said, voicing concern for women from other communities who are deserted by their husbands.

AIADMK, JD(U) OPPOSE BILL, BUT WALK OUT

'Unconstitutional, illegal... can't stand judicial scrutiny'

MANOJ C G
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

PARTICIPATING IN the debate, the AIADMK opposed the instant triple talaq Bill, calling it "unconstitutional, arbitrary, illegal" and "unsustainable under law". It also demanded that the Bill be referred to a select committee. However, before it was taken up for voting, the party staged a walkout.

If the AIADMK, with 11 Rajya Sabha members, had voted against the Bill, the outcome would have been a close affair.

AIADMK leader A Navaneethakrishnan began his speech by arguing that Parliament does not have the legislative competence "to entertain" the Bill, as Entry 5 of List-III of Seventh Schedule of the Constitution makes it clear that issues like marriage and divorce are subject to personal laws.

AIADMK

Besides, the Bill has retrospective effect. "I think no law can have retrospective effect," he said. Questioning the penal provision in the Bill, he argued that Muslim marriage is a civil contract and breach of civil contract cannot be termed an offence.

"So, Clause 4 of the Bill cannot stand judicial scrutiny. Of course, our demand for scrutiny by a select committee was not accepted by the central government... What is an offence? An 'offence' is defined in the General Clauses Act, 1897... It says, 'offence shall mean any act or omission made punishable by any law for the time being in force'," he said.

"Now, the Supreme Court has held that the practice of triple talaq is not permitted in Muslim law, not permitted in Quran. It is null and void and unconstitutional. There is no act called triple talaq — an act, which has been declared by the Supreme Court as null and void and unconstitutional. So, if an act is to be declared as an offence, it must be an act. There is no act. It is null and void. It is unconstitutional. It is not recognised. So, it is only an empty phrase. Merely because the Muslim husband pronounces triple talaq, it cannot have any adverse impact, any adverse consequences. It will not create law and order problem. It will not affect society," he said.

He said Parliament cannot declare instant triple talaq as an offence. He also questioned the provision which says a Muslim woman shall be entitled to custody of her minor children in the event of pronouncement of talaq by her husband in such manner as may be determined by the magistrate. "A magistrate cannot be entrusted with this kind of a decision... This Bill is the most important Bill touching upon the lives of the human beings. So, it must be referred to a select committee for deeper consideration...This Parliament has no jurisdiction, no legislative competence," he said.

AIADMK leader A Navaneethakrishnan argued that Parliament does not have the legislative competence 'to entertain' the Bill.

Officials distribute papers among members during voting on the Bill. *PTI*

'Will not speak in favour of Bill, won't support it... agree to disagree'

KRISHN KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

WHILE THE JD(U), a BJP ally, opposed the instant triple talaq Bill, it chose to walk out of the Rajya Sabha before voting began on Tuesday. The party has six members in the Rajya Sabha, including Deputy Chairman Harivansh.

JD(U)

Speaking for his party, JD(U) leader Bashistha Narain Singh said: "Humbly and politely, I will neither speak in favour of the Bill, nor will I support it". He said every party has an ideology and has the "freedom to move forward on that, try to implement that".

He said some social evils are deep-rooted and need time to be eliminated. Just like instant triple talaq, child marriages and dowry are also "serious problems", he said. "Such social evils have been continuing for a long time and are deep-rooted today," he said, adding that "there is a need to spread awareness" about triple talaq.

"The specialty of the House," he said, is that "we come here to oppose as well as speak in favour" on a subject or Bill. "But the best part of democracy is that people agree to disagree," he said.

He said that while he was leaving the House after disagreeing on the Bill, "tomorrow there will be a debate and I will try to agree".

SP, BSP oppose Bill, but BSP skips voting

KRISHN KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

ALTHOUGH BOTH the Samajwadi Party and Bahujan Samaj Party spoke against the instant triple talaq Bill, only the SP was present in the House at the time of voting. While the SP has 12 members in the Rajya Sabha, the BSP has four.

Saying that Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad talked of "women empowerment, gender equality", SP member Javed Ali Khan said the scope of the Bill was restricted. "There are some women in this country who have been abandoned by their husbands... it includes some famous people too," he said, and asked the government if it planned to bring a law to punish such husbands.

Accusing the government of a "hidden agenda" to "score a point", he said the Bill was less about law and more about politics. He also asked about the status of the Group of Ministers set up in October 2018 to look into the issue of sexual harassment and women empowerment.

Marriage, he said, was a civil contract, and the "specialty of civil contract is that one can opt out of it", and its criminalisation is "not well-intentioned".

Opposing the Bill, BSP member Satish Chandra Mishra said it should be sent to a select committee. "It is being said that the Bill is in favour of women, which is totally wrong," he said. "It is a void action, about which the Supreme Court has said that if this action happens, if someone says talaq, then it is invalid and void," he said. With this Bill, the government is bringing a "non-existent thing into existence".

He said the Law Minister must explain if there is some other intention behind the Bill, as it is the "first time" that a law is being made for a "void action".

However, while some of the SP members were present at the time of voting, none of the BSP members were there.

Though the BJD backed the Bill, party leader Prasanna Acharya opposed the criminalisation of instant triple talaq. *File*

BJD backs Bill, YSRCP opposes, TRS stays away

KRISHN KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

ODISHA'S BJD, Andhra Pradesh's YSRCP and Telangana's TRS, the parties that are in power in their respective states, have a total of 15 members in Rajya Sabha. On Tuesday, they each chose their own path — the BJD (7 members in RS) supported the Bill, YSRCP (2 members) opposed it and TRS (6 members) remained absent from the debate and vote.

Though the BJD supported the Bill, party leader Prasanna Acharya opposed the criminalisation of instant triple talaq. "Even without the knowledge and without the consent of the victim, any of her relatives can go to the police station and drag the woman to the court also," he said, asking the government to rethink the provision. He said "only the woman, the victim, should be given permission or should be allowed to lodge a complaint with the police, if she so likes".

He said this "is social reformation" and "we want to emancipate the women, free them from torture and remove the social stigma".

YSRCP's V Vijayasai Reddy said if the husband is imprisoned for three years, it closes all doors for reconciliation. Opposing the Bill, Reddy said it "wrongly punishes for a non-existent act" and, making it a non-bailable offence, is "very stringent". "...punishment of three years imprisonment is against the doctrine of proportionality of jurisprudence," Reddy said.

THE WOMEN BEHIND THE PETITIONS

'Historic win... no other woman's life will be ruined now'

ON AUGUST 22, 2017, the Supreme Court, in a landmark 3-2 verdict, "set aside" the practice of instant triple talaq, following a clutch of petitions filed by Muslim women. The women behind the petitions welcomed the passage of the Bill on Tuesday.

SHAYARA BANO

"It is a happy moment for not just me but for Muslim society as a whole. We have been freed of an evil custom," said Shayara Bano (38), the first petitioner in the case. "Generations of women have suffered due to instant triple talaq. They have been thrown out of their house overnight and made to go through hell. Why is everyone still concerned about the men and not about the women," she said.

She said a Bill was necessary since, even after the Supreme Court's order, the practice of instant triple talaq continued. "There were so many cases despite the SC order. There was no fear among people. This law will instill that fear," said Bano, who lives in Kashipur in Uttarakhand.

Bano, who was given triple talaq in 2015, said that while she has won the larger cause, she is still waging her personal battle for rights to see her two children more often and for maintenance from her husband. "My husband has remarried now. He has turned my son and daughter, now teenagers, against me. The only time I get to see them is when they are brought to the Kashipur family court once in three months," she said.

ZAKIA SOMAN

"This has been long overdue. It has come late but, nevertheless, it is a welcome development. However, a comprehensive reform in Muslim personal law is called for. But even one step is welcome," said Zakia Soman (52) of the Bharatiya Muslim Mahila Andolan (BMMA), a vociferous advocate of the abolition of triple talaq.

BMMA's petition was suo motu turned into a PIL by a two-judge bench of the Supreme Court before Shayara Bano's case against instant triple talaq was filed. That petition eventually became one of six.

ISHRAT JEHAN

"This is great news... My life has been ruined, but no other woman's life will be ruined now... They will not have to undergo the hardship that I faced... The law is on our side now," said Ishrat Jehan (32).

"After giving me talaq over the phone, my husband abandoned me. My children were taken away. When I filed a petition in the Supreme Court, a section of my neighbours turned against me. Even now, they threaten to throw me out of my house and the neighbourhood. My battle is still going on," said Jehan, who lives in Howrah.

"The law will give relief to thousands of women. It is historic," said Jehan, who joined the BJP in January 2018.

Jehan got married in 2001, when she was just 14. In April 2015, her husband called her up from Dubai and said talaq thrice. He later remarried.

GULSHAN PARVEEN

"My life is still where it was five years ago, when I was asked to leave my husband's house," said Gulshan Parveen (33), who approached Shayara Bano's lawyers in 2015, after her husband sent her a talaq-nama. Her husband remarried, and Gulshan moved back to Delhi from Uttar Pradesh. She has been since struggling to make ends meet for herself and her five-year-old son.

"I have no job since all my documents are still with my former in-laws. The Supreme Court case is long over but I am fighting two separate cases in the lower courts, including one of domestic violence. The monthly maintenance amount I have been awarded is a mere Rs 6,000, which is barely enough to even cover my child's fees," she said.

She feels that the law is much needed for the sake of the "dignity of Muslim women". "The government has only outlawed talaq-e-biddat (instant triple talaq). Men still have the upper hand and can pronounce talaq to their wives and unilaterally divorce them over a period of three months (talaq-e-ahsan). The power still vests with the man," she said.

AAFREEN REHMAN

"I am very happy today... it's a historic win for us. We cannot change whatever happened to me, but we now have a way to stop this practice which has been going on for centuries," said Aafreen Rehman (28) from Jaipur. She said the provision of jail term would "scare the men" and make them think twice about giving triple talaq.

In January 2016, Rehman was given triple talaq by her husband, in a letter sent through speed post. She later approached the Supreme Court.

SHALINI NAIR, RAVIK BHATTACHARYA, HAMZA KHAN, ABANTIKA GHOSH

Consumer Protection Bill gets Lok Sabha nod

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NEW DELHI, JULY 30

THE LOK Sabha on Tuesday passed the Consumer Protection Bill, which seeks to establish the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) to protect and enforce consumer rights.

The Bill will replace the existing Consumer Protection Act, 1986, and in its overarching mandate, aims to provide a mechanism for the redressal of consumer complaints regarding defects in goods and deficiency in services, right down to the level of districts.

The CCPA, on the other hand, is meant to take immediate action after a complaint is filed by even a single consumer, and the authority can also file a class action suit, Union Food and Consumer Affairs Ram Vilas Paswan said while replying to the discussion on the Bill.

"The purpose of the Bill is to ease the process of addressing grievances of consumers. We have been writing to the states and we will continue to take everyone on board to protect the rights of the consumers," he said.

The CCPA will intervene to prevent consumer detriment arising from unfair trade practices. The agency can also initiate class action, including enforcing recall, refund and return of products. At present the task of prevention of or acting against unfair trade practices is not vested in any authority.

"The problem was that over the years, the commissions and forums had taken the shape and form of courts, with lawyers and pendency etc. Now we have simplified the processes and lawyers are no longer needed to file complaints and fight cases of grievance. Moreover, now there is a provision of class action as well. In case a car's engine is defective, the provision will be applicable on the entire batch of cars manufactured, and not on one faulty car," Paswan said.

The Bill also proposes stringent action in case of misleading advertisements against the advertiser but not against the media through which advertisement is being publicised. "Many members here wondered what misleading ads were. I ask them to take a look around Delhi itself. There are ads promising to increase a person's height in one month or growing hair in three days and so on," he said.

The Consumer Protection Bill, 2018, was introduced in Lok Sabha in January 2018 and was passed by the House the same year in December. The Bill, pending in Rajya Sabha, lapsed after the Lok Sabha was dissolved.

In its earlier avatar, when the Bill went to the Standing Committee for a scrutiny, there was a recommendation of holding celebrities liable for making false promises about products they endorse. "We have taken the view that celebrities only read what they have been given in the advertising," Paswan said.

Opposing the Bill, Congress member M K Vishnu Prasad said it would curb the freedom of consumers and trample on their rights.

Alleging that the Bill was not in sync with India's federalism, DMK's K Veeraswamy said the Bill provides for "feudal rule, not federal rule", alleging that it will take away consumer rights.

Jayadev Galla of the TDP said the Bill is silent on surrogate advertising, noting that it is done for products like paan masala and liquor. He said there should be some accountability for celebrities for endorsing products against which consumers make complaints but they cannot be treated at the same level as brands and companies.

RAJYA SABHA DY CHAIRMAN'S LETTER TO MEMBERS

Harivansh calls for solutions to resolve MPLADS issues

ABANTIKA GHOSH
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

RAJYA SABHA Deputy Chairman Harivansh has written to members, seeking their suggestions on how to address various problems plaguing the MP Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS), as pointed out by numerous reports both by Parliamentary Committees and the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG).

In his letter dated July 1, 2019, Harivansh, who is the ex-officio Chairman of the Committee on MPLADS, wrote: "When the nation celebrates the 150th birth anniversary of Gandhiji, it would be an appropriate time for leaders of all the political parties to ponder over the issues raised in this letter and take a collective view of such aspects of this scheme as - how best can we utilise the MPLADS funds and check their misuse, and what are the best options available with us? We just ensure that no one can point fingers at the Parliamentarians for which we have to find a way out. The nature of the problems pointed out by me in this letter indicate serious drawbacks in governance structure of the MPLADS scheme."

The MPLADS scheme was launched during the Narasimha Rao Government in 1993, ostensibly to provide funds for developmental works recommended by individual MPs. The MPs were entitled to recommend works to the tune of Rs 1 crore annually between 1994-95 and 1997-98, after which the annual entitlement was enhanced to Rs 2 crore. The UPA government in 2011-12 raised the annual entitlement to Rs 5 crore per MP.

In his letter, Harivansh wrote that a 1998 CAG report pointed to several instances of mismanagement, misuse of funds and lack of proper accounting of the scheme. In its second report too, the CAG had flagged similar issues.

Harivansh also attached all the reports and orders that pointed out the shortcomings in MPLADS.

He pointed to a 2018 Central Information Commission (CIC) order, asking for guidelines of the scheme. "The nodal ministry is reportedly thinking of approaching the Court against the CIC's order. But the points raised by the CIC, to my mind, should be considered dispassionately more on merit and not purely on technical grounds," Harivansh wrote.

Along with his letter, the deputy chairman attached all the reports and orders that pointed out the shortcomings in the MPLADS scheme. In January this year, Harivansh had written to In Sadananda Gowda, then Minister for Statistics and Programme Implementation, on these concerns.

Harivansh also quoted a programme evaluation report of the erstwhile Planning Commission, dated November 21, 2001, that identified issues such as improper maintenance of records, inflated reporting of expenditure, percentage utilisation of the fund being lower than officially reported and the poor maintenance of assets created.

The Second Administrative Reforms Commission, in its January 2007 report, said: "Discretionary funds at the disposal of legislators or the power to determine specific projects and schemes or select beneficiaries or authorise expenditure shall constitute discharge of executive functions and may invite disqualification."

However the Supreme Court held the MPLADS scheme constitutionally valid in its May 6, 2010 judgement.

Parliamentary Committees too have flagged irregularities in the scheme. The *Public Accounts Committee* (*PAC*), in its report tabled on March 30, 2012, noted large gaps between the funds available to district authorities and the actual expenditure on the scheme.

Harivansh, in his letter, wrote about how in his very first meeting as chairman, the issues of lack of transparency and accountability was flagged. "...there have been instances of members from both the Houses being expelled on account of misuse of MPLADS funds. This has presented a negative image about us, the MPs. But, as you will agree, only a few of the members fall in this category. In such a situation, it becomes our bounden duty to try to correct this misconception in public by introspecting amongst ourselves," the letter said.

Lok Sabha passes Wages Code Bill

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THE LOK Sabha on Tuesday passed the Wages Code Bill, seeking to pave the way for the introduction of minimum wage for workers besides addressing issues like delay in payments.

The Code on Wages Bill, 2019, which seeks to amend and consolidate the laws relating to wages and bonus and matters, will benefit 50 crore workers, Labour Minister Santosh Kumar Gangwar said, terming the Bill as a "historic step". He said after the Bill becomes law "minimum wage would become a right of every worker", although some of the Opposition members pointed out that the Bill did not have "anything new".

The Bill that was passed by voice vote subsumes four labour laws — Minimum Wages Act, Payment of Wages Act, Payment of Bonus Act and Equal Remuneration Act. After its enactment, all these four Acts would be repealed.

"During the making of the Bill we consulted workers and they were delighted that we were taking up the issues that were important to them," Gangwar said.

The Bill mandates that the tripartite committee comprising representatives of trade unions, employers and state government would fix a floor wage for workers throughout the country, Gangwar said.

"The Bill will effectively address the problems relating to delay in payment of wages whether on monthly, weekly or daily basis," he said.

At present there are 12 definitions of wages in the different labour laws leading to litigation besides difficulty in its implementation. The definition has been simplified in the Bill and is expected to reduce litigation and also reduce compliance cost for employers.

5 QUESTIONS

BJP RAJYA SABHA MEMBER **D P VATS** SUGGESTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT CHANGE THE SUMMER DRESS CODE FOR WOMEN IN UNIFORM SO THAT THEY CAN WEAR SOMETHING THAT "SUITS" THEM BETTER. HE SPOKE TO **ABANTIKA GHOSH**.

What was your submission about?
My submission or suggestion was for a comfortable dress for ladies in uniform... The current norm of shirt tucked into belted trousers is not convenient, especially during pregnancy or post pregnancy. It is not comfortable as a working dress. In the military, nursing officers have therefore been allowed to wear safaris with nameplate, badges and ribbons.... My suggestion is that... let us ensure that women have a dignified and comfortable working dress.

Why do you say safari is a more comfortable dress?
As I mentioned that is something we have done in the military. They should be allowed to wear safari or given the option of salwar kameez. Saree is a little uncomfortable for parades. Some of our neighbouring countries have gone for safaris....

Did some women complain to you about the uniform?
Yes, some IPS officers had asked me to raise it (the issue). They told me that this...uniform is not a ladies-friendly dress...

There were some protests when you spoke (some parts of his speech were expunged).
Only (Kumari) Selja protested... I could not hear her. But I told her that whatever I have said is not derogatory to Indian women...

Why does the Rajya Sabha need to discuss women's clothes?
I am a retired Lieutenant General of the armed forces. Uniform is a matter of continuous progression. What the uniform was earlier has evolved with time.

SEARCH OF MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one man (depicted in the photo), **Namely:** Ranjeet Kumar, **S/o:** Sh. Krishan Murari Singh, **R/o:** Flat No. 7, 2nd Floor, Building No. 65-66, Shyama Katyani Apartment, Sultanpur Colony, Sultanpur, New Delhi, **Aged:** 35 years, has been missing from the area of P.S. Fatehpur Beri, New Delhi since 03.06.2019 **vide GD No. 31A, Dated 02.07.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Fatehpur Beri, New Delhi.** His physical description is as under:

Ranjeet Kumar

Complexion: Wheatish, **Height:** 5'5", **Face:** Round, **Physique/Build:** Medium, **Clothing:** Pant and Shirt. ID Mark: Tattoo of Devansh 22.11.2018 on Left Hand.

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing man, may inform SHO, Fatehpur Beri, New Delhi at **E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.nic.in or website : http://cbi.nic.in Tele No. : 11-24368638 or 24368641**

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(CHAPTER V, PARA 25)
FORM 10
List of Applications for objection to inclusion of names received in Form 7

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3. Place of Hearing*			

Serial Number$ of Application	Date of Receipt	Name (In Full) of Objector	Particulars of Name Objected at			Reasons in Brief for Objection	Date of Hearing*	Time of Hearing*
			Part Number	Serial Number	Name in Full			
1	28.07.2019	Vinod Devi Vinod	1	2	Vinod Devi Vinod			
2	28.07.2019	SNEH YADAV	114	280	SNEH YADAV			

£In case of Union Territories having no Legislative Assembly and the State of Jammu and Kashmir
@For this revision for this designated location
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1	27.07.2019	Pramod Kumar Sharma Ramesh Sharma	207	702	Pramod Kumar Sharma			

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The amount of Reserve price and amount of earnest money of each assets is mentioned as under. A short description of the immoveable property with known encumbrances, if any, are mentioned as under.
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SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

S. No.	NAME OF BORROWER & BANK BRANCH	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE AND OUTSTANDING AMOUNT MENTIONED THEREIN	Description of Property/ies	STATUS OF POSSESSION (Physical or Symbolic)	RESERVE PRICE / EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (EMD AMOUNT) / INCREMENTAL BID AMOUNT	LAST DATE OF DEPOSIT OF EMD	DETAILS OF ACCOUNT IN WHICH EMD IS TO BE DEPOSITED THROUGH RTGS/NEFT & IFSC CODE	DATE & TIME OF AUCTION
1.	**BRANCH: TILAK ROAD, DEHRADUN** **Borrower/Mortgagor:** M/s Bhupesh Kumar Shikshan Evam Vikas Sansthan President, Sh Bhupesh Kumar S/o Sh Shila Nath, **Address: 1-** Lucent Intenational 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) **Guarantors; 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	25.03.2019 **Rs. 6,89,27,699.73** + interest and other Charges w.e.f. 01.02.2019	**Property No. 1:** Lease hold land & Building measuring 696.01 Sq Yd situated at Rajendra Nagar Plot No 40 Block-3(C) Type E road no 11 F PS Kadamkaun, Town & District Patna Bihar ,Butted and bounded as under:- North: Plot No 8 D, South: Road No 11 f, East: Plot No 41 E, West: Plot No 39 E	SYMBOLIC	Rs. 259.00 Lakh / Rs. 25.90 Lakh / Rs. 2.00 Lakh	04.09.2019 up to 05:00 PM	PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK A/C-1087003171160 IFSC-PUNB0108700	06.09.2019 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
			Property No. 2: 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 Bahadurpur 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	SYMBOLIC	Rs. 185.00 Lakh / Rs. 18.50 Lakh / Rs. 2.00 Lakh	04.09.2019 up to 05:00 PM	PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK A/C-1087003171160 IFSC-PUNB0108700	06.09.2019 12:00 PM to 01:00 PM
			Property No. 3: Land and property at khasra no 1053 measuring 0.0401 Hec, 1056 measuring 0.445 Hec, 1057 measuring 0.308 Hec, 1967 measuring 0.531 Hec & 1968 measuring 0.426 Hec (New Khasra No 628, 629, 718 Ka 630, 631, 719, & 720) Consisting of school building hostel campus guard room etc at Mauza Kanswali Kothri Pargana Pachwa Doon Tehsil Vikas Nagar District Dehradun at book No 01 vol 633 page 129 ADF book no 01 volume 1376, pages 257 to 272 at serial no 2917 dated 04.05.2010. Butted & Bounded as under North : Property of others, South: Property of others East: Road, West: Property of others	SYMBOLIC	Rs. 1205.00 Lakh / Rs 120.50 Lakh / Rs. 10.00 Lakh	05.09.2019 up to 05:00 PM	PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK A/c- 1087003171160 IFSC- PUNB0108700	07.09.2019 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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Date: 30.07.2019 **Place: Dehradun** **Authorised Officer**

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Sanjay Sinh resigns from Cong, Rajya Sabha; set to join BJP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, NEW DELHI, JULY 30

IN A setback to the Congress, Sanjay Sinh, who is considered close to the Gandhi family, on Tuesday resigned from the party as well as from the Rajya Sabha, asserting that he will join the BJP "as the country is behind Prime Minister Narendra Modi". This will be Sinh's return to the BJP after over two decades.

Sinh's wife Ameeta, who is the chairperson of the All India Professional Congress in UP, also quit the party.

Announcing his decision in Delhi, Sinh took a dig at the Congress, saying it is still living in the past and is unaware of the future.

"Congress is still in the past, unaware of the future. Today, the country is with PM Modi and if the country is with him, I am with him. I will join BJP tomorrow. I have resigned from the party, as well as my membership of Rajya Sabha. Congress is unapproachable and unreachable. I have taken this decision after watching this for a long time," said Sinh, who won as a Congress nominee from Assam during the 2014 Rajya Sabha polls and his term was set to end in April 2020.

"Congress is rudderless, directionless, and there is a distance from the people... I am supporting Modi because of 'sabka sath sabka vikas'," Sinh, also called as "Raja of Amethi", added.

"Dialogue and communication are the basis of any political party. There is just no scope for any dialogue in Congress. Then there is zero leadership. There is no clarity, nothing can be decided. Over months there is a buzz over whether the Congress president will be a young man or an old man... all these things affected my decision," he said.

While Rajya Sabha Deputy chairman Harivansh announced in the House that Sinh's resignation has been accepted, the BJP may field him from Uttar Pradesh during the Rajya Sabha polls scheduled to be held in the coming weeks.

Once a powerful minister in the Congress-led government in Uttar Pradesh in the early 1980s, Sinh became a Union minister in early 1990s.

Sinh, who wields considerable influence in the politically significant seat of Amethi, had won from the seat as a BJP candidate in 1998. He had even contested against former Congress president Sonia Gandhi in Amethi in 1999 on a BJP ticket. Though he lost to Sonia Gandhi, he had managed to get over 1.18 lakh votes. He then joined the Congress and went to win from Sultanpur in 2009.

In 2014, Sinh, had come to limelight after his son from his first wife, Anant Vikram Singh, made a claim over his fortunes, including the 450-year-old palace in Amethi. The tussle had led to a clash between his son and police in which a policeman died. Sinh's first wife, Garima Singh, is the current BJP MLA from Amethi.

(WITH PTI INPUTS)

Sanjay Sinh with wife Ameeta in New Delhi on Tuesday. *PTI*

DELHI CONFIDENTIAL

MATTER OF SEATS

UNION MINISTER Prakash Javadekar was having an informal interaction with mediapersons in his room in Parliament House. His personal staff had arranged chairs to accommodate everyone. Javadekar, while chatting with his guests about the plight of the Congress in the absence of a leader, suddenly noticed that not everyone had place to sit. He told his staff to bring more chairs. "There must be many in Ghulam Nabi Azad's room. Please organise some from there," he said. By late evening, as the BJP managed to get the triple talaq Bill passed in Rajya Sabha despite the skewed arithmetic, Javadekar's remark seemed prophetic. Four Congress MPs were absent when the voting took place.

WHAT'S IN A POST

BE IT general secretaries like Harish Rawat and Jyotiraditya Scindia or heads of departments like Nana Patole of Kisan Congress, the Congress is yet to appoint successors to those who had resigned in solidarity with Rahul Gandhi. The only appointment was that of Eknath Gaikwad as working president of Mumbai Congress —- the party has not yet accepted the resignation of Milind Deora. On Monday, the party sprang a surprise by appointing Youth Congress vice-president Srinivas B V as interim president of the frontal outfit, replacing Keshav Chand Yadav who had resigned in solidarity with Rahul. But sources said there was a twist in the tale. A purported audio conversation between Yadav and an unidentified woman had surfaced days earlier. The buzz was that the party had asked him to resign. By appointing Srinivas interim president, the Congress has confirmed all is not well in the Youth Congress.

ONE LESS

ON TUESDAY, during the passage of triple talaq Bill, CPI-M MP Elamaram Kareem moved an amendment. Kareem insisted on moving the motion on behalf of the Opposition, but was defeated by voice vote. However, what was interesting was that among the 11 names in the motion was that of Sanjay Sinh, who resigned from the Congress and was not present in the House during the voting. He is expected to join the BJP on Wednesday.

Be in House to ensure maximum support for Bills: Shah to BJP MPs

ENS & PTI
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

IN THE wake of the Opposition pressing for a division of votes on crucial Bills, BJP chief Amit Shah asked his party MPs to ensure their presence in Parliament to see that Bills are passed with maximum support of lawmakers.

Addressing the BJP parliamentary party meeting on Tuesday, Shah said, according to sources, that the motion for consideration of the National Medical Commission Bill in Lok Sabha on Monday was passed with 260-48 votes but the margin should have been bigger.

The BJP has 303 members in Lok Sabha while its allies have nearly 50 votes.

Since the Opposition has often been pressing for division of votes, BJP members should be present in their respective House, Shah said. The BJP leadership including Prime Minister Narendra Modi has repeatedly told the members that their presence in the House should be regular.

Shah also asked MPs, including Union ministers, to mandatorily attend a two-day orientation programme of the party on August 3-4, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi told reporters.

The programme, a minister said, is a continuation of the exercise the party had undertaken to "ideologise" members after the last membership drive. As the BJP parliamentary party includes a number of new faces and fresh members who had joined the BJP from other parties, the leadership has decided to extend the training programme for MPs too, said party leaders.

PM Modi, who was present at the meeting but did not address the MPs, will speak at the programme.

MP panel to look into pension scheme report

MILIND GHATWAI
BHOPAL, JULY 30

THE MADHYA Pradesh government has set up a three-member ministerial committee to examine an old report on a probe into alleged irregularities in disbursement of money under social security/old age pension scheme when senior BJP leader Kailash Vijayvargiya was mayor of Indore Municipal Corporation.

The general secretary in-charge of West Bengal is the third senior BJP leader from the state — after former CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan and former minister Narottam Mishra — who faced charges when the BJP was in power to be looked at afresh by the ruling Congress.

Irregularities of Rs 33 crore were alleged when Vijayvargiya was mayor. A probe had found that 29,500 of 56,358 beneficiaries who got pension under the scheme from 2001 to 2004 were either ineligible or did not exist. Instead of nationalised banks or post office, money was been paid through cooperative banks. This was among the matters Congress had promised to probe in its manifesto ahead of 2018 Assembly polls. Congress media in-charge Shobha Oza said the ministerial committee will study the inquiry report.

Vijayvargiya, Chouhan and Mishra have all spoken about the imminent fall of the Kamal Nath-led government. Cabinet Minister Govind Singh has sought to reopen the case against Chouhan who was accused in what came to be known as "dumper scam". Vijayvargiya, Chouhan and Mishra have said they will not be browbeaten, and accused the Congress of political vendetta.

UNNAO RAPE VICTIM INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Oppn steps up attack on govt, protests in Lok Sabha

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

THE OPPOSITION on Tuesday stepped up its attack on the government over the accident in Rae Bareli in which the Unnao rape victim and her lawyer were critically injured and her two aunts killed.

MPs from Congress, DMK, SP, CPM and TMC shouted slogans and displayed placards in Parliament premises before start of the proceedings. As Lok Sabha proceedings began, the Congress moved an adjournment motion on the incident and, when it was not allowed, stormed the well shouting slogans. DMK, Left, SP, BSP and TMC members joined in.

Outside Parliament, too, Opposition leaders questioned the "protection of political power" extended to accused MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar.

"Why do we give people like Kuldeep Sengar the strength and protection of political power and abandon their victims to battle for their lives alone? This FIR clearly states that the family was threatened and apprehensive. It even mentions the possibility of a planned accident. For God's sake, Mr Prime Minister, divest this criminal and his brother of the political power your party is giving them. It's still not too late," Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi tweeted.

BSP chief Mayawati said, "The killing of Unnao gangrape victim's family members and not giving parole to the uncle of the victim to attend the cremation is inhuman. It also proves that the BJP government is part of the conspiracy behind the incident. The relatives of the victim are holding a protest at medical college demanding parole for the uncle of the victim. The government should pay attention to this." In Lucknow, SP chief Akhilesh Yadav met family members of the rape victim in hospital. In a statement, he said, "The attempt to murder the rape victim is sad news for every mother, daughter of the state."

He suggested that the family meet the Governor for justice. "The CM cannot be trusted and the government knows everything... It is the BJP's responsibility to ensure justice to the victim and her family," the statement said.

In the Lok Sabha, Congress Leader of the House Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury asked the Speaker to turn the proceedings into Zero Hour and allow members to speak on the issue.

"A minor was gangraped and while investigations by CBI are still on, the victim's right to life has been snatched... while seeking justice after her gangrape, the woman had to attempt self-immolation in front of CM's house. Then her father was killed... now her aunts and key witnesses in the case have been run over by a truck... UP was called Uttam Pradesh, but it is become Adharm Pradesh," Chowdhury said.

"We want the Home Minister to come to the House and make a statement," he added.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi interjected, "CBI is already probing the case. An FIR has been registered. The UP government is conducting a free and fair investigation. We are with the victim's family. Please do not do politics over it."

The Opposition stormed the well of the House and shouted slogans demanding justice for the victim and presence of the Home Minister in the House even as Speaker Om Birla allowed discussion on Consumer Protection Bill, 2019.

SP president Akhilesh Yadav at the Lucknow hospital where the Unnao rape victim is undergoing treatment. *Express*

Victim's family sits on dharna, uncle granted 'short-term bail'

MAULSHREE SETH
LUCKNOW, JULY 30

EVEN AS doctors attending to the Unnao rape victim said her condition was critical, her family members sat in protest at the King George's Medical University trauma centre here, demanding that her uncle be released from jail. Later in the day, the Allahabad High Court granted the uncle "short-term bail" to perform the last rites of his wife, who died in Sunday's accident.

The victim's family demanded that the uncle be released as there is no one else in the family to conduct his wife's last rites. They said they had sent complaints to CM Yogi Adityanath and PM Narendra Modi about threats they received.

The administration convinced the family to end the protest, assuring them that their demands would be met. Later in the day, Deputy CM Dinesh Sharma personally assured the family of the same, when he visited the hospital to enquire about the condition of the victim and her lawyer.

Granting bail to the victim's uncle, the High Court directed police to provide security to him and ensure he is brought back to jail after the last rites are performed.

Meanwhile, doctors said the victim suffered fractures in her legs and ribs. They said they suspect head injury, but the injury to chest is more serious. Sandeep Tiwari, in-charge of the trauma centre, said, "The chest injury appears to be the most serious, as it has caused blood to collect in her lungs, preventing it from expanding normally." The doctors said while the victim's condition remains critical, her lawyer's condition was improving.

Uttarakhand minister seeks PM intervention to clear road through tiger reserves

JAY MAZOOMDAAR
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

ON THE day the Supreme Court slammed the Uttarakhand government for misleading it on the construction of a section of the Haridwar-Ramnagar Kandi road through the Rajaji tiger reserve, the state's Forest Minister handed over a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking his intervention to clear the road that also passes through the Corbett reserve.

Stating that the construction of Kandi road through Corbett and Rajaji tiger reserves was stopped by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), Minister Dr Harak Singh Rawat said that he sought the Prime Minister's help in the letter handed over at the Tiger Day function in Delhi Monday.

Pointing out that construction of the road is a priority with the state government, Dr Rawat wrote in the letter dated July 28: "Road work has been stopped due to the NTCA's objection and the matter is sub judice... Hope you will intervene at your level for the construction of the Kandi road through Haridwar-Chillarkhal-Kotdwar-Ramnagar in the larger interest of the people of the state."

Speaking to The Indian Express, Rawat said: "I submitted the letter to Modi ji at the Tiger Day function in Delhi yesterday. For the Rajaji segment, we will seek clearances as submitted before the NGT. For Corbett, we will build the road along the reserve boundary on Uttar Pradesh land as far as possible. We can also elevate certain stretches. For all these issues including inter-state matters, we need the Prime Minister's help."

In the Supreme Court Monday, as the state counsel pleaded that the government would seek forest and wildlife clearances from the Environment Ministry for the road, the bench asked the state to withdraw the work order.

Stretches of the old Kandi road between Haridwar and Ramnagar run through the core of Corbett and the buffer of Rajaji tiger reserve. Construction of a highway along the old path has been an emotive issue in Uttarakhand as this will cut travelling distances and also skip detours through Uttar Pradesh. It was a major plank for the BJP in the 2017 Assembly polls.

On March 11, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) ordered the state government to follow an alternative alignment which avoided cutting through core areas of the Corbett tiger reserve and was approved by the Supreme Court in 2005.

In 2005, the Centre and Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh governments had agreed to the alternative alignment for a road between Kotdwar and Ramnagar under the supervision of the Supreme Court, rather than a highway through Corbett.

In 2010, the High Court of Uttarakhand had also made it "absolutely clear that we do not permit any part of the forest to be used" while dismissing a PIL for the same road.

Last year, the Uttarakhand government signed an MoU with National Buildings Construction Company (NBCC) and Wildlife Institute of India (WII) for the construction of the road through Corbett.

The state also started work on widening the 11-km Laldhang-Chillarkhal segment through the Rajaji reserve without obtaining statutory clearances. On June 21, 2019, the Supreme Court stayed the work.

8 STATES TELL SUPREME COURT

'Due procedure not followed while deciding claims under Forest Rights Act'

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

AT LEAST eight states have told the Supreme Court that due procedure under the law was not followed while deciding the claims of Forest Dwelling Scheduled Tribes (FDSTs) and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (OTFDs) for forest land under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act of 2006.

This has came to light in affidavits filed by the states in the Supreme Court, which had on February 13 ordered eviction of lakhs of FDSTs and OTFDs whose claims under the Act had been rejected.

The order had led to widespread concern, as the direction was likely to affect nearly 11 lakh people. Subsequently, the Union Tribal Affairs Ministry and Gujarat government approached the top court seeking modification of the order. Hearing this on February 28, the court stayed its February 13 order and asked states to file affidavits explaining how they went about processing the claims and whether the rejections were justified.

In their reply affidavits, the states of Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh. Jharkhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Uttarakhand have stated that due procedure was not followed in many cases.

Assam said that in some of its districts, the procedure was duly followed in passing rejection orders and the reasons for this were communicated to the claimant. But in some other districts, the reasons for rejection were recorded only in the proceedings of the Sub Divisional Level Committee (SDLC) and District Level Committee (DLC), and no rejection order was passed. It added that a review process had been started to ensure that no genuine incumbent is deprived of their rights.

Under the 2006 Act, the claims are prepared by the village-level Forest Rights Committee (FRC) and then submitted to the Gram Sabha, which verifies and submits them to the SDLC. After SDLC approval, it goes to the DLC for final decision.

Bihar's affidavit said that it had claims under the Act from only 9 of 38 districts and in these, the due procedure did not appear to have been followed in totality.

Jharkhand stated that it has launched a review process, and the absence of records in many cases was making things difficult.

About 25 states and Union territories have so far filed their affidavits in response to the SC direction. Eleven of these states have undertaken review of the rejected claims.

At least 10 states have also asked for extension of time to complete the review process. While Jharkhand has sought time till July 2020, Karnataka wants another 18 months and West Bengal till December end this year.

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

EXPLAINED

Admission may spell relief for claimants

THE ADMISSION by some states about due procedure not being followed while deciding claims of FDSTs and OTFDs in respect of forest land validates many of the concerns about the methodology adopted. The revelation may also provide these communities the much needed window to request the Supreme Court to reconsider its February 13 order to evict all those whose claims have been rejected.

JHARKHAND

6 Congress workers expelled after protest against party unit chief

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, JULY 30

SIX CONGRESS workers have been expelled from the party after Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee President Dr Ajoy Kumar was booed down at the party headquarters in Ranchi on Monday. The workers were protesting against Kumar and were preventing him from chairing a meeting with the various district presidents.

The protesters raised slogans such as "Dr Ajoy Kumar, go back, go back". A source in the party said Ranchi block presidents Sudhir Singh, Tinku Verma and Ashutosh Nath Pathak, among other leaders, have been expelled.

"It was a sponsored protest where some people raised slogans and were creating some objection while I was entering the premises. However, disciplinary action has been initiated," said Ajoy Kumar after the meeting. Sources said workers are protesting as some of them want Assembly tickets, but the state leadership wants to give tickets to "energetic faces".

The meeting was held to discuss the party's alliance with the JMM and Left parties in the state. Sources said that 20 of the 24 district presidents showed their support for Kumar during the meeting. "Talks on alliance were discussed and various leaders discussed about the number of seats Congress is likely to contest. We discussed contesting 40 seats," the source said. However, Kumar refrained from commenting further on the alliance talks and said "they are still in the deliberation mode".

Leaders such as former Rajya Sabha MP Pradeep Balmuchu and former MP Subodh Kant Sahay have earlier openly criticised Kumar after the Congress's Lok Sabha debacle.

Leaders said the trouble began when Kumar announced JMM's Hemant Soren as the opposition alliance's Chief Ministerial candidate for the Assembly elections, before the Lok Sabha polls. It was a strategic move for Kumar, but for the old guard this brought in resentment. Sources in the party said this infuriated Subodh Kant Sahay as he was not kept in the loop. "In a scenario when political coalitions change in 24 hours, how can a CM face be announced so much in advance. This completely lacked political acumen," said one of the leaders.

Ranchi district president Sanjay Pandey said that Kumar induced "fresh air in the team" and had worked hard. "The problem now is that the old guard, who lost in the Lok Sabha elections, want to contest in Assembly. Kumar-ji will not let this happen and that is why roadblock has been created," he said.

Sources in favour of Kumar also pointed to "indiscipline" in the party. Congress's former minister and ex-MLA Banna Gupta had earlier criticised Kumar after which East Singhbhum district president Vijay Khan had issued Gupta a showcause notice. This move had also irked the old guard.

N.E. W.S.

NORTH

Haryana minister booked for attempting to capture booth

Chandigarh: Haryana Police has lodged an FIR against state Cooperation Minister Manish Grover for allegedly "attempting to capture the polling booth" during the recent Lok Sabha polls in Rohtak, which took place on May 12. The action was taken following the orders from a court. Rohtak District Bar Association president Lokinder Singh Phougat had approached the court alleging the police had not lodged a case despite his complaint to the authorities in this regard. Six days after the orders of the court, the police Tuesday lodged an FIR against Grover and another BJP worker Ramesh Lohar on Tuesday. **ENS**

Villagers carry fodder for their cattle on a boat, in a flood-hit village in Darbhanga district. *PTI*

EAST

Four days of rain leaves Bastar division reeling

Raipur: At least four days of continuous rainfall have left parts of Chhattisgarh's Bastar division reeling, with parts of Bastar, Sukma and Bijapur districts witnessing heavy flooding. Some roads and bridges have been cut off because of overflow in rivers and rivulets. While there has been no loss of life so far, Revenue Minister Jai Singh Agarwal has directed district collectors to keep a close eye on the situation, and prepare for any scenario. Several roads such as Sukma-Jagdalpur, Sukma-Malkangiri have also been affected, and the security forces are trying to keep them open for travel as far as possible, a senior official said. **ENS**

WEST

HC directs Kerala CPM chief's son to take paternity test

Mumbai: The Bombay High Court on Monday directed Binoy Kodiyeri, son of CPM Kerala chief Kodiyeri Balakrishnan, to give his DNA sample to Mumbai Police for a paternity test. The order comes after a woman accused Binoy of raping her repeatedly over a decade under the pretext of marrying her, even as she gave birth to a son. In June, an offence was registered against Binoy at a police station in the city under the charges of rape, criminal intimidation and cheating. In a petition moved by Binoy to quash the FIR, a division bench directed Binoy to cooperate with the investigation and also to give his DNA samples to Mumbai Police for conducting a paternity test. **ENS**

SOUTH

Man kills granddaughter to take revenge on his son

Coimbatore: A man allegedly killed his 10-month-old granddaughter here to take revenge against his son and daughter in-law, suspecting them to be behind his two wives deserting him, police said on Tuesday. Selvaraj, 45, was arrested on Tuesday following a child missing complaint filed by the victim's parents, they said. According to the preliminary inquiry, Selvaraj was upset with his son and daughter-in-law after both his wives had abandoned him, police said. Selvaraj confessed to having killed the girl child using a stone on Monday to take revenge on his son and daughter-in-law, they added. **PTI**

Pak troops continue shelling along LoC, Armyman killed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, SRINAGAR, JULY 30

AN ARMY soldier was killed on Tuesday as Pakistani troops continued to violate the ceasefire and resorted to unprovoked mortar shelling and small arms fire along the Line of Control in Jammu's Rajouri district.

The two sides also exchanged mortar firing and heavy artillery in Kashmir's Kupwara - the first time that heavy artillery has been used in the district since the two countries agreed to a ceasefire along the LoC.

The deceased soldier has been identified as Naik Krishan Lal (34) of Ghagriyal in Akhnoor. An Army spokesperson said Lal had been posted in the Keri Battal area of Rajouri district's Sunderbani sector.

Defence Ministry spokesperson Lt Colonel Devender Anand said that the Indian Army responded strongly, inflicting heavy damage to Pakistan Army posts and soldiers.

He did not give details, but said that Lal is survived by his wife Shashi Devi. "Naik Krishan Lal was a brave, highly motivated and sincere soldier. The nation will always remain indebted to him for the supreme sacrifice and devotion to duty," he added.

Sources said that Pakistani troops initiated the ceasefire violation in Rajouri around 12 noon. The Indian Army retaliated and there was intermittent exchange of mortar shelling and small arms fire between the two sides.

Official sources said that in the afternoon, Pakistani soldiers fired mortars and heavy artillery towards Indian posts and villages in Kupwara's Tangdhar sector.

Naik Krishan Lal

"Unprovoked ceasefire violation including calibre escalation (artillery fire) by Pakistan in Tangdhar sector since 130 hours today," a defence spokesman said in Srinagar. "Own troops retaliated strongly resulting in heavy casualties on enemy side."

While intermittent shelling between the two sides continued till late evening, villagers said they had to return to the under-ground bunkers after over a decade.

"The exchange of fire was intense from both sides. Pakistani shells landed deep inside our villages," said a Tangdhar resident over the phone. "The people living close to the border shifted to safer places and also went into underground bunkers, which are in bad shape as they haven't been used in a long time."

Sources said that following the exchange of mortars and artillery, traffic on the Kupwara-Tangdhar road was stopped for some time.

In the evening, there were reports of ceasefire violation by Pakistan in Uri sector of Baramulla as well. Sources said that Pakistani soldiers fired mortars towards Indian forward positions in the Mohura area, which was retaliated by Indian troops.

JeM militant involved in Pulwama attack killed

Army personnel near the encounter site in Bijbehara area of Anantnag district. *Express*

BASHAARAT MASOOD
SRINAGAR, JULY 30

A JAISH-E-MOHAMMAD (JeM) commander, who was involved in the February 14 Pulwama attack, was killed in an encounter with a joint team of forces in Bijbehara area of Anantnag district on Tuesday.

On Tuesday afternoon, after a tip-off about presence of militants, a joint team of J&K Police, Army and paramilitary forces cordoned off Katoo village of Bijbehara area. As the joint team were zeroing in on the target house, militants hiding in the village opened fire, triggering a gun battle. In the encounter that lasted several hours, the two JeM militants were killed.

Fayaz Ahmad Thokar, a resident of Tral, was killed along with another local militant.

J&K Police termed Thokar's killing as a "big achievement".

"He (Thokar) was a co-conspirator in the February 14 Pulwama suicide attack," a senior police officer said. "He was a prize catch."

Police have identified the other slain militant as Shan Showkat Bhat.

Police sources said Thokar was a close associate of JeM commander Mudasir Khan, who was killed in Tral. A resident of Midoora, Khan was the brains behind the attack.

Police said Thokar was also the main accused in the fidayeen attack at Anantnag in June. Five CRPF personnel were killed in the attack and a Station House Officer(SHO) Arshad Khan was injured, who later succumbed at a New Delhi hospital.

After a halt in the anti militancy operations in south Kashmir, in wake of the ongoing annual Amarnath yatra, Tuesday's encounter was the second counter insurgency operation since July 27, when two JeM militants were killed in an encounter in Shopian district's Bonabazar .

KARNATAKA

BSY government scraps Tipu Jayanti

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BENGALURU, JULY 30

THE BJP government in Karnataka on Tuesday scrapped the birth anniversary celebrations of the controversial 18th century ruler of the erstwhile Mysore Kingdom, Tipu Sultan. The BJP had been opposing the annual event since 2015.

Within three days after coming to power, the B S Yediyurappa government issued an order cancelling the Tipu Jayanti celebrations, initiated by the Siddaramaiah-led Congress ministry as an annual affair on November 10, 2015. The celebrations were continued by the Congress-JD(S) coalition government led by H D Kumaraswamy, which collapsed on July 23 after losing a vote of confidence in the state Assembly, paving the way for the installation of the BJP government, which won the trust vote on Monday.

According to the official order, Virajpet BJP MLA K G Bopaiah wrote to Yediyurappa, requesting him to cancel Tipu Jayanti celebrations by the state Kannada and Culture Department, highlighting opposition to such celebrations.

The MLA had submitted a petition stating that there had been violence during the celebrations in the past and it should not be repeated. "After discussion in the cabinet, it was decided that Tipu Jayanti should not be celebrated here on and a government order has been issued to this effect," Yediyurappa told reporters.

Calling the BJP government's decision a crime, former CM Siddaramaiah said Tipu was the king of Mysuru who fought against the British. "... not with any other intention, as he was lover of freedom, freedom fighter, we had decided to celebrate it (Jayanti). BJP with malice, because of their hatred towards minorities, they have done this. I oppose this move," Siddaramaiah said.

B S Yediyurappa

Cong expels 14 rebel MLAs

New Delhi: The Congress on Tuesday expelled the 14 rebel MLAs from Karnataka who were responsible for bringing down the party's coalition government in the state.

All the MLAs, who resigned from the state legislature, had abstained from voting that led to the defeat of the Congress-JD(S) government in the trust vote.

The action by the party comes days after these MLAs were disqualified from the state legislature.

The then Karnataka Assembly Speaker K R Ramesh Kumar disqualified 11 Congress legislators — Pratap Gowda Patil, B C Patil, Shivram Hebbar, S T Somashekar, Byrati Basavaraj, Anand Singh, Roshan Baig, Munirathna, K Sudhakar and MTB Nagaraj and Shrimant Patil — on Sunday. Three other rebel MLAs — Ramesh Jarkiholi, Mahesh Kumatalli and Shankar — were disqualified on Thursday.

The AICC has approved the proposal received from PCC President, Karnataka regarding the expulsion of the MLAs, a party statement said. **PTI**

SC: Will decide if pleas against EWS quota are to be referred to larger Bench

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

THE SUPREME Court on Tuesday said it would decide whether pleas challenging the Centre's decision to grant 10 per cent reservation in jobs and admissions to candidates of economically weaker sections (EWS) are to be referred to a Constitution Bench for adjudication.

A bench headed by Justice S A Bobde observed that reservation is an exception to the concept of equality and it is "intended to achieve equality of opportunity".

The bench, also comprising Justices R Subhash Reddy and B R Gavai, was hearing a batch of pleas challenging the validity of Constitution (103 Amendment) Act, 2019 on the ground that economic criterion cannot be the sole basis for reservation.

Senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan, appearing for a petitioners, told the court there are two issues — whether the matter should go to a Constitution Bench and can interim relief be granted.

Attorney General K K Venugopal, representing the Centre, told the bench that he is ready for final arguments in the matter and also on the question as to whether this issue is required to be referred to a Constitution Bench.

"In principle, we do not want to proceed with a matter and then in between come to a conclusion that it has to be referred to a Constitution Bench," the bench observed, adding that it would decide the question on whether to refer the matter to a Constitution Bench.

The hearing remained inconclusive and the bench said it would hear the matter on Wednesday.

The apex court had earlier refused to stay the Centre's decision to grant 10 per cent quota in jobs and admissions to economically weaker section of citizens.

However, the court agreed to examine the validity of the law, and issued a notice to the Centre on the pleas.

The Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha cleared the Bill on January 8 and 9 respectively, and it has been signed by President Ram Nath Kovind.

JOINT PLAN TO DEFEND SPECIAL STATUS

J&K parties assert need for consensus, united approach

NAVEED IQBAL
SRINAGAR, JULY 30

A DAY after former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti and PDP chief said she had approached NC patron and former CM Farooq Abdullah to convene an all-party meeting to discuss the "recent developments that have caused a sense of panic" in Jammu and Kashmir, the state's political leadership reasserted the need to build consensus on the matter.

Mufti spoke to People's Conference chairman Sajad Lone and general secretary Imran Ansari, former ministers in her coalition government, on Tuesday. In a tweet, she said, "There is a growing consensus that the present situation demands recalibration of response & a united approach."

In a statement, Mufti urged all stakeholders in the state to make a joint effort "to prevent this catastrophe that can potentially lead to unimaginable problems". Reiterating that J&K's constitutional status is something that is beyond politics as it concerns "our very existence", she emphasised that special status is the result of a unique historical process that defied the logic of Partition. "The constant erosion of that position has not only thrown us into an unending turmoil and uncertainty, it has also cost one of the most promising regions of the world its actual potential of growth and greatness."

Mehbooba Mufti

Pradesh Congress chief Ghulam Ahmad Mir said that "if and when" they are invited, they will be part of forming a consensus because "we are the party that has given these constitutional guarantees in the form of Articles 370 ad 35A to the state. In our manifesto Rahul ji (Gandhi) had spoken of the need to strengthen it, because of which we drew backlash and BJP is actually fighting this with us."

After his conversation with Mufti, PC's Ansari told *The Indian Express*, "The political affairs committee that met today was unanimous and unambiguous in its assertion that special provisions are irreversible and sacred for the people of Kashmir. For broader consensus, we all need to talk about these issues and we will also place our opinion."

While the NC is yet to announce a schedule for an all-party meeting, Farooq Abdullah had on Monday told *The Indian Express* that the party "is working on it". The party has maintained that the matter is under consideration.

CPM's M Y Tarigami noted that the prevailing situation "based on conflicting statements coming from various authorities warrants an understanding between political parties". Stating that all parties remain concerned about recent government orders, he pointed to "a deliberate attempt at creating chaos in the state and especially in the Valley".

SSP in J&K applies for voluntary retirement

BASHAARAT MASOOD
SRINAGAR, JULY 30

A SENIOR Superintendent of Police (SSP)-ranked officer with the Jammu and Kashmir Police has applied for voluntary retirement from the services.

Firdous Iqbal, who is posted as the Commandant of Jammu and Kashmir Armed Police's 14th Battalion has submitted his papers and sought voluntary retirement from the services. While the senior officer has cited "domestic reasons" for his decision, the move has coincided with the disquiet in the J&K Police over speculation that the Centre was planning the abrogation of Article 35A.

He was likely to be promoted as Deputy Inspector General Police over the next two years.

Police officials said that Iqbal submitted his application for voluntary retirement on July 9 and the government is yet to take a decision on it.

While Iqbal himself has been silent over the issue, a source close to him told *The Indian Express* that the officer was "fed up" with the system that "didn't appreciate" the work of honest and capable officers.

TAMIL NADU TRIPLE MURDER CASE

DMK leader son booked for 'killing former mayor over Rs 50 lakh paid for poll ticket'

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, JULY 30

THE POLICE on Tuesday booked a local DMK leader's son for allegedly killing former Tirunelveli mayor Uma Maheshwari, her husband Murugasankaran and their domestic staff. A senior police officer said the murders were carried out allegedly to retrieve an amount of Rs 50 lakh allegedly given to Maheshwari's husband to get an Assembly poll ticket for the mother of the accused.

With the twist in the investigation, the case was Monday transferred to the Crime Branch CID of Tamil Nadu Police.

Karthikeyan (30), son of DMK women wing's deputy secretary Seeniammal, allegedly committed the crime on his own, and initial probe has found that the motive behind the act was to allegedly retrieve the money his mother had paid to the victim's family.

"We have information that a huge sum was paid by Seeniammal's family to Maheshwari's husband Murugasankaran to get a ticket for her from Tirunelveli in the 2016 May elections. They didn't get the seat and the cash was not returned either," the officer said.

Karthikeyan has been booked under Section 302 and 380 of the Indian Penal Code.

Police earlier ruled out the first lead — suspected movement of three youths near Maheshwari's home — and the probe led to Karthikeyan as his speeding car was spotted in CCTV footage in the same locality around 12 in the afternoon. Forensic experts confirmed that the murder was carried out at the same time. "Karthikeyan's house was about 6 km away from the site. This led to further probe. Among the local politicians, the longstanding rivalry between both the families was not a secret. Seeniammal's camp believed that Maheshwari always sabotaged her growth in the party," an officer part of the investigation said.

Maheshwari, who was the ex-mayor of Tirunelveli and contested in 2011 Assembly polls, was the secretary of the DMK's women wing. "According to Karthikeyan, his mother had lost the chance to become the mayor of Tirunelveli in 1996 and to contest in the Assembly polls in 2001 because of Maheshwari. In 2016, they had paid about Rs 50 lakh to Maheshwari's husband, hoping that they would help them get her (Seeniammal) an Assembly poll ticket... Retrieving the cash from Maheshwari was suspected to be the main trigger for the murder," according to an investigating officer.

While police questioned Seeniammal and allowed her to go home, Karthikeyan is being interrogated to recover key evidence, including the weapon and jewellry stolen from Maheshwari's home after the murder. "Karthikeyan was jobless and unmarried after he failed to complete his engineering course," the officer said.

Sterling Biotech case: ED questions Ahmed Patel's son-in-law

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday questioned Irfan Siddiqui, son-in-law of Congress leader Ahmed Patel, in connection with the Rs 8,000-crore Sterling Biotech loan fraud case.

The agency has recorded the statement of Siddiqui under provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act with regard to certain alleged transactions he had with promoters of the pharmaceutical company. This is the first time anyone associated with Patel is being questioned in the case.

ED sources said Siddiqui was asked about alleged links with a witness and promoters of Sterling. The witness has given a statement to the agency about alleged financial transactions between Siddiqui and Sterling promoters Chetan and Nitin Sandesara. **ENS**

Situation in J&K normal, don't pay attention to rumours: Governor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JULY 30

JAMMU AND Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik on Tuesday attempted to allay all apprehensions around the situation in the Valley following leaked government orders, which had led to speculation that the Centre was planning the abrogation of Article 35A.

"None of the orders being shown are valid. There is a lot of rumour-mongering here and no need to pay attention to that. Everything is fine, everything is normal," Malik said, speaking to reporters on the sidelines of an event in Srinagar.

The Governor's clarification comes in the wake of government and police orders, widely circulated on social media, pointing towards an imminent law-and-order situation stemming from growing speculation with regard to the abrogation of Article 35A. The speculation grew amid the deployment by the Centre of 100 companies of paramilitary forces in Kashmir.

Satya Pal Malik

Accusing the local leadership in the state of misleading the people, Malik said, "They kept lying, kept talking about autonomy. They used to come from Delhi and bring out a green handkerchief to display that they have Pakistan's support. Pakistan can't handle its own affairs, what will it do for you?"

Malik also stated that during a meeting with Union Home Minister Amit Shah during the latter's visit to the state, he had called for a meeting with the sarpanches. "Of the three women sarpanches, I heard two of them speak and I was convinced that Kashmir will see a new leadership emerge that is aware of the issues of the people. They will solve these issues."

Reacting to Malik's statement, former chief minister Omar Abdullah called for a CBI investigation into the "fake orders" that emerged on social media. "This is a very serious matter raised by the Governor. Fake orders were circulated under the signature of senior government officers. This is not something that can be dismissed with a simple sound byte. The CBI must be asked to investigate these fake orders & their origin," he tweeted.

Bills to curb mob lynchings, honour killings tabled in Rajasthan House

HAMZA KHAN
JAIPUR, JULY 30

THE ASHOK Gehlot government on Tuesday tabled Bills to curb lynchings and honour killings, making them cognizable, non-bailable and non-compoundable offences with life imprisonment and fine up to Rs 5 lakh. The Bill against honour killing also has a provision of death penalty for the convict.

Following "many" such lynchings "resulting in loss of livelihood, injuries and death of persons at the hands of mob", the Gehlot government hopes to "nip the evil in the bud". The Bills were tabled by Cabinet minister Shanti Dhariwal.

The Rajasthan Protection from Lynching Bill defines lynching as "any act or series of acts of violence or aiding, abetting or attempting an act of violence, whether spontaneous or planned, by a mob on the grounds of religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth, language, dietary practices, sexual orientation, political affiliation, ethnicity."

The Bill states that no police officer below the rank of Inspector of Police shall investigate any offence committed under the law, once passed, and the DGP shall appoint a State Coordinator — not below the rank of Inspector General of Police — to prevent lynchings. Every District SP shall be the District Coordinator.

The Bill also aims to make the conspirators for lynching accountable, by specifying punishment "for conspiracy or abetment or aides or attempts to lynch," "for dissemination of offensive material" and "for enforcing a hostile environment."

The Bill proposes to extend several rights to victims during trial, including that the SP, or another designated officer, must inform the victim in writing about the progress of the probe.

According to The Rajasthan Prohibition of Interference with the Freedom of Matrimonial Alliances in the Name of Honour and Tradition Bill, violence against such marriages is an offence under the IPC. The legislation holds accountable those who indulge in ostracisation of such a couple or their family, which includes pressuring them to leave the village or dispossessing them of their land or property, or imposing a fine on them. Under the Bill, "assemble", "congregate" or "gather" includes acting in concert through the use of any technological means or medium. **FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com**

Assam tea auctioned at Rs 50,000 per kg

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, JULY 30

A VARIETY of Assam tea went under the hammer for Rs 50,000 per kg at the Guwahati Tea Auction Centre (GTAC) on Tuesday. Last year, the same tea was auctioned for Rs 39,000 per kg.

"This is the highest price any tea has fetched in any auction centre all over the world. The phenomenal price says that quality has no end and tea lovers are ready to pay any price for such innovative and boutique quality tea," Dinesh Bihani, Development Secretary of Guwahati Tea Auction Buyers Association, said in a statement.

The speciality tea, Manohari Gold Special tea, is manufactured by the Manohari Tea Estate in upper Assam's Dibrugarh district. It was sold by Saurabh Tea Traders of Guwahati.

In a statement, Manohari Tea Estate said that the entire sale proceedings from Tuesday will go to the CM's Relief Fund for floods.

Student kills classmate in TN school: cops

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHENNAI, JULY 30

A CLASS 10 student of a boarding school in Kodaikanal was allegedly murdered by his classmate on Monday night, police said. According to a senior police officer in Dindigul, the student was stabbed with scissors by his classmate during an argument.

The incident happened at a residential public school in Kodaikanal around 9 pm on Monday night. "We came to know about the incident when the accused student ventured out of the school campus after committing the crime. He was loitering around the area and was questioned by a police team engaged in night patrolling. He admitted to stabbing the victim with scissors," an officer said.

Preliminary probe revealed that the accused had earlier faced complaints of indiscipline and disciplinary action. Apart from the police, the district educational department and revenue officials have conducted parallel inquiries into the incident. "The accused has a history of creating trouble and facing action. Both of them were friends. What happened on Monday night was spontaneous," said an educational officer.

The accused was produced before a juvenile justice court and sent to an observation home.

NOTICE

The petition being **Ramit Gupta vs M/s. Universal Facility Management Pvt. Ltd., CP. No. (IB) 1503 (NB)/2018** has been filed under section 9 of the insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 and is pending before the Hon'ble NCLT, New Delhi. The Hon'ble Authority had issued notice in the said petition on 10.06.2018 to the Respondent. However, service of the petition has been evaded M/s. Universal Facility Management Pvt. Ltd. is hereby put to notice to appear before the Hon'ble Authority. The next date of hearing in the matter is 01.08.2018.

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HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION
BAYS NO. 67-70, SECTOR-2, PANCHKULA-134154
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ANNOUNCEMENT

Notice to candidates for Interview for the post of Tehsil Welfare Offcer, Welfare of SC & BC, Department Against Advt. No. 01/2016, Cat No. 23.

On the basis of Written Examination (Online Computer Based) held from 02.01.2018 and Scrutiny of Documents on 10.09.2018, 22.09.2018 and 28.06.2019 for the post Tehsil Welfare Offcer, Welfare of SC & BC Department against Advt. No. 01/2016, Cat No. 23., the candidates bearing following Roll Nos. have been called for interview/viva-voce provisionally and further subject to the fulfillment of their eligibility conditions as per respective advertisement and service rules. The marks secured by the last short listed candidate have been given in bracket:-

General (04 Posts)
1162300654 1162300768 1162300787 1162301244 1162301427 1162302276
1162302358 1162302422 1162302781 1162303078 **(148)**
SC (04 Posts)
1162300368 1162300598 1162301010 1162301080 1162302376 1162302887
1162303007 1162303048 **(138)**
BCA (02 Posts)
1162301181 1162302220 1162302818 1162302857 **(140)**
BCB (02 Posts)
1162300769 1162302208 1162302472 1162303089 **(134)**
EBPGC (02 Posts)
1162302517 1162302784 1162302906 1162302988 **(150)**
ESM GEN (02 Posts)
1162300873 1162302042 1162302394 1162302634 **(134)**
ESM SC (01Post)
1162300477 1162303125 **(116)**
ESM BCA (02 Posts)
1162301113 1162301701 1162302585 1162302867 **(102)**
ESM BCB (02 Post)
1162300004 1162300516 1162302987 1162303118 **(116)**
OH (01 Post)
1162300132 1162302419 **(126)**

NOTE: The interview of the above candidates will be held on 13.08.2019. The candidates are advised to download the Admit Card for interview from the website of the Commission on/after 10.08.2019 and report at 09.00 A.M. in the Commission office Bays No. 67-70, Sector-2, Panchkula. They are also directed to bring all original documents, set of attested copies of all documents.
2. While every care has been taken in preparing and uploading the result, possibility of inadvertent/technical errors cannot be ruled out. The Commission reserves the right to rectify the same later on.
3. The result is also available on the website of HSSC i.e. www.hssc.gov.in.

Sd/- **Secretary,**
For Haryana Staff Selection Commission
Dated: 30.07.2019

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83-HODAL (SC)- LIST OF VOTERS FOR DELETION - FORM-10

Sr. No.	Recept Date	Name	Father Name	Booth No.	Vote No.	EPIC. No.	Reason	Village
1.	23.07.2019	Bimlesh	Narender Singh	178	434	AVJ0675926	Marriage	Baksua Patti, Hodal
2.	20.07.2019	Hari Chand/ Harchandi	Khicchu	90	934	HR/06/55/0363701	Death	Khambi
3.	20.07.2019	Pawan	Shiv Charn	161	60	AVJ1250457	Double Vote	Hodal
4.	20.07.2019	Harish Kumar	Shiv Charn	161	62	AVJ1250513	Double Vote	Hodal
5.	20.07.2019	Mohan Shyam	Mahender	161	83	AVJ1250059	Double Vote	Hodal
6.	20.07.2019	Aadiesh Jain	Subodh Jain	161	258	AVJ1252790	Double Vote	Hodal
7.	20.07.2019	Abhishak Mangla	Shyam Sunder Mangla	161	307	AVJ1252931	Double Vote	Hodal
8.	20.07.2019	Vandhana Jain	Parish Jain	161	341	AVJ1252568	Double Vote	Hodal
9.	20.07.2019	Vipin Jain	Parish Jain	161	346	AVJ1251727	Double Vote	Hodal
10.	20.07.2019	Aachal Jain	Parish Jain	161	348	AVJ1250091	Double Vote	Hodal
11.	20.07.2019	Dal Chand	Saligram	161	581	AVJ1252741	Double Vote	Hodal
12.	20.07.2019	Vandhana	Gajinder	161	583	AVJ1250596	Double Vote	Hodal
13.	20.07.2019	Payal Sharma	Mohit	161	637	AVJ1250026	Double Vote	Hodal
14.	20.07.2019	Narender	Verender	161	661	AVJ1250430	Double Vote	Hodal
15.	20.07.2019	Shiram Bansal	Anil Kumar	161	686	AVJ1252683	Double Vote	Hodal
16.	20.07.2019	Kunal Garg	Ramesh Chand	161	709		Double Vote	Hodal
17.	20.07.2019	Neelam Tiwari	Deepak Tiwari	161	724	AVJ1250075	Double Vote	Hodal
18.	17.07.2019	Satya	Teji Ram	93	249	AVJ1165896	Marriage	Khambi
19.	20.07.2019	Chati	Kachiru	93	688	DYF1637198	Death	Khambi
20.	21.07.2019	Lakshmi	Karan	160	627		Double Vote	Hodal
21.	21.07.2019	Lalit Singh	Rakesh Singla	160	988		Double Vote	Hodal
22.	21.07.2019	Chanderwati	Suresh	160	558		Double Vote	Hodal
23.	21.07.2019	Nisant Singh	Abhayraj Singh	160	223		Double Vote	Hodal

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(i) Delhi Judicial Service Preliminary Examination (objective type with 25% negative marking) for selection for the main examination; and
(ii) Delhi Judicial Service Main Examination (Written) for selection of candidates for calling for Viva voce.

The Delhi Judicial Service Preliminary Examination (Objective Type) referred to above, will be held on **Sunday, the 22nd September, 2019**.

The scale of pay of members of the Service is **Rs. 56100-177500 in the 10th level of matrix of 7th CPC Revised Corresponding Pay Matrix and Pay Level**. A candidate shall be eligible to appear in the examination if he / she is (a) a citizen of India; (b) a person practising as an Advocate in India or a person qualified to be admitted as an Advocate under the Advocates Act, 1961; and (c) not more than 32 years of age as on the 1st day of January following the date of commencement of the examination, i.e., **1st January, 2020.** In the case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes / Tribes, the upper age limit is relaxable by 5 years. The upper age limit is also relaxable maximum by 5 years in the case of Ex-Servicemen including Emergency Commissioned Officers and Short Service Commissioned Officers who have rendered at least 5 years military service and have been released on completion of assignment (including those whose assignment is due to be completed within 6 months) otherwise than by way of dismissal or discharge on account of misconduct or inefficiency; or on account of physical disability attributable to military service or on invalidment.

As per O.M. dated 29.12.2005 issued by Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Personnel & Training, Government of India, the upper age limit for **persons with disabilities (PwD)** shall be relaxable by 10 years. General category PwD candidates would, thus, be eligible for age relaxation up to 10 years and SC/ST category PwD candidates would, thus, be eligible for age relaxation up to 15 years.

The candidates shall submit their application online only in the prescribed format through the official website of High Court of Delhi i.e. **www.delhihighcourt.nic.in** as per schedule of dates, given below:

Date and Time of Commencement for creation of New Log In and filling Online Application Form	02.08.2019 (10:00 AM)
Last Date and Time for filling Online Application Form and/or making payment through Debit Card/Internet Banking	02.09.2019 (10:00 PM)

The **fees (non-refundable)** in the sum of Rs.1000/- for General Category candidates and Rs.200/- for reserved categories, i.e., Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribe / Persons with Disabilities candidates should be paid through Debit Card / Internet Banking.

The candidates can take printout of application and keep it for future reference. **They should not send the print out of the online application to the High Court.**

Before filling up the form, the candidates are advised to read carefully the Notification/Advertisement and Instructions for Delhi Judicial Service Examination — 2019.

The number of vacancies to be filled are as under:-

Category	No. of vacancies	Remarks
General	06	02 (backlog) 02 (fresh) 02 (anticipated)
SC	12	All backlog
ST	27	All backlog
TOTAL	**45**	

Note 1: Out of aforesaid 45 vacancies, the reservation for PwD candidates shall be as follows:

Category	vacancies
PwD (Autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness and Multiple disabilities mentioned under clauses (a) to (d) including deaf-blindness)	02 (all backlog) (see Note 2)
PwD (Locomotor disability)	01 (backlog)
PwD (Blind/Low Vision)	02 (backlog)
PwD (Hearing Impairment)	02 (backlog)
Total	**07**

Note 2: Out of 02 vacancies reserved for PwD (Autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness and Multiple disabilities mentioned under clauses (a) to (d) including deaf-blindness), 01 vacancy has been reserved in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble Court in WP(C) No. 5948/2019 titled "Bhavya Nain vs. High Court of Delhi & Anr." and is subject to the outcome in the said writ petition.
Note 3: The vacancies are subject to change.
Note 4: No request for rechecking and revaluation of papers would be entertained as the same is not provided for in the Delhi Judicial Service Rules, 1970.

The candidates applying for the examination should ensure that they fulfill all the eligibility conditions for admission to the examination. Their admission at all the stages of examination for which they are admitted by this Court viz. Preliminary Examination, Main Examination (Written) and the Viva voce shall be purely provisional, subjedt to their satisfying the prescribed eligibility conditions. If on verification at any time before or after the Preliminary Examination (Objective Type), Main Examination (Written) and the Viva voce, it is found that they do not fulfill any of the eligibility conditions, their candidature for the examination shall stand cancelled without any notice or further reference.

Details regarding Preliminary Examination, Main Examination, Viva Voce, eligibility, relaxation in age and other general terms and conditions applicable to the candidates are given in the Instructions available on the online portal of Delhi High Court i.e. www.delhihighcourt.nic.in. Candidates are advised to go through the Instructions as well as the latest Delhi Judicial Service Rules, 1970 before filling up the Application Form.

Sd/-
(DINESH KUMAR SHARMA)
REGISTRAR GENERAL
30.07.2019

Government of NCT of Delhi
Revenue Department
5, Shamnath Marg, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

Launching of an exclusive website for receiving and disseminating information to the public, related to noise pollution, as directed by Hon'ble NGT in OA No. 519/2016 tilted Hardeep Singh & ORs. Vs SDMC & Ors.

Hon'ble National Green Tribunal had directed vide order dated 27/09/2018 in OA No. 519/2016 titled Hardeep Singh & ORs. Vs SDMC & Ors. for creation of an exclusive website for receiving and disseminating information to the public for creating awareness and dealing with the issue of noise pollution.

Accordingly, directions have been issued by Chief Secretary, GNCTD and website has been created accordingly, which is functional now. The main features and flow chart of the website are as follows: -

1. The complainant will visit the website i.e, **ngms.delhi.gov.in** to login and to select the concerned police station and to register the complaint.
2. A complaint number will be generated and complainant will get an sms/e-mail alert and contact number of SHO concerned. Also an sms alert will be sent to concerned SHO for immediate action. The ACP and SDM concerned shall also be intimated by sms alert for monitoring purpose.
3. The concerned SHO has to resolve the grievance within 30 minutes of receiving of complaint. An sms/ e-mail alert will be sent to the complainant regarding redressal of complaint.
4. In case of failure to resolve the complaint within 30 minutes, the complaint will be escalated to ACP and SDM concerned who will resolve the complaint in next 30 minutes and sms/e-mail alert will be sent to the complainant regarding redressal of complaint.
5. The complainant will have the option to submit his feedback whether he is satisfied or not. If he will opt for Not satisfied, then complaint will escalate automatically to next level.

This website will help the complainant to resolve his grievance in a time bound manner and will get timely alerts with the option to submit his feedback in a user friendly and transparent manner.

Dip/Shabdarth/0453/19-20

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PERSONAL

I, Mishika D/o Sh. Amit Kumar has changed my name from Mishika to Mishika Amitkuumar so now onwards I would be known as Mishika Amitkuumar in place of Mishika in the future. 00040505488

I, Mohd Farooq S/o Mohd Harun R/o B-1/47, First Floor, Yamuna, Vihar, Delhi-110053,have changed my name from Mohd Faruq Khan S/o Mohd Hasan to Mohd Farooq S/o Mohd Harun for all purpose. 0040505185-4

I, Mukesh Kumar S/o Sh. Ram Niwas R/o KU-27, 2nd Floor, Pitampura, Delhi-34, have changed my name to Mukesh Bansal for all purposes. 0040505214-1

It is for general information that I ANSI KALE W/O SHRI R.P. KALE R/O C2/004, Plot no. 11, Golf City, Sector-75, Noida-201301, informs that name of mine has been wrongly written as ANSI KUMARI KALE in my office record and P.P.O No. 2-3/PC-15303/PRPPO-6882/ID/04PEN. The actual name of mine is ANSI KALE respectively which may be amended accordingly. 0040505359-1

It is for general information I UMA DEVI W/O SHRI RATTAN LAL R/O R308/2, Ramesh Park, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092, informs that name of mine has been wrongly written as UMA DEVI RUPAL in my service book, office record and P.P.O No. 2-4/PC-15487/PRPO-7130/ID/2103(P). The actual name of mine is Uma Devi respectively which may be amended accordingly. 0040505365-1

I, Vishal Tiwari S/o Swmbar Nath Tiwari R/o-D-155, Sector-36,Greater Noida, U.P.,have changed my name from Vishal Kumar Tiwari to Vishal Tiwari for all future purposes. 0040505353-6

I, Tripti Taneja W/o-Davneet Singh Kohli R/o-213, Dhakka Dr. Mukherjee Nagar,Near Kingsway Camp, North West Delhi-110009,have changed my name to Tripti Kaur Kohli for all purposes. 0040505353-9

I, PAWAR CHANDRABHAN NAMDEO resident of Nirmal Nagar,Maparwadi Road, Village:Loni Khurd,PO:Loni Khurd, Teh:Rahata, Dist:Ahmadnagar, Maharashtra-413713 have changed my minor son's name from DEEP to DEEP CHANDRABHAN PAWAR, date of birth-17.10.2009, vide affidavit dated-29/07/2019, before Notary Advocate D.Bir, having Registration No: 10655, Delhi. 0040505353-4

I,15429496H NK/CHEF (H) Biswajit Adhikary,Serving at-BHDC,inform that in my service records,my Wife's name is wrongly mentioned as Sampa Roy Adhikary.her correct name is Sampa Roy which may be amended accordingly 0040505380-1

I, hitherto known as Ram Kumar S/o Late.BodhRaj R/o.H.No.S-1/32, Tibbia-College, KarolBagh, Delhi-110005.have Changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Shri Ram. 0040505386-5

I, Yogender, S/o Naresh, R/o H. No. A-27, Friends Enclave, Gali No. 2, Rajendra Park, Nangloi, New Delhi-110041, have changed my name to Yogender Goel, S/o Naresh Kumar Goel for all purposes. 0070667327-1

I, Vivek Kumar Garg S/O Narender Kumar Garg R/O B-4/361, Sector-8, Rohini, Delhi-110085. Have Changed My Name To Vivek Garg. 0040505409-2

I, Vishal Rathor S/o Surender Rathore R/o 2523B/193, S/F, Onkar Nagar-A, Trinagar, Delhi-110035. have changed my name to Vishal Rathore. 0040505426-6

I, Virender S/o Hargopal Sharma R/o-Y-99, block-Y Janta-Market Camp-I, Nangloi Delhi-110041. changed my name to Virender Sharma. 0040505402-4

I, Vidushi Sharma D/O Umesh Sharma born on 24/10/2000 residing at CH/KD-9, Kavi Nagar, Ghaziabad, shall henceforth be known as Vidushi Tanya vide affidavit no. 93AD395839 dated 29/07/2019 sworn before notary Om Prakash Singh at Ghaziabad. 0050152363-1

I, Upendra Kumar S/O Shri. Yadunandan Singh R/O-A-6618/9, Galino-4, DevNagar, KarolBagh, New Delhi-110005, have changed my name to Upendar Kumar. 0040505433-1

I, Sashi Kant Dubey, S/o Sh. Prabhu Nath Dubey, R/o E-53/17, Pradhan Enclave, Burari, Delhi-110084, have changed my name to Shashi Kant Dubey for all purposes. 0040505223-1

I, Satyendra Yadav S/o Chandrika Prasad Yadav R/o H.No.-289, Block-A, Gali No.-8, Rahul Vihar, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Satendra Yadav. 0040505357-2

I, SHWETA Sharma D/o Ashok kumar R/o D1/14 kunwar singh nagar nangloi new Delhi-110041.,infrom that name of my has been mentioned as Shweta in my OBC Certificate.The correct name is Shweta sharma For all future purposes. 0040505433-8

I, Usha Rani W/O Rajiv Rekhi R/O 888/1, RaniBagh, Delhi-110034. Have Changed My Name To Usha Rekhi. 0040505402-6

I, Udhabhav Misra S/o Sanjay Kumar Misra R/o 41, Sector-28, Noida, Dist.- Gautam Budh Nagar, UP-201303, have changed my name to Udhbhav Misra Permanently. 0040505353-1

I, Syed Alijah Hashain R/o B-33, DDA Colony, New Jafrabad Babarpur, Delhi-110032, have changed my name (Name Correct Spelling) as S. Alijah H Khan, Syed Aliza Hussain Khan to Syed Alijah Hasnain Khan according my passport for all purposes. 0040505364-1

I, Susheel Kumar S/o Late Chhaju Ram R/o A-1/33,Vijay Enclave, Dabri Palam Roads, N.Delhi-45.changed my name to Sushil Kumar Dogra. 0040505426-4

I, Suresh R/o B-130 Gali No-1, Rajveer-Colony Delhi-110096 Have Changed My Daughter's Name From Himanshi Rana To Himanshi For Future. 0040505426-10

I, Suresh R/o B-130 Gali No-1, Rajveer Colony Delhi-110096 Have Changed My Daughter's Name From Reetika To Ritika For Future. 0040505426-9

I, Surender Kumar S/o, Late Babu Lal R/o 2523B/193, S/F, Onkar Nagar-A, Trinagar, Delhi-110035.have changed my name to Surender Rathore. 0040505426-7

I, Surbhi D/O Sh.Sandeep Kumar H.No-1400, Road No-7, Wazir Nagar Kotla Mubarakpur New Delhi-110003,Have Changed My Name To Surbhi Mauray 0040505433-3

I, Sunny Kumar, S/o Kewal Singh, R/o Prabhawat, Kheri Gulam Ali, Kaithal, Haryana-136033, have finally changed my name to Sanmeet Singh for all purpose. 0070667319-1

I, Sunita W/o Surender Singh R/o Plot No 465 Mundka (Near Mr Bharti Public School), Delhi-110041, have changed my name to Sunita Devi for all purposes. 0040505316-1

I, Sima Dubey, W/o Sh. Shashi Kant Dubey, R/o E-53/17, Pradhan Enclave, Burari, Delhi-110084, havechanged my name to Seema Dubey for all purposes. 0040505228-1

I, Shubh Chari S/o Sh. Murli Chari R/o H.No. 37/144, DDA, Janta Flats, South Enclave, Dakshinpuri, Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, New Delhi-62, have changed my name to Shubh Chary for all purpose. Also, my name in my 10th Class Mark-sheet certificate Roll No. 8220255 is Shubh Chari instead of Shubh Chary. While, in all other documents again my name is wrongly written as Chubh Chary alongwith my father's name Murli Chari be corrected as Murli Chary and mother Nidhi Chari be spelt as Nidhi Chary. 0040505404-1

I, Shivani Mishra W/o Vivek Kumar R/o.H.No.89,Tirupati Enclave,Opp. Samtal Company, G.T Road, Chhapraula, G.B.Nagar, U.P-201009, have changed my name to Shivani Agnihotri. 0040505353-5

I, Shivam Goyal S/o Anil Kumar Goel R/o-C-47-B Gali No.8, West Jyoti Nagar, Shahdara Delhi-110094,have changed my name to Shivam Goel 0040505409-5

I, Sheela Rani, D/o Rajender Kumar and W/o Ravinder Kumar Nimbekar, R/o 153/8, Jagriti Vihar, Garh Road, Meerut, UP-250004, have finally changed my name to Sheela Rani Nimbekar for all purpose. 0070667325-1

I, Shashi Vardhan Pandey S/o Siddha Gopal Pandey Resident of Imperial-37, Royal Garden, Sector-61, Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P., have changed my name from Shashi Vardhan to Shashi Vardhan Pandey. I will be known as SHASHI VARDHAN PANDEY in future Vide Affidavit Dated 29.07.2019. 0040505374-1

I, Sheela rani, D/o Rajender Kumar and W/o Ravinder Kumar Nimbekar, R/o 153/8, Jagriti Vihar, Garh Road, Meerut, UP-250004, have finally changed my name to Sheela Rani Nimbekar for all purpose. 0070667324-1

I, Shaminder Singh alias Shaminder Singh Brar, S/o Gurtek Singh, R/o New Harindra Nagar, Near Baba Farid School, Faridkot, Punjab-151203, have changed my name to Shaminder Singh Brar. 0070667318-1

I, Shaheenbano Shaikh W/O Varun Handa. R/O 907, Gaurganga 2, Sector-4, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, U.P-201010, Changed My Name To Shaheen Handa. 0040505419-3

I, Seema Agarwal W/O Rajeev Kumar Agarwal, R/O-S-1204, Omaxe Twin-Towers, Sector-50, Noida, Gautambudh-Nagar, U.P.201301, Changed My Name To Seema Aggarwal. 0040505426-8

I, Saumya Varunbhai Bhardvaj/Saumya Bhardwaj., W/O Raja Gurpal Singh. R/O-S-2-929, Nitikhand-1, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, U.P-201014,Changed My Name To Saumya Bhardwaj Kaur. 0040505419-2

I, Sanjiv Kumar Bhel S/o R L Bhel R/o-L-16, FF, West Patel-Nagar Delhi-8 have changed my minor daughter's name from Shagun Bhel to Kareena Bhel (DOB-19/08/2004). 0040505386-4

I, Sanjoo Kumari W/O Sumit Kumar R/O E-594, Street No-8, Shanti Marg, West Vinodnagar, Delhi-110092.Changed My Name To Sanju Kumari. 0040505419-8

I, Sanjay Kumar S/O Ram Swaroop R/O-C-373, Aman Vihar, Kirari, Suleman Nagar, Delhi-86, Change My Name To Sanjay Garg. 0040505402-5

I, Sangeeta Sharma W/o Bhushan Kaushal R/o 149/103 Sekhon-Vihar Prahladpur Delhi Cant.110010, have changed my name from Sangeeta Sharma to Sangeeta Kaushal vide-afidavit dated-17-7-2019. 0040505433-9

I, Sandeep s/o Jiya Ram Dhahiya resident C-69 New Multan Nagar, Delhi-110056, have changed my name to Sandeep Dhahiya. 0040505377-2

I, Sandeep Kumar DOB-27-06-1978 S/o Ghanshyam Sharma R/o-244 Govind-Khand Jhilmil-Colony Delhi-110095, have changed my name to Sandeep Sharma DOB-26-06-1979. 0040505469-1

I, Sadhana Shobhnath Dubey w/o Ashutosh Upadhyay, R/o 402 Petronas Tower, Omaxe Heights, Sector-86, Faridabad. Have changed my name from Sadhana Shobhnath Dubey to Sadhana Upadhyay for all future purposes. 0040505408-1

I, SHITAL PAWAR, Spouse of Pawar Chandrabhan Namdeo resident of Nirmal Nagar, Maparwadi Road, Village: Loni Khurd, PO:Loni Khurd, Teh: Rahata, Dist: Ahmadnagar, Maharashtra-413713 have changed my name from SHITAL PAWAR to SHITAL CHANDRABHAN PAWAR, date of birth-27.01.1988, vide affidavit dated: 29/07/2019, before Notary Advocate:- D. Bir, having Registration No:10655, Delhi. 0040505353-2

I, Kamal Kishore Vaid S/o Kundan Lal R/o 1421 Rani Bagh Shakur Basti, Delhi, have changed my name to Kamal Kishore permanently. 0040505391-1

I, KANIKA @ KANIKA GUGLANI daughter of Sh. Chiranjee Lal Guglani resident of House Number 149/4, Nai Basti, Gurugram shall be known as KANIKA only for all future purposes. 0040505418-1

I, Joemol Varughese, Daughter of M C Varughese and Wife of Braj Kishore Nandan, Residing at Malayil Kudukkapathalil Thelliyoor, PO Mallappally Pathanamthitta, Kerala-689544, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that I have embraced HINDUISM and renounced CHRISTIAN and also have changed my name from Joemol Varghese to Neha Nandan. 0070667322-1

I, Jatinder Singh S/o Satpal Singh R/o B-69, 3rd floor, Sham Nagar, Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Jitender Singh. 0040505386-1

I, Jamna Ram S/o Mangat Ram R/o A-211 Servent Qtr. M.S. Flat B.K.S Marg N.Delhi-110001 have changed my name to Ajay for all future Purposes. 0040505409-1

I, Iqbal S/o Mardan Khan R/o D-1B/B54, Sangam Vihar,New Delhi-110080,have changed my name to Mohd Iqbal for all future purposes. 0040505353-8

I, Hemant Kumar, S/o Mohan Lal, R/o House No. 199-200, 3rd Floor, Pocket-2, Sector-25, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my minor Daughter's name from Tisya Kashyap aged 11 years to Pratishtha Kashyap forever. 0070667320-1

I, Gurbinder Singh S/o Gurmukh Singh R/o-35/4, 1st Floor, East Patel-Nagar, Delhi, have changed my name to Gurbinder Singh Gujral. 0040505386-10

I, Gautam Gajbhiye S/o Balaji R/o H.No.B-449, New Friends Colony, Bharat Nagar, New Delhi-25 have changed my minor son name from Abhishek Gajbhiye aged 13 years to Abhishek Gautam Gajbhiye for all purposes. 0040505386-2

I, Diksha D/o Sh. Vipin Kumar, R/o 447/448, Double Story, Rajender Nagar, New Delhi-110060 have changed my name to Diksha Moondotia for all purposes. 0040505375-2

I, Dev Singh Rawat S/o B.S.Rawat R/o-Flat No.37C, S/F, DDA-LIG-Flats, Type-6, Pkt-B, Sector-3, Dwarka, New Delhi-110078.have changed my name from Dev Singh to Dev Singh Rawat for all purposes.Dev Singh and Dev Singh Rawat is the same and one person. 0040505386-3

I Monika D/O Santosh Kumar Resident-348, Old. Post-Office wali Gali, Chhota-Bazar, Shahdara, Delhi-32. have changed my name to Monika Choudhary. 0040505386-9

I Mehar Singh alias Mehar A Singh alias Mehar Anu Singh, S/o Inder Jit Singh, R/o Flat-2503, Tower-H, IREO Grand Arch, Sector-58, Gurgaon, Haryana-122011, have finally changed my name to Mehar Anurag Singh for all purpose. 0070667323-1

I Labdon D/O Dhondup Tsering R/O-38, Tibetan Colony, Clement-Town, Dehradun, Utarakhand-248002. Have Changed my Name to Lhakpa Dolma. 0040505386-8

I Jagpreet Sablok R/O.WZ-46/13, Mukherjee-park Extn., Tilak-Nagar, New Delhi-110018.have changed my minor Son's name, from Chatenay Sablok to Chaitanya Sablok, for all purposes. 0040505402-2

I, Sayyda Hazoor Fatma W/o Syed Alijah Hasnain Khan R/o B-33, DDA Colony, New Jafrabad Babarpur Delhi-110032, have changed my name (Name Correct Spelling) as Hazoor Fatima, Huzoor Fatima, Sayvda Huzoor Fatima to Sayyda Huzoor Fatma according my passport for all purposes. 0040505364-3

I, Reema Gangwani W/o Mukesh Chandani R/o-Flat No.1403 Tower-26, Tierea Sector-137. Noida Advant-Navis Building, Gautam-Buddha Nagar UP-201301.changed my name to Reema M. Chandani. 0040505433-5

I, Rakesh/Rakesh Kumar/Rakesh Bansal S/O Panna Lal Bansal R/O Hno.25/2, Galino.2, Shivaji Nagar, Narela, Delhi-110040.Changed my Name to Rakesh Kumar Bansal. 0040505402-7

I, Rajoo Tomer alias Raju Tomer, S/o Sh. Mahipal Singh Tomer, R/o 124/202, C-Block, Govind Nagar, Kanpur, UP-208006, have finally changed my name to Raju Tomer. 0070667321-1

I, Rajeev George S/O Late P.K George R/O Flat No.201, H-3/93A, Second Floor Near Kalibari Mandir Bengali Colony Mahavir Enclave, New Delhi-110045, changed my name from Rajeev George to Rajeev Kumar for all future purpose. 0040505372-1

I, Prabhakar S/o Ram Pal Singh R/o C-72, Gali No-13, Shiv Vihar, Karawal Nagar, Delhi-94, have changed my name to Prabhakar Kashyap. 0040505333-1

I, Pashmeet Kaur D/O Paramjeet Singh R/O 301, Double Storey Quarters, Kabool Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032. Changed My Name To Pashmeet Kaur Wadhawa. 0040505419-6

I, PAWAR CHANDRABHAN NAMDEO resident of Nirmal Nagar,Maparwadi Road, Village:Loni Khurd,PO:Loni Khurd,Teh:Rahata, Dist:Ahmadnagar, Maharashtra-413713 have changed my minor daughter's name from TANUSHKA to TANUSHKA CHANDRABHAN PAWAR, date of birth-31.08.2006, vide affidavit dated-29/07/2019, before Notary Advocate: D.Bir, having Registration No:10655, Delhi. 0040505353-3

I, Nirmal Sehgal W/o Kamal Kishore R/o 1421 Rani Bagh Shakur Basti Delhi, have changed my name to Teena Vaid permanently. 0040505391-2

I, Nidhi D/O Ramesh Chand R/O K-9, Gali No-5, Old Govindpura Extn, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051.Changed My Name To Nidhi Arora. 0040505419-7

I, Neha Chhabra W/O Vikas Lohia R/O 138, 2nd Floor, Surya Niketan, New Delhi-110092, Changed My Name To Neha Lohia. 0040505419-4

I, Naresh @ Naresh Kumar @ Naresh Goel, S/o Kishori Lal, R/o H. No. A-27, Friends Enclave, Gali No. 2, Rajendra Park, Nangloi, New Delhi-110041, have changed my name to Naresh Kumar Goel, S/o Kishori Lal Goel for all purposes. 0070667328-1

I, Nand Kishor S/o Dayal Chand, R/o D-237, J.J. Colony, Budh Nagar, Inder Puri, Delhi-110012, have changed my name to Nand Kishore for all future purposes. 0040505325-1

I, Nadeem Ahmad S/O Shamim Ahmed. R/O 8956, 2nd-Floor, Neya Mohalla, Azad Market, Delhi-110006., Changed My Name To Nadeem Ahmed. 0040505419-5

I, Mueenuddin S/o Sh.Mohd Yaseen R/o-R-217 Gali No.9 Ramesh Park Laxmi Nagar Delhi-92. changed my name to Moinuddin. 0040505402-1

I, Mohd Furkan, S/o Mohd Fahim, R/o House No-100, Kh.No.-5/5, Ground Floor, Gali No-3, Sangam Vihar, Wazirabad, Delhi-110084, that name of my Father has been wrongly written as Fahim Hussain in my School Certificate of 10th Class. The actual name of my Father is Mohd Fahim. 0070667326-1

I, Nisha W/o Shri Bhagwan Dass R/o H.No.216, Sohna Road, Islam Pur, Gurugram, Haryana-122018 changed my name to Rajwanti. 0040505433-6

I, Lalit Mohan Pathak, S/o Jamuna Dutt Pathak, R/o H.No. 140608, Aman Tower-14, JP Aman Jaypee Greens, Sec-151, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, UP-201310, declare my name has been wrongly written as Lalit Mohan in my School Marksheet of 10th Class and ICICI Bank Passbook. My actual name is Lalit Mohan Pathak, which may be amended accordingly. 0070667317-1

I, Kavita Dangi W/o Rajesh Kumar Dangi R/o-4251-A/3, Budh Nagar, Jai Mata-Market, TriNagar, Delhi-110035, change my name to Kavita. 0040505402-3

I, Kamal Kumar S/o Late Shri Vichitr Singh R/o H.No. G-12/263, Sangam Vihar, Hamdard Nagar, Delhi-110062, have changed my name as Kamal Singh Jaiswal S/o Late Shri Bichter Singh Jaiswal for all future purposes. 0040505343-1

I, Kamal Batra R/o C-31 Gali No.4 Mahendru Enclave Delhi-33 changed my minor daughter's name Nitya Batra to Neetya Batra. 0040505433-4

I, Deepak Aggarwal S/o Raj Kumar R/o C-65, 2nd Floor, Surya Nagar, Ghaziabad, UP-201011, have changed my name to Deepak Kumar for all purposes. 0040505326-1

I, Chandirika Yadav S/o Kishan Yadav R/o H.No.-289, Block-A, Gali No.-8, Rahul Vihar, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Chandrika Prasad Yadav. 0040505357-1

I, Chanchal, D/o Leela Giri, R/o C-1/307, Street No-25, Khajuri Khas, Delhi-110094, have changed my name to Chanchal Giri for all purposes. 0070667329-1

I, CV Thomas S/o Chackalakuzhiyil Thomas Varghese R/o RZG-80A, S/F, Nihal-Vihar, Nangloi, Delhi-110041.have changed my name to Chackalakuzhiyil Varghese Thomas. 0040505426-5

I, C Amla Rani,W/O No-15325011h L/Nk A Susai Raj R/O-H.No-897/A, Vill-Ponnan Koliai, Po-Kanji, Taluk-Chengam, Distt-Tiruvannamalai, Tamil-Nadu-606702 Have Changed My Name From C Amla Rani To C Amala Rani, For All Future Purposes. 0040505409-4

I, Birender Singh Malik S/O Om Prakash Singh R/O-A-15, A-Block, Arjun-Park, Najafgarh, Delhi-110043. Have Changed My Name To Birender Singh. 0040505409-3

I, Anjula Dos W/O Vikram Dos., R/O-37/4, Nova Phase-2, Ashoka-Road, Shipra Sun-City, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, U.P-201014,Changed My Name To Maria Anju Dos. 0040505419-1

I, Akshat Sondhi R/o Flat No.178, Shanti Apartment, Pocket-6 Sec-23, Rohini, Delhi-85, have changed My Daughter's name from Ahaana to Ahaana Sondhi (Date of Birth 13.06.2016) Known her as Ahaana Sondhi for all future purposes. 0040505314-1

I, Ajay Kumar S/O Neki Ram Relan R/O-Gh-4/184 Meera-Appt Main-Outer Ring-Road Paschim-Vihar Delhi-110063.Have Changed My Name To Ajay Kumar Relan. 0040505402-10

I, Abhishek S/o Sh. Vipin Kumar, R/o 447/448, Double Story, Rajender Nagar, New Delhi-110060 have changed my name to Abhishek Kumar for all purposes. 0040505375-1

I hitherto known as Sachin S/O Shri.Jagannath Kanojia R/O-H.No.16A Sector-IV DIZ Area Baba Kharg Sing Marg NewDelhi-110001 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sachin Kanojia. 0040505433-2

I Tenzing Liawang S/O Tashi Gombu R/O-370, Tipa Road, Mcload Ganj, Chakban Bhagsunath(369). Kangra, Himachal-Pradesh-176219. Have Changed my Name to Dorjee Tshering. 0040505386-7

I Tanveer S/O Khaleel Ahamad R/O-326, Jabbar Building, Gandhi Nagar,SurajKund-Road, Meerut City-250002 (U.P.) Have Changed my Name to Tanveer Chaudhary. 0040505419-9

I Simranjeet Singh S/o-Harjinder Singh R/o- Plot No-62 Ravinagar Tilaknagar Delhi-110018. Changed My Name Simran Jit Singh. 0040505402-9

I Shriom Yadav S/o Charan Singh R/o Plot No-83, Nanda Enclave, Najafgarh ND-110043, have change my name to Shri Om 0040505373-1

I Sanjay Kumar S/o Late Sh.Jeewan Ram R/o-D-20, Pandav-Nagar, Delhi-110092. have Changed my name from Sanjay Kumar to Sanjay Sharma.,for all future purposes. 0040505386-6

I RAVI RAJPUT alias RAVI KUMAR S/o Kartar Singh R/O-187, StreetNo.6, Block-A, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001,changed my name to RANDHIR SINGH RAJPUT. 0040505426-1

I, Manjeet Kaur d/o Dharam Singh resident G-58 GF Jail Road Hari Nagar, Delhi-110058, have changed my name to Manjeet Kaur Monga. 0040505377-1

I R.CHANDRA SEKHAR S/o R.Satyanarayana R/o-D-2/215-216, 1st Floor, Sector-11, Rohini, New Delhi-110085. have changed my name to RAMACHANDRUNI CHANDRA SEKHAR. 0040505426-2

I Pummy Singh S/O Om Pal Singh R/O-B.3 Ground-Floor Saket New Delhi-110017.Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Son Anurag Singh To Anurag Thakur. 0040505402-8

I NIDHI GUPTA D/o Ashok Kumar Gupta W/o Deepak Jain R/o-BN-8, East-Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088,have changed my name to RASHMI JAIN. 0040505426-3

I Hukan Chand Zood, S/o Lijju Ram, R/o Near Oberoi Farm, Kp-1186, Gali No. 1, Mansha Enclave, Kapashera, South West Delhi 110037, have changed my name to Hukam Chand Zood for all purposes. 0070667272-1

I Hitherto Known As Vineeta Rani, D/O Shri.Lakshmi Chand, Wife Of Shri.Manoj Gupta, Residing At.H.No-17/263, Street No-11A, Than Singh-Nagar, Anand-Parvat, KarolBagh, Delhi-110005.Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Vinita Gupta. 0040505409-6

I Aman S/O Adeep Kumar Mehrolia R/O RZF-2/87A,GaliNo-4, Mahavir Enclave, Palam, New Delhi-110045 Have Changed my Name to Aman Mehrolia 0040505419-10

LOST & FOUND

Original Lease Deed, GPA of Property No. Shop No. 2, New Market West Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008, has been lost. Finder may inform to Satish Narang at above address or 9810005564. 0040505315-1

I, Manmeet Singh Bhasin S/o Daljit Singh Bhasin R/o-B-29, Gali No.20, New Gupta-Colony Delhi. has lost my Original-CBSE 12th-Class Certificate Roll.No.9199349 Year-2013. 0040505409-7

My original qualifying examination certificate of Main Secondary Examination of year 2016-17 & Roll No-8757334 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Name: Harshika, D-661, Netaji Nagar, New Delhi. 0040505413-1

I, Poonam Rani Ahlawat S/o Mahinder Singh Ahlawat R/o WZ-572 Madipur Village, New Delhi-63, have lost my marksheet and certificate of 10th old roll no (6336443) 10th new marksheet roll no. (6329113) and 12th (6617544) Issued BY CBSE LR No-1327510/019. 0040505420-1

I, Prem Singh S/o Late Shri Kheman Ram R/o B2/16 Ashok Vihar Phase-I Delhi-110052, have lost my shop document, Allotment Letter, Possession Letter & NOC Letter shop No.-11 CSC 1027 Trilok Puri Mayur Vihar Phase-1, Delhi-110091. Finder Contact: 8860062002 0040505357-3

I, Azad Anand and Nutan Anand, owners of flat 38, A4, Shubhniketan Apartments, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063, have lost/misplaced our original conveyancedeed dated 11.8.04 vide reg no 17045 registered at Sub Registrar, Janak Puri. Whosoever finds, pls give us the same at the aforesaid address. 0040505463-1

Lost my original 10th class certificates Roll.No. 6169831,Year-2008, 12th Roll.No. 6694562,Year-2010 & Haryana Nurses registration council Diploma and Registration. Finder pls contact: Sonu S/D/W/O Sube Singh, Plot.No.-19 and 20 Durga Park, Vill-Dindar Pur, Najafgarh, New Delhi. 0040505353-7

Lost original Sale Deed for House No.WZ-24A/1,E-10,Second Floor, Village Chaukhandi, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Park, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018, Registration No,145. Addl.Book No.1,Volume No.8646,Pages 119 to 127,dated 3-01-1997 favouring Man Mohan Singh S/o Late Shri Sant Singh.FIR lodged by his son Satinder Singh vide LR No.1324983/2019 dated 29-7-2019.Founder inform at:9810008043. 0040505312-1

Lost AISSCE Marksheet and Qualifying Certificate Year 2007. Name Kanv Gulati Roll Number 6264779. Contact 7093116687 0040505330-1

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all that my clients Shri Sheejauddin S/o Sh Fakruddin and Ms. Fakar Jahan W/o Shri Sheejauddin R/o 2171, Gali Adian Wali, Pahari Bhojla, Chitli Qabar, Delhi -06, have severed relations/ connections with their son Zeeshan for all purposes. They are further disentitled/ disowned to claim any right/share in the movable and immovable properties owned by my clients. Any person dealing with him in any manner shall be solely doing so at his own risk and costs. My clients shall not be responsible for discharging any liability/claim in this regard.

LALIT KHURANA-ADVOCATE
Ch. No.2, Civil Supply Bldg.
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi -110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known all concern that my Client Ram Kumar Aggarwal S/o late Sh. Mange Ram R/o 1483-B/106 Ganeshpura, Tri Nagar, Delhi-110035 hereby Debars his grand son Atul Kumar @ Sonu S/o late Sh. Narinder Kumar R/o H. No. 2437/184 (2nd floor) Ganesh Pura, Tri Nagar, Delhi-110035 (but not his wife and children) from all movable and immovable properties and severed all relations with him and my Client shall not be responsible for Civil and criminal liabilities, for his intoleraable act and conduct. If any Person makes any dealing with him, he himself will be responsble.

Sd/-
MADAN LAL GUPTA
(Advocate)
Ch. No. B-36, B.G.S. Block,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE

"It is to inform to the public at large that M/s. S. M. Enterprises acquired the property i.e Plot admeasuring 500 Sq. Yds., out of Khasra No. 115, Situated in the area of Village Chipyana Khurd alias Tigri, G.B Nagar U.P., vide sale deed dt. 04.04.2018 to be read with correction deed dt.24.07.2019 and Mohd. Irshad acquired the property vide Sale Deed dt. 02.07.2015 and further he had executed a Sale Deed dt. 04.04.2018 as Director of M/s Ansar India Infratech Pvt. Ltd. in favour of M/s. S. M. Enterprises and now M/s. S. M. Enterprises is the undisputed owner of said property till date. OR Any person / firm / Institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration of notice period, the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waived and not binding on our client.

AJAY GIRI-ADVOCATES
H.No. 12, Basement, Vikram Vihar Extn.,
Lajpat Nagar-4, New Delhi-24

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is inform to public that my clients Shri Anil kumar & his wife Smt. Nirmala Dahiya R/O. BB - 47A West Shalimar Bagh Delhi-110088 have disowned /strained their relations with their son Abhik Dahiya due to his bad behaviour & conduct which is very cruel & anti towards the society. Hence my clients are not concernebd with their aforesaid son. My clients are also not concerned & liable for any act committed by him any person dealing with him shall be at his own risk. My clients will not be responsible.

Naveen Single (Advocate)
Chamber No. 229, Rohini Courts, Delhi-110085

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client has entered into a deal with Inderjeet Singh for Ground Floor and First Floor of property No. 366/7, situated at Govindpuri, Kalkaji, New Delhi, if anyone have any objection contact me within 15 days of this Notice.

Brijesh Kumar (Advocate)
Chamber No. 865,
Saket Court, New Delhi,
Mob: 9899977107

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all that Smt. Pallavi Jain W/o Shri Amit Jain R/o NP-41-A, First Floor, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, Representing themselves to be the absolute owners and in possession of Free Hold DDA Built LIG Flat No. NP-41-A, on First Floor, situated at Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have agreed to sell the same to my Client, free from all encumbrances charges, Liens etc. Previous original Demand Letter in respect of the above said Flat in the name of Allottee Mrs. Usha Gupta allotted vide File No. F-5(811)83/HB/NP, are reported as misplaced/lost and not traceable. And Smt. Pallavi Jain the present owner have lodged a FIR/NCR vide LR No. 1287834/2019 Dated 19-07-2019 with Police Station Crime Branch, Delhi, Any other person(s) having any claim against, into or upon the above said Flat by virtue of Sale, inheritance, agreement, contract, mortgage, lien, charge, or on the basis of the aforesaid misplaced/lost document or otherwise howsoever and of whatsoever nature is hereby required to notify the same in writing along with supporting documentary evidence to the undersigned within 30(Thirty) days, from the date of publication of this notice, failing which my client shall conclude the sale and any claim and /or objection if any shall be considered as waived and abandoned and shall not be binding upon my client.

Sd/-
Angad Sapra (Advocate)
Enrol No.: D/2641/2019,
Office Chamber No. 11, RU-Block,
DDA Market,Pitampura Delhi-34

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that my clients (1) **SH. PARVEEN GARG**, son of Late Sh. K.C. Garg and (2) **SMT. KUSUM GARG**, wife of Sh. Parveen Garg, both resident of H.No.22, Deepali, Pitampura, Delhi and (3) **M/S D.K. INFRATECH PVT. LTD.**, having its Office at 255, Deepali, Pitampura, Delhi, are negotiating with (1) **SH. SURESH KUMAR JINDAL** and (2) **SH. DINESH KUMAR JINDAL**, both sons of Sh. Madho Prasad Jindal, both resident of 58, Tarun Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi, for the purchase of Entire freehold Property bearing No.58 with roof rights upto sky, land area measuring 133.76 sq.mtrs., situated at Tarun Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi, of which they claim themselves to be the absolute owners. Any person(s)/All person(s) having any claim/demand/interest/right in respect of or against the above said property or any part or portion thereof in any manner or by way of any Agreement to sell or inheritance or share or sale or transfer or assignment or private mortgage or gift or exchange or possession or covenant or easement or otherwise howsoever, is hereby called upon to bring the same to the knowledge of the undersigned in writing with all documentary proof(s)/evidence(s) at the office of the undersigned within seven days from the date of publication thereof of the present notice, failing which the claim/demand of such person(s), if any, shall be treated as null and void, shall not have any legal &/or any other sanctity, and shall be non-binding on my clients and the aforesaid proposed transaction of purchase of the said property shall be completed without any reference to any such claim(s)/demand(s).

Deepanshu Garg (Advocate)
302, Lawyers' Chambers, Block No.III
Delhi High Court, New Delhi-110003
Enrol. No.D/2799/2017

सूचना

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PUBLIC NOTICE

KNOW ALL MEN, THAT MY CLIENT **MR. KISHORE KUMAR** S/O SH. LAXMAN PRASAD, R/O A-172, VILLAGE MUNIRKA, NEW DELHI-110067, HAVE SEVERED ALL HIS RELATIONS WITH BOTH OF HIS SONS AND THEIR WIVES NAMELY **MR. DEVENDER SHARMA** AND HIS WIFE **MS. DEEPA** AND **MR. NARENDER SHARMA** AND HIS WIFE **MS. SAVITA SHARMA** AND DISOWNED THEM FROM ALL OF HIS MOVABLE/ IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT, DUE TO THEIR MISCONDUCT AND MALTREATMENT. MY CLIENT SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY KIND OF CLAIMS, ACTS AND DEEDS IN FUTURE DONE WITH/BY HIS ABOVE NAMED SONS AND THEIR WIVES, AS THEY ARE NOT IN CONTROL OF MY CLIENT

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1. **NIT** 43/2019-20/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2019_IFC_176849_1 (Percentage rate). **H.O.A:-** MLALAD. **N.O.W.** Development of Road/ Street pavement and construction of Drains at Naughra Mohalla Tughlakabad village in Tughlakabad Constituency AC-52 **E.C.** Rs. 53,65,106/- **Earnest Money** Rs 1,07,302/- **Period of Completion** 120 Days. (**Date of opening** 01.08.2019).
2. **NIT** 44/2019-20/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No, 2019_IFC_176851_1 (Percentage ate) **H.O.A:-** MLALAD, **N.O.W.**- Development of road and street at E-Block Vishwakarma Colony in Tughlakabad Constituency AC-52. **E.C.** Rs 90,07,650/- **Earnest Money** Rs 1,80,153/- **Period of Completion** 120 Days (**Date of opening** 01.08.2019).
3. **NIT** 45/2019-20/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2019_IFC_176852_1 (Percentageate). **H.O.A:-** MLALAD. Development of road / street pavement and construction of drains at Som Bazar main road Police Chowki to Durga Mandir Near Bengali Colony Tughlakabad village in Tughlakabad AC-52. **E.C.** Rs. 83,54,664/- **Earnest Money** Rs 1,67,093/- **Period of Completion** 120 Days. (**Date of opening** 01.08.2019).
4. **NIT** 46/2019-20/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No: 2019_IFC_176856_1 (Percentage rate) **H.O.A:-** MLALAD. **N.O.W.**:- Development of road/ street pavement and construction of drains at Kangar Mohalla Tughlakabad village in Tughlakabad AC-52. E.C,Rs. 51,56,581/- **Earnest Money** Rs 1,03,132/- **Period of Completion** 120 Days (**Date of opening** 01.08.2019).
5. **NIT** 47/2019-20/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2019_IFC_176857_1 (Percentage rate). **H.O.A:-** MLALAD. **N.O.W.**:- Development of road and street at D-Block Vishwakama colony in Tughlakabad Constituency AC-52. **E.C.** Rs. 91,27,867/- **Earnest Money** Rs 1,82,557/- **Period of Completion** 120 Days. (**Date of opening** 01.08.2019).
6. **NIT** 48/2019-20/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2019 IFC_176859_1 (Percentage rate). **H.O.A:-** MLALAD. **N.O.W.**:- Development of road/ street pavement and construction of side drains at Churiya Mohalla (Near Masjid) Tughlakabad village in Tughlakabad Constituency AC-52. **E.C.**Rs, 74,82,637/- **Earnest Money** Rs 1,49,6531- **Period of Completion** 120 Days. (**Date of opening** 01.08.2019).
7. **NIT** 49/2019-20/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2019_IFC_176860_1 (Percentageate) **H.O.A:-** MLALAD. **N.O.W.:-** Improvement of road / street pavement at village shahpur jat Greater Kailash Constituency. **E.C.** Rs. 27,93,353/- **Earnest Money** Rs 55,867/- **Period of Completion** 120 Days. (**Date of opening** 01.08.2019)
8. **NIT** 57/2019-20/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2019_IFC_176862_1 (Percentage rate): **H.O.A:-** MLALAD. **N.O.W.**.- Demolishing and reconstruction of Tara Apartment main road Greater Kailash Constituency AC-50 **E.C.** Rs. 49,90,142/- **Earnest Money** Rs 99,803/- **Period of Completion** 60 Days (**Date of opening** 01.08.2019).
9. **NIT** 58/2019-20/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2019_IFC_176863_1 (Percentage rate). **H.O.A:-** MLALAD. Repair and Maintenance of Jatav Chaupal at village Jamrudpur. **E.C.** Rs. 7,31,544/- **Earnest Money** Rs 14,631/- **Period of Completion** 120 Days. (**Date of opening** 01.08.2019).
10. **NIT** 59/2019-20/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2019_IFC_176864_1 (Percentage rate). **H.O.A:-** MLALAD. **N.O.W.**:- Repair and Maintenance of Kherpur chaupal at Kherpur village in Kasturba Nagar Constituency AC-42. **E.C.** Rs. 19,26,896/- **Earnest Money** Rs 38,538/- **Period of Completion** 120 Days. (**Date of opening** 01.08.2019).
11. **NIT** 60/2019-20/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2019_IFC_176866_1 (Percentage rate). **H.O.A:-** MLALAD. **N.O.W.**:- Development / Improvement of Gurjar Chaupal Khanpur in Ambedkar Nagar AC-48. **E.C.** Rs, 19,49,225/- **Earnest Money** Rs 38,985/- **Period of Completion** 60 Days. (**Date of opening** 01.08.2019).
12. **NIT** 61/2019-20/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2019_IFC_176889_1 (Percentage rate). **H.O.A:-** MLALAD. **N.O.W.:-** Repair and maintenance of Aliganj Chaupal at Aliganj village in Kasturba Nagar Constituency AC-42. **E.C.** Rs. 27,76,456/- **Earnest Money** Rs 55,529/- **Period of Completion** 120 Days. (**Date of opening** 01.08.2019).

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Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CD-V
DIP/Shabdarth/0451/19-20

24 died in detention camps over last 3 years: Assam govt

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, JULY 30

TWENTY-FOUR people, who were declared as 'illegal foreigners' by Assam's Foreigners' Tribunals (FTs) and lodged in detention camps, have died in the last three years, and another such person had died in a camp in 2011, the Assam government has said.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary, replying to the state Assembly on behalf of Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, who also holds the Home portfolio, on Monday said that 25 people had died in the six detention camps of Assam — 24 since 2016.

Seven deaths each were reported in 2018 and 2019, six in 2017, four in 2016, and one person had died in 2011. The reason for all the deaths is mentioned as "due to illness". As per data presented in the Assembly, the address of only two of the deceased is mentioned to be in Bangladesh, while an Assam address is registered for the others.

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The Executive Engineer C-5, DUSIB, re-invites on behalf of DUSIB online Percentage rate bid on two envelope system for following work:
NIT NO. 22/EE C-5/DUSIB/2019-20 dt. 23 /07 /2019
Name of Work: - E.I.U.S. (Revenue)
SH:- Providing & laying CC pavement and drainage system in JJ Basti, Vijay Camp, Housing Factory, Jal Vihar, Lajpat Nagar.
Estimated Cost: Rs. 25,68,832/- Earnest Money: Rs. 51,500/-
Tender Cost : Rs. 500/- Time allowed : 120 Days
Last Time and date of submission of bid : 19.08.2019 upto 3:00 PM
The bid form and other details can be obtained from the web site (**https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in**)
* All bidders are advised to visit above mentioned site regularly for any update/corrigendum related to these tenders. The corrigendum, if any, shall not be advertised in press.

DIP/Shabdarth/0450/19-20

REQUEST FOR APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF
ACCOUNTANT

1. Applications are invited from interested Ex-Servicemen for the post of Accountant, who will deal with Regiment / Non Public funds in respect of HQ 35 Infantry Brigade.
2. Applicants should have basic knowledge of computers and experience of handling Unit Run Canteen (URC) of Canteen Store Department (CSD) / Regiment fund account preferably for minimum duration of 10 yrs. Working hours will be from 08:00 AM till 05:00 PM on all working days (except on URC holidays). An applicant, once appointed, would be governed for the purpose of discipline by the provisions in consonance with Army Act and the regulations laid down for handling of documents (CHCD).
3. The name, address and contact number of the applicant should be clearly mentioned in the application. Application duly completed in all respect should reach Officer Commanding Troops, 35 Infantry Brigade Camp, PIN-908035, c/o 56 APO, contact No 9419238634 (for query/details) by 1200 hours on 31 Aug 2019. Copies of highest education qualification acquired, experience certificate from the previous units and computer proficiency certificate should also be enclosed. Shortlisted candidates will be informed telephonically regarding the date of interview at HQ 35 Infantry Brigade.

HARYANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
BAYS NO. 1-10, BLOCK-B, SECTOR-4, PANCHKULA

For HCS (Ex. Br.) & other Allied Services Main Exam. — 2017

ANNOUNCEMENT

It is hereby Announced for the Information of the Candidates who have been declared qualified in the HCS (Ex. Br.) & other Allied Services Preliminary Examination — 2017 (Held on 31.03.2019) that the Mains Examination for the aforesaid Posts is now likely to be conducted in the 2nd week of August, 2019 (Tentatively). A separate Announcement showing exact Dates, Time & Venue of the Papers will be issued by the Commission in due course. Therefore, the Candidates are advised to visit the Commission's website regularly.

Note:- This Announcement is also available on Commission's website i.e. http://hpsc.gov.in.

Sd/- Secretary
Haryana Public Service Commission
Panchkula.
Dated: 30.07.2019

HARYANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
BAYS NO. 1-10, BLOCK-B, SECTOR-4, PANCHKULA

Announcement

It is hereby Announced for the General Information of the PH Candidates who had applied against Advertisement No. 12(3)/2015 published on 28.03.2016 and Corrigendum dated 06.05.2016 and 25.03.2019 published in various Newspapers for the Posts of Assistant Labour Commissioner in Labour Department, Haryana that the Post of PH of Haryana (Horizontal Reserved) has been shown in Corrigendum dated 25.03.2019 but the Sub Categories of PH of Haryana was not mentioned in Corrigendum. Now as per the Clarification from the concerned Department this One Post is meant for PH (Deaf and Hard of Hearing Category) of Haryana (Horizontal Reserved). Hence, it may be read as PH (Deaf and Hard of Hearing Category) of Haryana (Horizontal Reserved) instead of PH of Haryana (Horizontal Reserved). Therefore, the Candidature of the PH Candidates other than PH (Deaf and Hard of Hearing Category) of Haryana will be considered under General Category, if they fulfill all other eligibility conditions meant for General Category. The Candidates who have not mentioned their Sub Category PH of Haryana in their Online Application Form already submitted by them are directed to submit the proof of their Sub Category of PH (Deaf and Hard of Hearing Category) of Haryana along with their Supporting Documents upto 14.08.2019 if they belong to PH (Deaf and Hard of Hearing Category) of Haryana, failing which their Candidature will not be considered in PH (Deaf and Hard of Hearing Category) of Haryana Category and they will be considered in General Category.

This Announcement is also available on Commission's website: **http://www.hpsc.gov.in.**

Sd/- Secretary
Haryana Public Service Commission
Panchkula.
Dated: 29.07.2019
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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT OF LICENCE FOR SETTING UP OF COMMERCIAL COLONIES UNDER 3.5% COMMERCIAL COMPONENT IN A RESIDENTIAL SECTOR IN VARIOUS TOWNS OF THE STATE UNDER POLICY DATED 10.11.2017.

1. The Department of Town & Country Planning, Haryana has notified a policy dated 10.11.2017 for grant of license permissions for setting up of those categories of colonies for which there is a cap on the Net Planned Area (NPA). This policy is available on the website of the department at https://tcpharyana.gov.in/Policy/PF-64-Pawan%20Bhatia%20Notification.docx%2010_11_2017_4_20.pdf. The policy gives guidelines with respect to grant of licenses under the provisions of the Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Areas Act, 1975 and Rules framed thereunder (Act 8 of 1975) for those categories of colonies which are allowed on limited area.
2. The department has a policy dated 18.02.1997 as amended on 06.03.2018 and 10.07.2019 for development of commercial colonies in residential zone. This policy allows grant of licence for commercial colony upto 3.5% of the net planned area of a residential sector. Applications for grant of license are Invited for setting up of Commercial Colony (within 3.5% limit of Net Planned area of residential sectors) on the prescribed form LC-1 in accordance with Rule 3 of the Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Areas Rules 1976, provisions of policy dated 10.11.2017 and zoning regulations of relevant Final Development Plans published under Section 5(7) of Act No. 41 of 1963, for the net planned area available for Commercial colony in the residential sectors of Gurugram-Manesar Urban Complex, Sohna, Pataudi Haily Mandi, Dharuhera, Mahendergarh, Faridabad, Palwal, Prithla, Hodal, Ferozepur Jhirka, Ambala, Naraingarh, Karnal, Kurukshetra, Pinjore-Kalka Urban Complex, Panchkula Extension-II (Kot Behla Alipur Urban Complex), Hisar, Sirsa, Tohana, Narwana, Sonipat, Panipat, Bahadurgarh. The sector-wise list of NPA available is hosted on the website of the Department at https://tcpharyana.gov.in/public_notice/Commercial Component. pdf
3. The details of scrutiny fee and license fee to be submitted alongwith the application as well as the planning parameters are hosted on the website of the Department i.e. www.tcpharyana.gov.in. An opening window of two months from the date of publication of this notice is given to the persons/companies /firms/trusts etc. who are interested in seeking license permissions for the Commercial colonies. They may apply online on Department's website namely, www.tcpharyana.gov.in. No application received after expiry of two months period will be entertained and the same will liable to be returned.
4. The application for seeking license for commercial colony should be submitted for minimum area of 2 acres in Hyper and High Potential towns, 1 acre in Medium potential towns and 0.5 acre in Low potential towns. **NO APPLICATION SHALL BE ACCEPTED WHICH DOES NOT FULFIL THE MINIMUM AREA NORMS. ALSO APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL LICENCE LESS THAN MINIMUM AREA NORMS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
5. The link for online licence application is https://ofa.tcpharyana.gov.in/.
6. For any queries regarding this public notice, the Senior Town Planner Gurugram (0124-2305872), Hisar (01662-231106), Rohtak (01262-266655), Panchkula (0172-2560217) and Faridabad (0129-2220692) or District Town Planner (HQ) (0172-2549349) may be contacted during working hours.

Dated:
Place: Chandigarh
Director,
Town and Country Planning,
Haryana, Chandigarh.
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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT OF LICENCE FOR SETTING UP OF COMMERCIAL COLONY IN VARIOUS TOWNS OF THE STATE UNDER POLICY DATED 10.11.2017 AND POLICIES DATED 14.06.2012 & 30.05.2018 (LEFT-OVER POCKET POLICY)

1. The Department of Town & Country Planning, Haryana has notified a policy dated 10.11.2017 for grant of license permissions for setting up of those categories of colonies for which there is a cap on the Net Planned Area (NPA). This policy is hosted on the website of the department at https://tcpharyana.gov.in/Policy/PF-64-Pawan%20Bhatia%20Notification.docx%2010_11_2017_4_20_pdf. The policy gives guidelines with respect to grant of licenses under the provisions of the Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Areas Act, 1975 and Rules framed thereunder (Act 8 of 1975) for those categories of colonies which are allowed on limited area.
2. Also 'Policy for planned development of left-over land pockets, viz un- licenced / unacquired / released areas located in the developed sectors through either grant of licence under Act no 8 of 1975 or approval of Town Planning (TP) scheme under Municipal Acts' was notified on 14.06.2012 and amended on 30.05.2018 for left-over land pockets which either stand un-acquired or released from acquisition proceedings or have remained un-licenced since they do not independently fulfill the area norms prescribed for grant of licences in the midst of any developed sector which stands developed and services are already functional. For developed sectors falling under the purview of the above said policy, the minimum area norms for setting up of Commercial colony is 0.2 acres. NO APPLICATION SHALL BE ACCEPTED WHICH DOES NOT FULFIL THE MINIMUM AREA NORMS. ALSO APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL LICENCE LESS THAN MINIMUM AREA NORMS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
3. Applications for grant of license under the above stated policies are invited for setting up of Commercial Colony (within 3.5% limit of Net Planned area of residential sectors) on the prescribed form LC-I in accordance with Rule 3 of the Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Areas Rules- 1976, provisions of policy dated 10.11.2017 and zoning regulations of relevant Final Development Plans published under Section 5(7) of Act No. 41 of 1963, for the net planned area available for Commercial colony in the residential sectors of Gurugram Manesar Urban Complex, Dharuhera Faridabad, Palwal, Ambala, Naraingarh, Karnal, Panchkula Township, Panchkula Extension. MDC, Pinjore-Kalka Urban Complex, Kurukshetra, Bahadurgarh, Panipat, Sonipat, Hisar, Hansi, Bhiwani, Tohana as per the list hosted on the website of the Department at https://tcpharyana.gov.in/public notice/ LeftOverPocketPolicy.pdf.
4. The details of scrutiny fee and license fee to be submitted alongwith the application as well as the planning parameters are available on the website of the Department i.e. www.tcpharyana.gov.in. An opening window of two months from the date of publication of this notice is given to the persons/companies /firms/trusts etc. who are Interested in seeking license permissions for the Commercial colonies under purview of policies dated 10.11.2017, 14.06.2012 & 30.05.2018. They may apply online on Department's website namely, www.tcpharyana.gov.in. No application received after expiry of two months period will be entertained and the same will liable to be returned.
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Dated:
Place: Chandigarh
Director
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राष्ट्रीय जनजातीय अखरा, 2019
Tribal Literature Festival, 2019

No- 828 Date : 25/07/2019

डॉ. रामदयाल मुण्डा जनजातीय कल्याण शोध संस्थान, राँची
Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute, Ranchi
21-23 August, 2019

Call for Papers

Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute, Ranchi is organizing a Three-day 'Tribal Literature Festival' 2019 from August 23-25, 2019 in Ranchi. In this three day fest exhibition of tribal handicraft, tribal song and dance, tribal related film and plays, tribal cuisine etc. will also be displayed. A conference on tribal literature will be the core of the fest, with a special focus on Eastern & North Eastern regions of India. On the occasion of this three day event academic papers are being invited from tribal literature, researchers, academicians, intellectuals, social workers, folk artists on the following topics and sub-topics:-

1. **Tribal Literature : Development, Tradition and Features** - Tribal Folk Literature, Tribal Songs, Tribal Stories, Tribal Novels, Drama and other Prose, Literary Criticism
2. **Tribal Literature and History : Interdependence** – Literature and Tribal Movements, Challenge to present history in literature, Pre and Post-Independence Tribal Movements and the Role of Litterateurs.
3. **Scenario of Indian Literature and Present Condition and Prospects of Tribal Literature**
4. **Tribal Literature and the Literature in different Indian Languages** (from the West, Central, South and North-Eastern states)
5. **Tribal Literature and Socio-Cultural Struggles**
6. **Tribal Literature and Gender Issues**
7. **Diversity and Challenges in Tribal Literature (Dangers of Assimilation)**
8. **Creation of Tribal Literature : Present Scenario, Prospects, Challenges and Action Plan**

Abstract
- Either in English or Hindi (Maximum 500 words)
- Papers can also be presented in a group of maximum three persons
- Abstracts should necessarily include background, methodology, discussion and references
- Font size 12. Times New Roman or Liberation Serif font for English, Krutidev 010 या Lohit Devanagari (Unicode) font for Hindi.
- Send your abstracts in either of the following formats .doc, .docx, .odt or .pdf to **triballiteraturefestival@gmail.com**

Important Dates
August 05, 2019 - Abstract Submission
August 07, 2019 - Announcement of Accepted Abstracts
August 23-25, 2019 - Tribal Literature Festival (Paper Presentation)
September 30, 2019 - Submission of Full Paper

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VAN GOGH WOULD'VE SOLD MORE THAN ONE PAINTING IF HE'D PUT TIGERS IN THEM.

— BILL WATTERSON

The Indian EXPRESS

FOUNDED BY RAMNATH GOENKA

BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

UNNAO INDICTMENT

A law enforcement system that hounds the victim, a political regime that presides over injustice — amends must be made

A CHILLING SEQUENCE of events has played out in and around a village in Unnao district, Uttar Pradesh. About two years ago, a teenager was allegedly raped by the locally powerful four-term BJP MLA on the pretext of helping her get a job. Almost a year later, she tried to draw public attention to the alleged crime and to her accusations of continued police inaction by attempting to immolate herself in front of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's residence in Lucknow. Subsequently, her father was taken into custody in connection with an Arms Act case; he died in judicial custody. The case was transferred to the CBI, MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar was arrested, but, by all accounts, the repeated cries for help of the woman and her family and their allegations of police harrassment and intimidation by the accused and his henchmen went unaddressed, leading to her writing a letter to the chief justice of India earlier this month. Also this month, her uncle was convicted in a case filed by the accused's brother. On Sunday, a collision of the vehicle she was travelling in with a truck bearing a blackened nameplate, which took the lives of two of her aunts, left her and her lawyer critically injured, battling for their lives. Now, after an FIR for murder and attempted murder is filed against Sengar and others, the BJP, the ruling party in UP and at the Centre, claims it suspended him long ago, but the impression is grim and inescapable: Of a law enforcement machinery that systematically hounds the victim, a powerful accused who is able to spread fear even from inside jail. And a political regime that, at the very least, turns a blind eye to horrific injustice.

Now both government and Opposition must ensure that the spotlight does not shift away from the case to the posturing around it. The outrage and furore will have served a purpose only if the law enforcement machinery, that has evidently been so effete in this case, is shamed into action. In particular, the BJP government in UP must know that it will be watched. The Yogi Adityanath regime, so far, has presided over a terribly mixed record on law and order. Even as it projects itself as strong and iron-fisted on crime and the criminal, it has invited persistent allegations that it favours the strong against the weak, the majority against the minority. Or, as it seems to be in Unnao, the rich and powerful against the poor and helpless.

Cases such as this one are a test of the basic compact between a people and the government: That crime will be punished. There can be no greater indictment of a system than the mounting impression that the victim is being punished, instead. This impression should be an especially heavy cross to bear for a party and government that do not tire of underlining their commitment to the empowerment of women.

CALL OF THE TIGER

Growing tiger numbers point to the urgency of devising conservation models that also work outside protected areas

THE REPORT OF the tiger census released on Monday showcases a significant achievement for the country's conservation efforts. India is now home to 2,967 tigers. The last tiger audit in 2014 had counted 2,226 tigers. Even more remarkable is the fact that the latest census shows that the tiger population has increased by more than 100 per cent from 2006, when the numbers of the big cat had hit an all-time low of 1,411 — the animal had been completely wiped out from some reserves such as Sariska in Rajasthan.

The tiger is at the top of the food chain in several ecosystems and its conservation is important to ensure the health of these habitats. A steep fall in the tiger population could lead to a rise in the herbivore population, which could destroy forests by feeding on trees and plants. That is why the decline in tiger numbers in 2005-2006 rang alarm bells amongst wildlife scientists and conservationists, prompting the government to form a Tiger Task Force, and tighten protection measures. The number of tiger reserves has gone up from 28 in 2006 to 50 in 2018. Healthy increases in the population of tigers in these reserves have led to migration outside these protected areas. Several studies have shown that 25 to 30 per cent of the country's tigers now live outside the core area of national parks.

There is, however, a flip side to the increase in the tiger population. As the animals spill out of protected areas, their proximity to human habitats increases. And, when humans and tigers come face to face, the big cats often pose serious threats to humans and their livestock. There have been several reports of human-tiger conflict in the past five years. Last week, about 250-km from Lucknow, villagers beat to death a mature tigress who had strayed from the Pilibhit Tiger Reserve. The animal had reportedly attacked people, who were working in fields. And, last year, the forest department in Maharashtra's Yavatmal district gunned down a tigress that had killed at least six people. These incidents point to a new conservation challenge: Devising wildlife protection models that work outside the tiger reserves. Today, several corridors that link tiger reserves are sites of infrastructure projects. In fact, on Monday, the Supreme Court quashed the Uttarakhand government's proposal for a road on a corridor between the Rajaji Tiger Reserve and the Corbett Tiger Reserve. Sustaining the country's tiger population will, therefore, require a deft balancing of the imperative of conservation with the needs of local people and the demands of infrastructure development.

SUGAR BOMBS

With the 'Odisha Rasagola' getting a GI tag, a culture war is back to square one

CHAMPAGNE IS FROM Champagne, butter chicken is from Delhi and the rosogolla, a dessert both subtle and sublime is Bengali. But the certainty of old was questioned, and a cultural war drum sounded, when in 2014 Odisha claimed that it was the true progenitor of the sweet, soft balls of chenna and sugar. In 2017, it appeared as though West Bengal had put the matter to rest when the IPR cell in the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion granted a geographical indication (GI) status to "Banglar Rosogolla". In 2019, that's changed. "Odisha Rasagola" now has a GI tag too, and the battle is back to square one.

Odisha's claim is based on a report by scholar Asit Mohanty, who submitted a report to the state government, which stated that rosogolla (or rasagola) was cited in the 15th century Oriya Ramayan by Balaram Das and has been a religious offering for six centuries. But its antecedents aside, there is in fact little difference between the rasagola and rosogolla. And, with desserts as with people, where they end up is as important as where they come from.

Historical accident, as much as precedent, is responsible for the Bengali claim over rosogolla. As the launching point of the British Empire as well as the capital of the Raj for long, Bengal has laid claim to many a cultural artifact, and the Calcutta elite has often been accused of snobbery, of not taking seriously the diverse depths of other groups in what was once the Bengal Presidency. The current battle over the rosogolla is just another front in the culture wars in east India. The shadow of Bengali dominance is receding and non-Bengali cultures are trying to assert their contribution — to language, literature, history and food. But in the larger scheme of things, what's in a GI tag? Would a rosogolla not taste just as sweet, wherever it came from.

A case of migrating MLAs

We have lamented political events in Karnataka. We must also note their significance

SUHAS PALSHIKAR

THE LONG, BORING and predictable non-thriller in Karnataka is over. We can assume that similar coups will be staged in some other states on a periodic basis. Indeed, a handful of MLAs were already pocketed by the BJP in Goa recently, while an open claim has been made during the election campaign by the BJP president that Trinmool Congress MLAs will soon start deserting the party. In Maharashtra, almost every day, some prominent leaders from the Congress or NCP have been joining the BJP, and occasionally the Shiv Sena.

Therefore, rather than lamenting what happened in Karnataka, it is more useful to take into account the larger significance of such cross-party poaching. Two straightforward responses often dot media discussions on these developments. One is laced with moral indignation, a sense of resignation and exasperation. This constitutes a lament about honesty and integrity of party members combined with the frustration that the anti-defection law is so ineffective.

The other response, coming from pro-BJP observers and also from many independent observers, reminds us how this is only a repetition of what used to happen earlier during the heydays of Congress' dominance. On the one hand, this response fits well with the current bout of whataboutery — "they did it earlier, why criticise the BJP now for doing the same". This response knowingly or unknowingly attempts to exonerate any transgressions of democratic morality today in the name of similar transgressions in the past. This line of argument seldom realises that it denies any space for recovery. Instead, it situates democracy in a déjà vu of dead ends and impasses. For non-BJP observers, such a response implies the impossibility of critique. One cannot begin commenting on the present without going through an endless list of criticisms of the past.

But if we choose to move beyond cynical justifications and helpless lamentations, what can we learn from the developments in Karnataka, Goa, West Bengal or Maharashtra — and possibly everywhere? They tell us about the fragility of India's parties and party system. Today, the BJP appears invincible, ascendant and almost hegemonic. But it still needs to demolish other parties, not through elections, but through the subterfuge of defections. It simply cannot rely on its "so-many-crores-strong" members and its ideological anchor for entrenching itself; it requires a steady import of all sorts of dubious characters and practitioners of the old regime in order to put itself in a position of strength. This peculiar predicament of the BJP draws attention to four lessons about party politics and party building in the Indian context.

> The current processes of in-flow and out-flow underline the weakness of the way parties are organised. Parties do talk about membership drives, but they often obfuscate intra-party democracy and intra-party competition. Tickets are bought, begged, stolen, but not distributed on any sound principles that would convince party workers to stay on with the party even when it denies them the ticket. Organisational hierarchies are marred by personality cults — but family is the basic organising principle at the local level for most parties.

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In fact, electoral victories for many candidates are so individualistic that they can easily override the party in their legislative performance and choices. Only when parties are tightly controlled by a leader does some of this looseness appear to be reined in. But in exchange, proximity with the supreme leader trumps principles of party organisation. So, the result is the same — an anarchic, individualistic, unregulated and meaningless manner in which party organisations function.

Two, there is no mechanism to broker ambitions of party workers at any level of the party hierarchy. Because the rise to power within the party is unreasonably individualistic or based on transparent cronyism, when different workers at the same level aspire for something, the party does not have pluralistic, consensual and/or formal democratic mechanisms to address intra-party competition. Vulgar money, closeness to the leadership, recourse to community identity, and increasingly, show of muscle power, operate in situations of intra-party competition.

Characteristically, power positions within the party remain stagnant because there is rarely any routine way for incumbents to exit. Young workers seek other avenues because they are not accommodated; but at the same time, the old guard also migrates to other parties if they are sought to be replaced. The absence of intra-party rules and mechanisms about holding different positions results in party-hopping whenever ambition is circumscribed either by intra-party competition or by fluctuations of party fortunes.

Three, what does this tell us about the link between the party and the voters? When a representative changes party — as in Goa, Karnataka or West Bengal recently — is s/he carrying along the voters to the new party? Both in 2014 and 2019, the National Election Study (conducted by Lokniti) has shown that around 31 per cent voters vote for the candidate rather than the party. But larger numbers say that they vote for the party. Changing a party is clearly a treachery to voters. But it is also true that over and above this more general finding, many representatives get elected on their own "merit" — further weakening the party. All parties need to take notice of this worrying tendency because the party is becoming irrelevant as a vehicle of one's ambition and electoral success.

Finally, indiscriminate party-hopping, what once came to be known as the "aya ram, gaya ram" trend, obviously happens in a milieu of non-ideological parties and politics. It is therefore ironical that in times of the ascendance of a party that actually gets involved in controversies over its ideological inclination, a free movement of present and past representatives is gaining currency. While one may blame this on the non-ideological nature of non-BJP parties, this also suggests that despite its ideological vehemence, the BJP too adopts a non-ideological path to power.

This alerts us to the larger lesson: Politics is supposed to be a route that links personal aggrandisement and a faint sense of public good. In contrast, the BJP's open door policy and its new entrants' penchant for personal aggrandisement suggest that even the faint whiff of public good is losing its relevance. More than the individual entrants, the party that embraces them needs to be blamed — not for the moral scandal this involves but the deeper democratic malaise it tends to exacerbate.

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A CRYPTIC BAN

Government committee's recommendation on cryptocurrencies is unrealistic

AKRITI GAUR

AN INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE of the Indian government recently made a controversial recommendation to ban all transactional, storage and mining activities related to cryptocurrencies. If the suggestions are implemented, anyone who holds or trades in cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin and Ethereum in India can be sent to jail.

Cryptocurrencies enable some level of anonymity in transactions, operate on decentralised networks outside central banking systems, and are subject to fluctuation. Naturally, consumer and market protection, and lack of accountability of users and exchanges are relevant triggers for regulation. While the recommendations elaborate on some of these concerns, they make a limited case for regulation and not a blanket ban.

Certain justifications provided by the committee merit scrutiny. Excessive power consumption for cryptocurrency mining has been provided as a reason for the ban. The total global power consumption of banks and the internet is approximately 100 TWh and 2,500 TWh per year, respectively. Bitcoin uses 66.7 TWh per year globally. Therefore, this claim appears to be conjecture and perhaps merits a separate evaluation for India. Similarly, the committee points out China as an example that has banned the use of cryptocurrencies. Recently, a Chinese court recognised cryptocurrency as digital property. While countries such as China have adopted harsher regulation in the past, their changing approach to cryptocurrencies cannot not be ignored.

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The committee proposes a new form of digital currency — the Digital Rupee — which will be the only digital currency permitted under Indian law. The recommendations lack clarity on its implementation, scaling for billions of Indians, inclusion of the unbanked, and whether India possesses the necessary infrastructure for rolling out a digital currency of this magnitude.

The draft law proposed by the committee raises significant questions of implementation and enforcement. It states that all offences under the law will be investigated by the police. Any cryptocurrency-based activity is pseudonymous, decentralised and may span across borders — making it impossible to track such activity in real-time. Policymakers must first assess whether the police and traditional investigation tools are equipped to investigate crimes of this nature.

The committee notes that blockchain technology is nascent and suffers from weaknesses. It acknowledges that the technology will improve over time. At the same time, it has taken a stand to ban cryptocurrency without really understanding its architecture and associated benefits. Global experts have pointed out that cryptocurrencies are not yet a popular medium of exchange because there is very little acceptance. Even in India, the report of the Government's Working Group on FinTech and Digital Banking (2018) suggests that the use of digital currencies does not pose an immediate threat to the economy. It acknowledges that cross-border use of such currencies makes it difficult for national regulators to enforce laws.

In order to address concerns regarding protection of users and fraud prevention, existing laws can be revisited. Cryptocurrency exchanges, users and other market players can be brought under the purview of anti-money laundering laws or KYC norms. Like the US, sectoral regulators can monitor aspects of cryptocurrency for the purpose of taxation or monitoring large transactions.

Undoubtedly, a case can be made for making reasonable regulation to ensure that blockchain-based cryptocurrencies don't upend the existing financial security of the country, but the way forward isn't a ban. As the government mulls its next move, it is important to consider a reasonable policy that suitably balances technological innovation and protection of users and economic interests.

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JANATA SPLIT

THE JANA SANGH-DOMINATED Madhya Pradesh government appeared headed for a major political crisis with the ruling Janata Party vertically splitting into two factions and the leadership taking retaliatary action against the rebels. In an eventful day, while the non-Jana Sangh groups disassociated themselves from the Janata Party and asked the chief minister, V K Sakhlecha, to quit immediately, the latter struck back by asking five of his ministerial colleagues to resign for participating in the "anti-party conference".

UP FLOODS

A POPULATION OF over 11 lakh and 3,620 villages have been affected by floods which have ravaged an area of 4.73 lakh hectares, including 2.46 lakh hectares of cropped area in Uttar Pradesh. The floods have played havoc in Bahraich district where a population of over half a million have been affected in 781 villages. According to reports received at state headquarters, 162 villages have been marooned in Bahraich district. A total of 640 boats are engaged in relief and rescue operations. Four persons and 13 heads of cattle had perished and 2,278 houses have been damaged.

NEW CABINET

WITH THE INDUCTION of 10 more Cabinet ministers and eight ministers of state and allocation of portfolios, Charan Singh's coalition government has taken shape. Of the 27 ministers appointed to the Council of Ministers so far, 10 cabinet members and five ministers of state represent the Janata (Secular) and eight cabinet ministers and three Ministers of State are nominees of the Congress. One berth has been given to the Socialist group. C Subramaniam has been given charge of Defence while the Petroleum and Chemicals Ministry has been allocated to T A Pai, who will also hold additional charge of Railways. Biju Patnaik will continue as Minister of Steel and Mines and Coal.

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The riots won't have any political future. Hong Kong's deep-seated problems can only be solved through development. "

— GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

A better blueprint for the city

There needs to be in place a clear roadmap for the planning of metropolitan cities

CITIES AT CROSSROADS

BY ISHER JUDGE AHLUWALIA AND AYUSH KHARE

Suvajit Dey

THIS COLUMN USUALLY tries to go behind the visibly deficient state of delivery of public services in our cities and discusses possible solutions. Today, we spell out a challenge which may not be as visible as the burning landfills or flooded streets but, in some ways, is even more important. This is the challenge of metropolitan planning, which has been sorely missing in our development strategy.

This is a matter of grave concern as metropolitan regions are the engines of growth and gateways to the national and global economies. In 2016, the 300 largest metropolitan regions in the world (containing a quarter of the global population) contributed nearly 50 per cent of the global GDP. In India, metropolitan cities such as Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Chennai, Mumbai and Delhi have acted as engines of growth, but the lack of urban planning in general and spatial planning (integrated land use and transport) in particular has left major scars on the city fabric with significant deterioration in the quality of public services and ease of living.

The term "metropolitan area" is defined unambiguously in the Constitution as an area having a population of over one million, consisting of two or more municipalities or panchayats or other contiguous areas that may span over multiple districts. The Constitution provides considerable discretion to state governments in determining the administrative boundaries of metropolitan areas. But the metropolitan regions have been delineated by the state governments without paying attention to the need to create a unified market, especially labour market, which would forge strong economic linkages between the core city and the periphery. As a result, metropolitan regions are being created by default and not by design.

To make matters complex, the Census of India does not use the term metropolitan region or metropolitan area. Instead, a continuous urban spread constituting a town or multiple contiguous town and their adjoining outgrowths, is defined as an urban agglomeration. There are 53 urban agglomerations in India with a population of one million and above. The number is expected to increase to 87 by 2031. Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Bengaluru and Chennai already have population above 10 million, and Hyderabad, Ahmedabad and Surat will join the big league by 2035.

The 74th Amendment Act, 1992, mandated the setting up of Metropolitan Planning Committees (MPC) in all metropolitan areas which were to prepare Draft Development Plans with due regard for coordinated spatial planning, sharing of resources, development of infrastructure and environmental conservation. The committees would comprise elected members from the municipalities and panchayats constituting the metropolitan area as well as representation from the state and central government to ensure coordination among the multiple authorities in a metropolitan area. However, MPCs remained a non-starter as states showed little interest in their establishment. There are no examples of any MPC carrying through a Draft Development Plan via state government approval, financing and implementation.

Development authorities were already in place and they continue to engage in land use planning with little regard for transport planning. A range of institutions such as municipalities, and other parastatals such as state water and sewerage noards, continue to coexist in metropolitan regions, often with overlapping functional jurisdictions and little coordination amongst them.

The ad hoc extension of urban boundaries and regularisation of unauthorised colonies brings with them additional challenges for metropolitan governance and financing. The Delhi government has identified close to 1,800 colonies which will be regularised by the end of next month. Its implications for governance and financing will be daunting unless explicit provisions are made through innovative measures of unlocking land value as has been done by Bengaluru and Hyderabad.

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (Municipal Corporation of Bengaluru) that was formed after subsuming several towns and villages in 2007 is still struggling to regularise the new properties that were brought under its jurisdiction 12 years ago. The government of Karnataka has recently introduced certain levies on new layouts/developments and additional floor area ratio to create a dedicated resource pool to finance the Bengaluru Metropolitan Rail project. The Hyderabad metropolitan area spans seven districts, including Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and 1,032 villages spread over 7,257 square km. The Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority and GHMC have used innovative measures such as betterment charges at the time of approving layouts for the construction of buildings and impact fees from builders for land use conversion to unlock land value, to finance the development of such a large area.

Any rapidly growing economy necessarily experiences structural transformation, and India's experience has been no different. India has been among the fastest growing economies in the world for more than two decades. This has brought about structural transformation of the economy such that the share of agriculture in GDP has declined to 14 per cent and that of services has increased to 58 per cent.

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History amply demonstrates that structural transformation necessarily involves spatial transformation. Economic growth-generating activities collocate in metropolitan city regions to reap external economies of agglomeration and networking. Since there is no regional/metropolitan planning in India and metropolitan governance structures are fragmented, public transport and environmental conservation are the conspicuous casualties. Master planning takes a physical view of the city disregarding its economic fundamentals. As administrator P K Mohanty puts it, "the land use planner's vision, the transport planner's strategy and the urban economist's perspective are not integrated".

Transportation planning plays a major role in ensuring sustainable and balanced regional development through inter-city and rural-urban connectivity. In India, integrated land use planning and transport planning is emerging in major highway projects in a number of cities. Opportunities for urban planning with integrated transport and land use on a much larger scale are emerging in the planned highway expansion in the country with the Golden Quadrilateral, freight corridors, and other networks. While still at an infant stage, the Regional Rapid Transit System planned for Delhi-NCR under the National Capital Regional Transport Corporation (NRCTC) will also immensely improve connectivity between Delhi and far flung areas such as Meerut, Alwar and Panipat, spurting economic growth in the region.

Bold measures for connectivity through transit-oriented development will lead not only to decongesting growth centres but also strengthening labour markets and building rural-urban linkages.

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The 50-day journey

The second Narendra Modi government has displayed its commitment to accountability

KIREN RIJIJU

THE NARENDRA Modi government completed 50 days of its second term in office last week. It is time to present our report card and roll out the roadmap for the future. Some may argue that since this is a continuous government, a report card on the completion of 50 days is not required. Some others may also argue that 50 days comprises too short a period to prepare a report, especially given that the Modi government passed its biggest test only two-and-a-half months ago.

People evaluated the Modi government's performance in the Lok Sabha election and awarded more than 100 per cent marks in the mammoth democratic test.

This is where the Modi government stands out from the rest. Prime Minister Modi is a tough task master and a firm believer in the accountability of the government to people, the citizens of India. And, for this government, the first 50 days are a period of laying the foundation to accelerate the pace of progress in the country. Therefore, people have the right to know where this government is headed.

The Modi government 2.0 began its journey by making its objectives explicit. It added "sabka vishwas" to its motto of "sabka saath, sabka vikas". To make this happen, the government set a target of making India a $5 trillion economy in the next five years. A bigger economy means more economic power, progress and prosperity to every Indian citizen. Budget 2019-20 has set the ball rolling and there is no doubt whatsoever, even in the minds of the Opposition, that the Modi government will achieve this goal.

The kind of tone set by the Modi government 2.0 can be gauged from the following: An investment plan laid out for Rs 100 lakh crore for infrastructure in roads, railways, airports, ports etc; action against corruption stepped up and a clean-up of the banking system, tightening of the noose around economic fugitives, reforms such as the amendment to Insolvency & Banking Code, labour laws benefiting about 50 crore workers; creation of the Jal Shakti ministry to deal with the water crisis that the country is facing and which the scientists say is going to worsen if adequate measures are not taken promptly; and, plans to ensure electricity and LPG connection to every household in the villages in the next three years.

In the first 50 days, the government has provided relief in corporate tax to over 95 per cent of domestic businesses, rolled out pension scheme for traders and increased MSP for farmers.

The launch of Chandrayaan-2 coincided with the completion of 50 days in office of the government.

The government has done its bit when it comes to its commitment to take every political party along in key reforms. This is evident from the functioning of the Budget Session of Parliament. A record number of bills have been passed in this session. In fact, this is the highest productivity for the first session of Parliament after a Lok Sabha election in recent times.

In diplomacy, the first 50 days of the Modi government 2.0 have been exceptional. Two strategically located neighbours, Sri Lanka and Maldives, have come closer to India at a time when other powers are trying to impose themselves in the Indian Ocean region. Prime Minister Modi's visit to these two island countries immediately after winning back the people's mandate shows the importance this government accords to our key neighbours. Relations with China have been strengthened with engagements such as at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) meet in Kyrgyzstan and G-20 summit in Japan.

On the front of combating terrorism, Pakistan has been further isolated in the international community with the prime minister's call for a global conference on terrorism and holding countries sponsoring, aiding and funding terrorism accountable.

The ruling of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in the Kulbhushan Jadhav case is another testimony to this government's intent at doing everything possible to ensure the safety and security of Indian citizens anywhere in the world. ICJ's ruling that Pakistan cannot execute the capital punishment awarded to the retired naval officer by a sham military court of that country, shows how strongly our government fought for the rights of Kulbhushan Jadhav.

Before I conclude, a few words on the responsibility that Prime Minister Modi has entrusted me with at the Sports and Youth Affairs ministry. Next year shall see the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo, and given the hard work and commitment of our sportspersons, we expect a better performance for India at the Olympics. Consistent support has been extended by our government to sportspersons in their training programmes and participation in international competitions. We have been identifying and nurturing new talent through Khelo India and supporting elite talent through the Target Olympic Podium Scheme. The effort is to build a sporting ecosystem, right from the grass roots level to elite athletes. Under the Khelo India initiative, a National Sports Education Board (NSEB) is also being set up for the development of sports.

Our efforts are not limited to sportspersons but extend to every citizen of India, with the aim to inculcate sports and fitness into everyone's lives. The transformational change that Modi 2.0 has brought about is in participative governance, where the citizens and government together define what it means to be a proud Indian.

Our prime minister has led from the front in showing us how an ideal citizen thinks and lives. Transforming India requires active and committed participation from each one of us. Let us join hands together to build a New India.

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Big data, big responsibility

The government must address concerns over privacy and secrecy of data

VARAD PANDE AND SUBHASHISH BHADRA

DATA, DATA everywhere, and everyone is taking notice. Not just tech companies and start-ups, but even governments are seeking to utilise the enormous amount of data being generated by the country's epochal transition to a "Digital India". The Niti Aayog has laid out a vision for making available anonymised data across sectors. The Economic Survey 2018-19 dedicated an entire chapter to the topic of data — "of the people, by the people, for the people" — making a bold call to harness data as a "public good" in the service of the people.

We welcome this conversation and concur with the idea that governments should harness data and digital platforms to enable more efficient service delivery, product innovation and evidence-based policy-making. But we also believe that with big data comes big responsibility. As demonstrated by Cambridge Analytica and numerous other data breaches, poorly designed systems create risks for individuals, businesses and governments.

One "big idea" that the Survey discusses at length is the creation of a centralised welfare database of citizens that links different government-held data repositories about citizens. The sharing of information, facilitated by this database, can improve welfare delivery, empower citizens with information and "democratise" data. Many states have already taken steps in this direction through the creation of massive databases of information on every resident.

While this is a bold idea, we believe there is much to be cautious about as we commence on the collection and use of data at scale as it can lead to loss of personal data, both intentional and unintentional. For example, recently, the Andhra Pradesh government websites publicly displayed the Aadhaar number of women, their reproductive history, whether they had an abortion and so on. Another website exposed the name and number of every person who purchased medicines from government-run stores, including those buying pills for erectile dysfunction.

Whether or not one believes that Indians care about privacy in general, it is obvious that no Indian would want such information to be publicly available. Researchers at CGAP, Dalberg and Dvara Research spoke to ordinary Indians across India and found overwhelming public concern about the security of the data they share with banks, hospitals and other institutions. An individual's lack of control over data should therefore not be misinterpreted as indifference. The government must design the proposed databases in ways that allow anonymised personal data to serve its highest purpose, while protecting an individual's agency over data.

The Survey rightly acknowledges the importance of protecting personal information and proposes an architecture that relies on obtaining individual "consent". But evidence shows that "consent", while noble in theory, is deeply flawed in practice. A recent survey by researchers at the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP) shows that even English-speaking postgraduate law students struggle to understand the privacy policies before clicking "I Agree". Therefore, any large-scale data collection must be preceded by extensive on-ground research on how consent can be made meaningful to the individual.

And we need to go beyond consent. Consent must be supplemented with a full range of individual data rights, including the right to delete one's data. Any data should be subject to what lawyers call "collection limitation", which means that a service provider should only collect minimal personal data that is proportionate to the stated purpose.

The databases should be designed in a manner that a department is not able to see the data that it does not need, irrespective of whether citizens give their consent or not. For example, the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers does not need to have access to an individual's medical records. Access to each additional data field should be carefully evaluated.

The Survey's emphasis on data security and encryption is encouraging. However, encryption is not a silver bullet. The government should implement bolder technical safeguards. One such feature is decentralised storage of data — for example in the individual's personal device — rather than in a central database. Another is anonymisation at source, wherein the data is stripped of any personal information as soon as it is created. These will prevent the creation of data honeypots that can be attacked by hackers or breached accidentally. In addition, research shows that changing the default option — asking people if they want to "opt-in" to (as against "opt-out" of) data sharing requests can make a big difference to how much data gets shared.

And finally, citizens must have a time-bound and easily-accessible recourse to any data breaches or harms. They must be able to reach out to an adjudicatory body through multiple offline and online modes. This body must be empowered to penalise both public and private bodies that use the databases, and redress must be speedy.

India stands at the cusp of a major opportunity, one where data and digital platforms can become an enabler of a meaningful life for every Indian. This is also the opportunity for India to become a global leader and present a new approach that other countries can emulate. But to achieve this, the boldness of our vision must be tempered with a thoughtfulness of approach. Maximising public good but also safeguarding against harm must be the mantra for the new digital India.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UAPA WORRIES

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Riding roughshod' (IE, July 30). Giving more teeth to the UAPA is necessary. However, the amendments to the law should have come with safeguards against misuse. This becomes all the more imperative because the party in office at the Centre is known to be sensitive to criticism.

Vijai Pant *Hempur*

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Riding roughshod' (IE, July 30). The number of terrorist terrorist attacks in the country has gone done down with the exception of a few border states. Moreover, we have a plethora of laws to combat terrorism. What is the necessity of making the UAPA more draconian? This law could be vulnerable to misuse like the sedition law. It could also tax the over stressed judiciary.

Deepak Singhal, *Noida*

MAKE IT HUMANE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Change without reform' (IE, July 30). An evaluation of the NHRC against the backdrop of Universal Declaration of Human Rights makes it imperative to revise the existing human rights legislation.

G Javaid Rasool, *Lucknow*

RELIGION & SOCIETY

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Divine patriarchy' (IE, July 29). It's well-known that goddesses have held an advantageous position in the Hindu pantheon as compared to their male counterparts. But this backing by religion hasn't furthered sensitivity towards women.

Raunak Rai Maini, *Delhi*

TASKS FOR NEW CM

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Karnataka gets Yediyurappa as CM fourth time' (IE, July 27). B S Yediyurappa should ensure the all-round development of the state. The slowdown in the state's economy must be reversed.

Sauro Dasgupta, *Kolkata*

LETTER OF THE WEEK AWARD

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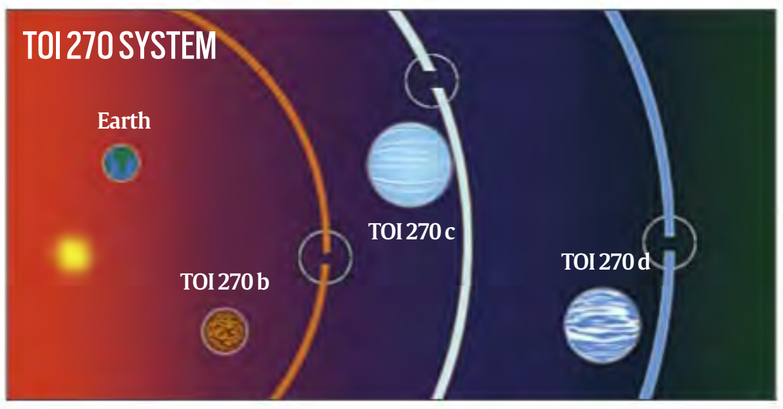
THIS WORD MEANS

TOI 270

NASA finds a new planetary system about 73 light years away from Earth



IT IS the name of the dwarf star and the planetary system recently discovered by NASA's Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS). TOI 270 is about 73 light years away from Earth, and is located in the constellation Pictor.

Its members include the dwarf star, which is 40 per cent smaller than the Sun in size and mass, and the three planets or exoplanets (planets outside the solar system) that have been named TOI 270 b, TOI 270 c, and TOI 270 d. These three planets orbit the star every 3.4 days, 5.7 days, and 11.4 days respectively.

In this system, TOI 270 b is the innermost planet. Researchers expect it to be a rocky world about 25 per cent bigger than Earth. It is not habitable since it is located too close to the star — about 13 times closer than our Solar System's Mercury is from the Sun.

On the other hand, TOI 270 c and TOI 270 d are Neptune-like planets because their compositions are dominated by gases rather than rock. Planet d, which is suspected to have a rocky core covered by a thick atmosphere, offers a surface unfavourably warm for the existence of liquid water, thereby rendering the planet potentially uninhabitable.

With further study and observations, researchers expect to find the composition of these planets, the presence of atmosphere in them and the kinds of gases they contain, etc.

MEHR GILL

TELLING NUMBERS

Maharashtra and Karnataka lead the Start-Up India scheme

MAHARASHTRA, KARNATAKA, and Delhi have seen the highest number of start-ups recognised under the government's flagship Start-Up India Scheme in the period between January 2016, when the scheme was launched, and July 16, 2019, according to a reply tabled by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry in Parliament last week. These three states also attracted the highest investments from Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) in start-ups. The information was collected by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), and formed part of the reply by the Minister for Commerce & Industry Piyush Goyal to a question asked by Congress MP from Odisha Saptagiri Sankar Ulaka in Lok Sabha on July 24.

According to the reply, a total of 20,028 start-ups across the country have been recognised under the scheme. To meet the funding requirements of start-ups, a Fund of Funds for Start-ups (FFS) with a corpus of Rs 10,000 crore had been established. The DPIIT and the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) were taken as the monitoring and operating agencies respectively for the FFS. As of July 10, 2019, SIDBI had committed Rs 3123.20 crore to 47 SEBI registered AIFs, which raised a corpus fund of Rs 25,728 crore.

STATES ATTRACTING THE MOST INVESTMENTS FROM AIFS

State	No of Startups Invested in	Investment made by AIFs*
Karnataka	79	538.3
Maharashtra	69	489.0
Delhi	46	252.9
Haryana	12	120.5
Tamil Nadu	10	88.3

** in Rs crore*

STATES WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF RECOGNISED START-UPS

State	Recognised Start-ups (16/01/2016 to 16/07/2019)
Maharashtra	3,783
Karnataka	2,938
Delhi	2,634
Uttar Pradesh	1,621
Telangana	1,116

Source: Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)

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SIMPLY PUT

Twists & turns in Unnao story

Recalling the case of an alleged rape and multiple murders linked to a jailed BJP MLA

AVANEESH MISHRA
LUCKNOW, JULY 30

TWO DAYS after a 19-year-old rape victim and her lawyer were badly injured in a mysterious road accident that killed two of the woman's aunts in Rae Bareli district of Uttar Pradesh, the BJP faced a firestorm of protests in Parliament and outside for allegedly protecting the MLA accused of the rape.

Kuldeep Singh Sengar, who is the BJP representative in the UP Assembly from Bangarmau, is in jail after being arrested on April 13, 2018. On Monday, police registered a murder FIR against Sengar after an uncle of the woman accused him of ordering the previous afternoon's hit on the highway at Gurubakshganj.

The CBI, which has already chargesheeted the MLA for rape, will now also investigate the road accident in which the car carrying the woman and her companions was rammed by a truck that had a number-plate blacked out.

The woman's father died in judicial custody in 2018. A few days before Sunday's accident, the woman and two of her relatives had written to the Chief Justice of India to say there was a threat to their lives.

What is the story of this case of many twists and turns, which has now escalated into a major political controversy?

The smashed vehicle in which the Unnao rape victim was travelling Sunday. *ANI*

The first allegations

On April 8, 2018, the woman, who has since come to be called the "Unnao rape victim" after the district in UP to which both she and Sengar belong, tried to set herself ablaze near Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's residence in Lucknow to protest alleged police inaction against the MLA, whom she accused of sexually assaulting her.

Police took the woman and eight members of her family, including her mother and grandmother, to the police station. The woman told reporters that the MLA had sexually assaulted her in his home in June 2017, and her family had been threatened.

Unnao Police said the woman's family had alleged that two youths from their village had kidnapped her on June 11, 2017, and that a case had been registered on June 20 that year. Based on the woman's statement, three men, Shubham Singh, Naresh Tiwari, and Brijesh Yadav, were arrested for gangrape and offences under The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. The woman was 17 years old at the time of the alleged incident.

The officer in charge of the police station concerned had said that the woman's family suspected that the MLA was helping the accused youths. They had, according to the officer, therefore, alleged that on June 4, 2017, Shashi Singh, the mother of the accused Shubham Singh, had taken her to Sengar's residence, where he had assaulted her sexually.

Police also said that the woman's father and uncle were criminals — the father had 28 cases of murder, loot etc. against him, and the uncle faced 15 cases, some from as early as 1991.

Subsequently, the woman told *The Indian Express* in an interview that the MLA was a family friend, and that she and her siblings addressed him as "Bhaiyya".

"It was on June 4 last year (2017)," she said in the interview published on April 13, 2018. "I was asked to go inside a room, where he raped me. Later, I was told that my father and family would be killed if I opened my mouth. I did not speak about it to anyone until I was kidnapped by some of his people a few days later, on June 11. They gangraped me for a few days and sold me to someone from whom I was recovered."

Sengar denied all allegations. He claimed some history-sheeters were trying to fix him because he had helped "innocent youths" who had been accused in a trumped-up case.

Death of the woman's father

On April 9, 2018, the day after the woman attempted to kill herself in Lucknow, her father died in judicial custody in Unnao jail, allegedly of injuries sustained in a brutal assault by supporters of the MLA six days previously. Four of Sengar's supporters — Vineet, Bauwa, Shailu and Sonu — were named in the FIR filed by the family on April 3.

The accused too, had filed an FIR against the woman's father, who was booked under sections of the Arms Act and the IPC. The family alleged that the MLA and his supporters had tried to frame the woman's father.

It subsequently emerged that the woman's father had been arrested on the same day as the incident took place, while the four aides of the MLA were arrested only after he died in jail. Six policemen were suspended and, the following day (April 10, 2018), the MLA's brother, Atul Singh, was arrested. The post mortem examination of the woman's father found 14 injuries on the body. It identified septicaemia or blood poisoning as the cause of death.

A Special Investigation Team was formed on April 11, 2018 to probe the alleged rape. In the meantime, a video surfaced, showing the woman's father alleging that the MLA's brother had beaten him in the presence of the police. On the same day, Sengar's wife Sangeeta met the UP DGP to plead for justice for her husband. He was a victim of a political conspiracy, she told reporters.

The CBI's investigation

On April 12, 2018, police registered an FIR against Sengar under various sections of the IPC and The POCSO Act. The same day, on the directions of the Allahabad High Court, the investigation was handed over to the CBI.

CBI arrested Sengar the following day (April 13), following an order passed by the court hours earlier. The "law and order machinery was directly in league and under the influence of" Sengar, the court said. On April 14, CBI arrested Shashi Singh, the woman who had allegedly lured the victim to Sengar's home on June 4, 2017.

In May 2018, CBI booked Sengar and others for conspiracy to implicate the victim's father in a false case, and arrested two policemen. Sengar and Shashi were moved to Sitapur jail from Unnao after a plea was filed in the High Court saying the victim was feeling threatened.

On July 7, 2018, CBI filed its first chargesheet against Sengar's brother Atul Singh and four others in connection with the death of the woman's father. The woman's father had come from Delhi to attend a court hearing on April 3 related to the rape case against the MLA, the chargesheet said. In the evening, he was abused and beaten by the accused in front of his house, the CBI said.

On July 11, CBI filed another chargesheet in the court of the Special Judicial Magistrate (CBI), Lucknow. It accused Sengar of the woman's rape, and Shashi Singh of aiding him in the crime. They were accused under IPC Sections 120B (conspiracy), 363 (kidnapping), 366 (kidnapping, abducting or inducing woman to compel her marriage, etc), 376 (rape), and 506 (criminal intimidation), and under The POCSO Act.

On July 14, a third chargesheet was filed against Sengar and nine others for allegedly hatching a conspiracy and implicating the woman's father in an Arms Act case.

Cases against woman's family

Five months after the CBI chargesheets, an FIR was lodged against the victim, her mother, and uncle for allegedly forging documents submitted to police as proof that the victim was a minor. The FIR was registered on the complaint of Shashi's husband Haripal Singh, following the directions of a local court.

In July 2019, the uncle of the woman was convicted in a 19-year-old case of attempt to murder, and sentenced to 10 years in prison by a district court. Notably, this case, dating back to the panchayat elections in Unnao in June 2000, had been filed by Sengar's brother, Atul Singh.

According to Ramjeevan Yadav, the additional district government counsel of Unnao, Atul Singh had alleged in the FIR that when he was casting his vote in the elections, the woman's father and her two uncles were "threatening" local people to vote for their candidate.

"When Atul Singh objected, they allegedly started hurling abuses at him. Atul Singh did not react and started walking towards his house. When he was a few metres from his house, the three brothers came back and started threatening him and opened fire at him. However, Atul Singh managed to escape unhurt," Yadav had said.

Using iris, fingerprint scans to fight crime

SRINATH RAO
MUMBAI, JULY 30

ON MONDAY, Maharashtra became the first state to adopt a digital fingerprint and iris scanning system to aid police investigations. The Automated Multi-modal Biometric Identification System (or AMBIS) adopted by the Maharashtra Police will soon be replicated across the country, with the state government working with the National Crime Records Bureau in New Delhi to create standards to be used by other state police forces.

An AMBIS unit comprises a computer terminal, a camera, and iris, fingerprint, and palm scanners. It also includes a portable system to dust off and capture fingerprints from crime scenes. With the integration of the system with facial recognition from CCTV cameras, AMBIS enables the police to cross-reference and put faces to criminals whose fingerprints have been captured on paper over the decades, apart from solving fresh crimes.

AMBIS replaces the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), which has been used by Indian law enforcement agencies to search finger and palm prints. However, AFIS has limited utility, providing only one-to-one fingerprint matches as compared multimodal matches possible with AMBIS. With facial recognition technology, the new system is also an upgrade on AFIS.

The start

Indian authorities first thought of digitising fingerprints in 2015 when they were trying to gain custody of gangster Chhota Rajan in Indonesia. The Mumbai Police's dossier against Rajan lacked the record of his fingerprint, which was captured in the 1980s. Even though the police could piece together Rajan's fingerprint from a torn paper in Chembur's Tilak Nagar police station, the episode underscored the need to digitise fingerprint records.

The Maharashtra Cyber Department studied models used by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Department of Homeland Security in the United States, and the Interpol, before formulating its own requirements. Eventually, the French company that had designed the Interpol's biometric and facial recognition system was awarded the tender to set up AMBIS, Bal Singh Rajput, Superintendent of Police, Cyber, said. The system matches the requirements set by the US National Institute of Standards and Technology.

The pilot project

Before Monday's formal launch, the system was introduced at select police stations in Mumbai that have upgraded tech infrastructure such as the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and System (CCTNS).

Through 2018, the cyber police department digitised over 6.5 lakh fingerprints recorded on paper since the 1950s. The task, however, was complicated by the poor condition in which most paper prints were stored, the mislabelling of prints, and the manner in which finger and palm prints were recorded several decades ago.

What happens now

According to Rajput, the older data is being continuously worked upon to increase accuracy and resemble the high-quality prints now recorded using AMBIS. Thus far, Mumbai Police have cracked 85 cases of theft and housebreaks dating back to 2014 after matching prints dusted from the scenes of crime with those digitised. The system is expected to be of help in more serious offences as its accuracy improves and the database expands.

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has announced the implementation of the project in all 94 police stations in Mumbai. The next step will be to roll it out in the 1,160 police stations, 7 police ranges, 10 central jails, 12 police training centres, and 4 fingerprint bureaus in Maharashtra. This will happen after the system's performance in Mumbai is reviewed and the challenges of setting it up in rural areas, addressed.

Designating an individual 'terrorist': what the amendments propose

APURVA VISHWANATH
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

THE UNLAWFUL Activities Prevention Amendment (UAPA) Bill is an anti-terror legislation that seeks to designate an individual as a "terrorist". On July 24, Lok Sabha cleared the changes to the existing law, but Opposition parties and civil liberties lawyers have criticised the Bill, arguing it could be used to target dissent against the government, and infringe on citizens' civil rights.

Who is a "terrorist" in the Bill?

The words "terror" or "terrorist" are not defined, but the UAPA Bill in Section 15 defines a "terrorist act" as any act committed with intent to threaten or likely to threaten the unity, integrity, security, economic security, or sovereignty of India or with intent to strike terror or likely to strike terror in the people or any section of the people in India or in any foreign country. The original Act dealt with "unlawful" acts related to secession; anti-terror provisions were introduced in 2004.

The Bill seeks to empower the central government to designate an individual a "terrorist" if they are found committing, preparing for, promoting, or involved in an act of terror. A similar provision already exists in Part 4 and 6 of the legislation for organisations that can be designated as a "terrorist organisation". Home Minister Amit Shah, during a debate on the Bill in Lok Sabha, stressed on the need to designate individuals as terrorists to root out terrorism.

How are individuals declared terrorists?

The central government may designate an individual as a terrorist through a notification in the official gazette, and add his name to the schedule supplemented to the UAPA Bill. The government is not required to give an individual an opportunity to be heard before such a designation.

At present, in line with the legal presumption of an individual being innocent until proven guilty, an individual who is convicted in a terror case is legally referred to as a terrorist, while those suspected of being involved in terrorist activities are referred to as terror accused. The Bill does not clarify the standard of proof required to establish that an individual is involved or is likely to be involved in terrorist activities.

What happens when an individual is declared a terrorist?

The designation of an individual as a global terrorist by the United Nations is associated with sanctions including travel bans, freezing of assets and an embargo against procuring arms. The UAPA Bill, however, does not provide any such detail.

The Bill also does not require the filing of cases or arresting individuals while designating them as terrorists. According to Home Ministry officials, the consequences will be prescribed in the Rules supplemented to the law once the amendment Bill is passed.

The Bill also seeks to give the central government the power to remove a name from the schedule when an individual makes an application. The procedure for such an application and the process of decision-making will also be decided by the central government.

If an application filed by an individual declared a terrorist is rejected by the government, the Bill gives him the right to seek a review within one month after the application is rejected.

Under the amendment Bill, the central government will set up the review committee consisting of a chairperson (a retired or sitting judge of a High Court) and three other members. The review committee will be empowered to order the government to delete the name of the individual from the schedule that lists "terrorists", if it considers the order to be flawed.

Apart from these two avenues, the individual can also move the courts challenging the government's order.

What are the other major changes proposed in the UAPA Bill?

The existing UAPA law requires an investigating officer to take prior permission of the Director General of Police of a state for conducting raids, and seizing properties that are suspected to be linked to terrorist activities. The amendment Bill, however, removes this requirement if the investigation is conducted by an officer of the National Investigation Agency (NIA). The investigating officer, under the Bill, only requires sanction from the Director General of NIA.

Central agencies such as the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) are required to obtain prior permission from the state government since law and order is a state subject under the Constitution.

The existing UAPA law specifies that only officers of the rank of Deputy Superintendent or Assistant Commissioner of Police of the NIA shall have the power to investigate offences under the UAPA law. The Bill seeks to allow NIA officers of Inspector rank to carry out investigations.

FRANCE

TRUMP'S TAX THREAT ON WINE MORONIC: MINISTER

French farming minister Didier Guillaume said on Tuesday US President Donald Trump's threat to tax French wines was "completely moronic". Trump threatened last week to make the move in retaliation for France's proposal to levy a tax aimed at big US tech firms. Trump also said US wine was better than French wine.

TOP OF THE WORLD

Women mourn after plane crash. *Reuters*

PAKISTAN

19 killed after Pak Army plane crashes into residential area

Islamabad: A small military plane of the Pakistan Army crashed into a residential area in the garrison city of Rawalpindi early Tuesday, killing 19 people, including five military personnel, officials said. The Pakistan Army Aviation aircraft on a routine training flight crashed in the suburbs of Mora Kalu village, killing 12 civilians and five crew members and destroying five to six houses, the Army said. It said that all five crew members, including two pilots, were killed in the crash. A local rescue spokesman said 19 dead bodies were brought to hospital that included 14 civilians and five crew members.

IRAN

Tehran ex-mayor gets death penalty over wife's murder

Tehran: Former Tehran mayor Mohammad Ali Najafi was sentenced to death after being convicted of murdering his wife, the judiciary said Tuesday, after a high-profile case that received extensive media coverage. A prominent reformist, Najafi was found guilty of shooting dead his second wife Mitra Ostad at their home in the capital on May 28, said Iran's judiciary spokesman Gholamhossein Esmaili. According to Iranian media reports, her body was found in a bathtub after Najafi, 67, turned himself in and confessed to killing her.

LIBYA

Attacks disrupt flights, prompt UN alarm

Tripoli: Rocket fire forced flights to be suspended and passengers evacuated at the Libyan capital's airport, where a UN envoy warned civilian aircraft had come "perilously close" to being hit. Fighting has raged on Tripoli's doorstep since Libyan strongman Khalifa Haftar launched an offensive in April to seize the capital, the seat of the UN-recognised Government of National Accord (GNA). Flights were halted twice on Monday, according to Mitiga airport's Facebook page, but were operating again on Tuesday. Several planes were diverted to Misrata, 200 km from Tripoli.

Al-Qaeda continues to cooperate closely with Lashkar: UN report

Terror group remains resilient, but Zawahiri's health & leadership succession in doubt, report says

YOSHITA SINGH
UNITED NATIONS, JULY 30

AL-QAEDA "remains resilient" and continues to cooperate closely with Pakistan-based terror outfits like Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and the Haqqani Network, but the health of its leader Aiman Muhammed al-Zawahiri and how the succession will work are in doubt, according to a UN report.

This was revealed in the 24th report of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team that was submitted to the UN Security Council Al-Qaeda Sanctions Committee here this month.

The sanctions monitoring team submits independent reports every six months to the Security Council on the Islamic State, Al-Qaeda and associated groups.

"Al-Qaeda remains resilient, although the health and longevity of its leader, Aiman Muhammed Rabi al-Zawahiri, and how the succession will work are in doubt," it said. Al-Qaeda considers Afghanistan a continuing safe haven for its leadership, relying on its long-standing and strong relationship with the Taliban, it said.

Under Taliban patronage, Al-Qaeda is keen to strengthen its presence in Badakhshan Province, in particular in the Shighnan area bordering Tajikistan, as well as in Barmal, in Paktika Province, it added. "Al-Qaeda continues to cooperate closely with Lashkar-e-Taiba and the Haqqani Network. Al-Qaida members continue to function routinely as military and religious instructors for the Taliban," the report said.

It further noted that the Islamic State is reported to be moving towards a hub-and-spoke network in its remote provinces, a logical extension of the dispersed, delegated leadership approach. "Better established affiliates are taking on elements of responsibility for lesser ones, channelling funds and assisting with propaganda. Over time, this may have the effect of regionalising the agendas of these networks," the report said.

This has already happened in the case of Al-Qaida, which has long embedded itself in local issues and politics, bringing the group some successes.

Referring to the Easter Sunday attacks in Sri Lanka that killed 258 people, the report said that despite the claim of responsibility by ISIL (an acronym for the Islamic State of Iraq and Levant), member state investigations revealed that the "ISIL core did not direct or facilitate the attacks, nor did it know about them in advance."

"Regional Member States expressed concern about dynamics in the region, in particular in Sri Lanka, southern India and the Maldives, that could contribute to internal threats. Since 2013, approximately 170 Maldivians have travelled to Iraq and the Syrian Arab Republic, and more than 70 have unsuccessfully attempted to travel," it said. **PTI**

'AFGHANISTAN A SAFE HAVEN FOR QAEDA'

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QAEDA AND the Islamic State now use a dispersed, delegated leadership approach, embedding themselves in local issues.

Al-Qaeda leader Aiman Muhammed al-Zawahiri

The Grace 1 tanker was detained on July 4. *Reuters*

British soldiers used brute force when they detained Iranian ship: Indian captain

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
LONDON, JULY 30

The captain told the BBC that British soldiers forced his unarmed crew to kneel on the deck at gunpoint after landing on the ship in a helicopter.

THE INDIAN captain of an Iranian ship that was seized by Royal Marines earlier this month has said that the British soldiers used "brute force" when they detained his ship, according to a media report on Tuesday.

The *Grace 1* tanker was detained by Gibraltar authorities with the help of Royal Marines on July 4 on the suspicion that it was ferrying a cargo of more than 2 million barrels of crude oil to Syria in breach of the European Union sanctions.

The master and chief officer of the ship — both Indian nationals — were held in relation to breaches of the European Union Regulations 36/2012, concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria.

They were later granted "police bail with conditions".

The captain, an Indian national who asked not to be named, told the BBC that British soldiers forced his unarmed crew to kneel on the deck at gunpoint after landing on the ship in a helicopter.

He said he was radioed a police request to board his ship and lowered his ladder. But before anyone could board, a military helicopter landed on the ship in a "very dangerous" move.

He told the BBC that he identified himself as the captain but the marines ignored him and instead pointed their guns and shouted "look forward, look forward".

"There was no regulations... we had 28 unarmed crew. I was in a state of shock, everybody was in a state of shock," he was quoted as saying. "How do you come on a ship like this with armed forces and such brute force. For what reason?" he said.

The captain said the marines could have boarded the ship and simply told him he had been arrested. He told the BBC that he and his crew had been advised by the Indian High Commission officials to remain anonymous while legal proceedings are on-going.

Asked whether he felt there was anything illegitimate about his ship or the cargo, the captain said he had "followed company procedures" and he did not know about the EU sanctions against Syria.

In UK court, wife of Dubai's ruler applies for 'forced marriage protection order'

ANDREW MACASKILL
LONDON, JULY 30

THE WIFE of Dubai ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum has applied for a "forced marriage protection order" in England's High Court in relation to one of her two children.

Princess Haya bint al-Hussein, the 45-year-old Jordanian daughter of late King Hussein and half-sister to King Abdullah, also applied for a "non-molestation order," which protects from harassment or threats. It was not clear who this order was in relation to.

At the High Court of England and Wales, she also applied for wardship, which means a child is placed in the hands of the court for major decisions.

A forced marriage protection order helps if someone says they have been forced into marriage or are already in a forced marriage, according to official British legal definitions.

When asked about the court proceedings, an official at the London embassy of the United Arab Emirates said: "The UAE government does not intend to comment on allegations about individuals' private lives."

Representatives of the sheikh did not immediately respond to requests for comment. The Dubai government media office declined to comment on "a private matter that is being resolved in the court". **REUTERS**

Princess Haya bint Al Hussein

SEESAWS BREACH BORDER WALL

Seesaws installed between the border fence that divides Mexico and the US, seen from Ciudad de Juarez, Mexico. The pink seesaws allow children from both sides of the border to play with each other. The idea came from Ronald Rael, a professor of architecture at the University of California, Berkeley, and Virginia San Fratello, an associate professor of design at San José State University. *AP*

China says most people in Xinjiang camps have 'returned to society'

MICHAEL MARTINA
BEIJING, JULY 30

MOST PEOPLE sent to mass detention centres in China's Xinjiang region have "returned to society", a senior official from the region said on Tuesday, but he declined to give an estimate of for many have been held in recent years.

UN experts say at least one million ethnic Uighurs, and members of other largely Muslim minority groups, have been detained in camps in the region.

China describes the camps as vocational training centres to help stamp out religious extremism and teach new work skills.

Xinjiang vice chairman Alken Tuniaz, asked at a briefing in Beijing for an account of how many people had been put in the facilities, said the number was "dynamic", and that most had "successfully achieved employment". "Currently, most people who have received training have already returned to society, returned home," Tuniaz said. **REUTERS**

EXPLAINED

Defusing criticism

CHINA HAS repeatedly tried to defuse international criticism ever since reports emerged that over 1 million people, mostly Muslims, were being detained in camps in Xinjiang. While former detainees have told international media that the camps were more like prisons, China maintains they are vocational training centres. Now, with Beijing saying most inmates are out, activists are sceptical as China has refused to give more details.

Protesters surround a police station on Tuesday. *Reuters*

44 CHARGED WITH RIOTING IN HONG KONG

Hong Kong: Hundreds of people surrounded a police station in Hong Kong on Tuesday chanting "free the martyrs" after 44 activists were charged with rioting following weekend clashes between protesters and police defending China's representative office.

It was the first time the rioting charge has been used during protests which erupted over an extradition Bill. Another man was charged with possession of an offensive weapon. **REUTERS**

US bank hacked, data of 100 million people affected

EMILY FLITTER & KAREN WEISE
JULY 30

A SOFTWARE engineer in Seattle hacked into a server holding customer information for Capital One and obtained the personal data of more than 100 million people, federal prosecutors said Monday, in one of the largest thefts of data from a bank.

The suspect, Paige Thompson, 33, left a trail online for investigators to follow as she boasted about the hacking, according to court documents in Seattle, where she was arrested and charged with one count of computer fraud and abuse.

Thompson, who formerly worked for Amazon Web Services, which hosted the Capital One database that was breached, was not shy about her work as a hacker. She is listed as the organiser of a group on Meetup, a social network, called Seattle Warez Kiddies, described as a gathering for "anybody with an appreciation for distributed systems, programming, hacking, cracking". The FBI noticed her activity on Meetup and used it to trace her other online activities, eventually linking her to posts describing the data theft on Twitter and the Slack messaging service.

"I've basically strapped myself with a bomb vest," Thompson wrote in a Slack post, according to prosecutors, "dropping capital ones dox and admitting it."

According to court papers and Capital One, Thompson stole 140,000 Social Security numbers and 80,000 bank account numbers in the breach.

In addition to the tens of millions of credit card applications stolen, the company said Monday, the breach compromised 1 million Canadian social insurance numbers. **NYT**

PARTS OF HARARI'S '21 LESSONS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY' THAT ARE CRITICAL OF PUTIN, OR REFERENCING THE AUTHOR'S SEXUALITY, ALTERED

You can read this book in Russian, except for the parts about Russia

IVAN NECHEPURENKO & ALEXANDRA ALTER
MOSCOW, JULY 30

ANDREI CHERNIKOV, an information-technology specialist from western Ukraine, was near the end of Yuval Noah Harari's book *21 Lessons for the 21st Century* when he stumbled onto something that concerned him directly — a description in the "Post-Truth" chapter of how Russia's government in 2014 attempted to hide its invasion of Ukraine and annexation of Crimea.

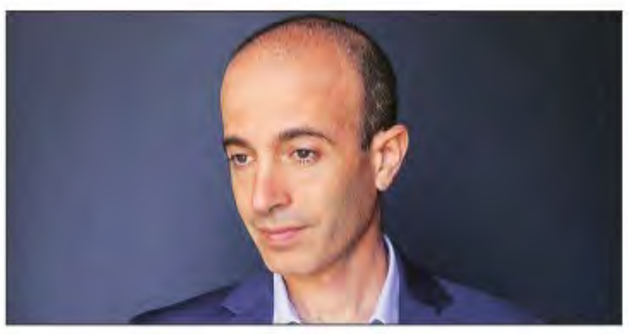
Chernikov, 35, was reading a hard copy of the book in Ukrainian, but when he switched to the Russian e-book version on his tablet, the same chapter contained different material. Instead of events in Crimea, it began with an analysis of US President Trump's statements to illustrate the proliferation of fake news in the modern world.

"The difference between Ukrainian and Russian languages texts powerfully exposes the stated issues," Chernikov wrote in a Facebook post that quickly went viral.

Other discrepancies emerged, causing an uproar in Ukraine, Russia and beyond. *The New York Times* found that the Russian version of the book was heavily censored, with mentions of the fighting in Ukraine and Crimea removed and criticism of the Russian government toned down or cut, among other changes. The Russian version didn't mention any of the changes.

In one instance, Russia was replaced with Hungary as a country that is experimenting with new types of non-liberal democracy and dictatorship. The sections which described Russia as an "ideologically bankrupt country" where "oligarchs monopolise most of a country's wealth and power" were removed, as was the description of Russian President Vladimir Putin as a leader with "no global worldview".

For Chernikov, the omission of Russia's invasion of his country was particularly stinging. "People who perished in eastern Ukraine are buried 150 metres away from where I live," he said in a phone interview from his home in Ivano-Frankivsk. "What I am worried about here is that the authoritarian regime has implemented itself in Russia in full."



Yuval Harari is an Israeli historian and philosopher. *NYT*

Following the outcry, Harari, in an interview, tried to explain what happened.

He agreed to omit the mentions of Putin's announcement about Russia's 2014 annexation of Crimea, he said, seeing it as a necessary compromise to make the book available to Russian readers.

"I really faced a dilemma whether to change these examples and publish the book or to leave them in and publish nothing," Harari said. "I would never agree to write something which is not true, and I would never agree to change the main message of the book."

Still, he was troubled to learn of other changes that he had not approved. For example, in the original book's dedication, Harari references his husband, noting that "I only know how to write books. He does everything else." But in the Russian translation, "husband" was changed to "partner". "If that's true, I'm really furious," he said. "I'm openly gay. I go around the world speaking about it."

Harari also was surprised to learn that his description of Russian aggression in Crimea in other sections of the book had been altered. He said he would contact his Russian publisher to object to the changes that he didn't authorise, and he worries that the attention the book is drawing could increase scrutiny.

The Russian publisher, Sindbad, declined to comment, saying that its main editor is away from Moscow and will be unavailable for several weeks.

Harari, an Israeli historian and philosopher, rose to prominence with the English translation of his 2014 best seller, *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind*. He followed up with a sequel, *Homo Deus: A Brief History of Tomorrow* and then published *21 Lessons for the 21st Century*, a collection of essays that explores the technological and political problems humanity must solve in the coming decades. **NYT**

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Sl.No.1 **e-Tender No: 132_S_SC_19_OT Name of work:** KZJ-BZA section: SW 1) Proposed rebuilding of existing bridge No: 504 (Up/Dn) at Km. 388/9-11 between WL-CLE stations as pre-cast RCC box by open cut method. SW 2) Br. No: 528 (Up/Dn) at Km. 403/23-25 between YGL-NKD stations. SW 3) Br. No: 550 (Up/Dn) at Km. 418/4-6 between INK-KDM stations. SW 4) Br. No: 606 (Up/Dn) at Km. 449/21-23 between GUU-GLA stations. SW 5) Repairs to bridge protective works between WL-GLA stations under ADEN/S/KZJ. **Approx. Tender Value in :** ₹2,50,55,074/- **EMD:** ₹2,75,300/- **Cost of Tender form:** ₹10,000/- **Completion period in Months**: 12 **Maintenance period in Months:** 06

Sl.No. 2 **e-Tender No:** 133_S_SC_19_OT **Name of work:** KZJ-KI & DKJ-MUGR sections: Rear works behind ballast cleaning machine during deep screening of ballast between KZJ-KI stations on Up & Dn lines and DKJ-MUGR stations on SL line under DEN/South/SC section. **Approx. Tender Value in :** ₹1,74,45,103/- **EMD:** ₹2,37,300/- **Cost of Tender form:** ₹5,000/- **Completion period in Months**: 09 **Maintenance period in Months:** NIL

Sl.No. 3 **e-Tender No:** 134_S_SC_19_OT **Name of work:** KZJ-KI & DKJ-MUGR Sections: Proposed Alumino Thermic welding of Rail Joints with compressed Air petrol/LPG pre-heating with Automatic tapping thimble & multiple use crucible with three piece pre-fabricated moulds (using 3 piece mould prefabricated mould (Zircon washed) single shot crucible fitted with automatic thimble tapping of molten metal with latest amendments) in accordance with IRS specification No. IRST-19-2012 with Advance correction slip No. 1 of June 2013and as amended from time to time for various works and Manufacture and supply of welding portions with all consumables and accessories in ADEN/S/KZJ, DKJ & MDR sections under DEN/South/SC jurisdiction. **Approx. Tender Value in :** ₹81,11,250/- **EMD:** ₹1,62,300/- **Cost of Tender form:** ₹5,000/- **Completion period in Months**: 06 **Maintenance period in Months:** 24

Sl.No. 4 **e-Tender No:** 135_S_SC_19_OT **Name of work:** MTMI-JPTN & DKJ-MUGR sections: Proposed deep screening of ballast on points and crossings with crane / T-28 machine under DEN/South/SC's section. **Approx. Tender Value in :** ₹1,19,30,143/- **EMD:** ₹2,09,700/- **Cost of Tender form:** ₹5,000/- **Completion period in Months**: 06 **Maintenance period in Months:** NIL

Sl.No. 5 **e-Tender No:** 136_Co._SC_19_OT **Name of work:** Hiring of TATA SUMO / TOYOTA QUALIS / CHAVROLET TAVERA / Mahindra Scorpio or Similar Vehicle (Non – AC) Multi Utility vehicle for inspection of ADEN/SW/SC section of SC Division for a period of twelve months (One Vehicle). **Approx. Tender Value in :** ₹4,32,000/- **EMD:** ₹8,700/- **Cost of Tender form:** ₹1,000/- **Completion period in Months**: 12 **Maintenance period in Months:** NIL

Sl.No. 6 **e-Tender No:** 137_BRS_SC_19_OT **Name of work:** SNF-MLY, SC-WD & SC-KZJ sections: Replacement of frequently damaged height gauges at Rail Nilayam, Bible House, Balanagar, Ranigunj etc. in city limits. **Approx. Tender Value in :** ₹1,97,34,694/- **EMD:** ₹2,48,700/- **Cost of Tender form:** ₹5,000/- **Completion period in Months**: 12 **Maintenance period in Months:** 06

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Sl.No. 7 **e-Tender No:** 138_BRS_SC_19_OT **Name of work:** SW 1) WD-SC-KZJ section: Replacement of damaged and non-standard height gauges. SW 2) BPQ-KZJ-BZA section: Replacement of damaged and non-standard height gauges. **Approx. Tender Value in :** ₹3,97,73,123/- **EMD:** ₹3,48,900/- **Cost of Tender form:** ₹10,000/- **Completion period in Months**: 12 **Maintenance period in Months:** 06

Sl.No. 8 **e-Tender No:** 140_Co._SC_19_OT **Name of work:** Secunderabad Division: Hiring of pickup truck / van or similar type vehicle for SSE/P.Way/USFD for emergency and day to day working (One vehicle for 02 years). **Approx. Tender Value in :** ₹6,41,380/- **EMD:** ₹12,900/- **Cost of Tender form:** ₹2,000/- **Completion period in Months**: 24 **Maintenance period in Months:** NIL

Sl.No. 9 **e-Tender No:** 141_N_SC_19_OT **Name of work:** BPQ-KZJ section: Proposed monsoon patrolling of track along track with Railway Patrolling Man under Sr.DEN/North/SC's section. **Approx. Tender Value in :** ₹25,25,026/- **EMD:** ₹50,500/- **Cost of Tender form:** ₹3,000/- **Completion period in Months**: 04 **Maintenance period in Months:** NIL

Sl.No. 10 **e-Tender No:** 142_W_SC_19_OT **Name of work:** SC-WD & VKB-PRLI sections: Proposed shallow screening and boxing of ballast work under Sr.DEN/West/SC's jurisdiction. **Approx. Tender Value in :** ₹46,17,500/- **EMD:** ₹92,400/- **Cost of Tender form:** ₹3,000/- **Completion period in Months**: 06 **Maintenance period in Months:** 45 Days

1. Tenderers should participate through e-tendering only and no manual offers may be considered.
2. Tender conditions/other particulars are available in the Tender documents on IREPS website at ireps.gov.in which can be downloaded, can be participated and can view any modifications if any.
3. All the prospective tenderers are requested to remit Cost of tender form & EMD through online payments only.
4. The tender notice is also displayed in the Notice Board located in the office of Sr.DEN/Co-ordination, Secunderabad Division, South Central Railway, Secunderabad which can be seen on all working days.
5. The Railway reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereto.
6. All the prospective tenderers are advised to get GSTIN identification Nos. and submit along with their offer.

Sr.DEN/Co-ordination/ Secunderabad

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For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, please visit website at www.ireps.gov.in http://www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

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ASSOCATE DIRECTOR (EXTENSION)
DIRECTORATE OF EXTENSION EDUCATION
CCS HARYANA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, HISAR-125004 (HARYANA)
(Established by Parliament Act 16 of 1970)
Phone: 01662-255234, 94164-82401, 90530-68379

TENDER NOTICE

Tender are invited for Display Material/Infrastructure/Tentage for 'Agro-Industrial Exhibition' at ***Krishi Mela (Rabi)*** to be organized by CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar (Haryana) dated 11-12 September, 2019. For detailed information, please visit University website: https://www.hau.ac.in or Contact: O/o Associate Director (Extension), Gandhi Bhawan, CCSHAU, Hisar-125004 (Haryana) on above mentioned numbers. **Last Date of Submitted Tender is 17 August, 2019 till 5.00 P.M.**

Sd/-
Associate Director (Extension)
CCSHAU, Hisar.

CCS-1114-15

THE KAITHAL CO-OPERATIVE SUGAR MILLS LTD., KAITHAL (HR)

TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders/ tenders are invited from reputed parties/ authorized dealers/ distributors/ contractors for the transportation/ purchase/ job work/ repair of the following items:-

1. Export of 6751.8 Tone sugar export quota MEQ under tradable export SCRIP Scheme (season 2018-19 production). EMD-Rs.6.00 lacs.
2. Transportation rate for supply of PDS sugar for different destination of Confed. Haryana.-EMD-Rs. 50000/-
3. Sale of molasses 30000 qtls. – EMD Rs. 1.50 lac.
4. Purchase of M.S. Fabricated Vapour Pipes & Bends.
5. Purchase of C.S. Sprocket.
6. Purchase of C.I. Sluice Valves.
7. Purchase of Castable Refractory.
8. Purchase of Boiler Furnace big Links.
9. Purchase of C.I. Sounder Valves.
10. Purchase of S.S Tubes.
11. Purchase of cane cutting knives.
12. Purchase of planetary gear box for bagasse carrier (Kavitsu/ Maxtorgue make).
13. Purchase of different type of pump and pump spares.
14. Purchase of M.S. Donally chute.
15. Purchase of ACC & CGI sheets.
16. Purchase of Bolt & Nuts.
17. Purchase of electrical items.
18. Purchase of LDPE/LLDPE – PP Liners.
19. Purchase of tube cleaning equipments.
20. Purchase of sugar bags serial no. tags.
21. Purchase of pure nickel screens.
22. Purchase, erection and commissioning of Calandria for Evaporator Body.
23. Purchase & fixing of glass wool insulation.
24. Purchase of various type of bearings (SKF/ FAG/ KOYO/ NSK Make).
25. Purchase of boiler chemicals.
26. Purchase of discharge valves (Puri make).
27. Drilling of hols & fitting of S.S. bushes.
28. Purchase and erection of Auto Sugar Weighing Machine.
29. AMC of ETP for crushing season 2019-20.
30. Tube cleaning work of various equipments during crushing season 2019-20.
31. Purchase of helical gear box for cane carrier drive (Premier make).
32. Pruchase of Air Compressor Spares.
33. Construction of road.
34. construction of 2 Nos. Ash Pits.
35. Purchase of Input Pinion Shaft for Secondary Gear.
36. Contract for Boiler Ash handling.
37. Repair of Sugar Stacker.
38. Contract for running of R.O. plant in three shifts for crushing season 2019-20.

Prescribed tender form having detailed specification, approximate requirement, term and conditions can be down load from portal **https://etenders.hry.nic.in** and should reach online on or before 11-08-2019 up to 10.00 a.m., technical will be opened on dated 11-08-19 at 11.00 a.m. negotiation will be held on 12-08-2019 & 13-08-2019 at 11.00 a.m. with H-1/ L-1 party as per sale/purchase policy and rules. Representative attending negotiation should be fully authorized to take final decision on the spot. Other terms and conditions will be announced at the time of negotiation. The Mill Management reserves the right to accept/reject any /all tenders/ items without assigning any reason.

Managing Director

दिल्ली शहरी आश्रय सुधार बोर्ड
Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board

ADDENDUM/EXTENSION OF DATE

With reference to the advertisements published in the News Paper dated 19.07.2019 having No. DIP/Shabdarth/0407/19-20 regarding appointment for Member (Engineering) & Member (Finance) on deputation.

"The date for submission of the applications for the above said posts is hereby extended up to 30.08.2019. The interested candidates may also refer to the web site of the Department for more information at **www.delhishelterboard.in**"

Sd/-
Dy. Director (Admn.)
011-23378957

DIP/Shabdarth/0449/19-20

HIMACHAL PRADESH TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY
(A State Government University)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (NCB)
under
Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme - Phase-III (TEQIP-III)

Competitive Bids are invited from Eligible Bidders for the:-

1. **Establishment of Web Based Digital Learning Studio on Turn-Key Basis.**
2. **Supply, Commissioning, Operation and Annual Maintenance Contract of Moduler Data Centre, Servers, Storage, Network & Security Devices**

For more details & Tender Document, please visit **www.himtu.ac.in**.

Sd/- Coordinator, TEQIP-III, HPTU, HAMIRPUR-177001

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Resident Commission
5-Prithviraj Road, New Delhi - 110011
Tel: 24611108, 24611210, Fax: 011 24601277, 24627047

Installation of Coffee Vending Machines and Supply of Material/ Consumables.

The Resident Commission Office, Jammu & Kashmir, Government, New Delhi under the administrative control of Hospitality & Protocol Department, J&K Government invites sealed quotations for installation of (3) Coffee Vending Machines (Bean to Coffee) for supply of tetra branded milk coffee, and supply of Materials/ Consumable like coffee, sugar sachets, branded milk, wooden stirrers, etc. at J&K House, 5-Prithvi Raj Road and J&K House, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi as per the details given in the tender documents.

The tender documents may be collected from Chief Pay & Accounts Officer, Resident Commission, J&K Government, New Delhi on payment of tender cost of Rs. 200/- (non-refundable) through Bank Draft in favour of Principal Resident Commissioner, New Delhi on any working day (Monday to Friday) between 10.30 AM to 05.00 PM. The last date and time for bid submission (Technical & Financial) shall be 12th August, 2019 up till 5.00 PM. The Bid Box shall be placed at reception of J&K House, 5-Prithvi Raj Road , New Delhi

Chief Pay & Accounts Officer,
Resident Commission.

KBI/Advt./1831-32/2019
Dated: 29.07.2019

KRC/Misc/483/18/3793/2019
Dated: 26.07.2019

Bihar School Examination Board

CORRIGENDUM TO TENDER NOTICE No.:- PR 293/2019

With reference to Tender Notice No. PR **293/2019** issued in various newspapers on 14th July 2019 for **"Third Party Inspection (TPI) & Physical Verification of Nine numbers of Examination Halls situated in each Divisional District Headquarter, Administrative Building situated in the campus of main building of BSEB office at Sinha Library Road, Patna and face lifting, renovation, interior works and campus development of Academic building of BSEB, situated at Budh Marg, Patna"**, the Eligibility criteria has been revised. Updated Tender document is uploaded on website **http://www.biharboardonline.bihar.gov.in.**

Secretary

बाँदा कृषि एवं प्रौद्योगिक विश्वविद्यालय, बांदा।
ई-निविदा सूचना

बाँदा कृषि एवं प्रौद्योगिक विश्वविद्यालय, बांदा के अन्तर्गत निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु सम्बन्धित कार्य कराने वाले फर्म/एजेन्सीओं से प्रत्येक कार्य हेतु अलग-अलग ई-निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं:-

1. E Tender No-05/2019-20 Supply of Outsourced Manpower.
2. E Tender No-06/2019-20 Supply of Skilled & Non Skilled Staff.
3. E Tender No-07/2019-20 Supply of Security Personnel.

E-tender is available on E tender website **www. etender.up.nic.in** & University website **www.buat.edu.in** Last Date for submission of E-tender is 30.08.2019. For more details visit website.

वित्त नियंत्रक

(A State Govt. Undertaking)
Office: Himfed Bhawan, New ISBT Road, Panjari, Shimla-171005
Ph.:- 0177-2831283, 2831284 FAX:-0177-2831284
(CIN):U40101HP2008SGC030950, (GSTIN): 02AACCH1548M1ZP
Himachal Pradesh Power Transmission Corporation Ltd.
Web: www.hpptcl.com

Invitation for Bids (National Competitive Bidding)

Loan No. : Intrastate Transmission System in Himachal Pradesh under Green Energy Corridors (GEC)
Contract No. : **18 C-SD & PW / KfW / HPPTCL / 33 KV Palchan S/Stn**
Deadline for Bids : **20.09.2019, 15.00 Hrs.**

1. India has received a loan from the Development Bank owned by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany (hereinafter called "KfW")) towards the cost of Intrastate Transmission System in Himachal Pradesh under Green Energy Corridors (GEC) and it is intended that part of this loan will be used for payments under the contract named above. Bidding is open to Bidders from under NCB.
2. The HP Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. (HPPTCL) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for:
   "Site Development, Protection Works, Construction of Approach Road and Diversion of Nallah for the 33kV Palchan Switching Substation, Distt. Kullu of Himachal Pradesh (India)"
   Completion period is 5 months (150 days).
3. National Competitive Bidding will be conducted in accordance with Single – Stage: Single Envelope Offline Mode and is open to all Bidders from India.
4. To obtain further information and inspect the Bidding Document, Bidders should contact the Deputy General Manager (Contracts) at the following address during working days starting from **05.08.2019 to 19.09.2019.**
   Deputy General Manager (Contracts)
   HP Power Transmission Corporation Limited (HPPTCL)
   Himfed Bhawan, Panjari, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, India - 171005
   Tel. No.: +91- 0177- 2633784, Fax No.: +91-177- 2831284
   Email: dgmcontracts@hpptcl.in, Website: www.hpptcl.com
5. The Bidding Documents can be purchased from the above address on all working days from **05.08.2019 to 19.09.2019.**
6. To purchase the Bidding Document, eligible bidders should:
   * Pay a non - refundable fee of INR 5,900 only (INR Five Thousand Nine Hundred Only) through demand draft in favour of Managing Director, HP Power Transmission Corporation Limited payable at Shimla (H. P.).
   * The Bidding Document will be sent via courier for an additional fee of INR 1,000 (INR One Thousand Only) for domestic delivery. No liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery of the Bidding Document.

   To check Bidder's Qualifying Requirement and Scope of Work visit Website: www.hpptcl.com.
7. A pre - bid conference will be held on **30.08.2019** at above address.
8. Bidders must deliver their bids to the address above on or before 13.00 hours, on **20.09.2019** together with a Bid Security as indicated in the Bidding Documents.
9. Bids will be opened at **15.30 hours on 20.09.2019** in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address above.
10. The HPPTCL will not be responsible for costs or expenses incurred by Bidders in connection with the delivery or preparation of bids.

Sd/- **DGM (Contracts)**
HPPTCL, Shimla-05
Email- dgmcontracts@hpptcl.in

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HARYANA GOVERNMENT

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	OLD REFERENCE/ NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/ EMAIL
1.	DHBVN	NIT NO. TED-336/PD&C/2019	THE BID PROCESSING FEE FOR INSTANT TENDER HAS BEENSHOWN AS RS.1000/- ON THE WEBSITE IT IS FURTHER CLARIFIED THAT THE AMOUNT IS WITHOUT GST.AS SUCH ALL THE BIDDERS ARE HEREBY INTIMATED THAT PROCESSING FEE OF RS. 1000/- + 18% TAX =TOTAL RS. 1180/- IS TO BE DEPOSITED BY THEM IN THIS OFFICE IN SHAPE OF DD IN FAVOUR OF SOCIETY FOR IT	www.dhbvn.org.in	01662-223216 cepdcdhbvn@gmail.com
2.	DHBVN	NIT NO. TED-336/PD&C/2019	THE BID SUBMISSION CLOSING DATE AND OPENING DATE OF BID SUBMITTED AGAINST PAT-I ARE HEREBY EXTENDED AS UNDER: A) EXTENDED DATE OF CLOSING OF ONLINE E-TENDER FOR SUBMISSION OF TECHNO-COMMERCIAL BID & AMP; PRICE BID ON WEB PORTAL:- 05.08.2019 (UPTO 1700 HRS.)	www.dhbvn.org.in	01662-223216 cepdcdhbvn@gmail.com
3.	HVPNL	QDP NO. 1166, NIT NO. 1028 DATED: 31.05.2019	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTETENDED UPTO 08.08.2019 UPTO 17.00 HRS.	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 (pro@hvpn.org.in)
4.	HVPNL	EVENT ID NO.2019_HBC_85484_1 NIT NO. 39/TSKNL/2019-20 DATED 09-07-2019	PAINTING THE ALLIED EQUIPMENTS AT 132 KV S/STN. HVPNL, MADHUBAN	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 (pro@hvpn.org.in)
5.	HVPNL	QDP NO. 1173,NIT NO. 1035 DATED: 03.06.2019	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTETENDED UPTO 08.08.2019 UPTO 17.00 HRS.	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 (pro@hvpn.org.in)
6.	HVPNL	5 /AMB/CIVIL WORKS/2019-20 DATED: 09.07.2098 (2019_HBC_85610_1)	NO CHANGE IN THE TENDER, ONLY DATE OF OPENING IS EXTEDED UPTO 08.08.2019 DUE TO NON TURNING UP OF ANY BIDDER	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 (pro@hvpn.org.in)
7.	HVPNL	QDP-1177 (NIT NO. 1039 DATED 07.06.2019)	CORRIGENDUM-2/EXETENTION OF DUE DATE OF SUBMISSION UPTO 10.08.2019 UPTO 17.00 HRS.	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 (pro@hvpn.org.in)
8.	HVPNL	QDP NO. 1187,NIT NO. 1049 DATED: 24.06.2019	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTETENDED UPTO 13.08.2019 UP TO 17,00 HRS.	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 (pro@hvpn.org.in)
9.	HVPNL	QDP-1190 (NIT NO. 1052 DATED 24.06.2019)	CORRIGENDUM-1/EXETENTION OF DUE DATE OF SUBMISSION UPTO 13.08.2019 UPTO 17.00 HRS.	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 (pro@hvpn.org.in)

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HARYANA GOVERNMENT

TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) in Rupees	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER
1.	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT BHIWANI	CONSTRUCTION OF WATER COURSE OUT LET RD 11100-R GUDHAN MINOR. + 2 OTHER WROKS	CLOSING DATE 05.08.2019	5.28 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	01664247757 / xen-bondbhw.irr@gov.in
2.	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT KAITHAL	RENOVATION OF SURYAKUNDTIRTH AT VILLAGE SAJUMA AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT WORKS IN THE TEMPLE PREMISES + 3 OTHER WORKS	31.07.2019 07.08.2019	SOCIETY 11250 CONTRACTOR 22499	https://etender.hry.nic.in	xensarasvatidnktl@gmail.com 01746-222392
3.	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT REWARI	CONSTRUCTION OF WATER BODY AND LAYING R.C.C. PIPE LINE FOR VILLAGE RAJPURA IN PATAUDI CONSTITUENCY. + 7 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 08.08.2019	50.03 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	xenwsdvnrri1@gmail.com
4.	PANCHAYATI RAJ, KURUKSHETRA	CONSTRUCTION OF 6 NO. GOVT. VETY. HOSPITALS & 8 NO. GOVT. VETY. DISPENSARY	27.07.2019 13.08.2019	294.74 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	9416127384 prexeeng.krk@ hry.nic.in
5.	FOREST DEPARTMENT, PANCHKULA	PROVIDING SERVICES OF LIGHT DUTY AND HEAVY DUTY VEHICLE DRIVERS AND SKILLED/SEMI-SKILLED/UNSKILLED LABOURER THROUGHTOUT THE STATE " AS AND WHEN REQUIRED BASIS" ON RESPECTIVE DISTRICT DC RATES + 1 OTHER WORK	26.07.2019 08.08.2019	EMD 70000	https://etender.hry.nic.in	0172-2563861/9416376656
6.	FOREST DEPARTMENT, HISAR	NEW PLANTATION WORK + 5 OTHER WORKS	25.07.2019 06.08.2019	1.03 CRORE	https://etenders.hry.nic.inTENDER NO 2019_HRY_89360_1+5 OTHER	01662-259232 dfohisar.t@gmail.com
7.	FOREST DEPTT, PANCHKULA	INTERLOCKTILE PARKING AT VAN COLONY SEC-11 PKL,RENOVATION OF #867 SECTOR -11 PKL AND KOTAH STONE FLOORING IN VAN COLONY HOUSES	25.07.2019 05.08.2019	_____	haryanaforest.gov.in	0172-2583762
8.	FOREST DEPTT, PANCHKULA	MTC. WORK IN VAN COLONY AND VAN BHAWAN (6 MONTH)	25.07.2019 06.08.2019	_____	haryanaforest.gov.in	0172-2583762
9.	PWD B&R, SIRSA	SPECIAL REPAIR OF VARIOUS ROAD BY PDG. INTERLOCKING PAVER BLOCK IN PROVL. DIVISION NO. II, PWD B&R BR. SIRSA (ROAD ID 9614,9622,9594 & 9602 FOR THE WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR 2018-19 IN SIRSA DISTT. + 1 OTHER WORK	29.07.2019 08.08.2019	151.14 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	01666-222959/ pwd-eepd2-sirsa@hry. nic. in
10.	PWD B&R, SIRSA	SPECIAL REPAIR OF CIVIL HOSPITALCOURT (SESSION COURT) IN CAMPUS OF MINI SECTT. AT SIRSA. + 1 OTHER WORK	26.07.2019 05.08.2019	41.89 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	01666-220530 pwd-eepd1-sirsa@hry.nic.in
11.	PWD B&R, NARNAUL	WIDENING & STRENGTHENING OF ROAD FROM NARNAUL-DHOLERA ROAD TO TAJIPUR-KAMANIA-CHHAPRA BIBIPUR ROAD IN MOHINDERGARH DISTRICT (ROAD ID 2669, 2671) (CM ANNOUNCEMENT CODE 24652 DATED 10.01.2019) (RE-INVITED) + 2 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 05.08.2019	874.13 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	01282-251267 / pwd-eepd-narnaul@hry.nic.in
12.	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGG, REWARI	ROUGH COST ESTIMATE FOR PROVIDING AND INSTT. OF 01 NO. DEEP TUBEWELL IN VILLAGE HASSANGARH DISTT. SONEPAT	29.07.2019 08.08.2019	17.50 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	01274-260344 eegwirewari@phedharyana.gov.in
13.	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGG, REWARI	DRILLING OF TUBEWELL IN LIEU OF 2 NOS. ABANDONED T/WELL AT VILLAGE BABAIL DISTT.PANIPAT	29.07.2019 08.08.2019	28.13 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in	01274-260344 eegwirewari@phedharyana.gov.in
14.	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGG,SIRSA	STRENGTHENING & IMPROVEMENT OF WATER SUPPLY SCHEME AND PROVIDING AND LAYING OF SEWER LINES IN BALANCE AREA OF RANIA TOWN DISTT. SIRSA. + 1 OTHER WORKS	31.07.2019 08.08.2019	147.03 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in/ TENDER NO 2019_HRY_90277 + 1 OTHER	01666-221925/ ee2sirsa@phedharyana.gov.in
15.	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGG, BAWAL	ROUGH COST ESTIMATE FOR SPECIAL REPAIR OF CANAL BASED WATER WORKS KHERA MURAR, LAYING OF PIPELINE, INSTALLATION OF DOZING PUMP AT TUBEWELL IN VARIOUS VILLAGES & DHANIES UNDER JURISDICTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DIVISION BAWAL, DISTRICT REWARI. INSTALLATION OF DOZING PUMP AT VARIOUS TUBEWELLS AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THERE TO.	26.07.2019 02.08.2019	5.40 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in Tender No. 2019_HRY_89760	01282-260062 eebawal@gmail.com
16.	DIRECTORATE OF STATE TRANSPORT HARYANA , CHANDIGARH	PROVIDING MANPOWER FOR RESOLING/RETREADING OF NYLON/RADIAL BUS TYRES AT HARYANA ROADWAYS CENTRAL WORKSHOPS, KARNAL AND HISAR	25.07.2019 14.08.2019	25 LACS	https://etender.hry.nic.in TENDER NO 04/2019-209/SPA/ TE CH.	1722700275

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CARRYING OUT PERIODICAL MAINTENANCE AND ATTENDING FAILURES

E-Tender No.: SNT/24/LMG/2019-20 **Dated:** 26-07-2019. Open tender through e-tendering system are invited for the following works: **Name of work & its location:** Carrying out periodical maintenance and attending failures of 34 Nos. 15 KVA Kirloskar Green DG Sets in Manderdisa-Damchara section under SSE/Sig/Hill/Lumding for a period of 03 (three) years. **Tender Value:** ₹40,26,504/-. **Earnest Money:** ₹80,500/-. E-Tender will be closed at **15.00** hrs. of **21-08-2019** and opened at **15.30** hrs. of **21-08-2019**. For details please visit in website **www.ireps.gov.in**

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सं.: M-08-2019-AII **दि.: 31.07.2019**

मंडल रेल प्रबंधक यांत्रिक (सवमा) अजमेर, भारत के राष्ट्रपति एवं उनकी ओर से निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु दो पैकेट सिस्टम के अन्तर्गत निर्धारित प्रपत्र में दिनांक 31.08.2019 को 15:00 बजे तक ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। **(1) कार्य का नाम :** SPART UDZ के CUMMINS डीजल इंजन का वार्षिक रखरखाव का (इंजन क्रमांक 25261220 और 25261221 मॉडल NTA-855-R-IESM) दो साल की अवधि के लिए अनुबंध का कार्य। **(2) बयाना राशि :** ₹ 53,200/- (₹ तिरेपन हजार दो सौ मात्र) **(3) कार्य की अनुमानित लागत :** ₹26,55,307.37/- **(4) निविदा फॉर्म का शुल्क :** ₹ 3,000/- **(5) प्रस्ताव का वेबसाइट पर अपलोड करना और खुलना :** प्रस्ताव का दिनांक 31.08.2019 को 15:00 बजे तक वेबसाइट पर अपलोड करना और निविदा का 31.08.2019 को 15:30 बजे खुलना। **(6) वेबसाइट का विवरण :** www.ireps.gov.in

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CWM/Carriage & Wagon Workshop, Bikaner, North Western Railway acting for and on behalf of the president of India invites E-Tender No. **09-MECH-BKNW-MG-19-20** Contractors will be able to submit their original/revised offer up to closing date and time only. Manual offers shall not be accepted against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Details are as under. **(1) Name of Work :** Work of General Furnishing, Carpentry, Trimming & Painting Work during Maintenance of MG Coaches at C&W Workshop Lalgarh, Bikaner for a period of One Year. **(2) Estimated cost of work :** ₹ 57,55,606.11/- **(3) Address of the NIT issuing office :** Chief Workshop Manager Carriage & Wagon Workshop Lalgarh, Bikaner (Raj.)-334004 **(4) Earnest Money to be deposited :** ₹ 1,15,100 /- (Only through online as mentioned on IREPS portal in favor of AFA (W&S) Bikaner) **(5) Tender Document Cost:** ₹ 5000/- (Only through online as mentioned on IREPS portal in favor of AFA (W&S) Bikaner) **(6) Last Date and time for submission and opening of E-tender :** 22.08.2019 up to 14.30 PM E-Tender will be opened at 15.30 PM on same day. **(6) Website particular where complete details of e-tender can be seen and participated: www.ireps.gov.in.** (Note- This is an E-tender so tenderer can participate through e- tendering process only on mentioned website)

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SECTOR WATCH

E-NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS

Locked in litigation on e-cigarettes, vapes ban, HealthMin seeks opinion of LawMin

PRABHA RAGHAVAN
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

A MONTH after India's top drug advisory body recommended moves to help the government ban products like e-cigarettes and vapes, the Health Ministry has sought the Law Ministry's opinion on whether it can go ahead with them, *The Indian Express* has learnt. This is because the Health Ministry is locked in litigation opposing the ban, according to senior officials aware of the development.

In June, the Drugs Technical Advisory Board (DTAB) approved a proposal to regulate Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) as 'drugs' and prohibit their sale in the country — a move that may hit India's nascent vapour products market, reportedly expected to grow nearly 60 per cent annually up to 2022. This includes products like e-cigarettes, vapes, e-sheeshas, e-nicotine flavoured hookahs and heat-not burn devices, all not approved under India's drug regulations.

A senior official confirmed banning ENDS is part of the Health Ministry's 100-day agenda, but another said it is holding off on implementing DTAB's recommendations to clear legal hurdles.

"The Ministry wants to know, at this juncture, when the matter is already in court, whether the government can (move ahead with a ban)," the official said on condition of anonymity, adding that views have been sought from the Law Ministry.

Litigation on the proposed ban include petitions at the Delhi High Court by UK-based e-cigarette firm Litejoy and Focus Brands Trading (India) against government letters in February asking states and union territories to ensure ENDS products were prohibited in their jurisdictions.

Court orders show Litejoy argued the direction was "without the authority of law" as ENDS is not classified as a drug under India's drug regulations. Focus Brands Trading claimed ENDS like e-cigarettes are substitutes to smoking combustible cigarettes and are "healthier" because no tar is inhaled in the process.

The court in March stayed the government's directions, stating the products do not fall within the definition of a 'drug' under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.

As a result, the government "would not have the jurisdiction" to issue such directions to states or prevent imports, according to the court, which also stayed a November 2018 circular on prohibiting ENDS to all customs authorities.

DTAB GAVE NOD TO REGULATION

- **In June, the Drugs Technical Advisory Board (DTAB) approved a proposal to regulate ENDS as 'drugs' and prohibit their sale**
- **In March, the Delhi High Court had stayed the government's directions to ban ENDS, saying that the products do not fall within the definition of a 'drug' under Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940**

The Mumbai High Court last week also stopped state authorities from acting against Godfrey Philips India while it heard the tobacco maker's case on seizure of its e-cigarettes. "The ministry's view is clear—it wants to ban (ENDS)," said the Health Ministry official cited earlier.

Various bodies have made representations to the Ministry against banning ENDS products. For instance, the Voluntary Association of Trade Representatives of ENDS in India (TRENDS) on July 24 wrote to Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan stating 69 nations allow and regulate ENDS. It said it was willing to enforce "self-regulatory measures" to prohibit sale of these products to minors.

Another senior official had earlier said that the government would act on recommendations and evidence produced by its own research bodies, including the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

"We will go by the risk associated with the products based on recommendations (from our experts)."

ENDS have not been assessed for safety and efficacy in India's population, according to government sources.

E-cigarettes are the most common type of ENDS — more than 460 different brands with over 7,700 flavours are marketed here currently, according to government data. Commerce Ministry data shows that imports of e-cigarettes, its accessories and ENDS grew around 119 per cent to $83,483.54 in 2018-19 from $38,126.34 in 2016-17.

ICMR's white paper in May stated that ENDS contain "highly addictive" nicotine solution and ingredients that are "harmful" for health.

Adverse effects include DNA damage, potential cancer formation and respiratory and cardiovascular disorders, according to it.

ELIGIBLE FIRMS MAY RAISE ECBs WITH 10-YR MATURITY PERIOD

Reserve Bank relaxes ECB norms for corporates, NBFCs

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JULY 30

THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) has decided to relax the end-use restrictions relating to external commercial borrowings (ECB) for working capital requirements, general corporate purposes and repayment of rupee loans in a move aimed at providing access to cheaper and longer term funds for the corporate sector, especially liquidity-starved non-banking finance companies (NBFCs).

In a notification issued Tuesday, the RBI has allowed eligible borrowers to raise ECBs with a maturity period of 10 years from recognised lenders, except foreign branches and overseas subsidiaries of Indian banks.

Earlier, in its order dated March 26, 2019, the RBI had said ECB proceeds cannot be utilised for working capital purposes, general corporate purposes and repayment of rupee loans except when the ECB is availed from foreign equity holder for a minimum average maturity period of 5 years. Further, on-lending for these activities out of ECB proceeds was also prohibited.

The RBI said ECBs with a minimum average maturity period of 10 years for working capital purposes and general corporate purposes will be allowed. "Borrowing for on-lending by non-banking financial companies for the 10 year maturity and end-uses is also permitted," the central bank said.

RBI also allowed ECBs with a minimum average maturity period of 7 years for repayment of rupee loans availed domestically for capital expenditure. "The borrowings for on-lending by NBFCs for the repayment of rupee loans would also be permitted," it said.

"For repayment of rupee loans availed domestically for purposes other than capital expenditure and for on-lending by NBFCs for the same, the minimum average maturity period of the ECB would have to be 10 years," the RBI said.

Analysts said the RBI move will help corporates and NBFCs to access cheaper overseas funds at a time when many entities were struggling to raise capital in the domestic market.

RBI has also decided to permit eligible corporate borrowers to avail ECB for repayment of rupee loans availed domestically for capital expenditure in manufacturing and infrastructure sector and classified as SMA-2 (special mention accounts -2) or NPA, under any one-time settlement arrangement with lenders.

ECBs are commercial loans raised by eligible resident entities from recognised non-resident entities and should conform to parameters such as minimum maturity, permitted and non-permitted end-uses and maximum all-in-cost ceiling.

Defaults by IL&FS which has a debt of around Rs 94,000 crore had affected the entire financial sector this year. Several NBFCs have been struggling to raise funds. Liquidity woes led to payment delays by housing mortgage firm DHFL. Besides, the economy in general has been facing a slowdown with many corporates coming under margin squeeze.

Led by NBFCs and housing finance companies, the financial services sector was the largest overseas borrower in April-May period of the current financial year in the wake of tight liquidity conditions in the domestic market. Indian corporates raised $6.7 billion in loans overseas (including via approval and automatic routes) in the first two months of FY20. Of the total borrowing, the share of financial sector stood at $3 billion or 45 per cent of the total ECBs, according to RBI data.

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das had recently indicated that the central bank is planning a "fresh look" at the regulatory and supervisory framework of the shadow banking sector.

The Budget 2019-20, announced on July 5, proposed to partially guarantee high-quality pooled assets of NBFCs and the RBI opened an indirect liquidity window for the sector to aid banks to give funds to the sector.

EXPLAINED

Relief for entities struggling to raise funds domestically

THE RBI move to relax ECB norms will help corporates and NBFCs in accessing cheaper overseas funds at a time when many entities are struggling to raise capital in the domestic market. The central bank has allowed ECBs with a minimum average maturity period of 10 years for working capital purposes and general corporate purposes. It has also permitted borrowing for on-lending by struggling non-banking financial companies for the 10 year maturity.

63 MOONS SUIT FOR ₹10K CR COMPENSATION

Bombay HC summons P Chidambaram, KP Krishnan and Ramesh Abhishek to answer

SANDEEP SINGH
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

TAKING NOTE of the suit filed by 63 moons technologies Ltd in June 2019 seeking damages and compensation to the tune of Rs 10,000 crore from K P Krishnan, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; P Chidambaram, former Union Finance Minister and Ramesh Abhishek, Secretary, DPIIT, the Bombay High Court has summoned the three to appear before the court on October 15, 2019 to answer to the plaintiff's claim.

"You are hereby summoned to appear before the Judge in Chambers to answer the plaintiff's claim on the 15th Day of October, 2019 in the forenoon, either in person or by an Advocate entitled to practice in this Hon'ble Court duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the present Suit, or shall be accompanied by some other person able to answer all such questions," said the Bombay High Court in an order passed on July 24, 2019.

The order further said that "If you fail to file your appearance in person or in Vakalatnama and Written Statement as directed above, or if you fail to appear before the Judge on the day before mentioned, the present Suit may be ordered to be set down on Board on the same day or any subsequent day as 'undefended' and you will be liable to have a decree or order passed against you".

In its plea to the high court, 63 moons technologies had sought damages of Rs 10,000 crore for "malicious and mala fide actions" against Abhishek, Krishnan and Chidambaram.

The company had also sought the court to direct them to disclose their assets and requested to pass an order of "temporary injunction" directing to "not sell/alienate/ transfer/ dispose of/ create third party rights in or otherwise deal with, the properties and assets" disclosed by the three.

Responding to the query sent by *The Indian Express*, while Krishnan said that he can't comment as he has received nothing from the Court, Chidambaram also said that he has not received anything from the Court. Calls and messages sent to Abhishek did not elicit any response.

In its suit, 63 moons technologies has alleged that the former Finance Minister along with the two top bureaucrats destroyed the FTIL Group (now, 63 moons technologies) causing Rs 10,000 crore loss to its shareholders by way of engineering the NSEL payment default crisis.

It has further alleged that the company has been facing continuous targeted and mala fide actions in the wake of an engineered payment default crisis at one of its subsidiaries, the National Spot Exchange Limited (NSEL).

63 moons has alleged that even as no money trail has been traced to NSEL, 63 moons and its founder, the group has been targeted.

The company has already filed criminal complaint against the three individuals with the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

The Rs 5,600-crore NSEL scam broke out in July 2013 after payment default at the National Spot Exchange, promoted by Financial Technologies India Ltd. The then commodities market regulator, Forward Markets Commission, had in July 2013, directed NSEL to stop launch of any fresh contracts in July 2013.

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'Overall business optimism still subdued in India'

India has been ranked fourth globally in terms of business optimism, as only 64 per cent of corporates are optimistic about its economic growth over the next 12 months, according to Grant Thornton's IBR survey

TOP NATIONS WITH MOST OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK

PHILIPPINES: 73% RESPONDENTS

VIETNAM: 72% RESPONDENTS

INDONESIA: 66% RESPONDENTS

INDIA'S RANKING IN AREAS OF CONCERN

- 1st: Regulations & red tape
- 2nd: Shortage of finance

6th — India's business optimism position in year-ago period

GLOBAL SENTIMENT: Around the world, business optimism has fallen to a three-year-low level and economic uncertainty remains elevated

OPTIMISM ON EMPLOYMENT INDIA: Indian businesses are optimistic about a rise in employment in the second tenure of the Narendra Modi-led government

INDIA'S RANKING IN VARIOUS OTHER PARAMETERS

- 5th: Revenue expectations, slipping from fourth in second half of 2018
- 8th: Selling prices, as against sixth in second half of last year
- 5th: Profitability expectations, falling from third in 2018 second half
- 1st: Export expectations, with 65 per cent respondents expecting rising in exports

P&W's India MD quits; unrelated to losing out on IndiGo order, says firm

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

PALASH ROY Chowdhury, aircraft engine maker Pratt & Whitney's India managing director, has decided to resign from his position — and this comes a month after the company's top customer in the country IndiGo opted for its rival firm to power the next batch of aircraft deliveries. However, the United Technologies-owned company said that Roy Chowdhury's exit was unrelated to the company losing out on IndiGo order.

"I have had a phenomenal journey over last 18 years with Pratt & Whitney and UTC, the last eight of which were in India. During this period, India became the fastest growing aviation market globally and the company is well-poised for a strong period of growth in the country. I am now looking forward to pursuing some personal and entrepreneurial interests that I have nurtured for some time," Roy Chowdhury told *The Indian Express*.

In response to an e-mail query, Pratt & Whitney said: "After 18 years at UTC (United Technologies), Mr Roy Chowdhury has elected to pursue opportunities outside of Pratt & Whitney. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors."

Sources in the know told this newspaper that Roy Chowdhury, who joined UTC back in 2002, put in his papers last week. It could not be ascertained when he would relinquish duties as Pratt & Whitney's India managing director.

In June, IndiGo announced that it has ordered CFM International LEAP-1A engines to power 280 Airbus A320neo and A321neo aircraft. The contract, which includes spare engines and an overhaul support agreement, is valued at more than $20 billion at list price. IndiGo's earlier order of engines for 150 A320 family aircraft was awarded to Pratt & Whitney and the airline moved away from the engine maker following a series of problems with the US-firm's engines on its A320neo planes that often resulted in groundings of these aircraft in the first two years of their service.

However, sources said that IndiGo's decision to choose CFM was based on commercial considerations and not technical ones.

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US-CHINA TRADE TALKS BEGIN IN SHANGHAI

Trump warns China not to wait for 2020 US polls to make deal

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, JULY 30

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump on Tuesday warned China against waiting out his first term to finalise any trade deal, saying if he wins re-election in the November 2020 US presidential contest, the outcome could be no agreement or a worse one.

"The problem with them waiting ... is that if & when I win, the deal that they get will be much tougher than what we are negotiating now...or no deal at all," Trump said in a post on Twitter, as the latest US-China trade talks began in Shanghai. Trump said China appeared to be backing off on a pledge to buy US agricultural products, which US officials have said could be a goodwill gesture and part of any final pact. US and Chinese officials restarted negotiations after talks stalled in May.

Speaking to reporters at the White House, Trump said the trade talks were going well with China, but added the United States would "either make a great deal or no deal at all." "We'll see what happens," he told reporters.

The US negotiating team arrived for talks in Shanghai on Tuesday afternoon but there was no sighting of US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer or US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin. The US and Chinese delegations later appeared to have reached Shanghai's historic Fairmont Peace Hotel where sources say the US delegations are having dinner, but both teams avoided the media and did not make public comments.

On Tuesday, Trump also reiterated that Beijing might stall talks in hopes of inking a laxer deal with "somebody like Elizabeth Warren or Sleepy Joe Biden," singling out two Democratic presidential frontrunners, before reversing course.

"China is dying to make a deal with me. But whether or not I do it, is up to me ...." he said.

"China is willing to give up a lot. But that doesn't mean I'm willing to accept it."

A US embassy car that is part of a convoy carrying the Trade delegation team leaves from the Peace Hotel in Shanghai. *AP*

Want a large cut from US Fed: Trump

Washington: US President Donald Trump on Tuesday called on the Federal Reserve to cut the benchmark interest rate significantly, moments before the central bank was due to open its two-day policy meeting. "I would like to see a large cut," Trump told reporters at the White House, his latest move in a constant campaign to pressure monetary policymakers.

"I'm very disappointed in the Fed," he said. **AFP**

Jaypee Infra: NCLAT extends resolution period for 90 days

Calls for fresh bids to take over the debt-ridden company

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

THE NATIONAL Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) on Tuesday extended the corporate insolvency resolution process of Jaypee Infratech (JIL) for another 90 days and called for fresh bids to take over the debt-ridden company. The 90-day period includes a 45-day window for the resolution professional and lenders of the debt-ridden firm to invite fresh bids.

The committee of creditors (CoC) and the resolution professional would have 45 days to consider the resolution plans and select a final bidder to complete the process. A two-member bench headed by Chairman Justice SJ Mukhopadhaya said that as corporate insolvency resolution was pending for a long time, it would give only 45 days to resolution professional and the committee of creditors of JIL to complete the process of inviting new bids. "In view of aforesaid extraordinary situation, we are of the view that the period from September 17, 2018 i.e. the date of application filed by the association of the allottees for clarification for the order and till the final decision i.e. June 4, 2019 can be excluded for the purpose of counting the 270 days," the NCLAT said.

However it also said that as the matter is pending since long, it was "not inclined to exclude the total period of 260 days and instead in the interest of the allottees, we exclude 90 days for the purpose of counting the period of 270 days of corporate insolvency resolution process, which should be counted from the date of receipt of the copy of this order".

The NCLAT had earlier asked state-owned NBCC, whose bid was rejected by the CoC of JIL, to submit fresh resolution plan for the debt-ridden company. "It is made clear that all the earlier 'resolution plan(s)' including the plan submitted by the NBCC, cannot be considered, having been rejected by the CoC. However, it will be open to the 'NBCC' to file a fresh improved 'resolution plan'," it said on Tuesday.

It barred Jaiprakash Associates (JAL), the promoters of JIL, from submitting a bid. **FE**

Former RBI Deputy Governor Subir Gokarn passes away

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

EMINENT ECONOMIST and former Reserve Bank of India Deputy Governor Subir Gokarn passed away on Tuesday.

"I share this with a heavy heart...Subir Gokarn, my friend and colleague, passed away a few hours back," Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) member Shamika Ravi said in a tweet.

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SHAMIKA RAVI,
EAC-PM MEMBER, ON TWITTER

In November, 2015, Gokarn was appointed as an executive director on the board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). He was appointed the Deputy Governor of the RBI in 2009 for a term of three years and had the distinction of being the youngest deputy governor at that time. He was also associated with Brooking's India.

INDIGO FEUD

Gangwal: Wish people had conviction to be quoted

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

INTERGLOBE AVIATION promoter Rakesh Gangwal said he has provided all information, including those related to whistle blowers, to relevant authorities and wondered why people were hiding behind the veil of unnamed sources to spread a false narrative. Gangwal and Rahul Bhatia — promoters of IndiGo — are locked in a bitter battle over alleged corporate governance lapses.

In signs that the feud between the two promoters is far from over, Gangwal on Tuesday referred to reports that Bhatia's InterGlobe Enterprises has said there was no evidence to substantiate allegations on related party transactions. "I wish people had the conviction to be quoted and not hide behind the veil of so called unnamed 'sources' to spread a false narrative in the media," he said.

Axis Bank Q1 standalone net rises 95% to ₹1,370 cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JULY 30

AIDED BY a healthy rise in income, Axis Bank Tuesday reported a 95 per cent jump in standalone net profit to Rs 1,370 crore for the first quarter of 2019-20, as against a net profit of Rs 701 crore in the April-June quarter of the previous fiscal.

Total income (standalone) rose to Rs 19,123.71 crore for the 2019-20 June quarter, from Rs 15,702.01 crore in year-ago period, Axis Bank said in a regulatory filing. There was an uptick in provisioning for bad loans and contingencies at Rs 3,814.58 crore for April-June 2019-20, as against Rs 3,337.70 crore a year-ago.

However, the asset quality showed improvement with gross non-performing assets (NPAs) standing at 5.25 per cent of the gross advances as on June 2019, down from 6.52 per cent in June last. Net NPAs or bad loans were at 2.04 per cent, from 3.09 per cent a year ago. As of June 2019, the bank's gross NPAs stood at Rs 29,405 crore and net NPAs were at Rs 11,037 crore. On a consolidated basis, the net profit jumped by 75 per cent to Rs 1,262.98 crore as against Rs 722.23 crore year ago. Income increased to Rs 19,409.09 crore as against Rs 16,126.05 crore. Axis Bank downgraded Rs 2,242 crore into the BB rated pool this quarter, mostly from groups that have shown new signs of stress.

Bank of India net jumps two-fold

Mumbai: State-run Bank of India Tuesday reported a 155 percent rise in net income at Rs 243 crore in the quarter to June, aided by an increase in interest income and better asset quality. For the reporting quarter, the bank saw the net interest income rise to Rs 3,485 crore from Rs 3,354 crore. "The rise in profit was driven by higher net interest income and also due to increase in other income," executive director N Damodharan said. **PTI**

'PAID ₹18 CR TO SINGAPORE-BASED FIRM TO ACT AS COMMERCIAL ADVISOR'

CBI books Rolls Royce over 'irregularities' in spare parts supply to HAL, ONCG, GAIL

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

THE CENTRAL Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has booked London-based Rolls Royce for alleged irregularities in supply of spare parts to Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL), Oil and Natural Gas Ltd (ONGC) and Gas Authority of India Ltd (GAIL). The FIR, registered on Monday, is a result of five years of preliminary probe by CBI after it received a complaint from Defence Ministry.

According to the CBI FIR, the total business of HAL with Rolls Royce was around Rs 4,700 crore between 2000 and 2013. Rolls Royce allegedly paid Rs 18 crore to Singapore-based M/s Aashmore Pvt Ltd, with Ashok Patni as its director, as "commercial advisor" in 100 supply orders of Avon and Allison Engines spare parts to HAL between 2007 and 2011.

The CBI also alleged that Patni was engaged in direct contracts of Rolls Royce with ONGC and GAIL for supply of spare parts. Although contracts with ONGC and GAIL allowed services of a agent, it was mandatory to declare the name at the time of bidding, a condition violated by Rolls Royce, officials said.

Rolls Royce declared the name of its agent to the oil and gas sector behemoths in 2013, violating the condition of declaring at the time of bidding, the CBI alleged.

"It is alleged that M/s Rolls Royce appointed Ashok Patni, Director of M/s Aashmore Pvt Ltd, Singapore, as commercial Advisor in India for providing sales, logistic support, local business expertise and strategic advice in violation of term and 'condition' of Purchase Orders (POs) and Integrity Pact with HAL — in case of supply of spare parts, M/s Rolls Royce paid commission to Ashok Patni of M/s Aashmore Pvt Ltd at 10 to 11.3 per cent of the value of purchase orders, which were not declared earlier at the time of execution of contract. M/s Rolls Royce, by violating conditions of POs, paid commission to M/s. Aashmore Pvt Ltd to the tune of Rs 18.87 crore in 100 POs placed by HAL during the period from 2007 to 2011," the FIR by CBI read.

It also alleged that Rolls Royce paid Rs 29.81 crore in 73 purchase orders from 2007 to 2011 to procure material and spare parts related to engines for ONGC, but the company declared it only in 2013.

The automobile giant also paid one million British pounds with regard to 68 purchase orders from GAIL from 2007 to 2010 for spare parts, the FIR alleged. It added that the company entered into an arrangement with Turbotech Energy Services International Pvt Ltd and another company Infinity, also owned by Patni, to which extra commission was paid but was not declared to GAIL.

The total payment of commission paid by Rolls Royce comes to the tune of Rs 28.09 crore during the period 2007-10 for supplies to GAIL, the agency alleged.

Rolls Royce, its Indian subsidiary, Patni, his firm and Mumbai-based Turbotech Energy Services International Pvt Ltd, besides unidentified officials of HAL, ONGC and GAIL have been booked by CBI for criminal conspiracy and bribery, it said.

The CBI also said there was complete non-cooperation from Aashmore, and that there was conspiracy on part of Rolls Royce.

We await CBI contact: Rolls Royce

New Delhi: A Rolls Royce spokesperson on Tuesday said, "We are aware of reports that the CBI ... has announced a First Information Report relating to the use of intermediaries by Rolls-Royce's former Energy business in India. This is not about our Defence, Civil Aerospace or Power Systems businesses."

"We await contact from the CBI and will respond appropriately .... no-one currently working for Rolls Royce in India played any part in these Energy deals," the company added. **ENS**

Companies (Amendment) Bill passed in Parliament

New Delhi: Parliament on Tuesday approved the Companies (Amendment) Bill which seeks to tighten CSR norms and ensure stricter action for non-compliance of the company law regulations.

The legislation was passed in the Rajya Sabha with voice vote. Lok Sabha had passed the bill on July 26.

Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the government has brought in all the provisions of the ordinance and has also added new amendments in the bill.

A key change in the bill pertains to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) spending, wherein companies would have to mandatorily keep unspent money in a special account. **PTI**

Deficiencies in GST system point to lack of coordination: CAG report

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

THE ROLL-OUT of GST has unified the multiple central and state taxes on goods and services to a great extent and made credit for input taxes available through the value chain, but has not simplified the tax compliance regime while the experience so far has also been that of slowdown in tax revenue growth, the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) said.

"The system of payment and settlement of tax that was envisaged for GST was based on one hundred per cent invoice-matching and availment of input tax credit (ITC), as well as settlement of I-GST on the basis of invoice-matching. Neither is possible as of now, as an invoice-matching system has not kicked-in," the top auditor said in a report tabled in Parliament on Tuesday.

In a report table in Parliament Tuesday, the CAG said that GST has unified multiple taxes, but has not simplified the tax compliance regime

The CAG report said that the complexity of return mechanism and the technical glitches of the e-tax system led to roll-back of invoice-matching, rendering the whole system prone to ITC frauds. "The deficiencies in the GST system also point to a serious lack of coordination between the executive and the developers (of GSTN, the IT platform)."

The CAG also pointed out that the Centre's revenue from taxes on goods and services subsumed in GST registered a 10 per cent decline in 2017-18 compared to the previous year. GST came into effect from July 2017. So, the overall growth of indirect taxes collected by the Centre slowed from 21.3 per cent in 2016017 to 5.8 per cent in 20170-18, the auditor noted (in 2018-19, the growth was even lower at 2.9 per cent).

In fact, even as the GST expanded the relevant tax base from just over 62 lakh to 1.23 crore, the GST collections in 2018-19 was short of the initial target (budget estimate) by Rs 1.6 lakh crore or a fifth. Apart from the aggressive target set, this was also due to the series of tax cuts since the new tax was launched and also various concessions being given to composition dealers. **FE**

SONY INDIA MANAGING DIRECTOR

'Playing premium will have a trickle down effect'

NANDAGOPAL RAJAN
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

SONY HAS started placing itself clearly as a premium brand in India, even though it has a full bouquet play in most of the segments it deals in, from audio to television and cameras.

"That's what I want to tell the Indian customer... yes, I have televisions that start at Rs 18,000, but I don't want to talk about it," Sunil Nayyar, managing director, Sony India told *indianexpress.com*.

"So whether it is digital imaging, home theatre, a headphone or television, Sony is only talking about premium," he added.

Across product ranges there is now a clear push to become an aspirational brand. "That's what we are trying to do. Anybody who thinks she wants a quality product, the best product, should think Sony," Nayyar underlined. Nayyar said often Sony products are 20 to 25 per cent above the benchmark competition's price point. "But we are doing well ... we tell the customer we deliver quality for it," Nayyar said, adding that this is topped up with the "pride of ownership". Nayyar said how a price play is not the path Sony India wants to follow, adding that he is convinced that playing premium will also have a trickle down effect to other segments.

'DoT working on proposal for MTNL, BSNL merger'

New Delhi: The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) is "working on" a proposal for merger of cash-strapped BSNL and MTNL as part of efforts to revive the ailing state-owned telecom firms, a source said.

The source, privy to the development, said merger is "one of the many components" of the overall revival plan being worked out for the two corporations, and that a final call on the matter will be taken by the Cabinet.

The move assumes significance as the distressed telecom PSUs Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd (MTNL) and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) have been making losses and have faced challenges in clearing staff salaries in the recent past. **PTI**

BRIEFLY

Rajiv Kumar to be new Finance Secretary

New Delhi: Rajiv Kumar, currently serving as Financial Services Secretary, was Tuesday designated as the new Finance Secretary. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved Kumar's designation as the new Finance Secretary, an official order said. The appointment of Kumar, a 1984 batch IAS officer of Jharkhand cadre, comes in the backdrop of transfer of Subhash Chandra Garg as the Power Secretary. Garg has already sought voluntary retirement from service. Kumar is credited with undertaking multiple reforms in banking sector and providing record amount of capital infusion in the public sector banks.

India received highest-ever FDI in FY19

New Delhi: India received the highest-ever FDI inflow of $64.37 billion in the fiscal ended March 2019, a government report said. As per the Annual Report 2018-19 of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, foreign direct investments (FDI) worth $286 billion were received in the country in past five years. "In the current financial year (2018-19), the country registered highest ever FDI inflow of $64.37 billion," the report said.

JLR revival: Tata Motors looking for partners

Mumbai: Hit hard by continuing volume slowdown and mounting losses at its British arm JLR, Tata Motors is looking for partnerships to lessen the financial burden, chairman N Chandrasekaran said Tuesday. Addressing the shareholders at the 74th AGM, the chairman however, pointed out that the automobile sector is such that a company cannot shut the cash tap as the very nature of this business demands continuous investment in product and technology development. **PTI**

Pudumjee Paper Q1 profit rises 16%

Pune: Pudumjee Paper Products Limited (PPPL) has posted a 5 per cent year-on-year increase in the amount of paper sold, for the three month period ended June 30, 2019. In a filing on Monday, the company said it sold 17,141 MT of paper in the first quarter this fiscal, as against 16,380 MT a year-ago. While turnover for the quarter rose about 10 per cent to Rs 159 crore, EBIDTA for the period rose by 14 per cent to Rs 12.93 crore. At Rs 8.70 crore, profit before tax for the June period showed a rise of 16 per cent. **ENS**

AMBERNATH-KULGAON-BADLAPUR MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
Ref. KBMC/vehicle/2019-20/6598 Date : 29.07.2019
TENDER NOTICE NO. 1/2019
TENDER in two bid-System are invited by Ambernath-Kulgaon-Badlapur Municipal Council (Dist-Thane, Maharashtra state) for Fabrication & Supply of 70 mtr hydraulic platform with 5 yrs. AMC & trained manpower. The Tender available on website- **https://mahatenders.gov.in**
1) Tender start for sale from Date- 01.08.2019 to 26.08.2019 3.00pm
2) Pre-bid meeting Date-16.08.2019 3.00 pm at Ambernath Municipal Council
3) Tender submission Date- 27.08.2019 4.00 pm
4)Tender opening Date- 28.08.2019 4.00 pm
Sd/-
Secrtary
Joint committee
Kulgaon-Badlapur Ambernath Municipal Council

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CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE DIVISION
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BRIEF e-TENDER NOTICE Date: 29.07.2019
File No.: SHAR/CMD/E/ Y 1987225/2019-20, SHAR/CMD/E/ Z 1987226/2019-20
On behalf of President of India, **on-line item rate tenders (e-Tenders)** are invited from contractors of appropriate class for the following works by Group Director, CMG, SDSC-SHAR, Sriharikota - 524124.

E-Notice Inviting Tender No.	SHAR/CMD/E/Y 1987225/2019-20	SHAR/CMD/E/Z 1987226/2019-20
Title of Work	Electrical refurbishment works for C2 type quarters in Sullurupeta colonies Phase-III works at PCN Colony. (Electrical work)	Electrical refurbishment works for B4 type quarters in Sullurupeta colonies Phase-III works at PCN Colony. (Electrical work)
Estimated cost put to tender	₹ 184.06 Lakhs	₹ 210.73 Lakhs
Period of Completion	07 Month(s)	07 Month(s)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	₹ 3,68,120/-	₹ 4,21,460/-

Period during which the tender document can be downloaded : From 10:30 Hrs 31.07.2019 To 14:30 Hrs 14.08.2019
Last date and time for uploading of tenders: 14:30 Hrs on 19.08.2019
Due date and time of opening of tenders: 15:00 Hrs on 19.08.2019
Interested tenderers may please log on to www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO for eligibility, Terms & Conditions and participating in tenders. For further details please contact this office of Group Director, CMG, SDSC SHAR, Sriharikota over Phone No.: 08623-226431, 226370 (or) visit our website www.isro.gov.in
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An ISO-9001:2015 & 14001:2015 Company
Date: 30.07.2019
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Tenders are invited by **KS&DL** in two cover system through e-Procurement Portal (Website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** with respect to supply of the following Materials/Services.

Sl. No.	Tender Number	Tender Name	Qty.	Published Date	Last date for Bid Submission
1	KSDL/AGM (Mtls)/2019-20/17	Engaging Dhoop machine operators, Pulverizing machine operators, Helpers (Dhoop & Pulverizing Unit), Helpers (Nursery & Housekeeping) purely on contract basis for a period of one year contract at KS&DL SOD Mysuru.	Services	20.07.2019	19.08.2019
2	KSDL/2019-20/ OW/WORK_ INDENT105	Chain Link Fencing for CA Site No. 01 of Nadanahalli Layout, at KS&DL SOD Mysuru.	Works	23.07.2019	21.08.2019
3	KSDL/2019-20/ IND3862	Procurement of CBs of Jasmine 150gms 8"Agarbathi with Inner CBs	2000 Nos	23.07.2019	22.08.2019
4	KSDL/2019-20/ IND3863	Procurement of Fag Bearings	Item wise	24.07.2019	23.08.2019
5	KSDL/AGM (Mtls)/2019-20/18.	Shifting of Steam Coal from KS&DL, Bengaluru Complex to SOD, Mysuru.	750 Mts	27.07.2019	26.08.2019
6	KSDL/2019-20/ OW/WORK_ INDENT106	Construction of Compound Wall in the Eastern Side of KS&DL, SOD Mysuru.	Works	29.07.2019	27.08.2019
7	KSDL/2019-20/ IND3864	Procurement of Nagar Motha Oil	100 Kgs	29.07.2019	27.08.2019

Please visit KS&DL website: **https://www.mysoresandal.org** for further details. For any queries/clarification, contact the undersigned.
Sd/- Asst. Gen. Manager (Materials)

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, P.W.D (ROADS)
NATIONAL HIGHWAY
MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG
No.PW/CE/NH/16/2019/17
Dated Shillong the, 29th July, 2019
Expression of Interest
The Chief Engineer (NH) Public Work Department (PWD), Meghalaya Shillong invites Expression of Interest from qualified consulting firms for the following assignment
1. Design consultancy for construction of Bridges for Meghalaya
2. Design consultancy for construction of Roads for East Meghalaya
3. Design consultancy for construction of Roads for West Meghalaya.
Last date for submission of the EOI on or before 14th August 2019 by 5.00 PM
Detailed EOI and draft terms of Reference is available at **www.megpwd.gov.in**
The EOI responses may be submitted in a sealed envelope or by E-mail (cenhwbmitp@gmail.com) addressed to the Chief Engineer (NH), Public Work Department (PWD) Meghalaya, Shillong Lower Lachumere, Shillong-793001
Phone: +919436101998 / +917005604282. For details please visit http://www.megpwd.gov.in
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Asstt Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads)
Central Roads Branch
Meghalaya, Shillong
MIPR No: 598
Dt: 29/7/2019

DAMODAR VALLEY CORPORATION
DVC Towers, VIP Road, Kolkata - 700 054
NOTICE
All new e-tenders from DVC are uploaded and processed including reverse auction only in Central Public Procurement Portal (CPPP), **https://etenders.gov.in/ eprocure/app**, since 07.07.2019. Vendors are requested to register themselves in CPPP only to participate in DVC tenders. Helpdesk at each Power Station and at DVC Headquarters is in operation to assist the vendors for registration in CPPP. Vendors are also requested to check DVC portal. (Inf./09/MISC./19-20)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
SATISH DHAWAN SPACE CENTRE SHAR
CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP, SRIHARIKOTA-524124.
E-TENDER BRIEF NOTICE Dt:30/07/2019
e-Tender Notice No.CMG/C/ I 1987021, P 1987022, W 1987023
1. On Behalf of the President of India, item-rate tender(s) are invited through e-tendering for the following work(s).

Sl. No.	Description	Details	Details	Details
1	Title of Work	Package (A): Liquid Oxygen Filling System and Nitrogen Supply System - Second Launch Pad Augmentation Project for Semi Cryo Stage at SDSC SHAR (Civil & Electrical Works)	Package (B): LOFS Storage Augmentation for C-32 and Isrosene Filling system & Pressurization stage - Second Launch Pad Augmentation Project for Semi Cryo Stage at SDSC SHAR (Civil & Electrical Works	Package (C): Augmentation of L110 building for Semi Cryo (SC -120 Check-out facility & Hardware Storage Facility - Second Launch Pad Augmentation Project for Semi Cryo Stage at SDSC SHAR (Civil & PH Works)
	NIT No & Date	CMG/C/I 1987021, Dt:30/07/2019	CMG/C/P 1987022, Dt:30/07/2019	CMG/C/W 1987023, Dt:30/07/2019
2	Estimated Cost put to tender	₹ 1058 Lakhs	₹ 988 Lakhs	₹ 303 Lakhs
3	Period of Completion	08 Months	08 Months	08 Months
4	Period during which the tender documents can be requested : From: 02/08/2019, 10:00 Hrs To: 16/08/2019, 14:00 Hrs			
5	Last date and time for uploading of tenders : 21/08/2019, 14:30 Hrs			

2. Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) from website www.isro.gov.in / www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO. For further details and purchase of tender documents visit www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO, Ph:08623 226447, 226420.
Group Director, CMG, SDSC SHAR

PAKISTAN AND AMERICA

Mr Khan goes to Washington

America swaps its stick for a carrot in its dealings with Pakistan

US President Donald Trump at a meeting with Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington on July 22. *AP*

IF A week is a long time in politics, eight months is a lifetime. Last November Donald Trump blasted Pakistan, accusing it of duplicity and dishonesty. America's faithless ally in the war on terror received billions in aid while not doing "a damn thing" in return, he snapped, in justification of his decision to cut military aid. Imran Khan, Pakistan's own hot-tempered populist prime minister, then newly elected, shot back that his country was tired of being the scapegoat for American failures in Afghanistan. Pakistan would no longer fight someone else's war, said Mr Khan.

Fast forward to this week: Mr Trump welcomed Mr Khan to the White House for their first talks face to face. American anger was replaced with soft soap. The president flattered the former cricketer, lauding him as an athlete and leader. Their future was bright, trade deals were on the cards and the flow of aid could be switched back on.

During a joint press conference, Mr Trump boasted crudely that he could wipe Afghanistan, an American ally, off the face of the Earth. But as his host blustered, Mr Khan seemed to have little cause for concern. Mr Trump's cavalier offer to mediate in the dispute between Pakistan and India over Kashmir was a boost for Mr Khan, even if, as seems certain, it leads to nothing. Pakistan has long wanted to internationalise the argument with its neighbour. India believes the two countries should sort out their 70-year row over the territory between themselves. Mr Trump's offer provoked paroxysms in Delhi. But Pakistan's former sins seemed to have been forgiven.

Threats of Armageddon aside, Afghanistan explains the American president's change of heart towards Pakistan. "I think Pakistan is going to help us out, to extricate ourselves," he said, referring to America's 18-year entanglement. Pakistan "is going to make a big difference," he repeated. The administration hopes that Pakistan will use its influence over the Taliban to coax the militants into a face-saving political settlement that will allow American troops to come home. Talks led by Zalmay Khalilzad, Mr Trump's point man on Afghanistan, have been moving slowly. The Taliban want to talk with the Americans about troop withdrawal, but are refusing to engage in formal negotiations with Afghan officials to determine how the country will then be governed. They met members of the Afghan government informally this month, but the impasse persists.

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Mr Khan said the right things in Washington to assure America of his country's intentions. Pakistan had abandoned its policy of meddling in Afghanistan to give it "strategic depth" against India, he insisted. The army would not go behind the civilian government's back to conduct its own policy. He would sit down with the Taliban and persuade them to talk to the Afghans.

America and its allies have heard such promises before and been disappointed. Militants still operate from havens in Pakistan. Officials familiar with how talks are progressing say that Pakistan has yet to throw its full support behind them. Pakistan's generals are hedging their bets; some think the Taliban may still triumph and so are reluctant to push them too hard.

But the determination in Washington for success in the negotiations is intense. Mike Pompeo, the secretary of state, has said he wants a deal by September 1st. To make that happen, America seems willing to overcome its former disappointment with Pakistan and try a new approach.

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MICROSOFT

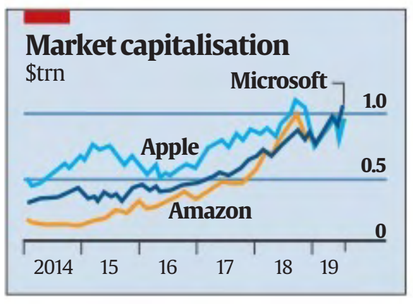
Rebooted

What Microsoft's revival can teach other tech companies

IT MUST feel good to be back on top — and this time, almost liked. Twenty years ago Microsoft was considered an evil empire, scheming for domination and embroiled in a bruising antitrust battle with America's Justice Department. Five years ago, having dozed through the rise of social media and smartphones, it was derided as a doddery has-been. Now, after several stellar quarters — this month it reported revenue of $33.7bn, up by 12% year on year — Microsoft is once again the world's most valuable listed company, worth over $1trn. How did Satya Nadella, the boss since 2014, pull off this comeback? And with American trustbusters starting on a new review of "search, social media, and some retail services online" — ie, Google, Facebook and Amazon — what can the other tech giants learn from Microsoft's experience?

First, be prepared to look beyond the golden goose. Microsoft missed social networks and smartphones because of its obsession with Windows, the operating system that was its main moneyspinner. One of Mr Nadella's most important acts after taking the helm was to deprioritise Windows. More important, he also bet big on the "cloud" — just as firms started getting comfortable with renting computing power. In the past quarter revenues at Azure, Microsoft's cloud division, grew by 68% year on year, and it now has nearly half the market share of Amazon Web Services, the industry leader.

Second, rapaciousness may not pay. Mr Nadella has changed Microsoft's culture as well as its technological focus. The cult of Windows ordained that customers and partners be squeezed and rivals dispatched, often by questionable means, which led to the antitrust showdown. Mr Nadella's predecessor called Linux and other open-source software a "cancer". But today that rival operating system is more widely used on Azure than Windows. And many companies see Microsoft as a much less threatening technology partner than Amazon, which is always looking for new industries to enter and disrupt.



Third, work with regulators rather than try to outwit or overwhelm them. From the start Microsoft designed Azure in such a way that it could accommodate local data-protection laws. Its president and chief legal officer, Brad Smith, has been the source of many policy proposals, such as a "Digital Geneva Convention" to protect people from cyber-attacks by nation-states. He is also behind Microsoft's comparatively cautious use of artificial intelligence, and calls for oversight of facial recognition. The firm has been relatively untouched by the current backlash against tech firms, and is less vulnerable to new regulation.

Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella speaks at the annual Microsoft shareholders' meeting in November 2017. *AP*

True, missing the boat on social media means thorny matters such as content moderation pose greater difficulties for Facebook and Google. Still, others would do well to follow Microsoft's lead. Apple has championed its customers' privacy, but its treatment of competitors' services in its app store may soon land it in antitrust trouble. Facebook and Google have started to recognise that with great power comes great responsibility, but each has yet to find its equivalent of Azure, a new business model beyond its original golden goose. Amazon, in its ambition and culture, most resembles the old Microsoft.

Even a reformed monopolist demands scrutiny. It should not be forgotten that Microsoft got where it is today in part through rapacity. Critics argue that in its battle with Slack, a corporate-messaging service which competes with a Microsoft product, it is up to some of its old tricks. A growing number of women at the firm are complaining about sexual harassment and discrimination. The new Microsoft is far from perfect. But it has learned some lessons that other tech giants should heed.

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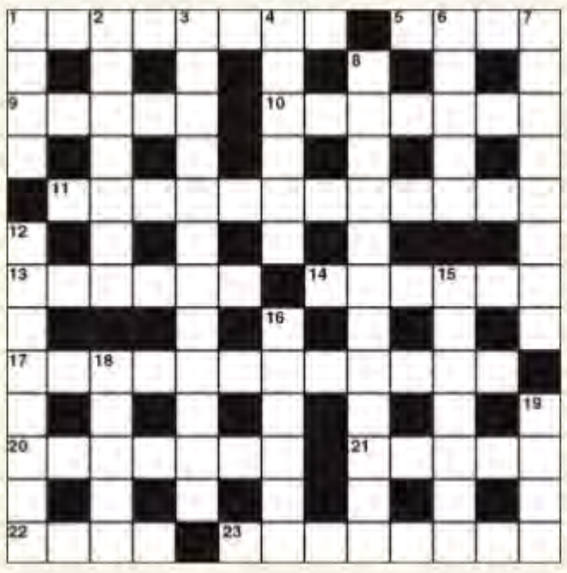

ACROSS

1 Used to be in a job (8)
5 Farm boss (4)
9 Moslem leader said to be virtuous (5)
10 Area in which subjects round the king get heated (7)
11 Spoils actions meant to rectify (12)
13 Take in with the eye of a sailor (6)
14 Compel to do a favour? (6)
17 Spirited relations (5,7)
20 New name given to one flower (7)
21 Epic story held back by the dailies (5)
22 Remain in support (4)
23 True song about a caviare supplier (8)

DOWN

1 Writing under the Spanish trees (4)
2 They preach equality to their male followers (7)
3 Striking out, toiler in boat capsizes (12)
4 Place in a grave situation (6)
6 Turn to smoke? (5)
7 Diana's bloomer will result in catastrophe (8)
8 Strong defence a fighter has to be very fast to penetrate (5,7)
12 Sea passages (8)
15 I seem somehow to follow it in detail (7)
16 Many of us live in this sort of way (6)
18 Worktime entertainment (5)
19 A retreat east of Suez (4)

Solutions Crossword 3871: Across: 1 Kidnapped, 8 Ernie, 9 Address, 10 Pariah, 11 Camera, 12 Bulletin, 15 Painless, 18 Thread, 20 Sparse, 21 Sensual, 22 Rifle, 23 Nurseries. **Down:** 2 India, 3 Nurses, 4 Passable, 5 Detail, 6 Anoints, 7 Red-handed, 11 Composers, 13 Listless, 14 Giraffe, 16 Listen, 17 Eraser, 19 Agape.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis

CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson

MARVIN by Tom Armstrong

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Financial decisions are a necessary preliminary to the formulation of long-term plans. In other words, the inevitable questions to be asked of anything are — how much will it cost and can I afford it? You should seize a romantic offer as soon as you can, as long as you've checked out the pros and cons.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
Whatever occurred around this time last month should now be brought to a satisfactory conclusion. It's important that you don't persist with trials and tribulations beyond their allotted span. In other words, deal with personal problems now, immediately.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Your current secretive phase is due to continue for some weeks yet, although changes this week will see you more ready to disclose confidential information. Emotionally, you can look towards stable relationships and faithful friends as your best bet.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Your sociable stars remain strong. The ideal way to exploit your current celestial influences is to involve yourself in group and community enterprises, perhaps to do with the environment or another worthy cause. What you really want to do is make the world a better place or at least your small corner of it.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
For some reason your private entanglements and public activities seem to be dovetailing. You must prove that you are capable of handling responsibilities and duties across the board. It's not enough just to deal with details which concern you and nobody else.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
Now that the Sun has altered its position you must push yourself forward. This particular planetary picture brings out your maternal qualities, even if you're a full-blooded male. By this I mean that you'll be taking sensitive and defenceless folk under your wing over the next few weeks.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
Libra is one of the three Air signs, which means that by nature you are generous and sometimes impractical. My advice at the moment is that it is fine to be a lazy, languid, lugubrious Libran and to resist all pressure to the contrary, and that people who don't like that can lump it.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
You may be irritated by the fact that partners are apparently making the running at home or in the family. Yet, why don't you stop and think? All you need to do is propose a radically different way of running your routine and all your arrangements will fall into place very favourably.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)
If your desire to be more independent necessitates an upheaval on the home front, then so much the better. Happily, Venus is now safeguarding your emotional interests and making it quite acceptable to take personal risks, just as long as you are aware of the consequences.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
The problem in your horoscope lies not in the sections of your chart ruling money, but in that signifying speculation and risks. You're supposed to be a past master at handling finances, but right now you appear desperate for reassurance. Perhaps, though, you can reassure yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
Relationships with youthful relatives and children should be showing signs of improvement. In one way or another, perhaps through work, younger people are bound to cross your path over the next two weeks, probably exerting a greater influence on your thinking.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
Certain planetary aspects still signify that it would be wiser to go the whole hog and lay all your trump cards on the table, especially if family concerns are paramount. Compromise is all very well, but other people must recognise and respect your needs and desires.

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.

___is a more likely cause of international conflict than __. - Simone Weil (9,..,5)

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SOLUTION: MELEE, ORATE, MULLET, WHOOPS
Answer: **Petroleum** is a more likely cause of international conflict than **wheat**.
- Simone Weil

SUDOKU 3924

Difficulty Level 4s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

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SOLUTION SUDOKU 3923

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

Abdul Salam Wani

General Public is hereby informed that one man **Namely: Abdul Salam Wani S/o Abdul Aziz Wani, R/o:** B-3/174, Sector-6, Bajrangi Properties, Rohini, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since **14.07.2019**. from the area of P.S. North Rohini, Delhi In this regard a case vide **DD. No. 40-A, dated 15.07.2019** has been registered at P.S. North Rohini, Delhi. The description of the missing/ kidnapped man is as under: **Age:** 74 years, **Height:** 5'4", **Face:** Long, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Wearing**: Brown colour khan suit, brown leather sleeper in feet., Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the man but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this man kindly inform to the following.

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Resident Commission
5-Prithviraj Road, New Delhi - 110011
Tel: 24611108, 24611210, Fax: 011 24601277, 24627047

Open Tender for the supply of material of Tea, Coffee and other items at Resident Commission, Government of Jammu & Kashmir, 5-Prithvi Raj Road, New Delhi

The Resident Commission, Govt. of J&K 5-Prithvi Raj Road, New Delhi invite sealed quotation for supply of material of tea, coffee and other items at Resident Commission, J&K Govt. 5-Prithvi Raj Road and Chanakyapuri, New Delhi and its sub-offices located at Amritsar, Chandigarh and Mumbai for 01 year from the date of awarding of the contract. The contract shall be valid for 01 (one) Year from the date of its awarding. The indicative requirement of tea, coffee and other items is as per **"Annexure-II"**

The sealed cover containing the bids superscripted **"Open Tender for Supply of material for Tea, Coffee and other items"** should be addressed to Chief Pay & Accounts Officer, Resident Commission, Government of Jammu & Kashmir, 5-Prithvi Raj Road, New Delhi alongwith all the particulars of the agency as per **Annexure-I** and dropped in tender box at ground floor near reception, J&K House, 5-Prithvi Raj Road, New Delhi-110011 by 3.00 PM on or before 12th August, 2019. The bids received after the stipulated date and time will not be considered. The bid opening date shall be notified separately. Vender or his representative can be present at the time of opening of the sealed bids.

The tender documents can be had from this office on any working day upto 5.00 PM against a cash payment of Rs. 50/- (Rs. Fifty only).

Chief Pay & Account Officer,
Resident Commission.

KBI/Advt./1833-34/2019
Dated: 29.07.2019

KRC/Estt./239/2019/3795
Dated: 26.07.2019

Assam Police Border Organization

With reference to the tender no SPLDGP(B)/eFT/06-19/01/157 dated - 3rd June 2019 for Selection of System Integrator for an integrated IT solution for e-Foreigners Tribunal (eFT) System, it is hereby notified for general information that the last date for submission of queries, Pre-Bid Conference meeting date and last date of bid submission mentioned in section 1.3 of the RFP document, may be changed as follows:

1. Last date & time for submission of bid: 6th August 2019 up to 03.00 PM
2. Opening of bid : 6th August at 04.00 PM

The other terms & condition mentioned in the RFP shall remain intact.

Sd/-
Janasanyog/C/2725/19 CEO,e-FT Mission

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HARYANA GOVERNMENT
PUBLIC WORKS (BUILDING AND ROADS BRANCH) REWARI CIRCLE
Notification
The 11th July, 2019

No. 02—Whereas, it appears to the Governor of Haryana that the land specified below is needed urgently to the Govt., at the public expenses for the public purpose, namely construction of road from Kakrala to Sri Nagar road in Villages-Kakrala-Israna-Rambas-Dhana-Manpura in Kanina Tehsil Distt. Mahendergarh and village Sri Nagar in Tehsil Dhahina District Rewari.

A notification is made under the provision of section-11 (1) of Land Acquisition Act, 2013 has already been published in the Haryana Government Gazettee vide No. 01 dated 20.06.2018 vide Notification a declaration for acquisition as specified below.

It is hereby notified that the land in the area described below is required for the above purpose.

This declaration is made under the provision of Section 19 of the Land Acquisition Act, 2013 read with section 24 of Land Acquisition rehabilitation and resettlement impartial Act 2013 under section 24 sub section 1 (I). The Land Acquisition Act, 2013 under section 24 with read the Section Land Acquisition rehabilitation and resettlement impartial Act, 2013.

The Plan of the land may be inspected in the Offices of the Land Acquisition Collector, Public Works Department (B&R) Br., Bhiwani and the Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD B&R Br., Narnaul.

SPECIFICATION

District	Tehsil	Village	Hadbast No.	Total Area in Kanal Marla	Recta-ngle No.	Killa Nos.	Area in Kanal Marla
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Mohinder-garh	Kanina	Dhana	39/1	8-9	27	10/2 Min	1-8
					28	6/1 Min	1-4
						15 Min	0-18
						16 Min	0-12
						24/2 Min	0-6
					66	21/1 Min	0-7
					67	16/2 Min	0-15
						25 Min	1-2
					92	16/1 Min	0-12
						16/2 Min	0-12
						25/1 Min	0-13
						Total Area Village Dhana	**8-9**
Mohinder-garh	Kanina	Rambass	19	1-12	22	6/1 Min	0-4
					23	10/2 Min	1-8
						Total Area Villge Rambass	**1-12**

Sd/-
ASHOK KUMAR
Superintending Engineer,
Rewari Circle PWD, B&R, Rewari

77858/HRY

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Age:** 40 years, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Height:** 5'3", was wearing White Sando Baniyan & Sky Blue Jeans Pant, was found dead at Footpath infront of Priyadarshini Colony, Ring Road, Kashmere Gate, Delhi. In this regard a **DD No. 27-A, dated 24.07.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi.**

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO
P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23968730, 8750870123

DP/283/N/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON

Trivender Kumar @ Babloo

General public is hereby informed that one person namely Trivender Kumar @ Babloo, S/o Shri Harish Chander, R/o E-1/7, Shiv Vihar, Karala, Delhi, Age 37 years, Height 5'8", Complexion Fair, Long Face, Wearing Sky blue colour shirt, black colour pant and black colour shoes in feet has been missing from the area of PS Kanjhawala, Delhi since 18.07.19. In this regard a vide DD No. 01-A dated 19.07.19 has been lodged at PS Kanjhawala, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing person may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail ID:cic@cbi.gov.in
Tele: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax: 011-24368639

SHO
PS: Kanjhawala, Delhi
Ph.: 25952485, 25951486

DP/3105/RD/19

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Age:** 50 years, **Complexion:** Fair, **Height:** 5', **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Thin, was wearing Blue Check Shirt, was found dead in the Jurisdiction of P.S. Adarsh Nagar, Delhi. In this regard a **DD No. 54A, dated 21.07.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Adarsh Nagar, Delhi.**

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO
P.S. Adarsh Nagar, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27672452, 27674452

DP/9226/NW/19

SEARCH OF MISSING/KIDNAPED

Deepa

General public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo), **Namely:** Deepa, **D/o:** Madan, **R/o:** C-795, J.J. Colony, Bawana, Delhi, **Aged:** 19 years has been missing/kidnaped from the area of P.S. Bawana, Outer North Distt, Delhi since 07.07.2019. In this Regard a **DD No. 2-A, Dated 08.07.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Bawana, Delhi**, Her physical description is as under:

Complexion: Shallow, **Height:** 5', feet, **Face:** Round, **Physique/Build:** Meduim, **Clothing:** Blue colour Suit & Pajami and Yellow colour Hawai Chappl.

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing/kidnaped girl, may inform SHO, **Bawana, Delhi** at **E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.nic.in or website : http://cbi.nic.in Tele No. : 11-24368638 or 24368641**

S.H.O
P.S. Bawana, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27751949, 27756090

DP/468/ON/19.

SEARCH FOR MISSING

SONAM

General Public is hereby informed that one girl **Namely:** Sonam, **D/o:** Sh. Ram Niwas, **R/o:** H. No. 104, Rana Pana, Village, Qutab Garh, Delhi, **Age:** 21 Years, **Height:** 5'1", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Oval, **Wearing:** Red Colour T-Shirt, Red Colour Payjami and Pink Hawai Chappal in Feet has been missing since **09.07.2019** from the area of P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi. In this regard **DD No. 56 dated 10.07.2019** has been lodged at **PS. Khanjhawala, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing girl please inform the undersigned.

E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-27462222
DP/3106/RD/19

SHO
PS, Kanjhawala, Delhi
Ph.: 011-25952485, 25951486

SEARCH FOR MISSING

Sabina

General public is here by informed that this woman (depicted in the photo) namely: **Sabina** W/o **Samim Khan** R/o **Jhuggi No. D-105, JJ Colony, Bawana, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi since **14.06.2019.** In this regard DD No. **38-A** dated **08.07.2019** at **PS. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi** has been lodged. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the woman but no clue has come to light so far.

Her physical description is as under:-

Sex : Female, **Age :** 26 years, **Height :** 5'3" ft., **Complexion** Fair **Face :** Round, **Built :** Medium, **Wearing:** Black Colour Suit & White Colour Salwar and Sandal in feet.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing/ kidnapped woman may kindly inform to the following:-

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

SHO
P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi
Ph. No.: 011-27787592,27787593
Mob. No: 7065036324
DP/470/ON/19

SHOW TIME

Martin Scorsese's *The Irishman* will have its premiere as the opening film at the 57th New York Film Festival on September 27. The biopic is based on Charles Brandt's non-fiction book, *I Heard You Paint Houses*, about former hitman Frank "The Irishman" Sheeran (Robert De Niro).

SNAP SHOTS

Double Meanings

SCROLL THROUGH your social media feed, and the viral phrase — *Sco pa tu manaa* — could leave you confused. The nonsensical phrase got popular earlier this April after Ghanaian rap artiste Justice Amoah, popularly known as Patapaa, used it in the song *Daavi neba*. The rapper is known for incorporating gibberish in his songs. When the phrase got viral, it initiated the 'Skopatumana Challenge', where people posted videos of themselves rapping to Patapaa's lyrics. While in some languages, its meaning has been derived as 'I'll hit you' and 'what does this remind you of', netizens have picked up the latter. They have also been posting it as caption with photographs of Indian actors and pop culture icons, such as actors Shah Rukh Khan, Bobby Deol, and cricketer Rahul Dravid, among others.

War of Tweets

LYRICIST JAVED AKHTAR has been at loggerheads with filmmaker Shekhar Kapur since the latter's recent tweets about his fear of snake-like intellectuals, who made him feel "insignificant" and "small". Actor Suchitra Krishnamoorthi, Kapur's ex-wife, has now come to his rescue. She had her disappointment on display at Akhtar's 'personal attack'. Speaking about the duo who had worked together in *Mr India*, she took to the micro-blogging site to write "Intellectualism is indeed a malaise". When recalling his experiences of life after the Partition, his parents' sacrifice to ensure a good life for their kids and being afraid of intellectuals, Kapur had said, "Then suddenly embraced me after my films. I still fear them. Their embrace is like a bite of snake. Still a refugee". This had led to the renowned poet calling him a "poor rich but lonely guy" and asking him to cut out the melodrama.

Copy Not Right

THE MAKERS of *Judgementall Hai Kya* have found themselves in the midst of yet another controversy with Hungarian artist Flora Borsi claiming that their movie poster has been lifted from her artwork. The photographer posted an image of her original artwork on social media platforms, which shows a girl's face with a cat juxtaposed in front of her eye, alongside a poster of Kangana Ranaut posing with the animal in a similar fashion. Stressing on how no permission was sought from the artist, Borsi wrote on Facebook: "Any similarities? It's a famous Bollywood movie poster called *Judgementall Hai Kya*. They didn't ask for any permission nor reached me out. It's a shame for big companies plagiarising freelance artists work."

(Clockwise from above, right) Sheetal Sharma with Kangana Ranaut on the sets of *Judgementall Hai Kya*; the green and purple bagpack; the Frida Kahlo-inspired print; one of Sharma's sketches for the film

'We have finally realised the power of investing in a character'

Costume designer Sheetal Sharma on creating quirky looks for *Judgementall Hai Kya*, styling characters and why detailing is the key in costume designing

EKTAA MALIK

THE CORAL and beige backpack that Bobby Grewal (Kangana Ranaut) carried all the way to London in the second half of the film, *Judgementall Hai Kya*, had very humble origins. It was created in a small workshop in Dharavi. The peach and beige bag replaces a more flamboyant green and purple number, replete with gold chains, which sticks to Bobby like a second skin. "The backpack is a leitmotif in the film. She is carrying her childhood with her. And as things change in her life, the tone and texture of the bag changes, but it's still integral to her," says Sheetal Sharma, costume designer of *Judgmentall Hai Kya* (*JHK*), a black comedy starring Ranaut and Rajkummar Rao, which released last week.

Initially, Sharma was only supposed to design the look for Ranaut, but was then brought on board for the whole cast by director Prakash Kovelamudi. The film has opened to positive reviews and has received appreciation for its look, design and cinematography. Bobby's quirkiness is established from the first frame itself, courtesy the red printed dress and yellow jacket that she is seen sporting. "I had previously worked with Kangana in *Katti Batti*, and then we were in talks for some other films which didn't materialise. She then put me in touch with Prakash for *JHK*," shares Mumbai-based Sharma, 35.

The costume designer had a mandate of 'no fashion' in the film. Additionally the stress was on traits and not trends. Sharma spent a lot of time with the script, which, while reading, "seemed quite dark and supremely detailed." "These traits made her who she is — a person who has suffered a traumatic childhood and is going through psychosis. Her pop-coloured night suits with quirky prints, hoodies and red headphones — it was all a nod to the child within her. There is another print where we have used Frida Kahlo's photo, and she is wearing glasses," says Sharma. "We have shown her wearing an ensemble which has a print of a man holding a torch, when she is spying on Keshav (Rajkummar Rao) and Reema (Amayra Dastur). I think a lot of us wear clothes which reflect the mood we are in, so we used that template as well," he adds.

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>
> **SHEETAL SHARMA**

There are two distinct feels in the film, one is a loud, almost kitschy Mumbai one, and the other is a sedate, demure and more urban vibe, when the scene shifts to London. Rao was given a slightly shady and sleazy kind of vibe, topping it off with those pierced ears. "Like a small town boy who has come to Mumbai and thinks he looks slick in those gold rimmed aviators and shirts with two chest pockets. For London, we made him wear fitted suits," says Sharma. For Kangana, he used more feminine silhouettes and floral prints. "It's like she is coming of age and is not following the 'yo' template any more. Yet she always stands out in a crowd. You are bound to notice her," explains Sharma, who has previously worked on films like *Manto* (for which he won an award for best costume design), *Raees* and *Airlift*.

Born and brought up in Bandra, Mumbai, Sharma experimented with many trades before discovering his latent interest in fashion and design. A half-finished degree in hotel management, a stint at a call centre, and then finally a masters in fashion design from Wigan and Leigh College put him on track for a future in costume design. "I got my first ever break as an associate costume designer in *Miss Lovely*, thanks to Ashim Ahluwalia in 2010. I am lucky that I get to work during this time in the industry when even stars are acknowledging the power of a character. Where they are okay to wear clothes which are picked up from a stall near Bandra station. The time spent in detailing and hashing it out on a mood board is a lot more. Now we have finally realised the power of detailing and investing in a character, which in the long run makes it resonate more with the audience," says Sharma.

He chuckles at the mention of new 'wok' stylists in Bollywood who have made the 'airport' look quite a thing, and how 'styled by' is an important hashtag and credit on social media. "I don't do that, except for some very close friends like Arjun Mathur, but this is an interesting phenomenon. You can see how someone like Ayushmann Khurrana can wear a statement trench coat to the airport, and be okay wearing something completely massy for a film. Same for Kangana. She will wear something totally diva-ish for her social engagements, and be on board wearing Bata shoes for an entire film, because that's what makes sense for that particular character," he adds. "Design has come a long way in the industry. Earlier it was just the stars wearing outrageous and trendy clothes. Now we have realistic clothes," he says.

TALK CHECKS OUT

Midnight Comfort

An all-night cafe near Delhi airport is for those looking for quick grub at odd hours

DIVYA A

WHAT HAPPENS when you put Maggi, omelette and chocolate cake side by side on a menu? It screams comfort food. And that's what a new cafe in the Capital aims to do — cater to your midnight cravings. Located in the vicinity of the Delhi airport, the place is also well-stocked for the steady trickle of jet-lagged flyers, mostly looking for a small portion of quick grub at an odd hour.

Imperfecto Shor Cafe has no less than 24 dishes on the night menu, comprising salads, pizzas, calzones, and sandwiches among others, besides Delhi's all-time favourite snacks — Maggi (three variations) and omelettes (of five kinds). "At night, people usually crave for carbs. The ones on a controlled diet won't really binge at night. Even for them, we have a few grills on the menu," says Akanksha Dean, Chef Manager at the restaurant, which has Delhi-based Madan brothers and Spanish entrepreneur Nuria Rodriguez at its helm.

The cafe is one of the few all-night eateries in Delhi, with the rest mostly confined to five-star hotels. While the night fare is simplistic in nature, the day menu is elaborate and is inspired by popular European, American and Asian dishes, even as comfort food continues to define it. The space also has a Gothic-inspired nightclub (open only on weekends) adjacent to it.

The cafe's decor features exposed-brick walls adorned with colourful canvas paintings, paired with vintage-looking furniture, designed by Rodriguez herself, who has designed all the other nine Imperfecto cafes. Handmade lights, charpoy ceilings and rustic chandeliers add uniqueness to the place.

The name of each dish is inspired by the characters from the Gothic era. There is The Abby of Darkness, suggesting the morish Spanish black rice with prawns and calamari; King Leopold's Succession, the non-vegetarian burger named after the longest reigning Belgian monarch; while the Spanish croquettas are called The Royal Portal. We tried the Martina's Ensalada (a refreshing salad with mixed fruits, lettuce, cherries, bononcini, pomegranate and a honey mustard dressing), finishing off the 2 am meal with Chocolate Mudcake Sunday, a tried and tested combination you can never go wrong with at any hour.

(From top) Interiors of the cafe; Lord Byron's Neo-Gothic Rolls; The Royal Portal

There is also a Goth-themed bar, with cocktails inspired by Indian flavours such as paan, Earl Grey tea, masala tea, kafir lime and spices. Each cocktail has a portion of finger food served on the side.

Hot-sellers on the menu include The Royal Portal, Clement's Japanese Affair (Teriyaki chicken), Thai curries, sushi and butter chicken. Dean says, "We want comfort food, but the effort is to make it cool."

MEAL FOR TWO: Rs 2,000 (including taxes; without alcohol)

ADDRESS: Pride Plaza Hotel, Aerocity, Delhi

GRAND AFFAIR

WHILE THE wedding season might be on hold, given the rains and the position of stars, moon and other planetary objects, but everything else that one needs in the run-up to a wedding seems to be in full flow. New Delhi just witnessed the seven-day long bridal extravaganza with the India Couture Week, and now, following it up, we have the Vogue Wedding Show. In a first, Louis Vuitton , the famous French fashion house and luxury retailer will launch and unveil a curated collection of bridal trunks in India. The trunk collection has been created at the Asnières atelier, the headquarters of the fashion house, which started in 1854.

The showcase will feature luxury luggage, replete with jewellery trunks, beauty and watch cases and also a special whiskey and flower trunk. The trunks are monogrammed with the signature motif, LV, and come in two-toned brown on brown colour. There is the bigger Courrier Lozine, which will fit an opulent bridal lehenga easily, along with a smaller Coffret Tresor, which can hold all the small bridal knick knacks like bangles and precious jewellery. Other things that will be part of the showcase are leather products, fine jewellery, luxury watches and objects — designs by the luxury retailer that are inspired by travel. All this can be experienced at Taj Palace, from August 2-4. **EFS**

Connecting the Dots

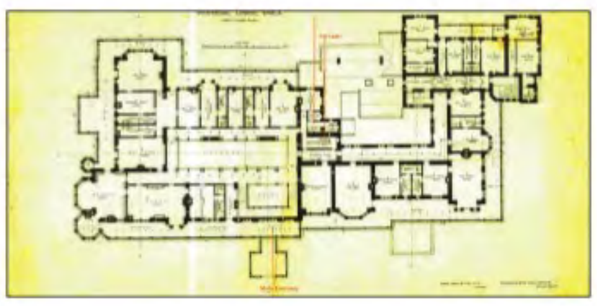
A first-time filmmaker is seeking funds to make a documentary that connects caste with architecture

DIPTI NAGPAUL

SOMETIME IN 2012, Ravichandran Bathran, a student at English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, devised a means for the Dalit community to be heard in the mainstream. He created Dalit Camera: Through Untouchable Eyes, a YouTube channel run by students like him, and looked at cases of caste atrocities, in turn reporting them through the digital medium. While Bathran, now based in Chennai, is not leading the movement anymore, he has chosen to employ the visual medium to tell a unique story — of architecture and caste.

Having completed his PhD from Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS) in Shimla, Bathran is currently looking to make a documentary that will establish the connect between architecture and caste. Set at the budget of Rs 8 lakh, it is based on Bathran's research for his doctorate thesis. He is seeking to crowdfund the documentary, tentatively titled *Hinduism's Apartheid: Caste-ing Space*.

A member of the Chikkiliyar community, which has people living across Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu and whose traditional occupations are perceived to be scavenging and working with leather, Bathran was keen to trace the history of his caste while he was studying in Hyderabad. Previous research into the origins of Chikkiliyars has asserted that the community is one of migrants. However, Bathran was not convinced, given that most of the information he came across was based on conjecture. A deeper look into the history of various "scavenging castes" revealed that most of its members were branded as migrants. "During my research, I had also discovered that most of the Indian upper caste population has traditionally preferred to build toilets away from their house. In my head, I saw a connection between the toilets and the scavenging communities — they were both being kept "outside". But my research didn't proceed further than that. Leave alone caste, even the studies on architecture never considered the impact of society on design. Most of the time, we take it for granted that architecture is secular," explains Bathran .



Ravichandran Bathran (left); the floor plan of the Viceregal Lodge in Shimla with three different entrances marked on it

As a fellow at IIAS, Bathran came across a lecture on toilets by Slovenian philosopher Slavoj Zizek. "He said that cultural ideology revolves around the behaviour of how we defecate and flush. This compelled me to relook at the way toilets are built. It struck me that not only the way we defecate but also where we construct the toilet, is unique to India," he says and adds that Delhi Metro's initial plan did not have toilets. Most Indian schools in the earlier generation did not have toilets. "Even the footpath leading to the toilets were exclusive to the scavengers," he says.

Bathran points out that this has continued for centuries. "In the Viceregal Lodge in Shimla, the structure has three entrances — for the sweeper, the cooks and the commoners. Sweepers also have separate quarters and most of the buildings had either a separate staircase or toilets outside the house. In modern-day apartments, we always prefer to have the toilet cleaner restricted to clean the toilets and not the kitchen. Tapti hostel in JNU has a separate staircase, which was an exclusive passage for scavengers," he says.

Working without any precedents on the subject, Bathran, with his documentary, wants to focus on how architecture has been important to reproduce and sustain the caste system. "We all know of the Vastu system. This documentary will explore how much people in India are connected to different spatials, such as the kitchen, toilet or religious spaces. How these spatials are placed in villages. I will also bring visuals from different architectures across periods and their correlation to various spatials," Bathran adds.

"One thing I have stopped trying to do is please everyone, which is probably a downfall I would look back on. I'm not a different person. I think maturing is the best way of saying it and having a understanding of a lot more things."
BEN STOKES, ENGLAND VICE-CAPTAIN

BRIEFLY

No Indian umpire in ICC Elite Panel

Dubai: The International Cricket Council's Elite Panel of Umpires will not have an Indian representation after Sundaram Ravi got the axe with Michael Gough of England and Joel Wilson of the West Indies being the new entrants for the 2019-20 season. Ravi, whose below-par performance both on-field and as a TV umpire during various assignments came for sharp criticism, has been predictably dropped and non-representation was a reflection of poor quality of Indian umpires. The 53-year-old Ravi has officiated in 33 Tests, 48 ODIs and 18 T20 Internationals. He has stood at multiple World Cups and World T20s. Gough and Wilson have been elevated from the Emirates ICC International Panel of Umpires by the selection panel consisting of ICC General Manager - Cricket, Geoff Allardice, former player and now commentator Sanjay Manjrekar, and match referees Ranjan Madugalle and David Boon. The other members of the Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Umpires are Aleem Dar, Kumar Dharmasena, Marais Erasmus, Chris Gaffaney, Richard Illingworth, Richard Kettleborough, Nigel Llong, Bruce Oxenford, Paul Reiffel and Rod Tucker. **PTI**

Venugopal Rao decides to call it a day

Mumbai: Former India batsman and Andhra Pradesh skipper Venugopal Rao on Tuesday announced retirement from all forms of the game. "Y Venugopala Rao, former captain of Andhra Ranji team and India international, who has represented India in 16 ODIs, and 65 IPL matches announced his retirement from all the forms of cricket," the Andhra Cricket Association said in a statement. The 37-year-old from Visakhapatnam could amass only 218 runs with a lone fifty to his name in the 11 innings he played for India after making his debut against Sri Lanka at Dambulla on July 30, 2005. He played his last ODI against West Indies at Basseterre on May 23, 2006. Rao played 121 first-class matches scoring 7,081 runs with 17 hundreds and 30 fifties to his credit. From 2008-2014 he played for Deccan Chargers and Sunrisers Hyderabad in the IPL. **PTI**

Samaraweera is NZ batting coach

Wellington: New Zealand Cricket added former Sri Lanka batsman and batting coach Thilan Samaraweera to their support staff on Tuesday for next month's two-test series in the island country. The Black Caps on Monday named four frontline spinners in their squad for the two tests, which will mark the beginning of the World Test Championship for both teams. "We're delighted to welcome Thilan into our environment for the Test phase of the tour," New Zealand coach Gary Stead said in a statement. "His knowledge of Sri Lankan conditions will be invaluable and he'll offer great assistance to Peter Fulton (batting coach) on his first tour. Having an extra support coach worked really well for us at the World Cup where we had Luke Ronchi on board, and we're sure Thilan will also offer a lot to the group." Middle order batsman Samaraweera, now 42, scored over 5,000 runs from 81 Tests for Sri Lanka at an average of 48.76 with 14 centuries in the format before retiring in 2013. **REUTERS**

Out in the cold for having cough syrup

Test opener Shaw banned till Nov 15 after testing positive for terbutaline, a stimulant he ingested via over the counter medication

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
KOLKATA, JULY 30

INDIA TEST opener Prithvi Shaw has been handed a doping ban till November 15 this year after he was found to have "inadvertently" ingested Terbutaline, a prohibited drug on the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) list. Terbutaline is commonly found in cough syrups.

Shaw wasn't included in the Indian team for the upcoming two-Test series in West Indies for doping violation, as the 19-year-old was provisionally suspended on July 16. The "hip injury" explanation given by chief selector MSK Prasad during the post-selection press conference on July 21 was basically a smokescreen.

Shaw went to Australia last winter but was ruled out of the Test series with an ankle injury. By convention, an injured player returns to the squad once he is declared fit. Likewise, Wriddhiman Saha had been brought back to the fold. As far as Shaw was concerned, the BCCI ostensibly knew about his doping violation. He will now miss the three home Tests against South Africa in October and also the first Test against Bangladesh starting on November 14.

"On 16th July 2019, Mr. Shaw was charged with the commission of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV) under the BCCI Anti-Doping Rules (ADR) Article 2.1 and provisionally suspended pending determination of the charge. Mr. Shaw responded to the charge by admitting the ADRV but asserting that it was inadvertent, being caused by his ingestion of the over the counter cough syrup he had taken for his cough," stated a BCCI release issued on Tuesday.

This is the second high-profile doping ban in Indian cricket in about 18-odd months. In January 2018, Yusuf Pathan had been handed a back-dated five-month suspension. In Shaw's case also, the cricket board has opted for a back-dated eight-month ban that started on March 16 this year. His urine sample provided on February 22 during a Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy match in Indore was found to contain Terbutaline.

Interestingly though, Shaw played 16 matches for Delhi Capitals in this year's IPL, from March 23 to May 12. It means he was active as a cricketer during the period included in the back-dated ban. "The BCCI is satisfied with Mr. Shaw's explanation that he had taken Terbutaline inadvertently to treat a Respiratory Tract Infection and not as a performance-enhancing drug. Having considered all of the evidence and taken expert external advice, the BCCI has accepted Mr. Shaw's explanation of the cause of his ADRV, and on that basis has agreed that a period of ineligibility of eight months should apply, together with disqualification of certain results," said the BCCI release.

It added: "...because Mr. Shaw promptly admitted his ADRV upon being confronted with it by the BCCI, there is discretion under BCCI ADR Article 10.10.2 to back-date the start of the period of Ineligibility to the date of sample collection (22nd February 2019). However, the BCCI ADR Article 10.10.2 also requires Mr. Shaw to actually serve one half of the period of ineligibility. Therefore, further to BCCI ADR Article 10.10.2, the eight-month period of Ineligibility will be deemed to have started to run on 16th March 2019, so that it will end at midnight on 15th November 2019."

Shaw can return to train with his club and/or his state team after September 15.

Prithvi has been banned for eight months, backdated from March 16 this year. *File*

'Big farce'

A senior BCCI official called Shaw's IPL participation a "big farce". "If his (Shaw) period of ineligibility is deemed to have started on March 16, the BCCI order puts a dent on the IPL, since Prithvi Shaw played the entire IPL during the period of ineligibility on account of a doping violation," the official told *The Indian Express.*

"Here is a player who represented India. He spent a couple of months at the NCA. And he is still going and buying over-the-counter cough syrup that has Terbutaline! So where is the anti-doping programme? Who is handling the anti-doping programme? Why can't an India player speak to the concerned person and check whether that medicine was allowed or not? This is a complete failure of the anti-doping system," he added, taking a jibe at the back-dated punishments.

Two more offenders

Along with Shaw, Akshay Dullarwar of Vidarbha and Divya Gajraj of Rajasthan have been handed bans for doping violations. Dullarwar, who was charged by the commission on June 26, was found to have "inadvertently" ingested a metabolite of Deflazacort, Glucocorticoid, which is prohibited by the WADA. The Vidarbha U-23 cricketer provided his urine sample on March 10 in Hyderabad. The BCCI is "satisfied" with Dullarwar's explanation that he had taken Deflazacort "inadvertently to treat an infection and not as a performance-enhancing drug". His ongoing eight-month ban is for the period March 10 to November 9 this year.

As for Gajraj, an Under-19 cricketer, whose urine sample provided on February 5 in Jaipur, was found to contain the banned Acetazolamide, the back-dated six-month period of suspension would be from March 26 to September 25. Gajraj "inadvertently" had taken Acetazolamide "to treat an eye injury and not as a performance-enhancing drug".

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Terbutaline can help marathon runners, cyclists not batsmen

EXPLAINED

TERBUTALINE, a banned stimulant 19-year-old Prithvi Shaw tested positive for, is a bronchodilator prescribed to patients who suffer from asthma or bronchitis. It can be consumed through inhalers, cough syrups, in capsules and injections.

Terbutaline helps reduce the resistance in airways, which means it allows a user to breathe better and take in larger amounts of oxygen. In 2016 British cyclist Simon Yates received a four-month ban after testing positive for Terbutaline .

While bronchodilators are proven to be helpful to increase the endurance of cyclists and marathon runners, its effectiveness in a sport like cricket is not significant, says Dr PSM Chandran, the president of the Indian Federation of Sports Medicine. "I don't know if it will really help a cricketer, especially a batsman who has to run across 22 yards. In marathons and cycling you have to take in more air, but in cricket it is very rare that a player is in such a situation or endurance is tested over long periods. So I don't find a situation where it would have helped Shaw on the field," Chandra says.

Stimulants like Terbutaline can be used to ease conditions like exercise induced bronchoconstriction too, where in a person finds it difficult to breathe or experiences asthma-like symptoms during or following a period of physical exercise.

The issue of cyclists using stimulants to their possible advantage came to the fore when it was revealed that British great Bradley Wiggins applied for Therapeutic Use Exemptions successfully before big races in 2011, 2012 and 2013. Wiggins' admitted he used corticosteroid triamcinolone by applying for TUEs to treat allergies after hackers released medical files stolen from the World Anti-Doping Agency (Wada) database. Wiggins said that he had to use corticosteroid to treat pollen allergy.

Incidentally when Prithvi Shaw was tested on February 22 this year on the sidelines of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, in the box provided in the form to declare any medication or supplement he had used over the past seven days, the cricketer wrote 'antibiotics'.

Captain Root dials Denly: I want to bat at No.3

REUTERS / AFP
LONDON, JULY 30

Skipper Joe Root looks certain to bat at number three in the first Ashes Test starting at Edgbaston on Thursday in the latest attempt to beef up England's flimsy top order.

Root, widely-regarded as England's best batsman, has been reluctant to bat at three, probably as a result of the unreliability of a succession of opening combinations.

Talking ahead of the opener on Tuesday, Ashes debutant Joe Denly confirmed that Root had phoned him this week and said he wanted to bat at three, dropping Denly to fourth man in.

"I'm very excited," the 33-year-old Kent batsman told Sky Sports. "I wasn't too fussed really where I was batting, it's just great to be in that starting eleven.

"I've batted at four before, playing for Kent and throughout my career so for me it was not a big issue.

"I think Rooty just wants to get involved in the game and get up there and get out in the middle and hopefully make a lot of runs. I don't think there's more to it than that."

Denly batted at three in the one-off Test against Ireland last week, scoring 23 in the first innings in which England were dismissed for an embarrassing 85. He made 10 in the second innings after being run out by Root. Root has batted at three in 41 of his 149 test innings, averaging 31 compared to 46 at number four.

He has also opened the batting on a few occasions. Rory Burns and one-day run machine Jason Roy are expected to open the batting against Australia's fearsome pace attack on Thursday. They are England's eighth different opening partnership in the past three years and the 16th since Andrew Strauss retired in 2012.

Langer warns Bancroft

Australia coach Justin Langer says an Ashes return for Cameron Bancroft would be "a great story" but knows he will face a hostile reception from England fans after his ball-tampering ban. Bancroft, 26, is set to open the batting in Thursday's first Test at Edgbaston, with Australia's top order also likely to feature David Warner and Steve Smith. If that is the case, it would mean all three players who were banned for their roles in the ball-tampering scandal in South Africa last year would be in Australia's XI. Smith and Warner have already experienced plenty of boos from English crowds during the recent World Cup.

Bancroft, not selected for the one-day tournament, will almost certainly experience more of the same given he was the one who actually applied sandpaper to the ball during a Test away to South Africa in a blatant flouting of cricket's rulebook.

"It would be a great story if he comes back into the team," Langer said at Edgbaston on Tuesday. "His development after what happened in Cape Town has been extraordinary."

Langer, a former Australia opener, said: "We know what the reception is going to be. There's nothing we can do about it. We don't know (how he will cope) actually, but we'll find out. "He's a good kid and as tough as anyone you could meet. To endure the scrutiny of the past 14 months, especially the first part of it, I think he's had a pretty good dress rehearsal."

England skipper Joe Root bats ahead of the first Ashes Test. *Reuters*

CHIEF SELECTOR SPEAKS

'It's misconception that you've more power if you've played more'

KUSHAN SARKAR
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

CHAIRMAN OF selectors MSK Prasad on Tuesday said that he doesn't believe "you know more when you have played more", hitting back at detractors for referring to the panelists' modest international record – a sum total of 13 Tests between the five selectors. Prasad spoke on issues ranging from the jibes on his stature (his Test record is six matches), allegations that the Indian team management bullies him, lack of vision, and the 'lame duck' jibe by Sunil Gavaskar.

A lot has been said about the stature and experience of this selection committee. Does it hurt you??

A. Let me tell you that all the selection committee members have played for the Indian team in different formats, which is the basic criterion to be in the selection committee at the time of our appointments. Apart from international cricket, together we have played 477 first-class games. Together, we have watched more than 200 first-class matches during our tenure. Don't you think our experience as players and as selectors after watching those number of games is good enough to pick the right talent?

This combined 13 Test statistic that's often brought up to hit you people...

A. If one is talking about stature and international experience, Ed Smith, who is the current chairman for England and Wales Cricket Board has played only one Test. Trevor Hohns, who is the chairman of Cricket Australia's selection committee for over a decade and half with a couple of years' break in between, has played only seven Tests. And oh yes, Mark Waugh, who played 128 Test matches and 244 ODIs, worked under Trevor.

Legendary Australian player and captain Greg Chappell, who played 87 Test matches and 74 ODIs for his country, is also working under Trevor now. When stature and international experience doesn't come into the picture in those countries, how will it come in the way in our country?

The point that I am driving here is that every job has its own demands. If vast international experience is the question, then our beloved late Sri Raj Singh Dungarpur wouldn't have been the chairman of the senior selection committee as he never played international cricket. Maybe a diamond called Sachin Tendulkar wouldn't have been unearthed at only 16 years.

If international experience is the case, then many ex-cricketers, who have played lot of first-class matches, can never ever dream to become India selectors. How far is it right and justifiable to comment on stature and international experience of the selection committee when the job actually demands a different expertise to spot talent?

Chief selector MSK Prasad denies being bullied by Virat Kohli and Ravi Shastri. *File*

Do you get angry at times that comments like "lame duck" are thrown at you?

A. It is very unfortunate. We have utmost respect for the legendary cricketers. Every opinion expressed by them is taken in right earnest. They have their viewpoints which are well received. In fact, more than getting hurt by this kind of comments, it only makes this selection committee stronger, committed and united.

When the committee has differed with coach Ravi Shastri and skipper Virat Kohli on decisions, how have things ended? Did they (Kohli and Shastri) ever try to bully the panel?

A. Ravi Shastri and Virat Kohli are the coach and captain of our senior team and Rahul Dravid looks after the India A team. They have their roles and responsibilities cut out. We, as selection committee, have our roles and responsibilities.

Working in tandem and in solidarity with Ravi, Virat and Rahul cannot be taken as being bullied. There were several occasions we had differences of opinions which we may not bring into the public domain. What happens within the four walls has to remain there. At the end of the day, we move on in the larger interest of the Indian team.

It is a common misconception that players who have played more cricket have more knowledge or more power and can bully anybody, but it is not the fact. If that is the case then the entire coaching unit, selection committee and all other relevant fields should be filled with only those people who have had vast international careers as players. I don't think this is right.

How do you rate this selection committee's performance over the last three years ?

A. Our committee has travelled across the length and breadth of the country to identify fresh talent from domestic cricket and groomed the selected bunch through a systematic process and inducted the deserving players into the India A and further into the senior Indian teams.

- Our Test team won 11 out of 13 Test series and we are now ranked no.1 Test team in ICC for last 3 years.
- We have had 80- 85 per cent success rate in ODIs. We were no.1 in ODI rankings till the semifinal loss in the World Cup. We have reached the final of the Champions Trophy. We have won two Asia Cups.
- We won 11 out of 11 India A 'ODI' series, which include four quadrangular series; we had won eight out of nine India A 'Test' series.
- We have groomed around 35 new players and inducted them into the senior Indian teams across three formats and we have developed sufficient bench strengths in all departments of the game. We are more than happy to pass on the baton to the next committee with pride of preparing an excellent succession chart. **PTI**

Players seek security assurance for Pak tour

Rohan Bopanna (R) will be the most experienced player in the tie. *File*

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

THE INDIAN tennis players are "excited and available" to travel to Pakistan for the upcoming Davis Cup tie but want to be assured that all the security measures are in place before they reach Islamabad. All the players, save an "injured" Sumit Nagal are available for the tie, scheduled for September 14-15 in the capital city of Pakistan.

The squad, likely to be led by number one singles player Prajnesh Gunneswaran under non-playing captain Mahesh Bhupathi, will be first from the country to travel to the neighbouring nation in 55 years. "We are not concerned. We are available and excited but we just want to make sure that all the clearances from MEA, Home Ministry are there," said a source close to the players.

It has been learnt that Bhupathi has also written a letter to the All India Tennis Association (AITA), asking about travelling squad's safety and security during its stay. The AITA General Secretary Hironmoy Chatterjee told PTI that he has answered all the queries raised by the captain. "Yes he had some questions and we have replied to him," he said.

Asked if the federation sought approval from Home Ministry or the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Chatterjee said it was not required.

"We fall under Sports Ministry and they have not raised any objection to us travelling to Pakistan. We need not go to the other ministries. Also, the ITF has laid down stringent norms regarding the security and the host nation is bound to follow them. An ITF inspection team has already visited Pakistan, so there should not be any concern. The Pakistan Tennis Federation has also sent us the invitation and soon the process to procure visas will begin. We will go," he assured.

The AITA selection committee will meet in the next few days to pick the team. Initially, the AITA had sought permission from the Sports Ministry to send the team to Pakistan but they were informed that they do not require any permission and it was up to the Federation to send its players.

The AITA recently said that the team will definitely travel to Islamabad and they have already begun the process to complete the travel formalities. No Indian Davis Cup squad has travelled to Pakistan since March 1964 and in that tie, held in Lahore, India had won 4-0.

The last tie between the two nations was played in Mumbai in 2006, which India had won 3-2. The Indian team's current captain Bhupathi was part of that team, which also featured the likes of Leander Paes, Prakash Amritraj and Rohan Bopanna. Prior to this tie, India had played Pakistan at a neutral venue in Malaysia in 1973.

Hasan all set to tie knot with Haryana aeronautical engineer

NITIN SHARMA
CHANDIGARH, JULY 30

SHAMIA ARZOO, a 26-year-old Haryana girl, is set to marry Pakistan cricketer Hasan Ali in Dubai next month. Aarzo, who works as an aeronautical engineer in Dubai, hails from Faridabad where her father Liyaqat Ali, a retired Block Development Officer with the state government, now lives.

The development was confirmed by Arzoo's elder brother Akbar Ali.

Arzoo's family originally belongs to Chandeni village in Nuh district, also known as Mewat in Haryana. Ali will be the fourth Pakistani cricketer to marry an Indian after Zaheer Abbas, Mohsin Khan and Shoaib Malik.

"Yes, my sister Shamia will be getting married to Pakistani cricketer Hasan Ali next month in Dubai. We have been based in Faridabad for many years now. Shamia studied at Manav Rachna University in Faridabad and has worked in Jet Airways before working for Emirates Airlines as an aeronautical engineer in Dubai. The two families met in Dubai earlier this year and finalised the wedding,"

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Akbar said. "We will go to Dubai around August 15-16 where the nikaah will be held the same week and walima will be done later."

The second-youngest of seven siblings, Arzoo went to St Peter's School, Sector 16, Faridabad before pursuing higher studies at DAV School, Sector 14, Faridabad. Later, she joined Manav Rachna University to learn aeronautical engineering and worked for Jet Airways. A young Aarzoo would often dream about becoming a pilot and also studied in England. "My great grandfather Ghosi Khan's brother Khan Bahadur migrated to Pakistan from our ancestral village at the time of partition and are based in Kothi Naiyaki village in Kasur district in Pakistan. Khan Bhadur's son Sardar Tufail, who was chairman of Pakistan Railways Board, stayed in touch with our family. When Shamia was young, she would often talk about being a pilot and read books about Kalpana Chawla, another Haryana girl. Since the last three years, she has been in Dubai and whenever she talks with us, it's mostly about flying which has been her biggest passion," shared Ali.

Incidentally, Hasan Ali was in the news last year when he celebrated his famous wicket-taking pose at the Wagah-Atari border. "Hasan loves his cricket and him posing in his famlus pose should not be taken in a negative way. He also shows respect to Indian cricketers," added Ali.

Sources close to the cricketer said preparations have already begun at Hasan's home in Gujranwala. Hasan confirmed he had been seeing Arzoo for the last one year and said that both families will meet to finalise the wedding date.

"Yes I have been friends with an Indian girl whom I met in Dubai but the final date will be decided by our families," he said.

Hasan Ali said he has been seeing Haryana's Shamia Arzoo for the last one year. Shamia holds a degree in Aeronautics from Manav Rachna University. *File*

A gold & new-found confidence

After reigning supreme at the Thailand Open, boxer Ashish is now a credible option for bigger challenges

GAURAV BHATT
NEW DELHI, JULY 30

A GOLD medal is always welcome. But for Ashish Kumar, the triumph in Thailand couldn't have come at a better time.

The 75kg boxer from Himachal Pradesh made his breakthrough with a silver at the Asian Championships in April. Another silver followed at the India Open the month after. But while they established him as a contender in a category which has given India stars such as Vijender Singh and Vikas Krishan, the missed gold medals put Ashish in a funk of self-doubt.

Part of it was bad calls and bad luck. "At one point, I lost a string of international bouts on split decisions. And at the India Open, my semifinal opponent headbutted me and the bad cut meant I had to concede the final."

But mostly, it's been due to not backing himself when it counts.

"In the Asian Championship final, I just switched my game and started doing something different. My opponent then dominated me," says Ashish. "I have always played openly and aggressive. But somebody would tell me to be more cautious and I would straightaway go into a shell. I'd lose the first round and for a referee, that's it. You might dominate the last round but you'd still lose that match. So it became sort of a mental block."

On Saturday, Ashish crossed that hurdle, emerging as the lone gold medallist as India finished with eight medals at the Thailand Open. "I was extremely nervous. The thought was there whether I will be able to perform or not. But I had been in Bangkok before. Plus the coaches were behind me. And after getting the first win against a local boxer, I felt that the nervousness was out of my system. After that, I was very confident in my game and something told me I'm going to win my first international gold here."

The first fight, incidentally, was against Aphisit Khankhokkruea, the Thai boxer who headbutted Ashish in the India Open semifinal. The Indian finished the competition with commanding 5-0 scorelines in the semifinal and final.

"I feel a lot more assured now. A lot lighter. Now I think, when the coaches and everyone is telling me that I have the talent, I don't know why I used to be so timid."

Lack of conviction was partly because of the competitive category. The 24-year-old spent a lot of time in camp busy being the understudy or sparring partner for his seniors.

"There was a period of impatience. But even when I was not breaking into the first team, the coaches were very supportive.

Ashish Kumar (R) claimed his first international gold in the 75kg category at the Thailand Open on Saturday. *BFI*

Ashish is so much more polished now. He uses his reach better, his ring awareness has improved. He has figured out how to mix it up. When to follow his instincts and natural game, and when to avoid fighting."

SANTIAGO NEIVA
HIGH PERFORMANCE DIRECTOR, INDIA

(Head caoch CA) Kuttappa sir especially treats us like friends. Sometimes if I asked for a day or two off to go home from the camp, he'd say: *Jayega nahi khelne kya? Kisi aur ko bhej doon kya* (won't you go to the tournament? Should I send someone else?)" laughs Ashish. "Santiago (Nieva) sir too has been supportive and he has helped me sharpen my technique."

After the Asian Championships, Nieva, the high performance director, broke down Ashish's technique: "His inclusion didn't come out of nowhere. He works hard in the camp. But lack of international experience shows sometimes. He can be too much of a fighter. Unnecessarily fighting too much. His positioning and footwork can be random."

Three months on, Nieva points out the improvements. "Ashish is so much more polished now. He uses his reach better, his ring awareness has improved," Nieva said on Tuesday.

The biggest gain, however, has been finding that middle gear, between 'going all out' and 'being too passive'. "He has figured out how to mix it up. When to follow his instincts and natural game, and when to avoid fighting."

Next up is the World Championship in September. Ashish has already qualified for the event in Russia with a win over Railway's Prayag Chauhan earlier this month. But he realises that his biggest competitor is currently away from the national set-up and busy calling out old rivals. Vikas Krishan, 2-0 on the professional circuit, recently called out Vijender for a showdown in November.

"Vikas *bhai* has represented the country so many times," says Ashish. "I have a lot of respect for him out of the ring. But in the ring, he will be just another competitor for me now."

Krishan, who is competing in the super welterweight category on the professional circuit, however, could drop down a weight division. "For the Worlds, we realised that he had fights scheduled, and he also needed some downtime to recover. But he will still be under consideration for Tokyo," says Nieva. "There's a possibility that he could drop down and compete in 69kg, since that's his weight on the professional circuit. As far as the Olympic qualifier in January is considered, he would have to go for trials, like everybody else. We have to see what happens in the World Championships and we will take a call after that."

Minerva sells 50 pc stake to RoundGlass Sports

NITIN SHARMA
CHANDIGARH, JULY 30

MINERVA PUNJAB FC, the 2017-18 I-League champions, has sold 50 per cent stake to RoundGlass Sports, another Punjab-based company. While talks were going on between the two sides for the a few months, the deal was announced on Tuesday after AIFF's approval. The development means that RoundGlass Sports, which had its junior teams competing in regional qualifiers of the I-League, will now merge them with Minerva Punjab.

"We were thinking about selling a stake in Minerva Punjab FC and the negotiation were being held for the last two months. There was a time when we walked out of the talks but joined again later. For the last 5-6 years. Minerva Punjab FC has been close to my heart and when we got a good offer, we considered it since it will only strengthen the club's finances," Ranjit Bajaj, the co-owner of the club told *The Indian Express*.

"We were cutting our expenditure as we were struggling with finances. When we won the I-League in 2018, we had a budget of Rs 1.4 crore while teams like Mohun Bagan spent Rs 3.8 crore on one player. But we showed that titles can be won with a good team and players. Over the years, we won seven national titles in various categories and I am sure we will win more."

Founded in 2014 by Sunny Dhaliwal, RoundGlass Sports is part of RoundGlass, a Seattle-based venture capital firm which also has its offices in India, including in Mohali. While RoundGlass Sports has been fielding its teams in the regional qualifiers of junior I-Leagues, they have never won the title in the region nor progressed to the finals.

"I know how I have managed the finances for Minerva Punjab FC and we were seeking a partner for the last three years. It's good that RoundGlass Sports are also based in Punjab and also have a junior programme. That was also one of the deciding factors for me in this decision. Also with this merger, I will be able to spend more time concentrating on arranging finances and other aspects for the club," said Bajaj.

The last one month saw Bajaj venting his anger on the AIFF for making the Indian Super League the top competition in the country. He also wrote to the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and FIFA last week seeking intervention and also shared FIFA's roadmap which called for the merger of the two leagues.

[SPORTS BAR]

Prajnesh stuns World No. 67 Millman

Prajnesh Gunneswaran stunned world number 67 John Millman, beginning his campaign at the ATP Los Kabos event with a bang in Los Kabos. The Indian left-hander, ranked 90 in the world, beat his Australian rival 6-4 1-6 6-2 in one hour and 49 minutes on Monday night. There were plenty of chances that came Prajnesh's way and he utilised five of the 16 breakpoints he earned. He also saved three of the seven chances on his own serve. Next up for Prajnesh could be world number 28 Taylor Fritz, who recently won his maiden ATP Tour title in Eastbourne on grass. The 21-year old American is up against German qualifier Dominik Koeofer. In the doubles, the Indian pair of Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan and Purav Raja lost their first round 3-6 3-6 to Lucas Pouille and Gregoire Barrere.

India will not compete in squash Worlds

An administrative blunder by the Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) has denied the national men's team a chance to compete in the World Championship in Washington from December 15-21. It is learnt that SRFI officials were not able to get the necessary clearances in time from the Sports Authority of India (SAI) for the biennial event. "The SRFI was not able to get a meeting with SAI and that is why the approval did not come and SRFI didn't register the team. It is really sad that players have to bear the brunt of this," a source told PTI.

Anjum partners with Babuta to win gold

World Championship silver medallist Anjum Moudgil on Tuesday won her second gold in the Sardar Sajjan Singh Sethi Memorial Masters Shooting Competition, partnering Arjun Babuta in the 10m air rifle mixed team event. Moudgil, world number eight in women's 10m air rifle and the first Indian shooter to bag and Olympic quota, on Monday shot better than the world record to beat Mehuli Ghosh by 1.7 point for the gold in women's air rifle. A day later, the Punjab duo overcame Mehuli and Abhinav Shaw of West Bengal 16-12 in the gold medal match at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range.

PV Sindhu has pulled out of the tournament, which gets underway on Wednesday. Saina Nehwal, though, will make a return.

Sindhu withdraws from Thailand Open

PV Sindhu has withdrawn from the Thailand Open but compatriot Saina Nehwal will return to the circuit in the BWF Super 500 event in Bangkok after missing out back-to-back tournaments. Sindhu, who reached the final in Indonesia Open but lost in the Japan Open quarterfinals last week, will not take the court in the Thailand Open main draw, which begins on Wednesday. Saina, seeded seventh, will open her women's singles campaign against a qualifier on Wednesday. Sourabh Verma and Sai Uttejitha Rao Chukka also made it to the men's and women's singles main draw of the Thailand Open badminton tournament after winning their respective qualifying round matches on Tuesday. Sourabh first beat Kantawat Leelavechabutr of Thailand 21-18 21-19 and then got the better of Zhou Ze Qi of China 11-21 21-14 21-18 in his second match of the qualification round to advance to the men's singles main draw. Uttejitha Rao, meanwhile, beat Tam Brittney of Canada 16-21 21-14 21-19 to enter the women's singles main draw.

FA to introduce 'sin bins' at junior level

Temporary dismissals, popularly known as 'sin bins' in other sports, will be introduced across all levels of grassroots soccer in the 2019-20 season, England's Football Association (FA) said on Tuesday. The rule change allows referees to dismiss a player from the pitch for 10 minutes, with the FA saying they saw a 38% reduction in dissent following a testing phase. "The FA successfully piloted sin bins during the 2017-18 season, and then extended this to a total of 31 leagues throughout the 2018-19 season as part of its commitment to improve the match day experience for all," the FA said in a statement.

Tsonga makes winning return at Citi Open

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga turned back the clock to defeat Canadian Brayden Schnur 6-4 7-6(2) at the Citi Open in Washington on Monday in his first match at the tournament in a decade. The 34-year-old Frenchman pumped his fists, leapt in the air and did a series of twirls after Schnur sent a backhand long on match point to end the first-round match on a scorching day in the nation's capital. Tsonga, who was once ranked as high as world number five but is now 70th, looked sharp but will have his work cut out for him in the second round when he faces second-seeded Karen Khachanov.

Semenya will not defend world title

Caster Semenya will not defend her 800-metres title at the World Championships in September after the Swiss Federal Tribunal reversed a ruling that temporarily lifted the IAAF's testosterone regulations imposed on her, a spokesman for the athlete said. Semenya is appealing the Court of Arbitration for Sport's (CAS) ruling that supported regulations introduced by the sport's governing body, the IAAF. These say that XY chromosome athletes with differences in sexual development (DSDs) can race in distances from 400m to a mile only if they take medication to reach a reduced testosterone level. "I am very disappointed to be kept from defending my hard-earned title, but this will not deter me from continuing my fight for the human rights of all of the female athletes concerned," Semenya said in a statement from her representative.

Brazil police end Neymar rape probe

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Neymar was accused of rape by a Brazilian woman. *File*

POLICE IN Brazil probing rape allegations against football superstar Neymar have closed the case due to a lack of evidence, the Sao Paulo attorney general's office said Monday. The police decision will be sent to prosecutors on Tuesday, who will have 15 days to evaluate the case, a spokeswoman for the attorney general's office said.

A final ruling on the case will be made by a judge. A spokesman for Neymar said he was not able to comment on the police decision. Sao Paulo police are due to hold a news conference on Tuesday. Neymar has vehemently denied allegations he raped a Brazilian woman in a Paris hotel in May.

The ugly affair, which has dominated headlines and conversations in the soccer-mad country for weeks, overshadowed Brazil's preparations for the Copa America. Hosts Brazil went on to win South America's showcase tournament earlier this month without their biggest player, who was injured in a warm-up friendly before the opening match.

The scandal blew up on June 2 when Neymar published a seven-minute video on Instagram, where he had first been in contact with Najila Trindade, revealing that he had been accused of rape. In an attempt to defend himself against the allegations, Neymar's video was accompanied by WhatsApp messages and images of his encounter with Trindade -- without her consent, possibly breaking Brazilian law.

The drama quickly snowballed. Extracts of a televised interview with Trindade, in which she accused Neymar of "aggression together with rape," aired just one hour before he was about to enter the pitch for the pre-Copa game between Brazil and Qatar.

Neymar tore his right ankle ligament in the 20th minute, ruling him out of the tournament. In the following weeks, Neymar was questioned by police over the WhatsApp messages. He also appeared before police in Sao Paulo, where Trindade had filed her complaint at the end of May. As the case dragged on, police filed a defamation suit against Trindade -- who was dropped by multiple lawyers -- after she insinuated the force was corrupt.

"The police are bought, aren't they? Or am I crazy?" she told television channel SBT last month in response to questions over the police investigation of an alleged theft of a tablet device from her home that contained a short video she claims has conclusive evidence she was assaulted.

Despite the seriousness of the allegations, polls have shown that most Brazilians believe Neymar is innocent.

Ronaldinho facing financial problems

A court in southern Brazil has forbidden ex-Barcelona striker Ronaldinho from selling 57 of his real estate properties due to an unpaid environmental fine and other debts, a Brazilian newspaper reported on Monday. The Folha de S.Paulo paper said the former World Player of the Year owes 9.5 million reais ($2.51 million) in unpaid environmental fines after illegally building a pier at his lake house in Porto Alegre. **REUTERS**

Lifter becomes lightning rod for criticism of transgender policy

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TRANSGENDER WEIGHTLIFTER Laurel Hubbard's gold medal-winning performance at the Pacific Games continues to reverberate long after the event, with a New Zealand women's group demanding sports authorities put a stop to "unfair" competition.

Hubbard, who competed for New Zealand in men's weightlifting before her transition in her thirties, won two gold and a silver in three of the women's heavyweight categories at the Games in Samoa earlier this month. She topped the podium ahead of Samoan runner-up and Commonwealth Games champion Feagaiga Stowers in both categories, triggering outrage in the Pacific island nation. With Hubbard free to compete at next year's Tokyo Olympics, the 41-year-old has become a lightning rod for criticism of the International Olympic Committee (IOC)'s guidelines for the inclusion of transgender athletes.

On Monday, New Zealand-based lobby group "Speak Up For Women", which advocates that sport must be categorised by sex rather than gender identity, called on the country's Olympic committee and sports minister to "defend women's sport".

The call follows criticism from British advocates "Fair Play for Women", who wrote on Twitter that sports officials needed to "wake up" in the days after Hubbard's Pacific Games titles. IOC guidelines issued in 2015 said any transgender athlete could compete as a woman provided their testosterone levels are below 10 nanomoles per litre for at least 12 months prior to their first competition. That has been criticised by some scientists, who say it does little to mitigate natural biological advantages enjoyed by male-born athletes, including bone and muscle density.

Researchers at the Dunedin-based University of Otago said in a peer-reviewed study published earlier this month that the IOC guidelines were "poorly drawn" and the mandated testosterone level was still "significantly higher" than that of women.

Laurel Hubbard is free to compete at the Tokyo Olympics next year.

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