

Rahul quits as Cong chief: Hard decisions, accountability needed

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NEW DELHI, JULY 3

ENDING WEEKS of speculation and owning up responsibility for the disastrous Congress performance in the Lok Sabha elections, Rahul Gandhi Wednesday resigned as party president without naming a successor, and let the rank and file know that "at times, I stood completely alone" while taking on "the Prime Minister, the RSS and the institutions they have captured".

In a four-page statement which he uploaded on Twitter, Rahul, who took charge of the Congress in December 2017, called for accountability in the party: "As president of the Congress party, I am responsible for the loss of the 2019 election. Accountability is critical for the future growth of our party. It is

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for this reason that I have resigned as Congress president."

Although he had made it known at the Congress Working Committee meeting on May 25 that he would no longer lead the

party, his resignation Wednesday without naming a successor added to the turmoil in the party as he underlined that "rebuilding the party requires hard decisions and numerous people will have to be made accountable for the failure of 2019".

At the CWC meeting, Rahul had said that most senior leaders of the party did not support his "chowkidar chor hai" campaign against the Prime Minister over the Rafale fighter aircraft issue. In his resignation statement, he said "it would be unjust to hold others accountable but ignore my own responsibility as president of the party".

"Many of my colleagues suggested that I nominate the next

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NDRF personnel and local trekkers search for people washed away after the Tiwari dam in Chiplun breached following heavy rain in Ratnagiri, Maharashtra. Arul Horizon

Repaired weeks ago, Ratnagiri dam breaches, 23 feared dead

SUSHANT KULKARNI & SANDEEP ASHAR
CHIPLUN (RANTAGIRI), MUMBAI, JULY 3

AT LEAST 14 people were killed and another nine reported missing after several houses in Chiplun taluka of Ratnagiri dis-

tributed in Maharashtra were swept away when the wall of the Tiwari dam breached Tuesday night following heavy rain over the last 48 hours.

The Tiwari dam, located off the Karad-Chiplun Road, had undergone major repairs just two months ago but around 5 pm Tuesday, a minor irrigation tank,

constructed only in 2004, started leaking again. Amid the incessant rain, the dam breached around 9.30 pm, flooding seven villages downstream.

According to an initial investigation report submitted to the state government, almost the whole length of the dam was

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TERROR FINANCING

Under pressure, Pakistan books Saeed, aides for funding Lashkar

Islamabad moves after global terror finance watchdog set Oct deadline

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, JULY 3

MORE THAN a week after it was rapped on the knuckles by global watchdog Financial Action Task Force (FATF), Pakistan Wednesday lodged 23 cases on charges of terror financing and facilitation against Jamaat-ud-Dawa (JuD) chief and 26/11 mastermind Hafiz Saeed and a dozen members of the terror group, as well as five banned outfits masquerading as charity organisations.

Pakistan's Punjab Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) said it registered the cases in Lahore, Gujranwala and Multan for collection of funds for terror-financing through assets or properties in the names of trusts or non-profit organisations.

"Large scale investigations launched into financing matters of proscribed organisations Jamaat-ud-Dawa & Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) in connection with the implementation of UN Sanctions against these Designated Entities & Persons as directed by NSC (National Security Committee) in its Meeting of 1st January 2019



23 cases filed against 26/11 attack mastermind Hafiz Saeed and his 12 aides

chaired by the PM Imran Khan..." the CTD said in a statement reported by local media.

Daily Times quoted CTD as saying that it registered the cases on July 1 and 2 against the leadership of JuD, LeT & FIF (Falah-i-Insaniyat Foundation) for gaining assets from terrorism financing through Dawat ul Irshad Trust, Muaz Bin Jabal Trust, Al-Anfal Trust, Al Hamd Trust and Al Madina Foundation Trust.

It also named the leaders of JuD and LeT who have been booked, including Saeed and his aides Abdul Rehman Makki, Malik Zafar Iqbal, Ameer Hamza, Muhammad Yahya Aziz,

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Ignored second time, Rayudu ends his dream



Thank Dhoni, Sharma, especially Kohli'

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
KOLKATA, JULY 3

AMBATI RAYUDU's painfully long struggle to live up to the promise he showed as a 16-year-old first-class debutant in 2001 is finally over.

The one-time 'Next Sachin Tendulkar', this millennium's first big batting hope, retired from all forms of cricket

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Attacks on Gujarat Dalits: Assailants on bail, parole

GOPAL KATESHIYA, VAIBHAV JHA & PARIMAL DABHI
RAJKOT, BOTAD, THANGADH, JULY 3

LESS THAN a week ago, Piyush Sarvaiya, a 29-year-old Dalit from Una town, was assaulted by two men who were among 11 convicted by a special court last November for the murder of his brother in 2012. The two were

out on parole and this was a revenge attack for the punishment handed to them by the court.

This was the fourth such case in less than two months in Saurashtra where those accused of murder returned to attack the family members of their victims or against whom they had a grudge. The incidents preceding Una were reported from Rajkot, Surendranagar and Botad districts and each time, the

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SEBI wants a seat on RBI board and more powers

AMITAV RANJAN & SANDEEP SINGH
NEW DELHI, JULY 3

AFTER THE Finance Ministry shot down a proposal by SEBI to remove the RBI nominee on its board, the capital market regulator has now changed tack and instead sought a place on the RBI board. It has suggested that the RBI Act, 1934 be amended to

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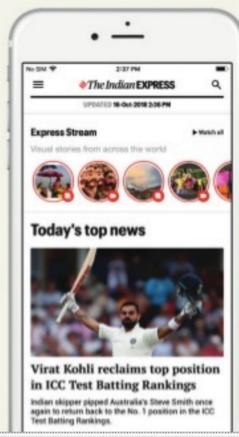
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'Received only one Cong MLA resignation'

Bengaluru: Despite two MLAs from the Congress claiming to have submitted resignations on July 1, Karnataka Assembly Speaker K R Ramesh Kumar has clarified that he has received only one resignation letter through the correct process.

Two Congress MLAs — Anand Singh from Vijayanagar in Ballari and Ramesh Jharkiholi from Gokak in Belagavi — sent in their resignations on July 1.

While Singh handed his resignation to Governor Vajubhai Vala and sent a copy to the Speaker, Jharkiholi reportedly faxed his resignation letter to the Speaker's office. The Speaker, who has expressed disappointment over the MLAs not meeting him personally, as mandated by rules, has denied receiving Jharkiholi's resignation.

"There is only one resignation letter given to me physically by a member himself," the Speaker said on Wednesday. "The Speaker himself has said he has not received the resignation of Jharkiholi." Former CM Siddaramaiah said, "Only Anand Singh has given his letter. He may withdraw it too. We are talking to him," he said.

Gold worth Rs 2.17 cr seized in Hyderabad

REENIVAS JANAYALA HYDERABAD JULY 3

DIRECTORATE OF Revenue Intelligence (DR) officials and a team of Hyderabad's South Zone Task Force on Wednesday uncovered a smuggling racket after intercepting 14 passengers returning from the Umrah pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia with 6.46 kg of gold, worth Rs 2.17 crore, at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport.

Based on a tip-off, passengers who arrived on a Saudi Airlines flight from Jeddah were searched, said a DRI official. "The 14 passengers are residents of Hyderabad. Each of them was found to be carrying Foreign Marked Gold in the form of cut pieces, 24 carat bracelets and chains..." said the official.

"The modus operandi is that some agents pay for the trip for people who want to go to Umrah with the condition that while returning, they carry back gold handed over to them at Jeddah by other agents. If they come out without getting caught, local agents collect the gold from them. They are blackmailed by agents at Jeddah if they refuse to act as per the instructions of agents," the official said.

Police are questioning two agents who were suspected to be waiting for the 14 passengers, said officials.

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provide a seat on the board of the banking regulator.

The capital market regulator's move comes amidst crisis in the loosely-regulated NBFC sector that has adversely impacted some debt mutual funds which are directly regulated by it. Debt mutual funds have an exposure to the tune of Rs 1.7 lakh crore in NBFCs, according to industry estimates. If housing finance companies are included, the exposure swells to Rs 3.1 lakh crore.

It is important to note that while RBI has no nominee director on boards of other financial sector regulators such as IRDAI and PFRDA, it has a nominee director on the board of Securities and Exchange Board of India. SEBI got statutory powers in 1992, while IRDA and PFRDA legislation were enacted in 1999 and 2003.

The capital market regulator had in the past proposed that the SEBI Act be amended to discontinue the presence of a nominee from RBI on its board. The finance ministry, however, held that the RBI's financial sector experience would add value to the SEBI board.

Given that the NBFCs are loosely regulated, the RBI itself had sought a strengthening of its regulatory and supervisory powers under the RBI Act. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman recently told Parliament that the RBI proposal was under the government's consideration.

SEBI too is also learnt to have proposed a series of amendments to the Sebi Act that would give it more power. These include a proposal to inspect listed companies for violations and prohibit manipulation of books of accounts aimed at diversion and siphoning off of assets or earnings by companies. Besides this, it also sought to broaden the scope of persons against whom an order of disgorgement can be issued.

Rayudu

Wednesday, even the IPL, after the national selectors didn't find the 33-year-old World Cup stand-by worthy enough to replace the injured Shikhar Dhawan or even Vijay Shankar.

Gautam Gambhir, Test player-turned-MP, put the blame squarely on the selection committee. "What surprises me most is that the entire @BCCI current selection panel had an unfulfilled career themselves!!! ... What a shame!!! While it's important to win titles, guess it's more important to have a heart," he posted.

Heart was something that Rayudu was always known to have. He backed himself in any situation and could be trusted to counter-attack his way out of trouble. But the latest selectorial snub was too harsh a blow for the man who, in close to two decades, went from teen prodigy to wasted talent to comeback man. As one of his Ranji Trophy coaches Sanath Kumar says, "Of all the talented cricketers we have had in

India, he is for sure one of the unluckiest."

The outspoken middle-order batsman, known for his quick temper, didn't really bang the door on the way out, though. In an email to the BCCI, he wrote: "I would like to take this opportunity to thank the BCCI and all the state associations that I have represented... It has been an honour and privilege to have represented our country."

His final international record was nowhere near what India expected of him. In 55 ODIs, he scored 1,694 runs, including three centuries, at an average of 47.05. His score-sheet also shows 42 runs in six T20 Internationals, and 6,151 runs with 16 hundreds in 97 first-class matches for Hyderabad, Andhra, Baroda and Vidarbha.

He led India in the 2004 U-19 World Cup, a team that included Dinesh Karthik, Suresh Raina, Robin Uthappa, Irfan Pathan, R P Singh and Dhawan in its ranks. Pathan says that they all thought Rayudu would be the first to graduate to the senior team.

Rayudu's first coach in first-class cricket, former India off-spinner Arshad Ayub, says he had the same feeling when he was Hyderabad Ranji coach in 2001-02. "He was a real talent. He had passion for cricket. He was fearless. But he needed some guidance. And I think, we created that platform for him. He did really well under my coaching. After that, when I stepped down, he had to leave Hyderabad, which was very unfortunate," Ayub said.

But then, failure wasn't an option for the son of a junior official at the state archives department in Hyderabad, who found it tough to raise India's future star. The modest salary didn't help. It is said that Rayudu's mother would keep aside chicken pieces from the biryani for the son.

However, Rayudu had a personality issue. Those close to him blame his temper. After a couple of seasons with Hyderabad, Rayudu moved to Andhra. The reason was a rift with the former national selector and India off-spinner Shival Yadav who pulled the strings in Hyderabad cricket. Things turned ugly when Rayudu had an on-field clash with Shival's son, Arjun Yadav.

In 2007, at the peak of his powers and on the wrong side of the cricket set-up after the spat, Rayudu joined the now-defunct rebel Indian Cricket League (ICL) before returning to the mainstream after accepting the BCCI's amnesty offer. He went on play for Mumbai Indians and Chennai Super Kings in the IPL.

Last November, Rayudu retired from first-class cricket to focus on the shorter format. And he made it to the India ODI team that was searching for a No. 4. Even that wasn't easy, though — he made the cut after clearing the yoyo fitness test on the second attempt. Last year, his consistency had prompted Virat Kohli to say India had found their No. 4 for the World Cup. However, the team ended up going with Shankar, the Tamil Nadu allrounder who was described by chief selector MSK Prasad as a "three-dimensional" cricketer. Soon enough, Rayudu posted a tweet: "Just ordered a new set of 3D glasses to watch the world cup."

On Wednesday, Rayudu thanked the captains he had played under: "...MS Dhoni, Rohit Sharma and especially Virat Kohli who always had shown great belief in me throughout my career with the Indian team".

And yet, an important voice from Hyderabad hinted at what was going on inside Rayudu's mind on his last day as an active India cricketer. V V S Laxman tweeted: "Can understand the pain and anguish Ambati Rayudu may be feeling after the World Cup snub even after performing well. I wish him lots of happiness and peace in his second innings."

Pakistan books Saeed, aides

Muhammad Naem, Mohsin Bilal, Abdul Raqeeb, Ahmad Daud, Muhammad Ayub, Abdullah Ubaid, Muhammad Ali and Abdul Ghaffar.

Pakistan's move comes days after the G-20 declaration at the Osaka summit on June 28-29 gave primacy to the FATF's "essential role" and called for the effective implementation of its standards.

On June 21, at the FATF plenary session in Orlando, the US — the terror financing watchdog's chair — had told Pakistan that it could face blacklisting at its next session in October if it did not adhere to its commitments to stop access to funds for terror groups. Pakistan's CTD statement said: "Large scale investigations have been launched into matters of JUD, LeT & FIF regarding their holding & use of Trusts to raise funds

for terrorism financing. They made these assets from funds of terrorism financing, they held & used these assets to raise more funds for further terrorism financing. Hence, they committed multiple offences of terrorism financing & money laundering under Anti-Terrorism Act 1997. They will be prosecuted in ATCs (Anti Terrorism Courts) for commission of these offences. These Assets/NPOs have already been taken over by the government in compliance with UN Sanctions."

In March, Pakistan had put 44 "under-observation members of proscribed organisations" in "preventive detention" for investigation. The list included Mufti Abdul Rafoof and Hamad Azhar who, Pakistan's leading newspaper Dawn reported, were the brother and

son of Jaish-e-Mohammad leader Masood Azhar. It had also re-instated a ban on JUD and FIF.

There was no official word from Delhi on the new set of actions taken by Islamabad. But sources said the MEA had put out a statement after the FATF meeting. At the time, the Ministry of External Affairs had said India expected Pakistan "to take all necessary steps to effectively implement the FATF Action Plan fully within the remaining time frame, that is, by September 2019, in accordance with its political commitment to the FATF and take credible, verifiable, irreversible and sustainable measures to address global concerns related to terrorism and terrorist financing emanating from any territory under its control."

The FATF had deferred blacklisting of Pakistan, which

managed to gain support from China, Turkey and Malaysia. And Pakistan said it remains committed to taking "all necessary measures to ensure completion of the Action Plan in a timely manner." However, it accused India of attempting to "politicise" FATF deliberations.

This was after the cold shoulder from Prime Minister Narendra Modi for Pakistan PM Imran Khan in Bishkek in Kyrgyz Republic where both leaders attended the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit on June 13-14.

In New Delhi, sources viewed the developments with "caution", and said similar action has been taken in the past without yielding results. "We do not want Pakistan to pretend that they are taking steps. Rather, we want credible and verifiable action," they said.

Rahul quits as Congress president

Congress president. While it is important for someone new to lead our party, it would not be correct for me to select that person. Ours is a party with a profound history and heritage, one of struggle and dignity that I deeply respect. It is woven into the fabric of India and I trust the party will make the best decision regarding who can lead us with courage, love and fidelity."

"Immediately after resigning, I suggested to my colleagues in the Congress Working Committee that the way forward would be to entrust a group of people with the task of beginning the search for a new president. I have empowered them to do so and committed my full support to this process and a smooth transition," he said.

He said he will continue to fight for the ideals of the Congress party. "I am available to the party whenever they require my services, input or advice... It is a habit in India that the powerful cling to power, no one sacrifices power. But we will not defeat our opponents without sacrificing the desire for power and fighting a deeper ideological battle. I was born a Congressman, this party has always been with me and is my life's blood and forever that way it shall remain."

He was scathing in his criticism of the BJP and the RSS. "My fight has never been a simple battle for political power. I have no hatred or anger towards the BJP but every living cell in my body instinctively resists their idea of India. This resistance arises because my being is permeated with an Indian idea that is and has always been in direct conflict with theirs. This is not a new battle; it has been waged on our soil for thousands of years. Where they see differences, I see similarity. Where they see hatred, I see love. What they fear, I embrace."

"This compassionate idea permeates the hearts of millions and millions of my beloved fellow citizens. It is this idea of India that we will now vehemently defend. The attack on our country and our cherished Constitution that is taking place is designed to destroy the fabric of our nation..."

On the Lok Sabha election, he said: "We fought a strong and dignified election. Our campaign was one of brotherhood, tolerance and respect for all of

India's people, religions and communities. I personally fought the Prime Minister, the RSS and the institutions they have captured with all my being. I fought because I love India. And I fought to defend the ideals India was built upon."

"At times, I stood completely alone and am extremely proud of it. I have learned so much from the spirit and dedication of our workers and party members, men and women who have taught me about love and decency," he said.

"A free and fair election requires the neutrality of a country's institutions; an election cannot be fair without arbiters — a free press, an independent judiciary, and a transparent election commission that is objective and neutral. Nor can an election be free if one party has a complete monopoly on financial resources."

"We didn't fight a political party in the 2019 election. Rather, we fought the entire machinery of the Indian state, every institution of which was marshalled against the Opposition. It is now crystal clear that our once cherished institutional neutrality no longer exists in India," he said.

"The stated objectives of the RSS, the capture of our country's institutional structure, is now complete. Our democracy has been fundamentally weakened. There is a real danger that from now on, elections will go from being a determinant of India's future to a mere ritual," he said.

"This capture of power", he said, "will result in unimaginable levels of violence and pain for India."

"Farmers, unemployed youngsters, women, tribals, Dalits and minorities are going to suffer the most. The impact on our economy and nation's reputation will be devastating. The Prime Minister's win does not negate the breadth of corruption allegations against him; no amount of money and propaganda can ever hide the light of the truth. The Indian nation must unite to reclaim and resuscitate our institutions. The instrument of this resuscitation will be the Congress party," he said, adding "to achieve this important task, the Congress party must radically transform itself... India has never and will never be one voice. It is and always will be a symphony of voices. That is the true essence of Bharat Mata."

Dam breach

washed away. The tide also swept away around 12 houses in the Bhendewadi hamlet which has 24 inhabitants. Further downstream, six more villages or hamlets with a population of around 3,000 were surrounded by water and physically cut-off. The affected villages or hamlets are Owali, Riktoli, Aakale, Daadar, Nandivase and Kalakavane.

Local police, fire brigade and the district administration dispatched teams to the spot which along with local residents started the search for those missing around midnight. The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) was also called in.

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has ordered a high-level probe and Water Resources Minister Girish Mahajan, who visited the area Wednesday, announced that strict action will be initiated against officials found responsible. "People have lost their lives. Why did the dam breach? Where were the deficiencies in the dam structure? What sort of repairs were carried out? Was there negligence in carrying out works? All this will be a part of the inquiry ordered by the Chief Minister," said Mahajan.

Ratnagiri's Additional SP Vishal Gaikwad said, "The entire wall of the dam has been completely demolished by the strong

force of water collected in the rivulet from numerous streams in the mountainous region. In the flooding it caused, houses in Bhendewadi hamlet, located around 300 meters from the dam were washed away. We launched search and rescue around midnight. NDRF has joined in the morning."

NDRF deputy commandant Sachchidanand Gawade, who is heading search operation, said, "Until now, 14 bodies have been taken out. Our teams are conducting visual searches downstream. After the initial flash flood like situation, water flow is now normal. The operation will be called off in low light and will continue in the morning."

Pratap Shinde, a local resident, said, "Villagers had complained to the irrigation department about the cracks developing in the dam wall. There was a hole in the wall from where water was continuously flowing out. In May, irrigation officials made some temporary repairs with which the villagers were not happy. They had just filled the hole with soil. The dam structure had also developed cracks."

The dam was constructed 20 years ago on the rivulet which is a tributary of Vashishtri river. The dam capacity is 0.08 TMC (thousand million cubic feet) and collects water from the hilly region

of the Western Ghats in Ratnagiri and Satara districts.

After an inspection on May 9 by the local water conservation department, engineers confirmed the damage to the dam and the district water conservation officer undertook major repairs on May 20.

"The damaged portion was re-filled in the presence of villagers," says the report submitted to the state government.

On the basis of the report, questions are now being raised on the quality of the repairs. "Prima facie, it appears that while the re-filling was carried out, it wasn't compacted well," said a senior official. Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Vijay Wadettiwar alleged that a firm led by a local Shiv Sena legislator carried out the construction.

Attack pattern

assailants were either out on bail or parole. Piyush was kicked and slapped, but in the other three incidents, the family members were killed.

The motive behind the three killings seem to be the waning dominance of the upper castes in their own village or town.

The string of copycat unrelated murders began on May 22 when 19-year-old Rajesh Sondarva was clubbed to death, allegedly by men from the

Kshatriya community, two of who were arrested for murdering his father Nanji Sondarva last year. An RTI activist from Manekvada village in Rajkot district, Nanji had filed applications to expose alleged corruption by the accused.

About three weeks later, on June 12, Prakash Parmar, a 34-year-old Dalit labourer in a ceramic unit, was killed in Thangadh town of Surendranagar district, allegedly by scythe-wielding Kathi Darbars to avenge criminal complaints lodged against them by his brother.

Similarly, Manji Solanki, 51, a Dalit deputy sarpanch of Jalila village in Botad district, was run over and clubbed to death on June 19, allegedly by men from the Kshatriya community. They had made at least four attempts on his life earlier.

In fact, a week before the murder, Manji had sought police protection from the Botad Superintendent of Police. His application was still under process when he was killed.

"How easy it is to kill a public representative. Had even a single personal security officer (PSO) accompanied my father, he would have been alive today. He paid with his life for the police protection we are getting now," says Tushar Solanki, Manji's son. Manji was deputy sarpanch of Jalila since 1995, upsetting the monop-

oly of the Khachar family of Kshatriyas, members of which allegedly killed him.

In Sondarva's case, the only one being investigated by the CID, eight men, including Mahendrasinh Bhikhubha Jadeja and Ajaysinh alias Ghanubha Chandubha Jadeja, have been arrested. These two, also residents of Manekvada, are the prime accused in the murder of Rajesh's father Nanji on March 9 last year. All three accused in the Thangadh case and nine in the Botad case have also been arrested.

Manji Solanki was killed in a manner similar to Rajesh Sondarva. He was returning on his bike from Charanki village, five km away from Jalila, in Botad district, when a car hit his bike and the accused beat him up with sticks and pipes.

Botad SP Harshad Mehta had confirmed to *The Indian Express* that Solanki was attacked in 2010, 2011, 2016 and 2018 and that the police had registered offences on each occasion. It was only after the 2016 incident that the police lodged a case of attempt to murder against the accused.

"In April 2016, they had attacked my father with swords. He was critically wounded. The police arrested Bhagirthi Khachar and Ashok Khachar, sons of Zeeluaapa Khachar. However, they got bail and the threats continued. Then, on March 3, 2018, they again attacked my father with knives and wounded him. This time as well, Bhagirthi and Ashok were sent to jail and were again released on bail," said Tushar. The accused belong to two Khachar families in Jalila whose patriarch is 60-year-old Zeeluaapa Khachar. For a living, the family relies on farming and leasing of land for mobile network towers in the village. Bhagirthi and Ashok are among nine accused in the murder of Manji Solanki on June 19.

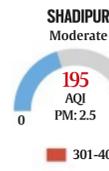
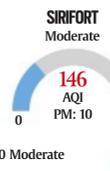
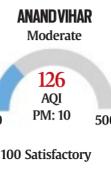
In the Prakash Parmar murder case, the accused - Naresh Dhadhal, Devendra Bhagat and Jayraj Mala, all in their 20s - were angry after FIRs were filed against them by his relatives. Prakash's brother, Bantu, alleged that the accused are part of a gang. After consulting his uncle Babu Parmar, who is the patriarch of the family, Bantu lodged FIRs against them in 2016.

Dhadhal, who had cases against him under the Atrocities Act and for bootlegging, was out on bail. "On June 12, they (the accused) had gone to Ambedkar Nagar looking for Babu. However, they were clear that if Babu was not found they would kill anybody from there (the Parmars) to re-establish their dominance," said a police officer, who is part of the investigation.

In the Manekvada case, too, the accused Mahendrasinh, Ajaysinh alias Ghanubha, Jitendrasinh Chandubha Jadeja, Jitendrasinh Nirmalsinh Jadeja, Narendrasinh Bahadursinh Jadeja and Jagabhai Bharwad have been granted bail by the Gujarat High Court in the Nanji murder case.

"They got bail around six to seven months ago. Contending that Ghanubha was violating his bail condition as he was seen in the area, Rajesh Sondarva was trying to move court to get Ghanubha's bail cancelled. This infuriated the accused, leading to Rajesh's murder," said a CID-crime officer.

Now, based on a complaint filed by Nanji's 18-year-old son Ajay, police have booked Mahendrasinh and his son Divyarsinh alias Kumar, Ghanubha and his son Dhruvrasinh, Yashpalsinh alias Akrunbha Jadeja and his brother Deependrasinh, Hardeepsinh Narendrasinh Jadeja and Hardeepsinh Bahadursinh Gohil for Rajesh's murder. All the accused were arrested in May and are in judicial custody.



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HAUZ QAZI VIOLENCE

Temple vandalism: BJP says AAP MLA part of mob, he files police complaint

AAP MLA Imran Hussain says he had been called by SHO, police deny claim

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 3

THE FLASHPOINT in Old Delhi over the vandalism of a temple took a political turn Wednesday as BJP leaders alleged Delhi environment minister Imran Hussain was part of the violent "mob" in Hauz Qazi on Sunday night, and the Ballimaran MLA hit back by filing a police complaint against BJP MP Vijay Goel, BJP-SAD MLA Manjinder Singh Sirsa and a news website.

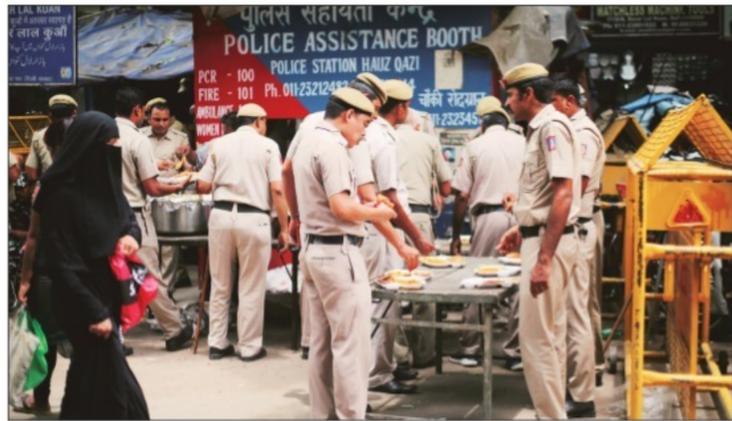
Hussain also claimed he had gone to the area Sunday night after the SHO called him. "I reached around 11.30 pm and appealed to people from both sides to calm down," Hussain told reporters. DCP (Central) Mandeep Singh Randhawa, however, denied Hussain's claim, saying, "Neither I nor the area SHO had called Imran Hussain to the spot. He came of his own accord."

AAP leaders, however, said they have proof to back Hussain's claim.

A purported video of Hussain in Hauz Qazi was shared on social media and played on some news channels through Wednesday.

Goel, Sirsa and Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari, meanwhile, alleged Hussain was part of the mob, and sought his resignation.

"This is highly condemnable, Arvind Kejriwal, your own Minister is part of the mob. Delhi



Normalcy returned to the area after two days of shutdown, Wednesday. Tashi Tobgyal

BJP demands immediate arrest of Imran Hussain MLA from Ballimaran," Manoj Tiwari wrote on Twitter.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, he said: "Old Delhi has been a symbol of Hindu-Muslim unity, but due to AAP's appeasement and vote bank politics, the situation deteriorated. Him (Hussain) registering an FIR against Goel shows his intention to politicise the issue."

He also asked why Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal was "silent on this issue?"

Sirsa, in a tweet, alleged that AAP was playing divisive communal politics and demanded

Hussain's and Kejriwal's resignation.

Earlier in the day, Goel also demanded action against Hussain for his alleged "role" in the vandalism.

"The involvement of Imran Hussain raises several questions as the CM has also chosen to remain silent on the entire episode. This is not the first time the Kejriwal government and AAP leaders are indulging in the politics of appeasement for their vested interests," Goel said.

In his police complaint against Goel, Sirsa and a news website, Hussain alleged they had circulated false rumours

about him. Quoting tweets by the BJP leaders, he said in the complaint: "The publication on Twitter which has been widely circulated by Sirsa with the intent to incite, or which is likely to incite, any class or community of persons to commit any offence against any other class or community... This statement is illegal and intends to provoke the offence of rioting."

He further demanded that a case under the IT Act be registered.

The temple had been vandalised Sunday night after an argument over parking took a communal turn.

Shah meets Patnaik, sends stern message

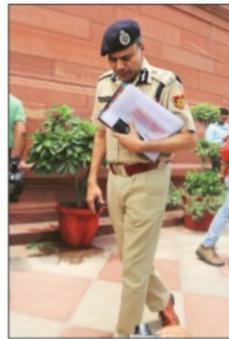
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NEW DELHI, JULY 3

UNION HOME Minister Amit Shah Wednesday summoned Delhi Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik in connection with the violence in Hauz Qazi and the vandalism at a temple.

According to sources, Patnaik received a message Tuesday night to meet with Shah and brief him about the incident. "On Wednesday, Patnaik first met with the special CP (law and order, northern range) Sandeep Goel and joint CP (central) Rajesh Khurana, and they prepared a report with details of the incident, preventive action and how they handled the situation," the source said.

Later, Patnaik went to the Parliament where he met Shah and presented the report. "He briefed him about the incident, including how a false rumour was spread on WhatsApp that a man had been beaten to death. He told him that local police were recording statements of both parties when some people slipped away and vandalised the temple," the source said.

Shah is learnt to have taken a stern view of the failure of local intelligence, and told Patnaik that another such incident "would not be tolerated".



Patnaik outside Parliament, Wednesday. Renuka Puri

He also expressed displeasure over back-to-back incidents "exposing police inefficiency", referring also to the assault of a Sikh tempo driver and his son by police. He also told him to ensure the Hauz Qazi incident does not escalate.

Minutes after the meeting, Patnaik said he had briefed the minister about developments of the case.

Meanwhile, Delhi Police apprehended four juveniles and arrested a 22-year-old man for allegedly vandalising the temple. Three men and a juvenile were apprehended earlier.

Classroom politics escalates as BJP fires fresh salvo

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 3

DELHI BJP chief Manoj Tiwari Wednesday levelled fresh allegations that budget for construction of nursery classrooms had been increased by Rs 100 crore on "verbal" orders.

This was followed by Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia serving a defamation notice to BJP leaders, including Tiwari.

The Delhi BJP has alleged a "scam" of Rs 2,000 crore in construction of classrooms at Delhi government schools, and has sought the resignation of Sisodia, who is also the education minister.

Citing purported minutes of Delhi government's Finance Committee meeting in March 2018, Tiwari claimed the government constructed 366 nursery classrooms at an estimated cost of Rs 28.70 lakh each.

"The minutes show that an estimate of Rs 221.44 crore, which was revised to Rs 326.36 crore and the PWD was verbally authorised to complete the work pending formal approval," he claimed.

Delhi BJP leader Harish Khurana said "verbal authorisation" for an amount of Rs 100 crore is not permitted as per central public works manual.

AAP chief spokesperson Saurabh Bhardwaj said Tiwari has nothing positive to say on education and has failed to list even 10 schools in BJP-ruled states which can be compared to Delhi government schools. "Out of frustration, Tiwari is spreading falsehood against the Kejriwal model of education. We request BJP and Tiwari to be positive and have a positive



Sisodia served defamation notice to BJP leaders

competition in the education sector," Bhardwaj said in a statement.

He said the Delhi BJP and its president were trying to "malign" the AAP model of education by levelling "totally baseless and fabricated" allegations.

Meanwhile, a think tank called the Public Policy Research Centre released a report on Delhi government schools, claiming that more than 70% vacancies for the post of principal had not been filled. Director of the Centre Sumeet Bhasin said that 51% of the Trained Graduate Teacher's posts are vacant.

Leader of Opposition Vijender Gupta, who released the report, said that while the average pass percentage of Class X in private schools in Delhi was 93.18%, at Delhi government schools the figure stood at 71.58%.

Bhardwaj said: "The authority to fill vacancies in schools and colleges of Delhi is with L-G."

BRIEFLY

Man sets himself on fire

New Delhi: A 37-year-old man set himself on fire outside Nihal Vihar police station Wednesday. Rahul, who ran an e-rickshaw charging station in Nangloi, was distressed over alleged police inaction on a fraud complaint he filed in December 2018. He is receiving treatment at a hospital.

Former South Campus director dies

New Delhi: Gour Kishore Das, educationist and former director of DU's South Campus, died Wednesday morning. Das, a professor of English literature, was among the foremost authorities on EM Forster. Das's academic career spanned close to six decades. He taught mostly at Delhi University before becoming the vice-chancellor of Utkal University and also held several administrative positions.

2 men held for snatching

New Delhi: Police Wednesday arrested two men for allegedly snatching Rs 18 lakh from an accountant in Delhi's Narela after firing at him. ENS

Worker falls to death

New Delhi: A construction worker died during work after he allegedly slipped and fell off a building in the commercial Noida Special Economic Zone (NSEZ), police said Wednesday.

Arms supplier arrested

New Delhi: A 39-year-old man was arrested for allegedly supplying arms to criminals in West Delhi, police said. PTI

Highest cut-off in first list, seats full in second: Pol Science most wanted

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, JULY 3

DOORS CLOSED for Political Science aspirants with the release of Delhi University's second list, with admissions for the honours programme closing not just in the varsity's top colleges, but also in off-campus and rural colleges.

The highest cut-off in the first list had been in the B.A. (Honours) Political Science programme — 99% in Hindu College. Despite that sky-high figure, admissions to the course closed for every category except EWS, in which cut-off dropped by 0.75 percentage points. Among North Campus colleges which offer the course, Daulat Ram and SGTB Khalsa are the only two where admissions remain open for unreserved seats.

In fact, there has been overfilling of seats for the programme across colleges. At Dyal Singh College, 101 were admitted against 68 seats; 155 against 101 seats at Gargi College; 287 against 57 seats at Kirori Mal; 166 against 93 seats in LSR; 101 against 59 seats in Miranda House; and 181 against 68 seats in Ramjas.

"The subject really seems to have picked up over the last three-four years. Perhaps students are seeing opportunities in the course, particularly for competitive examinations. With the increasing number of students coming from different states, perhaps the subject also holds universal appeal and interest for students coming from across the country," Miranda House principal Dr Bijayalaxmi Nanda said.

Apart from Political Science, a number of other arts courses at



At a swimming trial for admissions to Delhi University, Wednesday. Praveen Khanna

top colleges also got full, including B.A. (Honours) Sanskrit. At Hindu College, admissions to unreserved seats closed for English, Hindi, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Sanskrit and Sociology, while in Kirori Mal, they closed for Geography, History, Political Science, Sanskrit and Urdu. At LSR, admissions closed for almost every category in every arts course except English.

The picture is different for science courses, in which most colleges remain open and some have seen a decrease in cut-offs as high as 2%. The exception is Hindu College, where all but three science courses remain open.

Physics, the most popular science course at DU, is open at most colleges, including Miranda House, KMC, Sri Venkateswara and Ramjas.

A significant dip could be seen in Botany, with KMC reducing their cut-off from 96% to 94%. The course is offered in 19 colleges, and the only college in which admissions have closed for it is Hindu.

In Chemistry, offered in 24 colleges, seats were filled up only in Hindu College and Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College.

B.Com (Honours), which sees consistently high cut-offs across colleges, remains open in most, including SRCC.

For EWS students, a dip in cut-off

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 3

CUT-OFF PERCENTAGES have come down by over one percentage point for EWS students in certain top colleges which had set it high owing to their unfamiliarity with the new category.

This is the first time DU is admitting and setting cut-offs for the EWS category, after HRD Ministry mandated a 10% reservation.

The *Indian Express* had reported how, in most colleges, cut-offs for the category were only marginally lower than that for the general category. Principals of various colleges had said they had kept the cut-offs high to "be safe", as they did not know how many admissions to expect.

Now these figures have come down steeply in some courses in top colleges. At SRCC, which initially set a 98.25% cut-off for the category in B.A. (Honours) Economics, the cut-off has now come down to 97.5%. This is after only one student took admission against seven seats reserved in the course for the category.

At KMC, cut-off dropped by 1.75 percentage points in B.Com. (Honours) programme, after the course saw no admission for the category. It also saw a sharp dip at Hansraj College in B.A. (Honours) Economics programme, by 1.5 percentage points.

	Eng (in %)	Pol Science	Botany	Eco	History	Chemistry	Physics	Maths	B.Com (Hons)
Hindu	Closed	Closed	Closed	98.25	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	97.75
Miranda House	Closed	Closed	95.33	97.75	Closed	96	96.67	96.5	NA
LSR	97.5	Closed	NA	Closed	Closed	NA	NA	96.5	Closed
Ramjas	96.5	Closed	93.66	98	97	95.33	96.33	96.5	97.5
KMC	96.5	Closed	94	98	Closed	95.66	96.33	96.5	97.75
Hansraj	96.75	NA	94.66	98	Closed	96	97	Closed	97.5
Sri Venkateswara	96	96.25	93.33	97.5	95.5	95	96.66	96	97.5
SGTB Khalsa	95.75	96.5	91.67	97.25	94	96	Closed	96	96.75
SRCC	NA	NA	NA	Closed	NA	NA	NA	NA	98
IP	95.5	96.25	NA	96.75	94.75	NA	NA	95.25	96.5

No leads yet on death of woman found wedged between buildings

AMIL BHATNAGAR
NOIDA, JULY 3

A DAY after the mangled body of a 19-year-old domestic help was found stuck between two towers of a residential complex in Noida, police are yet to recover clues highlighting the cause of death. Police suspect it to be a case of either suicide or murder, which they say will be confirmed only after the post-mortem report is out on Thursday.

The woman, Sonamuni, was found on the 12th floor of

Amrapali Silicon City in a narrow passage between two buildings on Tuesday. No eyewitness has come forward so far, said police.

A security guard at the society said, "We barely saw her. She would be seen picking and dropping her employer's child in the afternoon. Even on the day of her disappearance, it is possible she might have gone out, but it is hard to keep track. She was quiet and no one would visit her."

The woman's body was retrieved by a 35-member team of the NDRF by drilling a hole in the adjacent wall. The body was no-

ticed after some residents complained of a foul smell, said police.

"The family has not cast suspicion on anyone yet. They have also denied having any enmity with anyone. A case will be filed once the post-mortem report is out," said Ajay Agarwal, SHO Sector 49.

Police said that due to lack of CCTV footage and witness testimony, it is possible that she was either pushed by someone or slipped into the crack and injured herself fatally. Due to decomposition of the body, no prominent signs of struggle were visible, police said.

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49 buildings in North Delhi declared dangerous

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 3

THE NORTH Delhi Municipal Corporation has declared 49 buildings dangerous in a survey conducted to determine structural safety of buildings, after several house collapses were reported during monsoon last year.

The North MCD claims to have surveyed over 7 lakh houses. The details were given in reply to questions asked by councillor Tilak Raj Kataria in the Standing Committee meeting Wednesday. These include 18 buildings in Narela and 26 in City-Sadar Paharganj zone.

Surveys by the East and South MCDs have reportedly found no

dangerous buildings, officials said.

A senior North MCD official said that some buildings have been demolished and others are in the process of being razed. Additionally, 88 buildings, including 63 in Rohini and 18 in Narela, were served notices for immediate repair or face action.

Seven people — four children, two women and a man — had

died, while five were injured when a five-storey residential building collapsed in Ashok Vihar in September last year. Later in February, a four-storey building had collapsed in Devnagar area of Delhi's Karol Bagh.

Kataria said that precautionary measures will be taken to ensure no such incident happens during this monsoon.

The councillors also demanded formation of a 'dangerous building cell' in each zone to deal with such buildings. North corporation commissioner Varsha Joshi informed the house that they have already formed such a cell in Sadar Paharganj zone. "Similarly in Karol Bagh, four to five newly-joined officials have been given similar task," she said.



Many buildings collapsed during monsoon last year

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S.N.: 7, Name of Work: Imp. Dev. of lanes by pdg. RMC in M.N & L block Sawda JJ colony in ward no 35N in Narela Zone. H/Ac. :-XL-VIII-S, Estimated cost (Rs.): 9968100/-, Tender amount (Rs.): 9218651/-, Earnest Money (Rs.): 184373/-, Tender cost (Rs.): 1000/-, Time of completion: 4 months.

S.N.: 8, Name of Work: Imp. & Dev of lanes by pdg. RMC in G block Sawda JJ colony in ward no 35N in Narela Zone. H/Ac. :-XL-VIII-S, Estimated cost (Rs.): 9568700/-, Tender amount (Rs.): 8849272/-, Earnest Money (Rs.): 176985/-, Tender cost (Rs.): 1000/-, Time of completion: 4 months.

S.N.: 9, Name of Work: Imp. & Dev. of lanes by pdg. RMC from Sultan Pur Dabas Mandir to Pyare Lal House in ward no 31N in Narela Zone. H/Ac. XL-VIII-S, Estimated cost (Rs.): 9993700/-, Tender amount (Rs.): 9242358/-, Earnest Money (Rs.): 184847/-, Tender cost (Rs.): 1000/-, Time of completion: 4 months.

S.N.: 10, Name of Work: Imp. & Dev. of lanes by pdg. RMC in H & J block Sawda JJ colony in ward no 35N in Narela Zone. H/Ac. :-XL-VIII-S, Estimated cost (Rs.): 9884500/-, Tender amount (Rs.): 9141354/-, Earnest Money (Rs.): 182827/-, Tender cost (Rs.): 1000/-, Time of completion: 4 months.

S.N.: 11, Name of Work: Imp. & Dev. of lanes by pdg. RMC in B block Sawda JJ colony in ward no 35N in Narela Zone. H/Ac. :-XL-VIII-S, Estimated cost (Rs.): 9885000/-, Tender amount (Rs.): 9141855/-, Earnest Money (Rs.): 182837/-, Tender cost (Rs.): 1000/-, Time of completion: 4 months.

S.N.: 12, Name of Work: Imp/Stg of Road by PDG RMC from H.No.120 to 1404 & 1384 to 140 Block -A, Phase-II, Metro Vihar Holambi Ward no-4N in Narela zone H/Ac. :-XL-VIII-S, Estimated cost (Rs.): 9263300/-, Tender amount (Rs.): 8566838/-, Earnest Money (Rs.): 171337/-, Tender cost (Rs.): 1000/-, Time of completion: 4 months.

S.N.: 13, Name of Work: Imp. Dev. of Lanes by Pdg. RMC from HNo-350 to 305.1 to 18, 1095 to 1132 & 1209 to 1433 Block -B, Phase-II, Metro Vihar Holambi Ward no-4N in Narela zone. H/Ac. :-XL-VIII-S, Estimated cost (Rs.): 9900900/-, Tender amount (Rs.): 9156559/-, Earnest Money (Rs.): 183131/-, Tender cost (Rs.): 1000/-, Time of completion: 4 months.

S.N.: 14, Name of Work: Imp. Dev. of Lanes by Pdg. RMC from HNo-1 to 697 & 111 to 662 Block -C, Phase-II, Metro Vihar Holambi Ward no-4N in Narela zone. H/Ac. :-XL-VIII-S, Estimated cost (Rs.): 9665100/-, Tender amount (Rs.): 8938439/-, Earnest Money (Rs.): 178769/-, Tender cost (Rs.): 1000/-, Time of completion: 4 months.

Note :- The work at s. no. 1 to 4 are of Dense carpeting, the contractor having his own hot mix plant and Machinery required for carrying out the dense carpet work are only eligible for downloading the tender documents.

Detailed terms and conditions can be seen on the website <http://www.tenderwizard.com>. Tender documents are available on the web site <http://www.tenderwizard.com>. For bidding by approved/eligible contractors in M.C.D.
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MAINTENANCE OF COACHES AT SILCHAR

E-Tender Notice No. Mech-LMG-ET-04-2019-20 Dated 02-07-2019. Service tender through e-tendering system are invited from reputed contractor for the following works: Tender No. Mech. LMG-ET-04-2019-20 Dated 02-07-2019. Name of Work: Upper Gear Maintenance of coaches at Coaching Depot Silchar for a period of 02 years (730 days). Tender Value: ₹49,86,970.18, Earnest Money: ₹99,700/-. Date & time of closing of tender: 13.00 hrs. of 24-07-2019 and opened at 16.00 hrs. of 24-07-2019. The complete information with tender documents of above e-tender will be available up to 13.00 hrs. of 24-07-2019 in the website www.irops.gov.in. Sr. DME, Lumding
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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (through https://ireps.gov.in)

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

Sl. No: 1 NIT No: 71-CAO-C-SC-2019
Date: 25.06.2019 Name of work: Vijaywada Division - Narasapur - Augmentation of Coach maintenance facilities at C&W Depot - Construction of pit line as per CAMTECH design - Construction of pit lines to accommodate additional 8 coaches including connected miscellaneous works at Narasapur yard. Details: Estimated Cost: Rs. 2,03,80,960.00 EMD: Rs. 2,51,900.00 Completion Period: 08 Months Date of Opening: 26/07/2019 15:00 hrs.

Sl. No: 2 NIT No: 72-CAO-C-SC-2019
Date: 28.06.2019 Name of work: Hiring of one numbers of pickup truck/Van such as TATA 497 SP/KARGO-KING MAHINDRA-640 DP (non-AC) or similar type vehicle for a period of 12 months for official use of SSES/JES and staff at BDCR working under D.Y.C.E./C-111/SC for transportation of equipment's, materials, inspection of surveys, soil explorations, land acquisition & surveys etc. Details: Estimated Cost: ₹ 3,18,000.00 EMD: ₹ 6,400.00 Completion Period: 12 Months Date of Opening: 30/07/2019 15:00 hrs.

Sl. No: 3 NIT No: 73-CAO-C-SC-2019
Date: 28.06.2019 Name of work: Secunderabad Division - Proposed construction of 3rd line between Kazipet section proposed laying and linking of BG track, assembling and insertion of points and crossings, leading and dumping of stone ballast and execution of other miscellaneous works between (i) 3rd line between Ch.3149.10.380m (Potkapalli Excluding) Ch.323382.560m (Busigirsharif Excluding), (ii) 3rd line between Ch.343752m (Uppal Excluding), Ch.366860.00m (Kazipet including) and (iii) Bye-pass line between Ch.354740.00m to Ch.364980.00m and from Ch.367400.00m to Ch.376900.00m 2.Hasanparthi Road - Kazipet - Warangal including RUR portion. Details: Estimated Cost:Rs. 19,39,79,180.00/- EMD: Rs. 11,19,900.00/- Completion Period:06 Months Date of Opening: 30/07/2019 15:00 hrs.

Sl. No: 4 NIT No: 74-CAO-C-SC-2019
Date: 01.07.2019 Name of work: Nadikudi - Srikalahasti New BG Line - Hiring of one wheeler Road vehicle/Multi utility vehicles -Non A/C like Sumo/ Bolero/ Innova/Scorpio / Xylo/Duster / Quails or similar type vehicle for the official movement of AXENI/CWCSP/Amkur and Hiring of one 2 Tonne / Truck/Pick up van like Tata mobile, Mahendra utility for the use of SSE/PWay for inspection of work sites and carrying tools and equipment for a period of 24 months. Details: Estimated Cost:Rs. 15,04,000.00/- EMD: Rs.30,100.00/- Completion Period: 24 Months Date of Opening: 26/07/2019 15:00 hrs.

Sl. No: 5 NIT No: 75-CAO-C-SC-2019
Date: 01.07.2019 Name of work: Nadikudi-Srikalahasti New BG Railway project- Upkeeping of Site office, Officers rest house and Supervisors rest house at Piduguralla. Details: Estimated Cost:Rs. 7,58,481.00/- EMD: Rs.15,200.00/- Completion Period: 24 Months Date of Opening: 26/07/2019 15:00 hrs.

Sl. No: 6 NIT No: 76-CAO-C-SC-2019
Date: 01.07.2019 Name of work: Vijaywada Division - Kazipet - Vijaywada section - Proposed Third line between Vijaywada - Kondapalli stations - Supplying of AT welding portion for 60 Kg & 52 Kg 90 (UTS) rail joints and insitu welding with automatic tapping machine by using single shot crucible for welding of Rail joints from Ch.569010m to 586500 (17.49 Kms) between Kondapalli to Vijaywada (including both yards) stations. Details: Estimated Cost:Rs. 75,78,560.00/- EMD: Rs.1,51,600.00/- Completion Period:06 Months Date of Opening: 26/07/2019 15:00 hrs.

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

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

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

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

Chief Administrative Officer/
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HARYANA GOVERNMENT TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP/ AUTH.	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH.	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/E-MAIL
1.	UHBVN	EMPANELMENT OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS FOR ONE YEAR WHICH CAN BE EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER ONE YEAR ON MUTUAL CONSENT. FOR SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING & COMMISSIONING OF 11 KV LINES, DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMERS	02.07.2019 25.07.2019	EMD=0.50	www.uhbvn.org.in	0172- 2570431 cgmpcdubhn@gmail.com
2.	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE BAWAL	CONSTRUCTION OF MULTI PURPOSE HALL IN BAL BHAWAN AT BAWAL D-PLAN	02.07.2019 08.07.2019	25 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	9468356418 secymc.bawal@gmail.com
3.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PANCHKULA	PROVIDING AND FIXING OF 60MM ID RCC PIPE NP-2 FROM GOVT. SCHOOL TO ENTRY OF RAJIV GANDHI WALKER'S PARADISE PARK IN VILLAGE SAKETRI, WARD NO. 6, PANCHKULA (COURT CASE CWP NO. 16253 OF 2009).	02.07.2019 12.07.2019	9.49 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2583695 mcpnchkula@gmail.com
4.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GURUGRAM	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF SEWERAGE SYSTEM FOR ATTENDING DAY TO DAY COMPLAINTS OF SEWERAGE IN WARD NO.27, MCG UNDER DIVISION NO.III, GURUGRAM + 1 OTHER WORK	CLOSING 08.07.2019	19.17 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	7988669791 ee3@mcg.gov.in
5.	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE, PATAUDI	CLEANING AND REPAIRING OF ALL NALA IN MC PATAUDI	02.07.2019 11.07.2019	EMD-10000	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0124-2672869 secymcpataudi@gmail.com
6.	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BHIWANI	BIO-REMEDIATION WASTE CLEANING MACHINE (AS PER SPECIFICATION ATTACHED)	CLOSING 10.07.2019	10000	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	9466654040 me.mcbhiwani@gmail.com
7.	DHBVN	EMPANELMENT OF FIRMS UPTO 11 KV HT/LT LEVEL UNDER JURISDICTION OF (OP) CIRCEL, DHBVN REWARI FOR THE YEAR 2019-20 ON LABOUR SCHEDULED RATES AGAINST NIT No. 04/SE/OP/RWR/2019-20	28.06.2019 18.07.2019	AS PER SCOPE OF WORK	www.dhbvn.org.in	01274-242103 xendharuhera@gmail.com
8.	DHBVN	SITE SURVEY, PLANNING DESIGN, ENGINEERING, ASSEMBLY MANUFACTURING, TESTING, SUPPLY, LOADING, TRANSPORTATION, UNLOADING, INSURANCE, DELIVERY AT SITE ETC	02.07.2019 22.07.2019	281.58 CRORE	www.dhbvn.org.in	01682-223216 cepdcdbhn@gmail.com

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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. 105XEN/CIVIL/HSR/2018-19 DATED 05.03.2019	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 09.07.2019 (13.00 HRS)	www.dhbvn.org.in	8813022833 xencivilhisar@gmail.com
2.	DHBVN	NIT NO. 102XEN/CIVIL/HSR/2018-19 DATED 13.02.2019	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 09.07.2019 (13.00 HRS)	www.dhbvn.org.in	8813022833 xencivilhisar@gmail.com
3.	DHBVN	NIT NO. 104XEN/CIVIL/HSR/2018-19 DATED 05.03.2019	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 09.07.2019 (13.00 HRS)	www.dhbvn.org.in	8813022833 xencivilhisar@gmail.com
4.	DHBVN	NIT NO 1/SE/OP/RWR/2019-20	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 15.07.2019	www.dhbvn.org.in	01274-242103 xendharuhera@gmail.com
5.	DHBVN	NIT NO 2/SE/OP/RWR/2019-20	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 15.07.2019	www.dhbvn.org.in	01274-242103 xendharuhera@gmail.com
6.	DHBVN	NIT NO 3/SE/OP/RWR/2019-20	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 15.07.2019	www.dhbvn.org.in	01274-242103 xendhar

Expired meds, indifferent staff: Panel's zoo red flags

Man held for fraud worth Rs 1.4 crore

SHIVAM PATEL
NEW DELHI, JULY 3

AN EXPIRED medicine being administered to wild animals for almost six years; "gross negligence" by staff and officers; and a possible tampering of records relating to a Schedule X drug — these are some of the findings of a high-level committee probing allegations of mismanagement at the National Zoological Park, popularly known as the Delhi Zoo.

Set up by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in June 2018, the five-member committee looked into several claims, including cover-up of deaths of wild animals, illegal procurement of animals, and the disappearance of a Schedule X drug, Ketamine. One such case was the al-

leged negligence in the veterinary care of a Sika deer and the death of its newborn fawn in June 2016. The committee conducted its own investigation based on the findings of a report by Dr D N Singh, former Central Zoo Authority member secretary, who found lapses on the part of many officials.

From the statements of zoo officials, the committee found that those in charge of care of the Sika deer were either engaged with foreign delegates at the time, or placed responsibility to examine the deer on other officers, who also failed to visit the enclosure on June 17, 2016. No staff were engaged to observe the condition of the deer and the fawn the night it was born, the report concludes.

The fawn died the following day at 9.18 am, eight minutes after it was flagged that its condi-



One of the issues flagged by the five-member committee was the alleged negligence in the veterinary care of a Sika deer and its newborn fawn in June 2016. Archive

tion was critical, with veterinary officials reaching two minutes after the death, the committee observed. "This is a case of gross negligence and indifferent approach of almost all staff and officers directly responsible for the general and veterinary care of animals," the committee said.

It was also discovered that an expired "ayurvedic" medicine named "Replanta" was given to the deer the day its fawn had died. Scrutiny of records and statements taken from officials showed that the medicine was administered to zoo animals on 10 different occasions between

December 21, 2011, and June 18, 2016, even after it had expired in September 2010.

The veterinary officer and the compounder, in their statements to the committee, accepted that they were administering the medicine despite knowing that it had expired, based on the belief that the medicine would not cause harm to animals as it was ayurvedic.

Another allegation the committee probed was also based on a report by Dr Singh — on "illegal procurement of the ketamine drug, which went missing from the zoo."

The invoice of the company from which ketamine was sought shows that an order was placed by a zoo official for one 50 ml vial on September 5, 2015. However, the committee discovered from statements of two zoo officials that five 10 ml vials were received.

The committee observed that a zoo official had violated procedure of procurement of the "sensitive drug". It added that action was being initiated against the supplier by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization.

Statements of two zoo officials mention that the entire 50 ml drug was issued on January 25, 2016, of which a quantity of 28 ml was used 23 times for the treatment of different animals, with 14 ml kept in dart syringes. The officials did not attach any documents to prove their claim that the medicine was used 23 times, the committee said.

"It is possible that it is a mere case of casual record keeping. At the same time, possibility of record manipulation cannot be ignored," the report said.

The panel, comprising officials from the ministry, Wildlife Crime Control Bureau and the

Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, recommended "disciplinary action" and warning to a number of zoo officials.

It also made other recommendations to improve management of the zoo, including shifting administrative control to the CZA and establishing an expert committee to review standard operating procedures.

Renu Singh, the zoo director, said she has initiated action against officials, and the ministry would decide action against a particular officer whose name has cropped up in many cases. She added that the allegations investigated by the committee was from the tenure of previous zoo directors. She said the report would be submitted to the ministry and the Delhi High Court, which is hearing petitions on alleged irregularities at the zoo.

New Delhi: A man from Hyderabad was arrested by Delhi Police's Crime Branch for allegedly impersonating a bureaucrat and looting people by promising to help them procure petrol pump licences. Surappagari Sampath Kumar (29) was arrested Tuesday from a Delhi hotel on the charges of duping, forgery and criminal intimidation.

"The complainant, Malipaddy Sandeep, alleged he was deceived into giving Rs 1.4 crore to Kumar and his associate, K Ramaswamy, in 2017," said G Ram Gopal Naik, DCP (Crime).

Police said that after paying the amount, Sandeep was unable to contact the accused. When the accused responded, he refused to return the money and threatened to kill him if he approached police. Sandeep eventually approached police in February. ENS

Traffic constable run over after two vehicles collide, critical

SAKSHI DAYAL
GURGAON, JULY 3

A TRAFFIC constable was injured after being run over by a Canter truck on late Tuesday night, while on duty at Gurgaon's Rajiv Chowk along with a colleague.

His colleague managed to escape injury. The incident took place around 1.15 am. The complaint was submitted by traffic constable Dharamveer who, along with the injured, Jagbir, is a 'highway traffic rider'.

Both men were on duty from 8 pm on Tuesday, checking vehicles with the Station House Officer of Rajiv Chowk's traffic police station, when the incident took place.

"A Canter came at high speed from the Delhi side. At Rajiv Chowk, a truck was coming from the direction of Sohna. The Canter first rammed into the truck, and then towards us," the complaint reads. "I ran, got into a govern-

ment vehicle, which saved my life. My colleague, Jagbir, was hit by the canter and came under its tyres," Dharamveer said. Jagbir was rushed to Medanta — The Medicity, where he is still undergoing treatment.

"The Canter driver escaped in his vehicle after the incident. We are trying to identify him. The injured constable is admitted in hospital. Doctors say he is critical," said inspector Dalbir Singh, Station House Officer of Sadar police station.

This is not the first time a traffic police officer has been injured while on duty in the city. In January this year, a constable was injured after the driver of a speeding car ignored his signals to stop, and allegedly tried to run him over.

In December last year, a driver dragged a traffic police constable on his car's bonnet, when he tried to escape penalty for driving on the wrong side near Signature Tower.

Supreme Court lawyer found dead at her Noida residence

SARAH KHAN & AMIL BHATNAGAR
NOIDA, JULY 3

A 60-YEAR-OLD Supreme Court lawyer was found dead at her Noida residence Tuesday. Police said the body of the victim, Kuljeet Kaur, was found with a cloth around the mouth in her bedroom, and the house was ransacked. Police said they are on the lookout for two domestic helps — a married couple recently hired by the victim — who are missing.

Police received information about the woman's death from relatives, who discovered the body after they failed to get in touch with her for over 24 hours.

"The body has been sent for a post-mortem. Prima facie, it appears she was murdered and the house was ransacked. Two domestic helps hired a week ago are missing, which makes it ap-



Police at the victim's house, Wednesday. Gajendra Yadav

pear suspicious. We are also informed there is a property dispute," said Dr Kaustubh, Circle Officer, Noida 1st.

Kaur's family said she lived alone in her Sector 31 bungalow after her husband, Navjot Singh, a retired Navy captain, died last December. Family members claimed a property dispute was pending in court. Neighbours claimed they saw Kaur watering the plants Tuesday evening. Her

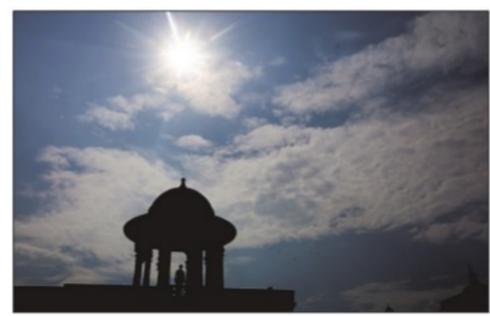
that the gates were open, but the house was dark. So we rushed to her house," said Sanjana, adding that it was then that Divya found her sister's body.

Family members said a Honda City car, belonging to the victim and parked inside the premises, is missing. "We haven't been able to trace the car because the relatives don't know the registration number," said an officer.

A forensics team from Lucknow visited the house, and police are looking at CCTV footage from the vicinity.

The Executive Committee of the Supreme Court Bar Association wrote a letter to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath seeking action. "We request you to order a fair and expeditious investigation to unearth the conspiracy behind her murder," it stated.

(Sarah Khan is an intern with The Indian Express)



Wednesday saw overcast skies, with maximum humidity being recorded at 74%. Tashi Tobgyal

No rain in city, monsoon could arrive by weekend

New Delhi: Rain eluded Delhi despite a forecast for light rain yet again Wednesday, and the maximum temperature was recorded at 39.4 degrees Celsius, three degrees above normal.

The day was overcast, with the maximum humidity being recorded at 74%.

According to officials at India Meteorological Department, Thursday is expected to see very

light rain and temperature is expected to be between 29 and 39 degrees Celsius.

Delhi, which usually sees the first monsoon rain on June 29, is expected to see the monsoon winds reach only by the weekend, officials said. The city has seen a 90% rainfall deficit since June 1, and is among the most rain deficient states in the country as of now. ENS



The apartment in Gurgaon's Uppal Southend

2 days after family of four found dead, motive unclear

SAKSHI DAYAL
GURGAON, JULY 3

TWO DAYS after a 55-year-old man allegedly murdered his wife and two children before hanging himself in Gurgaon's Uppal Southend, police are looking for more clarity on what drove him to take the extreme step.

With only a purported suicide note recovered from the man's pocket so far — in which he had claimed responsibility for the deaths — police have started examining electronic instruments in the house for clues.

"We have pulled up call records from the three mobile phones found in the house. The last call was made by the man's wife, Sonu Singh, to her sister at 10.30 pm. Apart from that, nothing out of the ordinary could indicate what followed afterwards," said inspector Shahid Ahmed, SHO of Sector 50 police station.

"We are now trying to extract data from the three mobile phones as well as a laptop. We are hoping it can help determine whether Prakash Singh procured information on how to carry out the crime," he said.

Police also said they are waiting for results of the viscera test to determine whether the victims had ingested any sedatives prior to their death.

The incident had come to light Monday morning when the family's domestic help went to their home around 8 am, and on receiving no response to the doorbell, alerted the neighbours.

Police were called and the door was broken. Prakash Singh's body was found hanging from the ceiling fan, while those of his wife, Sonu (49), and children, Aditi (21) and Aditya (12), were found lying in the bedroom in a pool of blood. A hammer and a sickle had been retrieved from the room, and four dogs the family owned were found near the bodies.

While Singh had recently left his job as a scientist at a pharmaceutical company and was due to start another job in Hyderabad later this month, Sonu ran four schools in Haryana. Their children were students in college and school.

In the purported suicide note found in Singh's pocket, he had stated that he had "completely failed" and was "completely responsible for this".

A case of murder was registered at the Sector 50 police station the same day. Investigation so far has not indicated the involvement of any outsider, with police also saying that all doors and windows of the house were bolted from the inside.

Ref. Adv. No. ICMRHQ/Admn.1/01/2019
Indian Council of Medical Research
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Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), an autonomous organization under the Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India invites applications upto 16.8.2019 for filling-up one post of Sr. Accounts Officer in Level-11 (Rs. 67,700-2,08,700) of the pay matrix on deputation basis, initially for a period of one year at its Hqrs. Office, New Delhi.

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Note: For detail information/application form etc. please visit ICMR website- <http://icmr.nic.in>.

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2.	Submission of application through ONLINE only		
	Opening	04.07.2019	- 10.00 a.m. onwards
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C.A.No. 531 of 2012 & C.A.No.35 of 2019 in C.P.No.44 of 1999

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..... Applicant
Versus
Sh.M.K.Jain, 57/A, Neelam Batra Road, NIT, Faridabad & ors.
..... Respondent

Application u/r 6 & 9 of the Companies (Court) Rules 1959 for directions to respondent Nos. 4 and 7 to deposit fine i.e. Rs. 50,000/- and Rs. 2,00,000/- in compliance with the Order Dated 29.04.2010-passed in C.P. No. 44 of 1999.

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Given under my hand and the seal of this Court this 2nd day of July, 2019.

Sd/- Superintendent (Liquidation)
For Registrar (Judicial).

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The Auction will be "online E-auction" through website <http://bob.auctiontiger.net> DATE AND TIME OF AUCTION: 23.07.2019 between 11:30 AM to 03:00 PM (With Unlimited Auto Extension clause of 5 mins each)

Sl. No.	Name & Address of the Borrowers / Guarantors	Amount Due to Bank As Per Demand Notice	Description & Full particulars of the property to be sold.	Reserve Price below which property will not be sold (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.)	Account No. to Deposit EMD/BID Amount
1.	M/s Apex Power and Engineers (Prop. Prakash Kumar Sinha), 110, Narayan Plaza, Exhibition Road, Patna-800 001. Sh. Prakash Kumar Sinha, (Borrower), S/o Sh. Rajni Kant Pandey, At :111, M.P.Sinha Road, Kadankuan, Patna. Bihar-800003. Smt. Puram Sinha, W/o Prakash Kumar Sinha, At/PO 111, M.P.Sinha Road, Kadankuan, Patna-800003 A/c No. 018313000007 (CCH) & 018351023853 (TL)	Rs. 81,32,000/- + Interest amount Legal Charges	Immovable Property: - Residential Flat No. 35, Block No. B1, Second Floor, Residential Colony Sushant Lok, Phase II, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, with plot area 220.95 Sqm. Bounded as under: North-Plot No. B1-36 & South-B1-34 & other land, East-Plot No. B1-36 & West-Plot No. B1-34 & Road.	Rs. 74,00,000/-	Rs. 7,40,000/-	Dena Bank (now Bank of Baroda) Branch: MauryaLok Complex, Patna A/c No. 018311999999 IFSC Code: BKDN0910183

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Date: 01.07.2019
Place: Patna

Authorized Officer
Bank of Baroda

6 IN PARLIAMENT MONSOON SESSION

FROM THE GALLERY

FROM THE CHAIR

RAJYA SABHA
"Parampara tootni nahi chahiye. Aap baad mein notice dijiye. Notice dijiye, main anumati doonga. Parampara tootni nahi chahiye (The tradition should not break. You give me a notice later. You give a notice, I will give the permission. Tradition should not break)."

VENKAI AH NAIDU, Chairman, after Congress member Husain Dalwai started speaking about a dam breach in a village during the Zero Hour without prior permission.

LOK SABHA
 "Do not make it the West Bengal Assembly."

OM BIRLA, Speaker, after TMC and BJP MPs from West Bengal argued over the issue of cut money.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

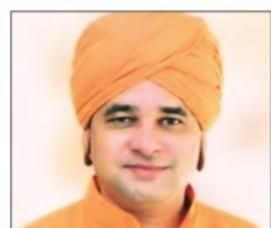
"The production units that are being corporatised will offer jobs, bring investments, ensure growth, make good modern electric and aluminium coaches. To make all this happen, we will bring the corporates on board while the government stays the majority stakeholder."

PIYUSH GOYAL, Railways Minister, in reply to Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury's remark that the government was privatising Rae Bareilly coach factory.

ROLL CALL

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

5 QUESTIONS



BJP's ALWAR MP **BALAK NATH** RAISED THE ISSUE OF WATER SCARCITY IN RAJASTHAN IN PARLIAMENT. HE SPOKE TO **DEEPTIMAN TIWARY**.

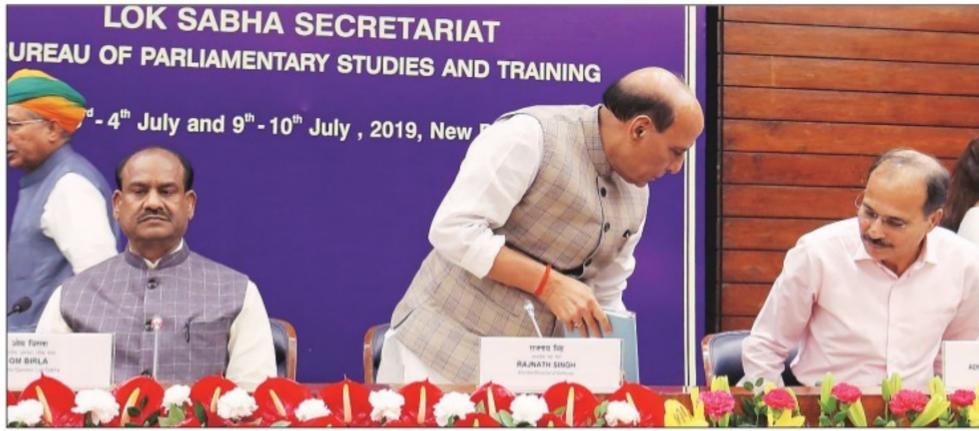
How big is the problem of water shortage in Alwar?
 The problem is not just limited to Alwar but as many as 14 districts in Rajasthan are suffering from water shortage... The problem has become acute during summers. There are no rains and the groundwater level has plummeted...

What has led to this water scarcity?
 There are less and less rains and the population is only increasing. This has put extra stress on available water resources. Modern lifestyle has affected the environment and people have forgotten the art of water conservation. Ponds are disappearing from villages. Existing ponds are not desilted. Ground water is not getting recharged.

Rajasthan until recently had a BJP government. What did it do?
 Vasundhara Raje had launched a scheme called Jal Swavlamban Yojana. Reservoirs were renovated and refurbished. A proposal was also made to divert Chambal river water to 13 dry districts to tide over the water shortage. It was a Rs 45,000 crore project on which the Centre is currently working.

What is the solution?
 It would be great if the government can provide some subsidy to people to make storage tanks for rain water harvesting. If government extends little help, people will do the rest...

What about development of public reservoirs?
 This work is already happening under MGNREGA where ponds are being dug up in villages. But much more needs to be done.



'NO ONE BECOMES LEADER BY COMING INTO WELL'

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury during an orientation programme for newly elected members of 17th Lok Sabha, in New Delhi on Wednesday. At the event, organised by the Lok Sabha Secretariat, the Speaker told first-time MPs that no one becomes a leader by "coming into the Well of the House" and assured that he will try to give everyone time to speak. *Anil Sharma*

DEBATE ON ELECTORAL REFORMS IN UPPER HOUSE

Oppn parties seek return to ballot, Prasad says hypocrisy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
 NEW DELHI, JULY 3

THE DEBATE on electoral reforms in Rajya Sabha on Wednesday saw several opposition parties demanding a return to ballot papers from the electronic voting machines (EVMs) and seeking steps to curb use of money power in elections, while the government and the BJP pitched for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "One Nation, One Election" proposal.

Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad accused the Opposition of adopting double standards on the issue of EVMs. He said leaders from their parties had become chief ministers, and the Prime Minister, through the same voting process.

"(But) if people of this country elect Narendra Modi, then EVM is faulty. What is this logic," he asked. "This hypocrisy and double standards impinge upon the polity of the country."

Opposition members, particularly Congress's Kapil Sibal, claimed that the BJP outspend other parties in these elections and argued that the saffron party enjoyed complete hegemony on electronic and print media when it came to advertisements.

Along with Sibal, Trinamool Congress's Derek O'Brien and Samajwadi Party's Ramgopal Yadav demanded a return to ballot papers. Sibal also hit out at the Election Commission (EC), arguing that he did not see any action from EC when its advisories were flouted and references were made to the armed forces during the campaign phase.

Prasad and BJP's Bhupendra Yadav pitched for the "One Nation One Poll" and urged the Opposition to consider the proposal with an open mind. Prasad said the government will write to the EC to have a single voters' list for Lok Sabha, Assembly and panchayat elections.

Modi had referred to the need for having one electoral roll during his reply on the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address last month.



Samajwadi Party member Ramgopal Yadav spoke against EVMs. *PTI*

SP's Ramgopal Yadav also mentioned the need for one electoral roll. Yadav said governments — at both the Centre and in states — should resign six months before elections.

Minister Prasad said four General Elections and 122 Assembly polls have been held using EVMs. He said Manmohan Singh became the Prime Minister twice on elections held using EVMs. Similarly, leaders of opposition parties such as Akhilesh Yadav, Mayawati and Mamata Banerjee became Chief Ministers, he pointed out.

Replying to the charge of managing traditional and social media, Prasad said, "Stop insulting the voters of this country and try to acknowledge your defeat."

The minister said the government would not allow misuse of data by foreign powers and said legislation in this regard has been in the works. On electoral funding, Prasad said the government has taken several steps in the last three years to improve the system, and corporate entities have been asked to give donation only through cheques. "But we need to further plug the gaps where the funding part is concerned," he added.

Initiating the debate, TMC's O'Brien said

Parliament should revisit the process of appointment of Election Commissioners. "Parliament is above the Election Commission... either we amend the Constitution... we will have to see how Election Commissioners are elected," O'Brien said.

CPI's D Raja suggested setting up of a collegium to choose and appoint Election Commissioners. Sibal quoted a report by a private agency that suggested that the BJP had spent 45 per cent of the total money spent by all parties in the elections.

Prasad objected to the figures. Sibal, however, asked where the funds had come from and was it black money or white.

Sibal contended that several amendments were made in finance Act and FCRA in the last two or three years to facilitate donations. He alleged that donations were given by companies which were favoured.

Prasad intervened and said Sibal had appeared in court on behalf of the Congress in a case related to FCRA. Sibal denied the charge and mentioned a few case numbers to argue that he had not appeared. Later, Bhupendra Yadav reiterated the charge and placed some document on the table of the House.

International arbitration centre Bill moved in LS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
 NEW DELHI, JULY 3

A BILL to set up an independent and autonomous body for institutionalised domestic and international arbitration, which is a crucial step to strengthen the alternative dispute resolution mechanism, was introduced in Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

Union Minister of Law and Justice Ravi Shankar Prasad moved the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (NDIAC) Bill, 2019, seeking to replace an ordinance issued in March by the previous government.

It provides for setting up of an independent and autonomous body for institutional arbitration and to acquire and transfer undertakings of the International Centre For Alternative Dispute Resolution (ICADR) to the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (NDIAC) with effect from March 2.

The statement of objects and reasons of the Bill said that with the dispute resolution process having a huge impact on the economy in the country, such a body will help face the challenges such as expeditious settlement of disputes. "This is necessary to inspire confidence and credibility among the litigants of commercial disputes. The huge pendency of cases in courts further underlines the need for strengthening the Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanism," said the statement of objects and reasons of the Bill.

Opposing the introduction of the Bill, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor said the arbitration body should be autonomous and independent of government as several public sector undertakings will be a party to it. He wanted the minister to withdraw the Bill and



Shashi Tharoor, Ravi Shankar Prasad

come with a stronger Bill.

But Prasad said the existing arbitration body has resolved 55 cases in 25 years. This government is keen to see India emerge as an international arbitration hub, he said.

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

LS nod to Dentists Act amendment

The Lok Sabha passed a Bill to do away with mandatory representation for practising dentists without proper qualification in the Dentist Councils at different levels. Piloting the Dentist (Amendment) Bill, 2019, Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said the government was taking several steps to improve awareness of oral health in the country. He said the amendment aims to remove the word "mandatory" and the Bill was "neither against nor in favour of anyone...it seeks to do away with aberration".

House nod to teachers' reservation Bill

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
 NEW DELHI, JULY 3

PARLIAMENT WEDNESDAY passed a Bill to enable Universities or colleges to be considered as a unit instead of department while providing reservation for filling vacancies of teachers in central education institutes.

The passage of the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers' Cadre) Bill 2019 in Rajya Sabha will help in filling up the existing over 7,000 vacancies in central universities, HRD minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank said.

The Bill, which was cleared by the Lok Sabha on Monday, seeks to replace an ordinance issued in March this year.

Replying to the debate, Pokhriyal said the the Bill aims to provide for reservation in appointments through direct recruitment of persons belonging to the SC, ST, Socially and Economically Backward Classes and Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in teachers' cadre in 41 Central Education institutions. He said there is provision of 10 per cent reservation for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) in this Bill also and the government has already approved allocation of over Rs 770 crore for the same.

Pokhriyal said the Bill would give a major push to reforms in the education sector in the country.

Replying to Opposition members' criticism for the government taking the ordinance route for the Bill, the minister said the ordinance was issued as the Supreme Court had declined to consider the government view and rejected a review petition.

Centre says no move on Bengal name change, Mamata writes to PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
 NEW DELHI, KOLKATA, JULY 3

THE CENTRE on Wednesday told Rajya Sabha that no move has been made on changing the name of West Bengal to Bangla, prompting Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to write to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, urging him to expedite the process.

In a written response to a question by Independent MP Ritabrata Banerjee, Minister of State for Home Affairs, Nityanand Rai, said the Centre has not yet given its nod to change the name of West Bengal to Bangla as proposed by the state government. "Change in the name of a state requires constitutional amendment after taking into consideration all relevant factors," Rai added.

Targeting the Centre for not clearing the proposal, Trinamool Congress's leader in Rajya Sabha Derek O'Brien said, "The West Bengal Assembly has twice passed the proposal to change the name... This government is bringing Constitution amendments like popcorn. It is the duty of the Centre to pass it. An elected government in the state has made the move."

In her letter, Banerjee has urged the PM to get the required constitutional amendment done during the current Parliament session. "The name West Bengal is in English and Paschim Banga in Bengali. And it does not bear the testimony of the classical history that our state has," Banerjee wrote in her letter.

Banerjee wrote that on September 8, 2017, the state cabinet decided that the name of the state should be "Bangla" in Bengali and the Assembly followed it up with a resolution on July 26, 2018. "The chief secretary, West Bengal, communicated this position to the union home secretary on 21.8.2018 requesting him to initiate necessary action to alter the



Mamata Banerjee, PM Modi

name of the state of West Bengal to Bangla in English, Hindi and Bengali. I would request you to kindly get this (required constitutional) amendment done accordingly in the current session of the Parliament," Banerjee wrote.

The state government had suggested the name "Paschimbanga" in 2011, but the Central government turned it down. In 2016, the state government proposed 'Bengal' in English, 'Bangla' in Bengali and 'Bangal' in Hindi. This too was turned down. Finally, the state government proposed the name 'Bangla' in July last year.

The Centre had argued that the name 'Bangla' was similar to Bangladesh and it would be difficult to differentiate between the two at international forums. The 2018 proposal was also referred to the Ministry of External Affairs for its view.

Meanwhile, Leader of the Opposition in Assembly Abdul Mannan said, "The Centre's decision not to change the state's name is politically motivated."

Left Front Legislature Party leader Sujan Chakraborty said, "It is unfortunate that the aspirations of the people of Bengal are not being respected by the central government."

BJP MP Debashree Roy Choudhuri said, "There is a history associated with the state's name. So a state's name cannot be changed in a hurry..."

Days after letter to Bengal on 'rising' violence, govt says no data on crime since 2016

ABANTIKA GHOSH
 NEW DELHI, JULY 3

THERE IS no published data on crime rates in any state for 2017-18 and 2019, and published reports of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) are available only up to 2016, Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy told the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday.

This comes days after the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) sent an advisory to the West Bengal government on June 15 in the wake of agitation by doctors in the state. In it, the MHA had quoted reports available with the ministry to give exact figures of political violence in the state.

In its letter to the state government, the MHA stated that "incidents of political violence in West Bengal increased from 509 in 2016 to 1,035 in 2018. 773 incidents have already occurred in 2019 till date. Correspondingly, the death toll rose from 36 in 2016 to 96 in 2018, while 26 deaths have already taken place in 2019 till date."

This was the second of three MHA missives to West Bengal on law and order situation in the state since the Lok Sabha election results were announced on May 23. Several killings have been reported in the state, all purportedly political, during and after the Lok Sabha polls.

Reddy's reply was to Trinamool MP Manas Ranjan Bhunia's unstarred question whether "different states in the country have been witnessing the increase in number of incidents of murder, attempt to murder, rape, attempt to rape, kidnappings, trafficking of women and



NCRB reports available only up to 2016, says MoS (Home) G Kishan Reddy

children in 2017, 2018 and 2019 till May". The minister stated, "The NCRB compiles and publishes information on crimes in its publication 'Crime in India'. The published reports are available till the year 2016. Published data for the years 2017, 2018, 2019 are not available."

In its June 15 communication, the Centre had sought a report from the TMC government in Bengal on measures taken to contain political violence and to investigate such incidents of violence to bring the culprits to book. Pointing out the growing number of incidents of election-related and political violence, and casualties over four years from 2016 to 2019, the Home Ministry had stated that "unabated violence over the years is evidently a matter of deep concern".

It quoted reports received by it to give the figures of political violence in the state. The June 15 advisory stated, "Continued trend of political violence from 2016 through 2019, as evident from the above figures, is indicative of failure on the part of the law enforcement machinery of the State to maintain rule of law and to inspire a sense of security among the people. Government of India is seriously concerned over the prevalent situation in West Bengal."

BJD member seeks probe into Syama Prasad's 'mystery death'

LIZ MATHEW
 NEW DELHI, JULY 3

SENIOR BIJU Janata Dal (BJD) leader Bhartruhari Mahtab, the MP from Cuttack, on Wednesday said the Central government should conduct an impartial investigation into the "mysterious death" of Syama Prasad Mookerjee, the founder of BJP's political predecessor Jana Sangh, as no such probe has been done till date.

Pointing out that the West Bengal Assembly had passed a resolution to probe the death — Mookerjee had died while being incarcerated in Jammu and Kashmir — Mahtab said in Lok Sabha: "Till date, no such investigation has been conducted. But the resolution of the West Bengal Assembly is still there. It was sent to the Union government, especially to the then Home Ministry, to conduct an investigation to find out what was the cause of death."

Mahtab recalled that Mookerjee, who was the first Industry minister of independent India, had visited Cuttack, his constituency. "He was very popular not only in Bengal but also in eastern India and across the country. Later on, no doubt, he became founder of Jana Sangh. He was fighting against the mistake that was being commit-



Cuttack MP Bhartruhari Mahtab

ted by interpolation of Article 370 and later Article 35A," the BJD leader said.

Issues related to West Bengal rocked the Lok Sabha on Wednesday as well. A day after she brought up the issue of cut money being charged from people to get benefits of government schemes in the state, and accused members of the ruling TMC of being involved in this extortion, BJD member from Bengal Locket Chatterjee on Wednesday accused the TMC of "killing people for chanting Jai Shri Ram".

Trinamool MPs immediately stood up in protest.

Speaking in Bengali, Chatterjee said Lord Ram signifies noble thoughts and honesty, and West Bengal should be run by people who believe in these. "Syama Prasad Mookerjee's Bengal is burning. Whoever is chanting Jai Shri Ram, TMC goons are killing them," she said, as TMC members tried to shout her down. The proceedings of the Lower House were adjourned abruptly.

7 GOVT & POLITICS



DELHI CONFIDENTIAL



WHAT'S ON HIS MIND?

RAJYA SABHA MP and Congress's national spokesperson Abhishek Singhvi raised quite a few eyebrows, both within and outside the party, by two seemingly strange tweets. In one tweet, he lashed out at national award winner Zaira Wasim, who announced her decision to quit acting saying it interfered with her faith and religion. Singhvi tweeted: "Halala is legitimate and acting is haram, will Muslims in India progress like this." Many in the party were surprised by the tweet, which questioned an entire community and its religious beliefs for one person's decision. Nikah halala is a practice in which Muslim women, after being divorced, have to consummate a second marriage before they can remarry their first husband. In another tweet on the communal tension in Old Delhi, he slammed Home Minister Amit Shah for no action on the "temple incident" since the Delhi Police is under the Centre and asked: "we know the ruling party doesn't care about minorities but does it also not care for the sentiments of majority?"

DON'T STATE STATES

SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS during Zero Hour in both Houses are on incidents in different states. On Wednesday, Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu decided that the name of no state will be mentioned in the House, as their governments are not present to defend themselves. So after a few questions and mentions, Naidu decided to expunge mention of all states. The uncorrected transcript of debates of the day now mentions no states, including in a statement about custodial deaths in each state. In Naidu's statements, too, asking the removal of a state's name now has a blank for that state's name. Incidentally, the Rajya Sabha is also called the Council of States.

PRESENCE MATTERS

AT A time when Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his unhappiness over BJP MPs' failure in being regular in Parliament, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla seemed to have sent them a message by highlighting how disciplined members get rewarded. After nominating N K Premachandran, the only member from Revolutionary Socialist Party (RSP), to the panel of chairpersons, the Speaker specifically mentioned how Premachandran, elected from Kollam, Kerala, had earned it, as usually members from larger parties are nominated to the panel. "You sit long in the House; you are well-versed with the rules and regulations...an honourable member. I feel good that he is now a member of the panel," Birla said and urged every member to applaud Premachandran.

Cabinet nod to better pay benefits for CAPF officers

Move follows order by SC where govt had opposed organised cadre status

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, JULY 3

THE CABINET on Wednesday approved the proposal to grant organised cadre status to Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) officers which will make them eligible for several benefits, including Non-Functional Financial Upgradation (NFFU). The move comes after a Supreme Court order asked the government to extend the benefit — already available to IPS, IAS, IRS and IFS officers — to CAPF officers.

Notably, this longstanding demand of paramilitary forces has been opposed by the government in all courts until the Supreme Court ruling. In the apex court, the government was opposed to granting this benefit to the forces, even though non-availability of NFFU has been among the reasons for high attrition rate in these forces.

"The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the proposal for Grant of Organized Group 'A' Service (OGAS) to Group 'A' Executive Cadre Officers of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and extension of benefit of Non-Functional Financial Upgradation (NFFU) and Non-

EXPLAINED
What the decision means

THE MOVE will benefit thousands of serving officers and many others who have retired since 2006 from the five primary CAPFs or paramilitary forces — CRPF, BSF, CISF, ITBP and SSB. The officers will now get better deputation chances as they will be eligible to get empanelled under the central staffing scheme, get enhanced facilities of transportation, house rent allowance, travelling and dearness allowance. Besides the pay hike, the demand for NFFU also encapsulates a long-standing tussle between CAPF cadre officers and IPS officers who come on deputation to the forces. Most top positions in these forces are occupied by IPS officers.

Functional Selection Grade (NFSG)," a PIB statement said.

It added that the government order would benefit CAPFs as "this would result in grant of NFFU to eligible Group 'A' Executive Cadre Officers of CAPF; and ...would also benefit Group 'A' Executive Cadre Officers of CAPF for availing the benefit of NFSG at an enhanced rate of 30% as per guidelines".

NFFU basically makes an officer eligible for higher salary in case he is not promoted due to lack of vacancies despite being

eligible for promotion.

In February this year, the Supreme Court upheld the Delhi High Court judgment granting the status of organised group 'A' services and NFFU to CAPF officers. The High Court judgment, delivered on September 3, 2015, said benefits contemplated by Vth Central Pay Commission by way of NFFU to remove disparity between all India services and other organised group 'A' services must be granted to the CAPF officers.

In both the High Court and

the Supreme Court, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and IPS Association opposed the demand of CAPF officers. The home ministry argued that this would lead to command chaos in the forces and impact deputation of IPS officers. The MHA maintained that this would happen because a second in command earning the same salary as the commandant would not listen to him.

This stand was criticised by the High Court when it said that NFFU was by its definition "non-functional".

"The Government's contention that NFFU cannot be granted since the CAPFs comprise a strict hierarchy with a well defined Command and Control structure; that any interference with this structure would be detrimental to the interest of the forces and would adversely affect its operation and functioning; it was thus, claimed that all posts in the CAPFs are functional and there is no room for Non Functional posts, is untenable because by very definition there is no interference with functions, duties or the posts but only an increase in the financial prospects," the High Court order granting relief to CAPF officers had said.

Cabinet announces minimum support price of 14 Kharif crops

KRISHN KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, JULY 3

EVEN AS the slow movement of the monsoon has drastically affected the Kharif crops sowed by farmers across the country the Union Cabinet on Wednesday announced a Minimum Support Price (MSP) of 14 Kharif crops.

The MSP hike, the first since the government was re-elected earlier this year, pales significantly when compared to increase in the last Kharif season, just before the general elections this April. The quantum of increase however, does not significantly deviate with the increase in non-election years.

This year, for paddy — the country's main Kharif crop — the new MSP is Rs 65 per quintal more compared to last year.

The MSP of rice, which was bought by Central and state governments last year at Rs 1,750-1,770 per quintal last year, has increased by Rs 65 this year to Rs 1,815-1,835. The crop, on an average, is sown in more than 40 per cent of the total area covered by the rest of the crops named for the MSP hike on Wednesday.

The new MSPs stood at Rs 2,550-2,570 for Jowar, Rs 200 for Bajra, Rs 3,150 for Ragi, Rs 1,760 for Maize, Rs 5,800 for Tur (Arhar), Rs 7,050 for Moong and

Rs 5,700 for Urad. The MSP for cotton is now Rs 5150-5450 per quintal. Among oilseeds the MSPs for Groundnut, Sunflower seed, Soyabean, Sesamum and Nigerseed are Rs 5,090, Rs 5,650, Rs 3,710, Rs 6,485 and Rs 5,940 per quintal respectively.

In 2018 the MSPs for Ragi, Jowar, Bajra and Maize had jumped by 57 per cent, 42.9 per cent, 36.8 per cent and 19.2 per cent respectively when compared to 2017.

Data from the agriculture ministry, which was published on June 28, also indicated that sowing of Kharif crops has been slower compared to the average for the corresponding week. The data shows that rice, normally grown in 35.54 lakh hectares during this time, has only been sown in 27.09 lakh hectares — a dip of roughly 24 per cent. Similarly, the sowing area for Jowar fell by less than half from 2.37 lakh hectares to 1.11 lakh hectares. The slowest crop however, was Soyabean, sown in just 2.75 lakh hectares — barely a fifth of the total area it normally covers.

Apart from a delayed monsoon, the country also witnessed a 32.8 per cent deficient rainfall for the month of June. But according to the India Meteorological Department, monsoons will be better in July and August.

DAY AFTER STERN MESSAGE FROM PM MODI

Back home, few back Vijayvargiya Jr openly, debate now on 'action'

DIPANKAR GHOSE
INDORE, JULY 3

A DAY after Prime Minister Narendra Modi warned that arrogance and misbehaviour will not be tolerated, irrespective of "whoever it may be, whoever's son he may be", many of those present at a protest against the arrest of Indore-3 MLA Akash Vijayvargiya for assaulting a civic official appeared to have changed tack.

Manasvi Patidar, president of Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha's Indore unit and among those present, said the protest — despite the slogans, posters and speeches — was not in "saradhana" (praise) of Akash Vijayvargiya. "We will follow whatever the party line will be," he said, "but the protest was not in praise of Akash. It was in protest against the Congress, and how the bureaucracy is tying up with them. Our fight is with the Congress and Kamal Nath, and that will continue."

Some party leaders still speak for Akash, such as former MLA Jitu Jirati, but if earlier it came from a place of praise, now it comes from sympathy. "Akash is inexperienced, a first-time MLA. But he has paid for his mistake. The law has done its work and he spent five days in jail," Jirati said.

Modi's remarks, made during a BJP Parliamentary Party meeting on Tuesday, was seen as a message against Akash, son of party general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya, who was released on Sunday, five days after his arrest.

In Delhi, the state unit's failure to act against Akash even 36 hours after Modi's critical re-



Posters of BJP leaders, including Akash Vijayvargiya, outside Indore party office. Dipankar Ghose

marks has sparked serious internal discussions in the party. While a section of BJP leaders insist that the state unit should take action immediately, as the Prime Minister sent a stern message, others blamed MP unit president Rakesh Singh and state in-charge Ramlal for the delay in disciplinary action against the MLA.

A BJP leader from MP said, "It's up to the state president. He should have taken action against the MLA, which could have avoided such an embarrassment for Kailash Vijayvargiya-ji. Had they initiated action after the issue became a national controversy, the PM would not have expressed displeasure so intensely."

In Indore, city unit chief Gopi Krishna Nema said no message for action to be taken against Akash has come from Delhi. "We don't have the stature to opine on what the PM has said. He is the biggest leader of BJP. We will fol-

low whatever instructions he gives. Until now, there have been no instructions.... Whenever a message comes, we will follow."

On Wednesday afternoon, the BJP's Indore headquarters was unusually quiet. Both the meeting room and media room were shut, and no party leader was present. Less than a hundred metres away, Akash Vijayvargiya's two-storey office had only a smattering of people.

Akash has not left home for the last two days, and members of his team said, "He does not want to speak on this issue."

While he refused to speak on record, senior Indore BJP members said Modi's statement may have been well intended, but has "disturbed" the perception management. Conceding that Akash's move to assault a civic official "may have been wrong", a senior Indore BJP leader said, "He was always seen as soft, without

stomach for a fight. This (incident) changed his image — people here liked what he did. After he went to jail, the party galvanised, and the issue turned to corruption in IMC, or that Akash was protecting the poor. But this message from PM has made all that irrelevant. People will now think if PM has spoken out against him, he must have done something wrong."

Within local leaders, there is also the fear of action. Pointing out that Modi has called for action against even those celebrating Akash's release, a BJP youth leader said, "We thought that was what the party and Vijayvargiya-ji wanted. Nothing will happen to Akash — he is son of Kailash Vijayvargiya, who is important for them (BJP) in West Bengal. But if they want to send a message, and some action is taken, then perhaps they will act against us?"

INPUTS FROM
ENS NEW DELHI

JUSTICE KURESHI'S NAME RECOMMENDED BY COLLEGIUM: GUJARAT HC LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION

Plea in apex court on judge appointment delay

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 3

THE GUJARAT High Court Advocates' Association on Wednesday moved the Supreme Court, challenging what it claimed was "arbitrary inaction" of the Central government in "withholding" the appointment of Justice Akil Kureshi as Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court despite the Collegium's recommendation.

The petition, filed by the association's president, stated, "(The) deliberate inaction of the Respondent in not appointing Justice Akil Kureshi as Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court impinges and diminishes

primacy of the judiciary in matters of appointment and transfer of judges to High Court and Supreme Court."

It called the government's action an attack on independence of judiciary, as appointment of judges of HCs and Supreme Court is an integral part of judiciary's independence. The Centre's action was "not only unreasonable and arbitrary, but also seriously jeopardizes the independence of the judiciary and hence, violates the basic structure of the Constitution of India", the petition contended.

The SC Collegium had recommended Justice Kureshi's name on May 10 this year.

On June 7, the Centre notified the appointment of Justice Ravi

Shankar Jha as Acting CJ of MP High Court even as the recommendation on Justice Kureshi remained pending.

The association submitted that the law laid down by the apex court in the Second Judges Case and the Memorandum of Procedure (MoP) for judges' appointment "records that for the purpose of elevation as Chief Justice, inter-se seniority of Puisne Judges will be reckoned on the basis of their seniority in their own High Courts..."

In the Second Judges Case, it was laid down that "unless there be any strong, cogent reason to justify a departure, the order of seniority must be maintained while making the appointment", the petition stated. The associa-

tion contended that the government's failure to advise the President regarding Justice Kureshi's appointment as Madhya Pradesh HC Chief Justice "flies in the face of law and practice described by this Hon'ble Court in Second Judges Case with respect to maintaining order of inter-se seniority amongst recommendees of High Courts".

The association also praised Justice Kureshi and said that during his tenure as a Gujarat High Court judge, as well as his present tenure in Bombay High Court, he "has demonstrated all the qualities of a good judge, viz. independence, impartiality, being uninfluenced by stature of litigants or the Counsel representing the litigants..."

Cabinet clears Bill that bars commercial surrogacy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 3

THE UNION Cabinet on Wednesday approved the introduction of the Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2019 that prohibits commercial surrogacy and allows surrogacy services only for married Indian couples who have no children.

The Bill had been passed by the 16th Lok Sabha but lapsed after it did not clear the Rajya Sabha. The Bill proposes to regulate surrogacy in India by establishing National Surrogacy Board at the central level and State Surrogacy Boards and Appropriate Authorities in the State and Union Territories.

There have been several reports about the exploitation of surrogate mothers, who are confined to "hostels" during pregnancy and not allowed to meet their families and women who do it repeatedly for a paltry amount, putting their own bodies at risk.

The Bill seeks to put an end to that. "The benefits of the Act would be that it will regulate the surrogacy services in the country. While commercial surrogacy will be prohibited including sale and purchase of human embryo and gametes, ethical surrogacy to the infertile couples will be allowed on fulfillment of conditions. It will also prohibit exploitation of surrogate mothers and children born through surrogacy," said a government official.

Oppn MPs from TN protest Kiran Bedi's remarks on state

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, JULY 3

LT GOVERNOR of Puducherry Kiran Bedi's remarks that "corrupt politics" of Tamil Nadu has led to the water crisis in Chennai rocked Parliament on Wednesday, with several members from the state belonging to the DMK, Congress and the CPI(M) entering the Well of the House and raising slogans.

Raising the issue during Zero Hour, DMK member TR Baalu demanded an answer from the government on Bedi's remarks, made on Sunday.

When Speaker Om Birla pointed out that conduct of Constitutional authorities cannot be discussed during Zero Hour, DMK members rose in protest and said that they must be allowed to speak since it is a serious matter and the entire state has been insulted.

When the Speaker still did not allow any discussion on the matter, DMK, Congress and CPI(M) MPs from Tamil Nadu stormed the Well, egged on by DMK's Kanimozhi and Dayanidhi Maran. As they began shouting slogans, they were also joined by Aam Aadmi Party/MP Bhagwant Mann and Congress MPs from some other states.

Birla urged the members to take their seat on multiple occasions. "We are giving an opportunity to first-time women members to speak and you are obstructing the process. This is not proper," he said.

When his pleas had little effect, he told the members to sit down and said he would ask Defence Minister Rajnath Singh,

PUDUCHERRY CM ASKS BEDI TO NOT COMMENT

Puducherry: Puducherry Chief Minister V Narayanasamy on Wednesday asked Lt Governor Kiran Bedi to know her limits and abstain from making comments on the neighbouring state. "Bedi is Lt Governor of Puducherry and has no right to make any comments on neighbouring state. Her accusations that poor governance, corrupt politics and indifferent bureaucracy as the reasons for the water crisis are too serious in nature," he said. Narayanasamy asked Bedi to discharge her duties within the statutory limits without causing any slur to the post she holds. PTI

who was present in the House, to make a statement. As Singh rose to speak, Opposition members took their seats.

Citing rules and procedures of Lok Sabha, Singh said, "A discussion on the conduct of a Governor can only be initiated by moving a motion. If the members want a discussion on the issue, they must move a motion."

On Sunday, Bedi had tweeted, "A question with possible answers: India's 6th largest city Chennai has become the first city in the country to run dry. The same city was in floods due to copious rains just 4 years back. Where lies the problem? Ans: Poor Governance, Corrupt Politics, Indifferent Bureaucracy."

8 EXPRESS NETWORK

Soon, SC orders to be available in Hindi, regional languages

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 3

THE SUPREME Court is all set to launch a facility to provide judgment copies to litigants in Hindi and several regional languages. The project, a brainchild of Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi is likely to be launched later this month. Sources said it will be launched along with the unveiling of the top court's new block. Litigants can access the judgments in vernacular languages through a link on the Supreme Court's website. The technology for this has been developed in-house, sources pointed out. The High Courts would play a key role in the project, sources added. Interacting with journalists at the SC press lounge soon after his taking over as the CJ last year, Gogoi had said that the court was exploring the possibility of translating judgments into Hindi and other regional languages and making them available to the public.

5 Pak soldiers killed in blast near LoC

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ISLAMABAD, JULY 3

AT LEAST five Pakistan soldiers were killed on Wednesday in an explosion near the Line of Control (LoC), the neighbouring Army said. The nature of incident that occurred in Chamb sector was being investigated, it said in a brief statement. Another soldier was injured in the blast. The army claimed the incident as "an evidence of state sponsored terrorism." Those killed were identified as Subedar Muhammad Sadiq, Sepoy Muhammad Tayyab, Naik Sher Zaman, Sepoy Zohaib and Sepoy Ghulam Qasim.

MLA Mukhtar Ansari, brother acquitted in BJP leader murder

Witnesses turned hostile in 2005 murder case of Krishnanand Rai, 6 others

ANAND MOHAN J & PRITAM PAL SINGH NEW DELHI, JULY 3

A DELHI court on Wednesday acquitted Uttar Pradesh legislator Mukhtar Ansari, his MP-brother Afzal Ansari and five others in the 2005 murder of then BJP MLA Krishnanand Rai and six others, as all eyewitnesses and material witnesses turned hostile. Special Judge Arun Bhardwaj, who dealt on various aspects, including whether there was an enmity between the Ansaris and Rai, held that when a contestant loses Assembly elections, "it will not result in enmity of such nature and enormity that he will think of murdering his opponent who defeated him". The court also noted, "This is a gruesome case involving murder of seven persons. The investigation of the case was transferred from UP Police to the CBI. The trial of the case was also



Mukhtar Ansari

transferred from UP to Delhi. Unfortunately, the case of the prosecution has suffered as all eyewitnesses and other material witnesses turned hostile. In its 478-page order, the court observed that the Supreme Court has noted that the Central government has now finalised Witness Protection Scheme, 2018, and that the scheme is to be "enforced in letter and spirit by the Union of India and States and Union Territories." "The case in hand is another example of prosecution failing

due to hostile witnesses. If the witnesses in this case had the benefit of Witness Protection Scheme, 2018, during trial, the result may have been different," it stated. Rai, then MLA of Mohammadabad, UP, having defeated Afzal Ansari in the 2002 Assembly polls, was murdered, along with six others, on November 29, 2005. The FIR was registered on the basis of a written complaint from the slain BJP leader's brother, Ram Narain Rai, stating that Rai was returning after inaugurating a cricket match in his constituency with others when some people with automatic and semi-automatic weapons waylaid them and opened fire on his vehicle. The assailants allegedly said that Rai was pestering Mukhtar and Afzal, according to the complainant. The prosecution argued that there was political rivalry between Rai and the Ansari brothers, which the defence counsel

opposed, and said, "The accused has been falsely implicated due to group rivalry." The court agreed to the defence's contention and observed that Afzal Ansari's defeat to Rai in 2002 had, in fact, come as a "blessing in disguise in as much as he won the election of Member of Parliament from Ghazipur constituency in 2004." The court held, "Afzal Ansari was MLA of UP Assembly since 1984. However, when he lost the (2002) election to Krishnanand Rai, he got an opportunity to contest the (Lok Sabha) election, which is (a) more prestigious election... So there was no reason for Afzal Ansari to nurture ill-will for the deceased." There were 13 accused in the case. Of them, Mukhtar Ansari, Sanjeev Maheshwari and Azaz were in jail; four others were out on bail. The CBI had filed closure report against one accused, three are absconding, and two have died.

UNNAO RAPE CASE

Girl's uncle gets 10-yr jail term for murder attempt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, JULY 3

THE UNCLE of a minor girl, who was allegedly raped by BJP MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar in Unnao, was convicted in a 19-year-old case of attempt to murder and sent to 10 years of imprisonment by a district court on Tuesday. Notably, the case was filed by Sengar's brother, Atul Singh, who is currently in judicial custody in connection with the murder of the alleged rape victim's father. Sengar, the BJP MLA from Bangarmau, is also currently lodged in jail. The attempt to murder case, in which the girl's uncle was convicted, dates back to 2000 panchayat elections in Unnao. According to additional district government counsel of Unnao, Ramjeevan Yadav, Atul Singh had got an FIR filed against the "rape victim's" father and her two uncles in June 2000 on various charges, including attempt to murder. Atul Singh had alleged that when he was casting his vote in the panchayat elections, the girl's father and her two uncles were "threatening

locals to cast votes in the favour of 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," the government counsel said. According to Yadav, the three brothers were arrested and later released on bail. "After obtaining bail, one of the three accused brothers went absconding. In 2002, a court in Unnao acquitted two of the three brothers, including the girl's father, on benefit of doubt. The court, however, issued a warrant against the absconding brother," he said. Seven months after the alleged rape came to light after the minor girl tried to immolate outside Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's residence in Lucknow, the absconding accused brother was arrested. He was the only surviving accused. The alleged rape victim's father had died days after the alleged rape case came to light.

UP block panel member killed in firing during clash

Lucknow: A Block Development Committee (BDC) member was killed in firing amid a heated argument between two groups over a plot of farmland in Sultanpur district Tuesday. The deceased was identified as Ashutosh Mishra, police said. A murder case was registered against seven persons of whom, three were arrested, said Sultanpur SP Himanshu Kumar. "There was an ongoing dispute over ownership of a plot of land at Surauli village. On Tuesday... Both sides entered into a heated argument. Police were informed," said Kumar. "A sub-inspector, Sanjay Prasad, along with a constable, was sent. Meanwhile, BDC member Ashutosh Mishra, along with two others, also reached the village. By the time, the policemen reached, the argument had turned violent... people from one side opened fire and a bullet hit Mishra. He died on the spot." According to Vijay Kumar, SHO of Gosaiganj police station, two persons were injured. Asked if there was negligence on the part of the policemen, the district SP said action would be taken in case there was any negligence. **ENS**

RAPE AND CHEATING CASE

Kerala CPM leader's son gets anticipatory bail

Mumbai: A sessions court on Wednesday granted anticipatory bail to Binoy, the son of Kerala CPM state secretary and politburo member Kodiyeri Balakrishnan, in a case of alleged rape and cheating. He was booked last month based on the complaint by a woman who alleged that he abused her over several years under the pretext of marrying her. The Dindoshi sessions court, in its order, stated that Binoy would have to remain present before the investigating officer every Monday for a month and cooperate with the investigation. It also directed him to not leave the country without the court's nod. The Oshiwara police had

objected to the plea stating custody may be required to conduct a DNA test. The complainant has also claimed that she has an eight-year old child, allegedly fathered by Binoy. While granting anticipatory bail, Binoy was directed to give his blood sample for a DNA test. Binoy had claimed there were discrepancies in the allegations. His lawyers had also submitted photographs to the court saying they showed the victim was in a relationship with other men. The complainant's lawyer had submitted documents claiming they showed that Binoy and the complainant were in a relationship from 2009 to 2015. **ENS**

Man dies after mob assault for trying to 'steal' cow in Tripura

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GUWAHATI, JULY 3

A 36-YEAR-OLD man died after being thrashed by a mob in Tripura's Dhalai district on Tuesday night after they suspected him of stealing a cow, police said on Wednesday. Budhi Kumar Tripura, a daily wage labourer, was attacked in Noarampara at around 11pm. He was rescued by the police around midnight and taken to a nearby hospital but he succumbed to his injuries at around 3.30am, according to Suleman Reang, officer-in-charge of the Raishyabari police station. The mob that attacked Budhi Kumar may have had as many as 25 members, the police officer added. Budhi Kumar had stolen cows from the village twice before, said Reang, adding that on Tuesday, he was caught when the family, into whose cowshed he entered, raised an alarm. Incidents of mob violence were reported last year also. In two separate instances, an announcer and a hawkers were both lynched by mobs.

MEGHALAYA

Top court says mining can continue if rules followed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 3

THE SUPREME Court Wednesday upheld the rights of tribal communities in Meghalaya to grant leases for mining on their land but said the state has ample power "to check, control and prohibit coal mining operations". A bench of Justices Ashok Bhushan and K M Joseph also ruled that a ban imposed by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) on mining in the state will only apply in case of illegal mining. "In Hill District of State of Meghalaya for carrying coal mining operations in privately owned/community owned land it is not the state government which shall grant the mining lease under Chapter V of Rules, 1960, but it is the private owner/community owner of the land, who is also the owner of the mineral, who shall grant lease for mining of coal as per provisions of Chapter V of Rules, 1960 after obtaining previous approval of the Central government," the bench said deciding a clutch of appeals challenging certain orders of the NGT. Some of the appellants had questioned the NGT order of April 17, 2014, banning mining activities. "We thus clarify that in the event mining operations are undertaken by the tribals or other owners of hills districts of Meghalaya in accordance with

mining lease obtained from the State of Meghalaya as per 1957 Act and Mineral Concessions Rule, 1960, the ban order dated 17.04.2014 of the tribunal shall not come in its way. The ban order is for the illegal coal mining which was rampant..." it said. The appellants had questioned an NGT direction to constitute the Meghalaya Environment Protection and Restoration Fund (MEPRF) on the ground that the Tribunal had no jurisdiction to do this. The court did not agree. In an order on January 4, the NGT had asked Meghalaya to pay the Central Pollution Control Board Rs 100 crore, which it said would be used for the restoration of environment in the state. The SC agreed with the submission of the state government's counsel that the state "has very limited source of revenue and putting an extra burden to make a payment of Rs 100 crore from its own financial resources may cause great hardship to the state". It allowed Meghalaya to transfer Rs 100 crore from the MEPRF. The court also pulled up the state government over the December 2018 mining tragedy in which 15 people were killed in a mine in East Jaintia Hills district. "... (This) proves beyond any shade of doubt that the order banning mining in... Meghalaya was neither enforced, nor were serious endeavours taken to stop pollution," the judgment said.

Tribal rights recognised, says Sangma

ABHISHEK SAHA GUWAHATI, JULY 3

MEGHALAYA CHIEF Minister Conrad Sangma hailed the Supreme Court verdict on Wednesday, saying that it has "set aside" the ban on coal mining by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) even as activists said the SC order has put a stop to "unscientific, environmentally destructive coal mining" processes in the state. "The official judgment has not come out as yet but the basic gist of what we have been made to understand is that the ban that was put in by the NGT has been set aside by the SC," said Sangma, adding that tribal rights have been recognised. "The fact that SC has come out with a judgment which states the land and resources are of the owners is landmark and historic as it gives back the entire ownership to the people. This is the biggest victory, and biggest aspect of the judgment as a whole," he said. Meghalaya, he said, must now ensure that mining is proper, scientific and systematic by adhering to rules while giving utmost concern to environmental aspect.

Centre opposes PIL seeking to make rape law gender-neutral

PRITAM PAL SINGH NEW DELHI, JULY 3

THE CENTRE on Wednesday opposed in the Delhi High Court a PIL for making IPC sections pertaining to rape gender-neutral, saying the perpetrators are mostly men and therefore, the legislation has been enacted to check the rising number of sexual offences against women. The Ministry of Home Affairs, in its additional affidavit before a bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice C Hari Shankar, said the sections have been enacted after due deliberation and wide-scale consultations. The ministry was responding to a PIL by Sanjiv Kumar, who has said that the "IPC 375 and IPC 376, in current form, which is gender specific and not gender neutral, doesn't secure males and thus doesn't stand the constitutional test and fails in Right to Privacy". The Centre filed an additional affidavit after the court asked it in January to further clarify on actions taken to implement recommendations of the Law Commission of India. Kumar, an activist, had also pointed that as per the recent apex court ruling on Right to Privacy, both male and female have equal protection of law under the Constitution. The petition said no one can claim special privilege if the perpetrator of the crime is a female and she is immune to criminal action.

RIGHT TO EDUCATION UNESCO report seeks changes for children with disabilities

New Delhi: Noting that 7.8 million children under the age of 19, accounting for two per cent of the child population, are living with disabilities and that their population is disproportionately left out of the education system as compared to the overall proportion of out-of-school children, a report released by UNESCO on Wednesday has recommended amendments to the Right to Education Act. The report states that in India, 75 per cent of five-year olds with disabilities and a quarter of children with disabilities in the age group of five to 19 years do not attend any educational institution. Also, when it comes to schooling, more girls with disabilities get left behind than boys. In order to address these concerns, the report recommends amendments to the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, so that it can be aligned with the 2016 Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act. The report notes that while the two laws provide a comprehensive legal framework, "there remain some ambiguities in terms of where children with disabilities should study and who should teach them, gaps in terms of appropriate norms and standards applicable to all educational institutions..." It also attributes the low numbers of such children in schools to the lack of "accessible physical infrastructure, school processes, assistive technologies, information and communication technology and devices". Meanwhile, disabilities rights organisation National Platform for the Rights of the Disabled has issued a statement on Wednesday, terming the New Education Policy "profoundly regressive and overwhelmingly undemocratic". "The draft has not been made available in text version, Braille or audio version despite the government claiming that 'access' is a 'guiding principle'," said NRPD general secretary Muralidharan. **ENS**

MISSING
General public is hereby informed that one lady, Namely: Neetu Devi, W/o: Shri Pramod Kumar, R/o: Gali No.1, Near New Chopal, Jagatpur Extn., Timarpur, Delhi Delhi has been missing from her house since 28.10.2017. In this regard, a report vide DD No.15-A Dated 31.10.2017, has been lodged at P.S. Timarpur, Delhi. Investigations has been carried out but despite best efforts, the lady could not be traced. The description of the missing lady is as under:
Name: Neetu Devi, **W/o:** Shri Pramod Kumar, **R/o:** Gali No.1, Near New Chopal, Jagatpur Extn., Timarpur, Delhi Delhi, **Age:** 28 years, **Height:** 4'10" Feet, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Normal, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** Green colour suit & salwar. If anyone has any information about the missing lady, then please inform P.S. Timarpur, Delhi.
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Notice for Open Domestic e-Tender
(1) Tender No.: CIL/C2D/PM/2019-20/343 dated 28.06.2019; (2) Estimated Tender Value: Rs. 13,12,673.00; (3) Scope of Tender: Procurement of Photocopier Machines with Buyback scheme; (4) Tender Document: There will be no physical sale of tender document. The complete tender documents can only be downloaded from Coal India Limited website (www.coalindia.in), Central Public Procurement Portal (www.eprocure.gov.in) and CIL's e-Procurement Portal (<http://coalindiaindiantenders.nic.in>). All necessary details may be seen from the tender document available in the above websites.
General Manager (MM)

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER
Tender No.: T/Pub/GRC/2019/280, dated 28.06.2019. e-tender is invited by Sr Divisional Engineer, S.E. Railway, Garden Reach, Kolkata-700043 for and on behalf of the President of India for the following work before 15.00 hrs. on the date mentioned against item and will be opened at 15.30 hrs. Description of Work : Supply, installation and commissioning of Biogas Plant of specified capacity in North Colony, Garden Reach, S.E. Railway, Kolkata-700043 for integrated solid waste management along with operation/maintenance including door to door collection and segregation of waste from household for a specified period. Tender Value : Rs. 1,98,41,107.86 (including GST). Earnest Money : Rs. 2,49,300/- Cost of Tender Document : Rs. 5,000/- Date of Opening : 08.08.2019. Completion Period of the Work : 22 Months. Any change on tender schedule, corrigendum, amendment, if any, shall be available on the e-tender portal only and the same will not be published in the newspaper. Interested tenderers may visit website www.treps.gov.in for full details/description/specification of the tender and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for this work will be accepted. NB : Prospective Bidders may regularly visit www.treps.gov.in to participate in all tenders. Help Desk contact no. 033-2450-3783. (PR-408)
Corrigendum to Tender Notice No. e-Tender/2019/25, dated 12.06.2019 in S.I. No. 2, Tender No. E-KGP-West-28-2019 which are to be opened on 18.07.2019 published earlier by Divisional Railway Manager (Engg), S.E. Railway, Kharagpur. In the above tender, Name of Work should be read as "Execution of the work of (i) Inputs on bridges (laying of RCC pipe line with 'Pipe Jacking Technique') for running 25 ton axle load train (bridge nos. 107, 108, 109, 110, 113, 118, 122, 126) in the section of Kharagpur-Balachak & (ii) Construction of Limited Height Subway in lieu of manned LC no. 130 at Km 228/11-13 in the section of Galudih-Rakhamine by pushing technique under the jurisdiction of DEN/West/Kharagpur" instead of existing entry. Revised Eligibility should be read as "Construction of RCC box by pushing technique" instead of existing entry. All other terms and conditions in the original Tender Notice will remain unchanged. (PR-419/C)

बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Bank of India
Head Office, Information Technology Department, Star House-2, 8th floor, C-4, G-Block, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400051. E-mail: Headoffice@bankofindia.co.in
COMPREHENSIVE ONSITE MAINTENANCE AND END TO END SUPPORT SERVICES FOR ENTIRE GPS-MIDDLEWARE SOLUTION
Ref:BOI/HO:IT:AL:361 Dated 26/06/2019
The captioned RFP is available on Bank's corporate website www.bankofindia.co.in under "Tender" section since 27.06.2019. Subsequent changes, if any, will henceforth be uploaded only on the website. The last date of submission: 18.07.2019

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
DEPARTMENT OF HANDLOOMS AND TEXTILES
TENDER NOTICE FOR PURCHASE OF 60s K CARDED GREY COTTON CONE YARN
Sealed tenders with two cover system in the prescribed format are invited only from the interested eligible parties for the Purchase of 60s K Carded Grey Cotton Cone Yarn for Cost Free Distribution of Sarees and Dhooties scheme Pongal 2020.
Sl. No.1 - Variety of Yarn : 60sK Grey Carded Cotton Cone Warp Yarn
Required Quantity in MT : 142.36
Required Earnest Money Deposit in : Rs.3,00,000/-
Sale Period : 04.07.2019 to 05.08.2019 upto 10.30 a.m
Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tender : 05.08.2019 upto 02.00 p.m
Date and Time of Opening of Tender : 05.08.2019 at 03.00 p.m
Supply Period : 60 Days
Eligibility of the Tenderer and Other conditions are stipulated in the Tender Schedule. 1. The tender Schedule can be downloaded at free of cost from Government tender website www.tenders.tn.gov.in and used for bidding. 2. If requested to send through Post: By Demand Draft - Rs.5700/-in favour of "Yarn Committee for FDS 2014" payable at Chennai City (inclusive of 12% GST). Interested tenderers are requested to submit the tender schedule duly filled, in separate covers and it should be sent in a sealed envelope superscribing "Tender for Purchase of 60sK Grey Cotton Cone Yarn" addressed to "The Joint Director (Uniforms) / Tender Inviting Authority, O/o Director of Handlooms and Textiles, Kuralagam, II Floor, Chennai - 600 108".
Pre Bid Meeting: There will be a pre bid meeting on 15.07.2019 at 04.00 pm in the Conference Hall of the Directorate of Handlooms and Textiles, Chennai-108.
Contact : Joint Director (Uniforms)
Telephone: 044-25358712 Fax: 044-25342015 Mobile: 9445376275
email ID: tenderwing2015@gmail.com
DIPR/2248/Tender/2019 Joint Director (Uniforms) / Tender Inviting Authority

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NORTH

Drone with camera seized from premises of Kishtwar jail

Jammu: Jammu and Kashmir Police have seized a drone that crashed against a watch tower and fell inside the premises of the district jail at Kishtwar Tuesday evening. Weighing nearly 250 gm, the drone was of Chinese make. "It does not appear to be sophisticated, except that a camera is fitted on it," said Kishtwar SSP Shakti Pathak. "The matter of concern is that it was seized from the premises of district jail," he added. Jail Superintendent Mohammad Iqbal said the drone crashed against one of the watch towers of the jail. Police are yet to recover prints of the photographs shot by the drone's camera. **ENS**



Myanmar's Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Maung Maung Kyaw inspects a guard of honour at Vayu Bhavan in New Delhi on Wednesday. **PTI**

EAST

5 partymen assaulted by BJP for not saying Jai Shri Ram: TMC

Kolkata: The Trinamool Congress on Wednesday alleged that five of its workers were beaten up by BJP workers at Singardaha village in North Dinajpur district after they refused to chant 'Jai Shri Ram'. Local BJP leaders have denied the allegation. "We have started a probe," said a senior police officer. No arrests have been made yet. "We have lodged a complaint against BJP workers at Karandighi police station," said a TMC leader. BJP leaders said the incident was a fallout of infighting within the TMC. "They have been fighting over a monetary dispute and are now blaming us," said a party leader. **ENS**

WEST

Karnataka police take Varavara Rao into custody

Pune: The Karnataka state police on Wednesday took custody of Hyderabad-based activist P Varavara Rao, currently lodged in the Yerawada prison here for his alleged role in the Elgaar Parishad case, and took him to Bengaluru in connection with a 2005 Maoist attack in Tumkur. Six policemen and two others were killed in the attack. According to the police, Rao's name had cropped up as one of the main conspirators. The Karnataka police had filed a split charge-sheet in the case. Those brought to trial through one of those charge-sheets were acquitted in 2016. The police challenged the order in the HC. Following hearings, the police initiated steps to arrest Rao. He will be produced before a Karnataka court. **ENS**

SOUTH

11 killed, 5 injured as van, bus collide in Karnataka

Bengaluru: Eleven people were killed and five others injured in a head-on collision between a van and a private bus in Chikkaballapura district of Karnataka on Wednesday, police said. The incident occurred at Murugamalla near Chintamani town, they said. Those killed include three women and all of them were travelling in the passenger van used for short-distance trips, police said. The injured, who were travelling in the bus, have been admitted to a nearby hospital, police said. Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy has announced a relief of Rs 2 lakh each to the kin of the deceased. **PTI**

JAMMU AND KASHMIR

Rlys announces curbs on services till Amarnath Yatra is over

ADILAKHZER SRINAGAR, JULY 3

THE NORTHERN Railways has announced suspension of train services in its Qazigund-Banihal railway section for five hours daily till the Amarnath Yatra is over. "It is pertinent to inform your good self that as per directions from your office, train operations will remain suspended between Qazigund-Banihal railway section from 1000 hrs to 1500 hrs (cut off timing as per traffic advisory) w.e.f 3.7.2019 till completion of Amarnath Ji Yatra," reads a letter sent by Railways' Chief Area Manager (CAM) in Srinagar to Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Baseer Khan.

FEARS THAT NATIONAL RATION CARD PORTABILITY WILL DERAIL STATE'S UNIVERSAL PDS SYSTEM

TN question on One Nation, One Ration: Who will bear extra cost?

ARUN JANARDHANAN CHENNAI, JULY 3

THE CENTRE'S proposed "One Nation, One Ration Card" scheme has kicked up a controversy in Tamil Nadu, with political parties and subject experts raising concern at the possible threat that a single national ration scheme will derail the state's universal Public Distribution System (PDS), arguably one of the best PDS models in the world.

While political leaders in the state have their own fears — like they had with the National Food Security Act (NFSA) five years ago — experts have also raised concern in the national scheme's implementation, as the Centre has announced that it will be rolled out within a year even as there is lack of information about the exact plan and lack of consultation

TMC cornered, BJP takes lead in tracking cut money agents

Declaration forms, public hearings, complaints: BJP says streamlining agitation

RAVIK BHATTACHARYA & SANTANU CHOWDHURY PURBA BARDHAMAN, HOOGHLY, BIRBHUM, JULY 3

INSIDE A saw mill at Chanok village in Bardhaman district, Subrata Mondol is poring over a pile of "declaration forms" with personal details of residents and their signatures. Each form names the recipient of a government scheme and the "cut money" allegedly paid to local TMC leaders to avail the benefit.

Mondol is the BJP's booth committee chief in the village. "We have printed forms for various schemes, mostly for housing and toilets. So far, 180 people have filled the forms. We will send the forms with complaint letters to the administration and police. We are with the people," he says.

On June 18, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee asked her party leaders to return the "cut money", or illegal commissions, they had allegedly collected from people to "facilitate" various government schemes. This led to angry gatherings across rural Bengal, with many assaulting the TMC's local representatives and forcing them either promise in writing to pay up or flee their homes.

It has also opened up a new political front in the state between the TMC and the BJP, which surged to 18 seats in the Lok Sabha elections with around 40 per cent of the vote share.

Soon after Banerjee's call, State Minister and senior TMC leader Firhad Hakim accused the BJP of instigating the violence "to create unrest in Bengal". BJP state president Dilip Ghosh responded by calling for "a gherao of TMC representatives to get back the cut money with interest".

The Indian Express travelled through 12 villages in Hooghly, Bardhaman and Birbhumi to map the political faultlines beneath the wave of anger against "cut money". And found that while local TMC leaders are on the run, residents are turning to a well-oiled support system put in place by the BJP — from "declaration forms" under its letterhead to "public hearings".

"We are with the people's legitimate demand for cut money refunds. We are just streamlining the agitation," says Mondol in Chanok village.

At Boinchi in Hooghly, the BJP



Saranika Mondal, BJP's Hooghly district secretary, says the party is drawing up a list of "corrupt TMC leaders". **Partha Paul**

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is at the forefront of planning protests, drawing up lists, lodging mass complaints and organising gheraos outside the houses of local TMC leaders.

"We have prepared a list of 32 residents who have come on record to say that they have given cut money to TMC leaders for LPG connections under the Ujjwala scheme. We have submitted a complaint to the police station and the office of the Block Development Officer along with signatures," says Saranika Mondal, who is the BJP's district secretary in Hooghly.

The complaint reads: "We, the undersigned residents of Nuniadanga village in Hooghly district, inform you that local TMC leaders Subhas Biswas and Sikha Majumdar have taken Rs 500 from us to help us get LPG connections through the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana. Recently, we

came to know that no money is needed to get such connections. It was a conspiracy to take Rs 500 from each one of us. We request you to take action against the culprits and ensure that we get our money back."

Biswas and Majumdar have "gone missing", say residents. Saranika says the BJP is preparing a list of "corrupt TMC leaders". "Soon, the people will gherao their houses. We will make them return the money," she says.

The other Opposition parties, Congress and Left, failed to make any impact in the Lok Sabha polls but have registered their presence in the agitation against "cut money". On June 24 and 25, their MLAs staged a walkout from the state assembly. Apart from the RSS-backed ABVP, SFI activists too held a rally on July 2 to protest against commissions allegedly taken by the TMC's students wing for benefits in state colleges.

Cornered in its own backyard, the TMC has started organising rallies in various districts to improve its "public relations". "It (the agitation) is a planned conspiracy by the BJP to attack our leaders. We are already campaigning for our party's Martyrs Day rally on July 21. We are also focusing on public relations and taking out processions," says TMC's Hooghly district leader Prabir Ghosal.

On June 10, the ruling party set up a special cell, a toll-free number and an email ID for people to

air their grievances. On June 25, the state government created a new post to curb economic offences by public representatives, with IPS officer Tanmay Ray Chaudhuri being appointed as Deputy Director, Directorate of Economic Offences.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, a senior police says the government may also charge elected public representatives and government functionaries who accept "cut money" under a tough law that provides for life imprisonment.

"The corrupt officials will be charged under Section 409 of the IPC, which relates to criminal breach of trust by a public servant, banker, merchant or agent. A person convicted under the law is liable to be punished with imprisonment for life, or with imprisonment for a term which may extend to ten years, besides fine," says the officer. SPs of all districts have also been asked to take action as soon as they receive formal complaints.

On the ground, meanwhile, the political tussle continues. "The party has asked us to collect signatures of people who gave cut money after applying for the Banglar Bari (housing) scheme. Some people have signed, but the others are scared that they will land in trouble. We are trying to convince them," says Tarak Dhar, a BJP worker at Berela village in Hooghly.

2 held for murder after Punjab official's death

RAAKHI JAGGA LUDHIANA, JULY 3

POLICE on Wednesday arrested two more men on charges of murder after the death of a Water Supply Department official who was allegedly beaten up during a bill collection drive in Sandaur village in Punjab's Sangrur district.

Labh Singh (57) was allegedly assaulted by Manohar Lal and his sons Gaurav and Vipin when he went to their house to recover pending water bills on June 16. After staying in coma for almost two weeks, Singh died on June 30 at a hospital in Ludhiana. The three men were charged with



Singh went to home of the accused to collect water bills

murder after his death. Lal was arrested soon after the incident and Gaurav and Vipin were arrested Wednesday.

Sandaur SHO Surinder Bhalla

said, "The FIR was lodged on the day of incident with charges of physically and mentally hurting the person. On June 30, we added Section 302 IPC (murder). Manohar Lal is in judicial custody. Gaurav Kumar and Vipin Kumar, will be produced in court on Thursday. Investigation is still on."

Jaswant Singh, son-in-law of Labh Singh, told *The Indian Express*, "He had gone to the house of Manohar Lal in Sandaur village for recovery of water bill. Manohar called him inside and started slapping him. The family also shot a video of the assault and shared it."

Labh Singh was a Class IV employee of the Water Supply Depa-

rtment and was posted at the department's office in Sandaur. His job was to man the department's tubewell during fixed supply hours and later collect water bills from houses in the village.

"Normally a lump sum bill is generated by the water supply department in villages and door-to-door collection is done from houses after calculating average per house. It is normally between Rs 100-200 per month, but non-payment of bills is a common practice," said a villager.

Sources said the total outstanding amount in water bills in Sandaur is close to Rs 18 lakh. Lal had not paid his bill for months, they added.

Day after walls collapsed in Malad, toll climbs to 26

TABASSUM BARNAGARWALA & MAYURA JANWALKAR MUMBAI, JULY 3

A DAY after a concrete wall collapsed at two locations in Malad East, destroying hundreds of shanties on the hillcock bordering the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation's Malad Hill Reservoir, the death toll climbed from 22 to 26 on Wednesday.

Four more bodies were recovered from under the debris on Wednesday. Among them was three-year-old Akanksha Kurade, who was found wrapped in a bedsheet and trapped under a cupboard.

Autopsy details of several victims who succumbed at Dr RN Cooper hospital have shown that they died due to "traumatic asphyxiation" after remaining trapped under the debris for hours. Minors account for 12 of the 26 victims.

The three-year-old found dead on Wednesday lay buried under furniture displaced during the incident, said National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) workers at Pimpri Pada, one of the two sites struck by the mishap.



At the wall collapse site at Ambedkar Nagar. **Amit Chakravarty**

5 of family dead, 8-yr-old lone survivor hasn't spoken since tragedy

TABASSUM BARNAGARWALA MUMBAI, JULY 3

IN a red T-shirt and pink shorts that she wore to sleep on Monday night, Priya Nanavare (8) stood outside Goregaon crematorium on Wednesday, clutching a water bottle. The bodies of nine people who died in the Kurar wall collapse had been brought to the crematorium for final rites. Five of them were from Priya's family.

Priya lost her mother Rani, father Laxman, sisters Deepa (12) and Sanchita (15) and three-year-old brother Parshuram. "She has not spoken a word since. We have told her father is in hospital, but I think she understands," said Priya's uncle Babu Nanavare.

Several slum dwellers murmured one question — who will look after the child now?

On Monday night, a wall collapsed at Pimpri Pada and Ambedkar Nagar in Malad East and water from BMC's Malad Hill Reservoir washed away homes in adjoining settlements.

That night, Priya had slept a

"She was sleeping between me and my husband. When the wall collapsed, there was water everywhere. I couldn't breathe. Both my children were swept away," said her mother Sharda Kurade. She and her husband took an hour to come out of the debris. Their other child, nine-year-old Abhishek, was saved by a neighbour.

At Ambedkar Nagar, the other site of the mishap, local residents found under the debris bodies of two women. They were identified as Jyotsna Bhatade, in her 20s, and her grandmother.

"We found the bodies when we were removing the debris. We don't know how many more are still under the debris here," said Naresh Lad (28), an employee of a private company in Lalbaug.

Another body recovered from Pimpri Pada was that of Pappu Shah (43), a driver. He is survived by his wife and four children who live at his home in Bihar, Pappu's relative Manoj said.

At least 72 people remain admitted across five hospitals — KEM, RN Cooper, Jogeshwari Trauma Care, MV Desai and Kandivali Shatabdi. "Patients are all stable. Few require surgery for fractures," said Dr Vidya Mane, superintendent at Trauma Care hospital.

few feet away from her parents. She was swept by the water, but got stuck under a wooden plank. "She kept screaming for her mother. After 15-20 minutes, I was able to locate her," said Rani's brother Rangesh Vitkar.

At 1 am, Priya was rushed to Jogeshwari Trauma Care hospital, treated for a nose injury and discharged. She vomited all night. On Tuesday, she was taken back to the hospital for a CT scan. By then, her father and brother's bodies had been recovered.

On Tuesday, Priya waited at her aunt's house as rescue teams tried to locate Rani, Deepa and Sanchita, who were trapped under the debris. While Deepa and Rani succumbed to drowning, Sanchita battled until afternoon. "We thought at least Sanchita will be pulled out alive, she will be there for Priya," said Sunita Chaugule, a relative. But oxygen masks and intravenous drip did not help the 15-year-old. Since she was rescued, Priya has refused to eat, relatives said. She has only drunk water. Whenever someone approached her, she pointed to her nose to indicate that it is paining.

J Jayaranjan, director of the Institute for Development Alternatives, who specialises in Tamil Nadu's food sector, noted that PDS coverage of states that follow the National Food Security Act is only 70 per cent of rural population and 50 per cent urban population. "Tamil Nadu's universal PDS scheme covers 95 per cent rural population and 70 per cent urban population. Tamil Nadu has a large number of migrant workers from north and north-eastern states," he said.

Jayaranjan asked: "When you cannot have two kinds of PDS in a state, what will happen to the free rice scheme under Tamil Nadu's universal PDS model once portability is implemented? Who will bear the cost of supply for additional (ration) cards? Or will the state's free rice schemes be changed? There are many such confusions."

For portability, Khara said, the government needs to rejig its supply chain management for PDS outlets. "If ration is allocated only for local residents, and migrants or people from neighbouring areas show up, there is a risk that ration supplies run out before local residents can buy," she said.

"We already face a huge financial burden to run an effective universal (PDS) scheme. If the demand increases further (to cater to workers from other states), will the Centre bear that additional cost? Or will the state eventually be forced to scrap universal system," the official asked.

EXPLAINED

What the state gives, how it refills stock

WHOEVER HAS a ration card in Tamil Nadu is eligible for 20kg free rice every month, unlike a price — Rs 3 — being charged per kg rice in states that have implemented National Food Security Act. While the state is not self-sufficient in grain, it has developed a mechanism to draw more from the Central pool to run an efficient PDS system.

Whenever the Central pool is flooded with stock over the usual quota allotted for states, they sell it in open market at a slightly higher price for states that need extra supply.

card provided to citizens under 'One Nation, One Ration Card' scheme can be used by the beneficiary in any ration shop in the country." The official said it remains unclear who will bear the cost for ration supplied to people from other states when PDS is a state subject.

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CLASSIFIEDS & TENDERS

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, Pargat Singh R/o Vpo Bhagowal, Gurdupur, Batala (Punjab)-143511 have changed my son's name from Himat Raj Singh to Himmat Raj Singh for future purposes. 0040500278-4

Smt. Bashonti Sardar W/o Sh. Deeraj Sardar R/o 2/8, 1st Floor, Block-2 Kalkaji Extn. P.S. Kalkaji, New Delhi-19. That I have my maiden name Basanti Tarafdar after my marriage my name/surname has been changed as Bashonti Sardar and now I known as Bashonti Sardar. 0040501679-1

Pratik Kargupta, R/o 27/B Nivedita Enclave A6 Paschim Vihar New Delhi, Changed my name as Prateek Kargupta S/o Ranjan Kargupta. I300011529-1

I, Rani W/o Jitender Kumar Giri R/o-B-1/181, Second Floor, Gali-17, Bharat-Vihar, Madhu-Vihar, UttamNagar, New Delhi-110059, have changed my name from Rani to Rani Goswami for all purposes. 0040501775-4

I, Makhan Lal S/o Shri Lila Ram R/o C/8/211 Sultan Puri New Delhi-86 My name is wrongly mentioned in my son Jatin Narwara 10th & 12th certificate M.L. Narwara instead of Makhan Lal both are the same person. 0040501689-2

I, Javed Ahmad S/O Sabir Ahmad R/O C-1/73, C-Block, Ramesh Enclave, Kirari, Suleman Nagar, Delhi-110086. Changed my Name To Javed Idriahi. 0040501785-6

I, Arvind kumar, S/o Banarsi Lal R/o-K-1/11 Budhvihar-Phase-1 Delhi-86. Have changed my name from Arvind kumar to Arvind kumar makkar both are same person for all future purposes. 0040501767-7

I, Archana Pandey D/o Sh. Shyam Bihari Dutt Pandey R/O House No. A-647, GF, Sector-19, Noida, Distt Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P.-201301 have chaged my name to Archana Pandey Nangia for all future purposes. 0040501689-1

I, Zorawar Singh S/O Sohan Singh R/O-842-A/7, Govindpuri, Gurudwara Singh Sabha, Kalkaji, Delhi-110019. Have Changed My Name To Zorawar Singh. 0040501770-8

I, Yogesh S/O JWO Devender Singh, Resident of SMQ No 149/3 Air Force Station Rajokri, New Delhi-110038, have changed my name from Yogesh to Yogesh Dahiya, vide Affidavit dated 28/06/2019 before Badli Court. 0040501757-1

I, Vivek S/O Ved Prakash R/O.H.No.524 Krishan-Mandir Wali-Gali, Nangloi-Gaon, Nilothi, Delhi-110041, have changed my name to Vivek Bhardwaj for all purposes. 0040501770-1

I, Vinay Kumar Bhatija S/O Dwarika Dass R/O G-22/101-102, Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi-110085. Have Changed My Name To Vinay Kumar. 0040501785-3

I, Taruna Shrivastav D/O Parmanand R/O 9677, Bagh Rao Ji, Basti Lal Singh, KishanGanj, Delhi-110006. Changed My Name To Taruna. 0040501803-2

I, Syed Alam Shah, S/O Syed Akbar Shah, R/O-1611, Pataudi-house, Daryaganj, New Delhi-110002. Changed My Name To Sayed Alam Shah. 0040501785-10

I, Swati Prashad D/O Rajendra Prashad W/o Nitin Kumar Rai R/O-Flat No.173, Pocket-C/8, Sector-8, Rohini, New Delhi. have changed my name to Swati Rai for all purposes. 0040501767-6

I, Mohit Kukreja S/O Lalit Kumar Kukreja, R/O T1001, 10th Floor, Truth Tower, The Seven Lamp, Vatika, Sector-82, Gurugram (Haryana)-122004, have changed my name to Mohit Kumar Kukreja. 0040501775-7

I, Mohammed Shahid Abdul Gafoor Shaikh S/O Abdul Gafoor Shaikh R/O-B-44, 3rd Floor, Flat No.301, Bismillah Apt., AbdulFazal Enclave, Part-1, Jamia-Nagar, Okhla, New Delhi-110025, have changed my name to Mohammed Shahid Shaikh. 0040501775-9

I, Meera S Gupta D/O Sh. Subhash Chand Gupta W/o Sh. Sunderender Gupta R/o A-2/89, Block-A, Pocket-2, Sector-5, Rohini, North West Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Meera Gupta for all purposes. 0040501667-1

I, Lakshay Kumar S/O Shri Manish Kumar R/O DC-702, Essel Tower, M.G. Road, Gurugram, Haryana do hereby make it general public that my date of birth recorded in the school documents as 31.05.2001 was incorrect and birth certificate is issued by Municipal Corporation, Jaipur, with the correct date of birth as 30.05.2000. 0040501699-1

I, Kumari Kanchan Lata W/o Arvind Kumar R/o 145-A, 2nd Floor, Old Gupta Colony, Dr. Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi-110009, have changed my name to Kanchan Verma for all future purposes. 0040501668-1

I, Kuldeep Singh alias Kuldeep Raj S/O Gouri Shankar R/O-120-121 Harsh-Vihar Pitampura Delhi-110034. changed my name to Kuldeep Raj Mahajan. 0040501767-5

I, Kshitij Jain S/O Jitendra Jain R/O-88, Ground Floor, Sector-2, Wave City, NH-24, Ghaziabad. Have changed my name to Kshitij Jain. 0040501775-2

I, Karm Ver Tawatia S/O Tulsii Ram Tewatia.H.No-1218, Ward No-2, Tikri-Alias-Bhupgarh (130), Marraoli, Palwal, Haryana-121106.Changed My Name To Karmveer Tewatia. 0040501803-3

I, Kanogiya Rajeevkumar S/O Inder Raj Kumar R/O V-112, Sector-12, Near-Rajkya Inter-College, Noida. have changed my name to Rajeev Kumar. 0040501775-1

I, Soarabh Narang S/O Vilayati Lal R/O G-4/160, Sec-16, Rohini, Delhi-85 Changed My Name To Soarabh Narang. 0040501785-2

I, Simran Kaur Kochar R/o 42, Punjabi Bagh Apts. New Delhi-110063 have changed my name to Simran Kaur for all purposes. 0070663248-1

I, Saurabh S/O Raj Kumar Virmani, R/o-484F, First-Floor, Near-Elcher School, Sector-46, Faridabad (Haryana)121001, have changed my name to Saurabh Virmani. 0040501767-9

I, Sarabjit Kaur W/O, Amarjit Singh Mattoo R/O Flat No. 1403, Tower-H, Btpp Freedom Park Life, Sec-57, Gurgaon, have changed my name to Sarabjeet Kaur for all purposes. 0040501716-1

I, Santosh Kumar Shrivastava R/O Hno-P-17, Krishan Vihar, C-Block, Sultanpur, Delhi-110086. Changed my Child Name Alankriti Shrivastava To Alankriti Shrivastava. 0040501785-7

I, Sanjay Verma S/O Hira Lal Verma R/O C-21, Sawan Park, Ashok Vihar Phase-3, Delhi-110052.Changed my Name To Billu Verma. 0040501785-8

I, Salman Arif S/O Mahmood Alam R/O C-1/73, Galino.6, Ramesh Enclave, Kirari Suleman Nagar, Delhi-110086. Changed My Name To Salman. 0040501785-5

I, Sahil S/o Jamu Khan, R/O C-88,89, Jahangir Puri, Delhi-110033, have changed my name to Sahil Khan, for future purposes. 0040501803-9

I, Ram Lagan Maurya S/O Late Sh. Uma Shankar Maurya R/O House No. 401/2, Gali No. 16 A, Jai Vihar Phase 3A, Harphool Vihar, Bapraula, New Delhi 110043, inform that R.L.Maurya AND RAM LAGAN MAURYA is one and same person and I will be known as RAM LAGAN MAURYA for all future purposes vide affidavit sworn before advocate on 28 June 2019. 0040501687-1

I, Ram Bati W/O Kishan Lal R/O-239, Block-B, Kusumpur-Pahari, Vasant Vihar-1, Delhi-110057, have changed my name to Ram Bati Lal. 0040501775-3

I, Rajpal Singh S/O Sultan Singh R/O Brijnagar Palwal District Palwal. I have changed my name from Rajpal Singh to Rajesh Bahin for all future purposes. 0040501711-1

I, Rajni / Rajendri W/O Vijay Kumar, H. No-1411, Pannapur-2, Tehsil-Hapur, Dist-Hapur, U.P-245101. Have Changed My Name To Meenu. 0040501803-10

I, Raj Kaur W/O Harbhajan Singh R/O-B-1 G/F, Chander-Vihar, Nilothi-Extn., Delhi-110041, have changed minor daughters' name Jaswinder Kaur to Jasvinder Kaur. 0040501767-10

I, Rachna Kathuria W/O Kunal Chhabra R/O C-5/50-B-C-5 Block, Keshav Puram, Delhi-110035. Have Changed My Name To Rachna Chhabra. 0040501785-9

I, Puja Rathor D/o Late Prabhu Lal Rathore No.701004P Rank-Sub(ORA) R/o Vill.-Kalamal, Post-Pech Ki Baori, Tehsil-Hindoli, Dist-Bundi, Rajasthan (PIN-323025).inform that we, children of Late Prabhu Lal Rathore, have changed our names from Pooja, Monika Rathore, Raksha Rathore (DoB:04.06.2001), Ajay Rathore to respectively Puja Rathore, Monika Rathore, Raksha Kumar Rathore (DoB:02.06.2001), Ajay Rathore vide Affidavit No. IN-DL13588418992207R dated-02.07.2019. 0040501775-8

I, Rajpal, R/o Village Bhatgora, Post Deoraha, Tehsil Palera, Bhatgora, Tikamgarh, Madhya Pradesh-472221, do hereby solemnly affirm and inform that that Rajpal & Mangla Pal are the name of same and one person and should use Mangla Pal for all future purposes. 0040501692-1

I, Priyanka Dinesh Jain W/o Vibhor Jain R/O-5/1, First-Floor, Arhant-Nagar, Punjabi Bagh West, New Delhi, have changed my name to Priyanka Jain. 0040501767-3

I, Parmod Kumar S/O Jaroop Singh R/O-VIII Mukari Po-Munda Khera-Amroha Up-244221. Have Changed My Name To Pramod Kumar. 0040501770-4

I, Parmanand Shrivastav S/O Gajju Ram R/O-9677, Bagh Rao Ji, Basti Lal Singh, KishanGanj, Delhi-110006. Changed My Name To Parmanand. 0040501803-1

I, Neeru W/O Vinay Kumar R/O G-2/101-102, Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi-110085. Have Changed My Name To Neeru Rani. 0040501785-4

I, Harindar Singh Kochar R/o 42, Punjabi Bagh Apts. New Delhi-110063 have changed my name to Harindar Singh for all purposes. 0070663243-1

I, hitherto known as Paramjeet Kaur, W/o Narendar Singh Duggal, D/o Harcharan Singh, R/O H.No. S-4, West Jyoti Nagar, Shahdara, New Delhi 110094, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Paramjeet Kaur Duggal. 0070663229-1

I Vani Mendiratta W/O Amit Dang R/O K-5/3, Model Town-3 Delhi-110009 Have Changed My Name To Sonia Dang. 0040501770-7

I Subhash Chander/Subhash Chander Dang S/O Ladha Ram R/O-K-5/3, Model Town-3 Delhi-110009. Have Changed My Name To Subhash Dang. 0040501770-5

I Shivani Chhabra, D/o Chandra Sen R/O M 15/27, 1st floor, DLF Ph-2, Gurugram, Haryana-122008 have changed my name to Shivani Sahal. 0070663245-1

I Satish Kumar Nagar S/O Ramesh Chand Nagar R/O.R-792-793 Camp.No.5, JwalaPuri, Sunder-Vihar Delhi-87, state that I am also known as Satish Nagar and Satish Kumar. My correct-name is Satish Kumar Nagar for all purposes. 0040501770-2

I Sai Leela Misra W/O Deepak Cherukuri R/O-Flat.No-1601, Tower-A2 West-Wing, Uniworld-City, Sector-30, Gurgaon Haryana-122001. Changed My Name To Sai Leela Cherukuri. 0040501770-3

I Phula Rani W/O Subhash Dang R/O K-5/3, Model Town-3, Delhi-110009 Have Changed My Name To Poonam Dang. 0040501770-6

I Pardeep Uppal S/O Chaman Lal Uppal R/O C-2/7, 3rd Floor, Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi-110085, Changed My Name To Pardeep Kumar Uppal. 0040501785-1

I Nitin S/O Sh. Tejpal R/O 475, Tughlakabad Village New Delhi-110044. Have Changed My Name From Nitin To Nitin. 0040501770-9

I Geeta Devi W/O, Charanjit Kaur Rathore son of Shri Ram Behar R/O-D-248, Bhai Vihar, Phase-1, Delhi-110086, is intending to purchase a property bearing No. P-82, area measuring 100 Sq Yds. (in S.61 Sit Mts (30x30) out of RACT No. 29, Kila no. 212, situated in the colony known as Vistara Garden, Block-P in the area of Village Khyala, New Delhi-110018, which is in the ownership of Late Devi Daughter of Shri Nandlal Singh R/O P-52, Vistara Garden, New Delhi-110018, therefore if any person having any claim or right in respect of the above said property or part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, gift, possession, lease, tenancy, sub-tenancy or otherwise, the undersigned, who is the said owner, as if there were no third party claims/objections/disputes in respect of the above said property, and whether or not claim objection/dispute, will be entertained. Sd/- (RAKESH KUMAR GARG, ADVOCATE) 27/2, Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi-85

I, Harmeet Singh, R/O-AC-5, Ganga Ram Vatika, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018 have changed my minor son's name from Prabsimar Singh Kharbanda to Prabhsham Singh. 0040501688-1

I, Harmeet Singh, R/O AC-5, Ganga Ram Vatika, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018 have changed my minor Daughter's name from Sanjam Kaur Kharbanda to Sanjam Kaur. 0040501688-4

I, Harmeet Singh S/O Sh. Avtar Singh R/O AC-5, Ganga Ram Vatika, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Harmeet Singh. 0040501688-3

I, Garima Ankur Sharma W/O, Mr. Annkur Sharma R/O B-603, Prerana CGHS, Gh-08, Sector-56, Gurgaon-122011, have changed my name to Gariema Sharma for all purposes. 0040501778-1

I, Gagandeep Kaur W/O Sh. Harmeet Singh R/O AC-5, Ganga Ram Vatika, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018 have changed my name from Gagandeep Kaur Kharbanda to Gagandeep Kaur. 0040501688-2

I, Dinesh S/O Shri AMI Chand R/O H.No. 60-A, Block-A, OM Vihar, Phase-5, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059, have changed my name from Dinesh to Dinesh Pal for all future purposes. 0040501782-1

I, Charanjit Singh S/O Shyam Singh residing 20B/15AB, Block-20AB, Tilak Nagar Delhi, have changed my name to Charanjeet Singh for all purposes. 0040501735-1

I, Bharti Kankas W/o Radheshyam Mina R/O.Flat No.D-6/6081/1, VasantKunj, New Delhi. have changed my name to Bharti Mina after marriage. 0040501767-2

I, Asha Ram S/O Late.Puran Chand R/O C-107 Nanak-Chand Basti Kotla-Mubarakpur New-110003. nform that my son name wrongly-mentioned as Shashant in School record but correct name is Sashant. 0040501803-4

I, Arif, S/O Sabodind, R/O D-98, Abul Fazel Enclave 2, Shaheen Bagh, Jamia Nagar, South East Delhi, have changed my name to Arif Ahmed, S/O Sabuddin Khan for all purposes. 0070663228-1

I, Ansi Kumari Kale, W/o Sh. R.P. Kale, R/O C2-004, Golf City, Plot no-11, Sector-75, NOIDA-201301, have changed my name to Ansi Kale for all purposes. 0040501747-1

I, Ankur Sharma S/O, Mr. Vijay Kumar Sharma R/O B-603, Prerana CGHS, Gh-08, Sector-56, Gurgaon-122011, have changed my name to Annkur Sharma for all purposes. 0040501774-1

I, Anita Kumari D/o Zile Singh and W/o Mukesh Kumar Dahiya R/O.H.No.561, Sector-6, Bahadurgarh Distt. Hjjair Haryana, changed my name to Anita Dahiya. 0040501775-10

I, Amit Kumar Agrawal S/O Sant Kumar Agrawal R/O C-2/331, 2nd Floor, Yamuna Vihar, Delhi-110053 have changed my name to Amit Aggarwal. 0040501680-1

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It is notified for the information that my Original Qualifying Examination Certificate of Main Secondary Examination of the Year 2017 and Roll No. 8198887 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Name of the candidate Aryan Mishra S/o Sh. Chander Shekhar Mishra, Flat No. 421, NAV, Sansad Vihar, Plot No. 4, Sec-22, Dwarka, New Delhi-110077, Tel 92120563.

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Pursuant to Section 64 of the Electricity Act 2003, the State Government owned distribution companies namely Paschimanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd., Purvanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited, Madhyanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited, Dakshinanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited and Kanpur Electricity Supply Company Ltd. submitted their Petitions for Truing-Up for FY 2017-18, Annual Performance Review for FY 2018-19 and Annual Revenue Requirement for FY 2019-20 and Tariff Proposal for different categories of consumers on 13 June 2019 to Hon'ble UP Electricity Regulatory Commission on 11 March, 2019. Thereafter, as per the directions of the Hon'ble Commission, revised tariff formats were submitted on 28th June, 2019. The Hon'ble Commission admitted the aforementioned petitions by its order dated 01st July, 2019. In compliance to the said order, the stakeholders, electricity consumers and general public at large are hereby informed about the salient features of the True-up, APR and ARR Petitions, proposed rates & charges applicable for different category of consumers as under:-

Paschimanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd				
Sr. No.	Particulars	FY 2017-18 True-Up	FY 2018-19 APR	FY 2019-20 ARR
1	Energy Delivered to Discom (MU)	34,438.67	33,346.73	34,601.05
2	Sale of Power (MU)	28,437.44	28,140.52	30,518.13
3	Distribution Loss (%)	17.43%	15.61%	11.80%
4	Intra-State Transmission Loss (%)	3.56%	4.34%	3.79%
Expenditure (Rs Crore)				
5	Power Purchase Expenses including PGCIL charges and sharing of power purchase (profit)/ loss	14,640.77	15,990.10	17,117.19
6	Transmission Charges	610.28	590.93	613.16
7	Total O&M Expenses (net of capitalisation)	1,401.93	1,875.68	2,330.72
8	Additional O&M (smart metering)	-	23.72	57.08
9	UPPCL O&M expenses	73.19	73.19	73.19
10	Interest & Finance Charges (net of capitalisation)	620.84	779.10	932.81
11	Depreciation	434.35	561.98	794.09
12	Bad and Doubtful Debts	100.54	342.46	389.41
13	Gross Expenditure	17,881.90	20,237.16	22,307.66
14	Return on Equity	465.68	585.98	749.00
15	Less: Non-Tariff Income including DPS	319.21	42.47	42.47
16	Annual Revenue Requirement	18,028.37	20,780.66	23,014.19
17	Revenue from Tariff excluding DPS (*FY 2019-20 at Proposed Tariff)	14,764.91	17,123.05	2,027.13
18	GoUP subsidy	911.84	1,279.14	1,726.84
19	Revenue Gap/(Surplus) (*FY 2019-20 at Proposed Tariff)	2,351.62	2,378.47	(739.78)
20	Average Power Purchase Rate (BST) (Rs/ Unit)	4.15	4.79	4.94
21	ABR (Excluding Subsidy) Rs /Unit	5.19	6.08	7.22
22	Average Cost of Supply (Rs /Unit)	6.34	7.38	7.54

Purvanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited				
Sr. No.	Particulars	FY 2017-18 True-Up	FY 2018-19 APR	FY 2019-20 ARR
1	Energy Delivered to Discom (MU)	27,016.33	25,068.80	26,124.82
2	Sale of Power (MU)	20,758.35	20,949.99	22,937.59
3	Distribution Loss (%)	23.16%	16.43%	12.20%
4	Intra-State Transmission Loss (%)	3.56%	4.34%	3.79%
Expenditure (Rs Crore)				
5	Power Purchase Expenses including PGCIL charges and sharing of power purchase (profit)/ loss	9,758.83	12,310.75	12,923.99
6	Transmission Charges	482.50	476.31	647.90
7	Total O&M Expenses (net of capitalisation)	1,457.48	2,112.42	2,500.83
8	Additional O&M (smart metering)	-	30.22	70.11
9	UPPCL O&M expenses	57.42	57.42	57.42
10	Interest & Finance Charges (net of capitalisation)	7,402.28	844.16	954.58
11	Depreciation	355.66	407.90	492.54
12	Bad and Doubtful Debts	187.92	219.41	261.71
13	Gross Expenditure	13,040.08	16,458.60	17,909.07
14	Return on Equity	403.38	479.17	544.31
15	Less: Non-Tariff Income	326.93	18.93	18.93
16	Annual Revenue Requirement	13,116.53	16,918.84	18,434.46
17	Revenue from Tariff excluding DPS (*FY 2019-20 at Proposed Tariff)	9,962.73	10,970.41	15,209.32
18	GoUP subsidy	1,680.79	3,151.18	2,963.61
19	Revenue Gap/(Surplus) (*FY 2019-20 at Proposed Tariff)	1,473.01	2,797.26	261.53
20	Average Power Purchase Rate (BST) (Rs/ Unit)	4.15	4.79	4.94
21	ABR (Excluding Subsidy) Rs /Unit	4.80	5.24	6.63
22	Average Cost of Supply (Rs /Unit)	6.32	8.08	8.04

Madhyanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited				
Sr. No.	Particulars	FY 2017-18 True-Up	FY 2018-19 APR	FY 2019-20 ARR
1	Energy Delivered to Discom (MU)	21,857.02	20,857.81	21,691.72
2	Sale of Power (MU)	17,007.33	17,501.78	19,132.10
3	Distribution Loss (%)	22.19%	16.09%	11.80%
4	Intra-State Transmission Loss (%)	3.56%	4.34%	3.79%
Expenditure (Rs Crore)				
5	Power Purchase Expenses including PGCIL charges and sharing of power purchase (profit)/ loss	8,990.41	10,129.10	10,730.93
6	Transmission Charges	388.28	396.30	537.95
7	Total O&M Expenses (net of capitalisation)	1,368.40	2,166.96	2,613.09
8	Additional O&M (smart metering)	-	13.72	32.69
9	UPPCL O&M expenses	46.45	46.45	46.45
10	Interest & Finance Charges (net of capitalisation)	497.52	583.39	691.31
11	Depreciation	223.44	287.20	434.23
12	Bad and Doubtful Debts	150.95	209.46	244.49
13	Gross Expenditure	11,665.46	13,832.59	15,331.15
14	Return on Equity	300.44	370.79	473.93
15	Less: Non-Tariff Income including DPS	1,011.54	40.36	40.36
16	Annual Revenue Requirement	10,954.36	14,163.02	15,764.72
17	Revenue from Tariff excluding DPS (*FY 2019-20 at Proposed Tariff)	8,801.73	10,472.81	13,969.35
18	GoUP subsidy	1342.50	2518.92	2418.38
19	Revenue Gap/(Surplus) (*FY 2019-20 at Proposed Tariff)	810.12	1,171.29	(623.01)
20	Average Power Purchase Rate (BST) (Rs/ Unit)	4.15	4.79	4.94
21	ABR (Excluding Subsidy) Rs /Unit	5.18	5.98	7.30
22	Average Cost of Supply (Rs /Unit)	6.44	8.09	8.24

Dakshinanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited				
Sr. No.	Particulars	FY 2017-18 True-Up	FY 2018-19 APR	FY 2019-20 ARR
1	Energy Delivered to Discom (MU)	25,009.71	24,067.50	23,152.66
2	Sale of Power (MU)	18,735.79	19,034.02	20,351.19
3	Distribution Loss (%)	25.09%	20.91%	12.10%
4	Intra-State Transmission Loss (%)	3.56%	4.34%	3.79%
Expenditure (Rs Crore)				
5	Power Purchase Expenses including PGCIL charges and sharing of power purchase (profit)/ loss	10,397.28	11,246.61	11,453.66
6	Transmission Charges	448.48	457.28	574.19
7	Total O&M Expenses (net of capitalisation)	8,99.63	1,338.55	1,681.14
8	Additional O&M (smart metering)	-	12.54	33.18
9	UPPCL O&M expenses	53.15	53.15	53.15
10	Interest & Finance Charges (net of capitalisation)	346.52	461.11	517.43
11	Depreciation	371.69	431.40	569.20
12	Bad and Doubtful Debts	95.91	183.14	207.22
13	Gross Expenditure	12,612.67	14,183.79	15,089.18
14	Return on Equity	312.13	379.79	477.00
15	Less: Non-Tariff Income including DPS and CSS from STOA Consumers	312.16	31.83	31.83
16	Annual Revenue Requirement	12,612.64	14,531.76	15,534.35
17	Revenue from Tariff excluding DPS (*FY 2019-20 at Proposed Tariff)	8442.84	9156.89	11646.47
18	GoUP subsidy	1864.69	1950.76	2011.17
19	Revenue Gap/(Surplus) (*FY 2019-20 at Proposed Tariff)	2,305.11	3,424.10	1,876.72
20	Average Power Purchase Rate (BST) (Rs/ Unit)	4.15	4.79	4.94
21	ABR (Excluding Subsidy) Rs /Unit	4.51	4.81	5.72
22	Average Cost of Supply (Rs /Unit)	6.73	7.63	7.63

Kanpur Electricity Supply Company Limited				
Sr. No.	Particulars	FY 2017-18 True-Up	FY 2018-19 APR	FY 2019-20 ARR
1	Energy Delivered to Discom (MU)	3,677.92	3,561.66	3,729.68
2	Sale of Power (MU)	3,199.73	3,022.78	3,289.58
3	Distribution Loss (%)	13.00%	15.13%	11.80%
4	Intra-State Transmission Loss (%)	3.56%	4.34%	3.79%
Expenditure (Rs Crore)				
5	Power Purchase Expenses including PGCIL charges and sharing of power purchase (profit)/ loss	2,009.75	1,691.17	1,845.08
6	Transmission Charges	64.56	67.67	92.50
7	Total O&M Expenses (net of capitalisation)	257.30	265.65	311.07
8	Additional O&M (smart metering)	-	7.81	10.94
9	UPPCL O&M expenses	7.82	7.82	7.82
10	Interest & Finance Charges (net of capitalisation)	58.06	6,255	75.65
11	Depreciation	19.87	26.03	38.45
12	Bad and Doubtful Debts	12.09	49.82	52.76
13	Gross Expenditure	2,429.43	2,178.52	2,434.27
14	Return on Equity	29.91	29.56	37.73
15	Less: Non-Tariff Income including DPS	42.66	18.16	18.16
16	Annual Revenue Requirement	2,416.69	2,189.91	2,453.83
17	Revenue from Tariff excluding DPS (*FY 2019-20 at Proposed Tariff)	2,489.19	2,490.88	3,035.66
18	GoUP subsidy	-	-	-
19	Revenue Gap/(Surplus) (*FY 2019-20 at Proposed Tariff)	(72.50)	(300.97)	(581.83)
20	Average Power Purchase Rate (BST) (Rs/ Unit)	4.15	4.79	4.94
21	ABR (Excluding Subsidy) Rs /Unit	7.78	8.24	9.23
22	Average Cost of Supply (Rs /Unit)	7.55	7.24	7.46

Notes:
 1. The Hon'ble Commission has approved cumulative Regulatory Asset including carrying cost till FY 2016-17 as Rs. 42, 645.89 Crore for all Discoms. As per the present submission, the Revenue Gap figures on consolidated basis, without taking into account carrying cost, for FY 2017-18, FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 are Rs. 6867.35 Crore, Rs. 9470.16 Crore and Rs. 193.63 Crore (after considering Revenue from proposed tariff) respectively.
 2. The DBST figures (Rs./Unit) on the basis of Proposed Tariff, as submitted to the Hon'ble Commission by letter no. 466/RAU/Directives dated 29.06.2019: DVVNL-4.15, MVNVL-5.25, PVVNL-5.18, PuVNL-4.86, KESCO-6.53.

CONSUMER CATEGORY / SUB-CATEGORY	Proposed Tariff FY 2019-20
LMV-1 DOMESTIC LIGHT, FAN & POWER:	
(a) Consumers getting supply as per "Rural Schedule" :	
(i) Un-Metered:	
Fixed Charge:	
All Load	Rs. 500 / kW / month
(ii) Metered:	
Fixed Charge:	Rs. 100 / kW / month
Energy Charge:	
Upto 100 kWh / Month	Rs. 3.85 / kWh
101-150 kWh / Month	Rs. 4.10 / kWh
151-300 kWh / Month	Rs. 5.00 / kWh
301-500 kWh / Month	Rs. 5.50 / kWh
Above 500 kWh / Month	Rs.6.00 / kWh
For consumers with contracted load upto 1 kW and not consuming more than 50 units per month, fixed charges shall be Rs. 75.00/kW/month and Energy Charge Rs 3.00/kWh	
(b) Supply at single point for bulk loads: 50kW and above, Supplied at any voltage	
Fixed Charge	Rs. 110 / kW / month
Energy Charge	Rs. 7.00 / kWh
(c) Other Metered Domestic Consumers: (For All Loads)	
Fixed Charge	Rs.110 / kW / month
Energy Charge	
Upto 150 kWh / Month	Rs. 6.20 / kWh
151-300 kWh / Month	Rs. 6.50 / kWh
301-500 kWh / Month	Rs. 7.00 / kWh
Above 500 kWh / Month	Rs. 7.50 / kWh
(d) Life Line Consumers: With contracted load of 1.00 kW, Energy consumption upto 50 kWh/ Month	
Fixed Charge	Rs. 75 / kW / month
Energy Charge (0-50 Units)	Rs. 3.00 / kWh
LMV-2 NON-DOMESTIC LIGHT, FAN & POWER:	
(a) Consumers getting supply as per "Rural Schedule"	
(i) Un-Metered	
Fixed Charge	Rs. 1000 / KW / month
(ii) Metered	
Fixed Charge	Rs. 120 / kW / month
Energy Charge	Rs. 5.80 / kWh
(b) Private Advertising/Sign Post/Sign Board/Glow Signs/Flex	
Metered	
Fixed Charge	
Energy Charge	Rs. 18.00 / kWh
Minimum Charges	Rs. 1800 / kW / month
(c) Other Metered Consumers:	
Fixed Charge	
Upto Load of 4 kW	Rs. 400 / kW / month
above 4 kW	Rs. 450 / kW / month

CONSUMER CATEGORY / SUB-CATEGORY	Proposed Tariff FY 2019-20
Energy Charge	
For First 300 kWh / Month	Rs. 7.55 / kWh
More than 300 kWh / Month	Rs. 8.85 / kWh
Minimum Charge	Rs. 700/kW/Month (Apr to Sept) Rs. 550/kW/Month (Oct to March)
LMV-3 PUBLIC LAMPS:	
Un-Metered Supply: (Billed on total Connected Load of individual points)	
Gram Pachayat	Rs. 2250 / kW or part thereof / month
Nagar Palika and Nagar Panchayat	Rs. 3400 / kW or part thereof / month
Nagar Nigam	Rs. 4500 / kW or part thereof / month
Metered Supply:	
Fixed Charge	
Gram Pachayat	Rs. 200 / kW / month
Nagar Palika and Nagar Panchayat	Rs. 250 / kW / month
Nagar Nigam	Rs. 250 / kW / month
Energy Charge	
Gram Pachayat	Rs. 7.85/ kWh
Nagar Palika and Nagar Panchayat	Rs. 8.60 / kWh
Nagar Nigam	Rs. 8.60 / kWh
TOD Rates % Energy Charge	18:00 Hrs - 6:00 Hrs @ 0%
TOD Rates % Energy Charge	6:00 Hrs - 18:00 Hrs @ +20%
LMV-4 LIGHT, FAN & POWER FOR PUBLIC & PRIVATE INSTITUTION:	
4 (A) For Public Institutions:	
Fixed Charge	Rs. 325 / kW / Month
Energy Charge	Rs. 9.15 / kWh
4 (B) For Private Institutions:	
Fixed Charge	Rs. 400 / kW / Month
Energy Charge	Rs. 9.75 / kWh
LMV-5 SMALL POWER FOR PRIVATE TUBE WELL/ PUMPING SETS FOR IRRIGATION PURPOSES:	
(A) Consumers getting supply as per "Rural Schedule"	
(i) Un-Metered Supply	
Fixed Charge	Rs.170 / BHP / Month
(ii) Metered Supply	
Fixed Charge	Rs. 90 / BHP / Month
Energy Charge	Rs. 2.25 / kWh
Minimum Charge	Rs. 200 / BHP / Month
(iii) Energy Efficient Pumps	
Fixed Charge	Rs. 90 / BHP / Month
Energy Charge	Rs. 1.75 / kWh
Minimum Charge	Rs. 170 / BHP / Month
(B) Consumers getting supply as per "Urban Schedule (Metered Supply)"	
(i) Metered Supply	

CONSUMER CATEGORY / SUB-CATEGORY	Proposed Tariff FY 2019-20
Fixed Charge	Rs. 150 / BHP / Month
Energy Charge	Rs. 6.50 / kWh
Minimum Charge	Rs. 230 / BHP / Month
For PTW consumers of Bundelkhand Area located in Gram Sabha, the minimum amount payable by a consumer shall be Rs. 170 per BHP per month, till the installation of the meter. Regulatory Surcharge, Duty, Taxes etc. will be payable extra.	
LMV-6 SMALL AND MEDIUM POWER:	
(A) Consumers getting supply other than "Rural Schedule"	
Fixed Charge	Rs. 290 / kW / Month
Energy Charge	
Upto 1000 kWh/month	Rs. 7.30/kWh
Upto 2000 kWh/month	Rs. 7.40/kWh
Above 2000 kWh/ month	Rs. 7.90/kWh
TOD Structure	
Summer Months (April to September)	
05:00 hrs-11:00 hrs	(-) 15%
11:00 hrs-17:00 hrs	0%
17:00 hrs-23:00 hrs	(+)15%
23:00 hrs-05:00 hrs	0%
Winter Months (October to March)	
05:00 hrs-11:00 hrs	0%
11:00 hrs-17:00 hrs	0%
17:00 hrs-23:00 hrs	(+)15%
23:00 hrs-05:00 hrs	(-) 15%
(B) Consumers getting supply as per "Rural Schedule"	
The consumers under this category shall be entitled to a rebate of 7.5% on RATE (Excluding the TOD rates as applicable to the hour of operation) as given for 'Consumers getting supply other than Rural Schedule'. Further, no "TOD RATE" shall be applicable for this category.	
LMV-7 PUBLIC WATER WORKS:	
(a) Consumers getting supply other than "Rural Schedule"	
Fixed Charge	Rs. 400 / kW / Month
Energy Charge	Rs. 9.30 / kWh
(b) Consumers getting supply as per "Rural Schedule"	
Consumers getting supply as per Rural Schedule shall be eligible for a Rebate of 7.5% on RATE as given 'Consumer getting supply other than rural schedule'.	
LMV-8 STW, PANCHAYTI RAJ TUBE WELL & PUMPED CANALS:	
(i) Metered	
Fixed Charge	Rs. 350 / BHP / Month
Energy Charge	Rs. 8.60 / kWh
(ii) Un-Metered	
Fixed Charge	Rs. 3400 / BHP / Month

LMV-9 TEMPORARY SUPPLY:	
(a) (i) Un-Metered	
Fixed Charges for	Rs. 4750 per day
CONSUMER CATEGORY / SUB-CATEGORY	Proposed Tariff FY 2019-20
Illumination / Public Address / ceremonies for loads upto 20 kW / connection plus Rs.100.00 / kW / day for each additional kW	
Fixed charges for temporary shops set-up during festivals / melas or otherwise and having load up to 2 kW	Rs. 560 per day / shop
PTW consumers of Bundelkhand Area having requirement of electricity only for the Rabi Crop i.e. period between November to February in any year.	Rs. 500/BHP/month
(i) Metered	
Fixed Charge	Rs

SUPPLYCO

THE KERALA STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED MAVELI BHAVAN, P.B. NO. 2030, GANDHINAGAR, KOCHI - 682020... TENDER NOTICE (ONLY THROUGH ELECTRONIC TENDERING SYSTEM)

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

1. Name of the work with location: Comprehensive Mechanized cleaning work at MTC City Railway colony for a period of Two years from the date of award. 2. Approximate estimate cost: Rs. 4,36,809/- per month or Rs. 1,04,83,416 (Rs. One Crore Four Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Four Hundred and Sixteen Only) Plus GST Extra as applicable for a total period of Two years. 3. Cost of tender form: Rs. 5,900/- Through Net banking (non-refundable). 4. Address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased: www.ireps.gov.in

WESTERN RAILWAY - RAJKOT DIVISION PROVISION OF ROAD UNDER BRIDGE

Table with columns: Sr. No., E-Tender No., Name of work, Approximate NIT Cost (₹), EMD Cost (₹). Includes details for DRM-RJT-18-E-202R2.

NORTHERN RAILWAY OPEN e-TENDER NOTICE

The Chief Rolling Stock Engineer/Coaching, Northern Railway, Baroda House for and on behalf of President of India invites e-tender on "TWO PACKET SYSTEM" for following work from experienced and capable tenderers: (1) Name of work: Setting up & Operation of Mechanized Laundry including supply and installation of plant/equipment/related infrastructure and operation at "Goods Shed Sliding Road, Opposite Railway Departmental Laundry, Jammu Tawi" for a period of 10 years on BOOT model including collection/transportation of soiled linen/ transferring the washed linen from linen stores situated at SVDK, JAT & any other station to Mechanized laundry and vice-versa over Firozpur Division. (2) Work Place: Northern Railway. (3) Period of work: 120 months. (4) Approximate cost of work: Rs. 75,14,20,00/- (Including the provision of GST). (5) Earnest money (to be deposited online): Rs. 39,07,100/- (Earnest money shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only available at IREPS portal. Earnest money in the form of Bank Guarantee or bond is not acceptable.) (6) Cost of the tender form (non-refundable): Rs. 29,500/- (Including GST @ 18%) (e-tender form cost of shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only available at IREPS portal. This cost in the form of Bank Guarantee or bond is not acceptable.) (7) Availability of tender documents: On website www.ireps.gov.in. (8) Date and time of availability of tender documents: From 02.07.19 to 24.07.19, upto 14.30 Hrs. (On working days only). (9) Date and time of tender closing: 24.07.19, at 14.30 Hrs. (10) Date and time of tender opening (Technical Bid): 24.07.19 at 15.00 Hrs. (11) Date and time of tender opening (Financial Bid): After technical evaluation. (12) Place for opening of tender N.Rly. HQs Office, Baroda House, New Delhi. Note: Cost of e-tender documents and EMD shall have to be deposited separately through net banking, failing which the offer shall be liable to summarily rejected. No.: 33/2019-Mech-CW-BOOT Laundry-JAT/FZR Date: 02.07.2019. 2129/2019

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

Table with columns: Department, Tender No., Name of Work, Tender Closing Date & Time, Advertised Value (Rs.), Earnest Money (Rs.), Tender Doc. Cost (Rs.), Validity of offer (Days), Period of Completion, Website particulars & Address of office.

STATE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION UNIT

UTTARAKHAND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT GOVT. ITI (WOMEN), 26 EC ROAD, DEHRADUN-248001 EMAIL: ukwdp.uksdm@gmail.com REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ASSIGNMENT TITLE: SELECTION AND EMPANELMENT OF FIRMS FOR SHORT - TERM TRAINING IN UTTARAKHAND. Government of Uttarakhand has received a loan from the World Bank towards the cost of Uttarakhand Work Force Development Project in Uttarakhand, India and intends to apply a part of proceeds for SELECTION AND EMPANELMENT OF FIRMS FOR SHORT - TERM TRAINING IN UTTARAKHAND. The Expressions of interest (EOI) are being invited for the assignment. Details for the assignment can be downloaded from the website: www.uksdm.org. EOIs must be delivered in a document form (Hard Copy) at the address given above (in person, by post) by 1700 hours on or before 22 July 2019. A pre consultation meeting shall be held on 12 July 2019, 11.00 AM at SPU Conference Hall, Govt. ITI (Women), 26 E.C. Road, Dehradun. All documents must be signed, stamped and certified by the authorized person of the firm. The firms may submit proposal either for Garhwal or Kumaon Region OR can submit for both regions. If applying for both regions, the proposals should be submitted separately. PROJECT DIRECTOR

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

1. Name of the work with location: Washing contract for washing of linen of Northern Railway Divisional Hospital, S.P. Mukherjee Marg, Delhi - 110006 with contractor's labour and washing material etc. 2. Approximate estimate cost Rs. 23524/- per month or Rs. 564576/- (Rs. Five Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Five Hundred And Seventy Six Only) Plus GST Extra As applicable for a total period of Two years. 3. Cost of tender form: Rs.2360/- Through Net banking(non-refundable)4. Address of the office form where the tender form can be purchased: www.ireps.gov.in 5. Earnest Money to be deposited: Rs.11,300/- (Rs. Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Only) to be deposited by online payment mode at www.ireps.gov.in 6. Period of work: Two years from the date of commencement of work. 7. Date & Time for submission of tender & opening of tender: 02.08.2019 upto 15.00 hrs. and opening 15.30 hrs. 8. Website particulars: www.ireps.in No. 62-Med/WC/Divil, Hospital/Delhi/2019-21 Dated: 02.07.2019 2146/19

Indian Ports Association (IPA)

1st Floor, NBCC Place, South Tower, B.P. Marg, Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003 Tel. No: 0091-011-24369061/63, 24368334 Fax: 011-224365866 Tender No. IPA/GAD/NMHC-Lothal/2019 Date: 04/07/2019 Indian Ports Association (IPA) invites Request for Proposal (RFP) for "Appointment of Project Management Unit for Development of National Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal, Gujarat". RFP may be downloaded from www.ipa.nic.in and CPP Portal www.eprocure.gov.in. Last date for submission of proposal is 04/08/2019 on or before 1500 hrs. Sd/ davn 37203/11/0007/1920 Chief Administrative Officer

E-TENDER PRESS NOTICE

The EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CD-XIII, I&FC Department Govt. of Delhi, on behalf of the President of India, invites Online Percentage rate tender from the approved and eligible contractors registered with IRRIGATION AND FLOOD CONTROL DEPARTMENT. The contractors who are registered with other department and now got their registrations verified from I&FC Deptt. are eligible to participate in Tender process for the work: 1. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/12 (ID No. 2019_IFC_174919_1) Major Head of Account 2711 (Revenue) Name of Work: Removal or obstruction from bed of Mungeshpur drain from RD 0m to RD 1800m. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 36,95,423/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 73,908/- Time allowed 60 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 10-07-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively. 2. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/14 (ID No. 2019_IFC_174924_1) Major Head of Account 2711 (Revenue) Name of Work: Plantation of Trees on left bank near RD 330m to RD 1800m of Mungeshpur Drain and further maintenance for three years. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 12,09,637/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 24,193/-Time allowed 60 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 10-07-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively. 3. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/15 (ID No. 2019_IFC_175209_1) Major Head of Account 2711 (Revenue) Name of Work: Providing of Electrical Operator (Skilled) and Khallasi Chowkidar cum Helper for CD-XIII office Complex. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 10,47,751/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 20,955/- Time allowed 365 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 10.07.2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively. 4. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/16 (ID No. 2019_IFC_174928_1) Major Head of Account 4406 (Plan) Name of Work: Construction of Boundary wall around the Ghumanhera GS Forest area in Najafgarh Range in Jurisdiction West Forest Division bearing Kh. No. 4/17, 18, 19 (Pocket-1). Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 37,55,628/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 75,113/- Time allowed 60 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 10-07-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively. 5. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/17 (ID No. 2019_IFC_174936_1) Major Head of Account-(4225) Improvement of SC Basties (SCSP) Name of Work: Repair and Renovation of existing Harjan Chaupal in Jamuna Patti village Ujwa in N.G. Block. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 25,28,064/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 50,561/- Time allowed 120 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 10-07-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively. 6. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/18 (ID No. 2019_IFC_174938_1) Major Head of Account 2711 (Revenue) Name of Work: Improvement of balance portion of road Right Bank of Mungeshpur drain from RD 150m to RD 2740m. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 81,19,671/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,62,393/- Time allowed 120 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 10.07.2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively. 7. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/19 (ID No. 2019_IFC_174944_1) Major Head of Account 2711 (Revenue) Name of Work: Repair of existing protection wall on Right Bank of B.C. drain from 400m to RD 0m and construction of protection wall along existing road on left bank RD 400m to RD 0m. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 33,81,654/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 67,633/- Time allowed 90 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 10-07-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively. 8. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_175009_1) Major Head of Account 4515 (RDB) Name of Work: Improvement of road and Construction of R.C.C. Drain from Nangloi road to Gausala No. 3 at village Dichaon Kalan in N.G. Block. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 1,20,62,336/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 2,41,247/- Time allowed 180 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 10-07-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively. 9. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/21 (ID No. 2019_IFC_175094_1) Major Head of Account 4217-Development of Unauthorized Colonies Name of Work: Improvement and Construction of road and side drain in Deepak Vihar, Vikas Nagar in AC-31 (Regd. No. 969). Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 1,46,61,680/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 2,93,234/- Time allowed 180 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 10-07-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively. 10. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/22 (ID No. 2019_IFC_175119_1) Major Head of Account 4217-Development of Unauthorized Colonies Name of Work: Improvement and Construction of road and side drains in K-5 Extn. Part-1, Mohan Garden in AC-31 (Regd. No. 1093). Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 1,50,73,001/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 3,01,460/- Time allowed 180 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 10-07-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively. 11. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/23 (ID No. 2019_IFC_175122_1) Major Head of Account 4217-Development of Unauthorized Colonies Name of Work: Improvement and Construction of road and side drains in Sainik Vihar, Mohan Garden (Reg. No. 871) in AC-31. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 2,29,09,958/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 4,58,199/- Time allowed 180 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 10.07.2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively. 12. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/24 (ID No. 2019_IFC_175127_1) Major Head of Account 4217-Development of Unauthorized Colonies Name of Work: Improvement and Construction of road and side drains in Vikas Vihar and Sai Enclave, Vikas Nagar, Uttam Nagar AC-31 (Reg. No. 481). Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 2,13,95,746/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 4,27,915/- Time allowed 180 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 10.07.2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively. 13. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/25 (ID No. 2019_IFC_175129_1) Major Head of Account 2711-(Revenue) Name of Work: Repair and Renovation of boundary wall of Kakraula Nursery. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 51,88,042/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,03,761/- Time allowed 120 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 10-07-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively. 14. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/26 (ID No. 2019_IFC_175131_1) Major Head of Account 4217-Development of Unauthorized Colonies Name of Work: Construction/Improvement of internal streets and drains in Gemini Park colony in Matiala Assembly Constituency (AC-34) Reg. No. 1072-A. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 1,31,32,073/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 2,62,641/- Time allowed 180 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 10-07-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively. 15. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/27 (ID No. 2019_IFC_175133_1) Major Head of Account 4217-Development of Unauthorized Colonies Name of Work: Improvement and Construction of road and side drains in Raksha Enclave, Extn.-III, Sainik Enclave, Phase-1 to 5, Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar in AC-31 (Regd. No. 781). Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 1,05,17,855/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 2,10,357/- Time allowed 180 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 10-07-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively. 16. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/28 (ID No. 2019_IFC_175137_1) Major Head of Account 2711-(Revenue) Name of Work: Widening of road and Demolishing and reconstruction of RCC boundary wall at RD 0m to RD 130m on Right bank of Mungeshpur Drain. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 67,74,224/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,35,485/- Time allowed 120 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 10-07-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively. Note :- 1) Details of above mentioned works & eligibility criteria can be seen and downloaded from the web site https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in 2) Amendment(s)/alteration(s)/corrigendum if any, will be available at website only. 3) EMD in the form of Bankers Cheque/DD/Fixed Deposit receipt in F/o EE/CD-XIII, I&FC Deptt shall be scanned and uploaded to the e-tender website within the period of bid submission. The original EMD should be deposited in the office of EE/CD-XIII, I&FC Deptt. within the period of bid submission. Sd/ DIP/Shabdarth/0316/19-20 EXECUTIVE ENGINEER CD-XIII.

No. PR/Advt./48/09/Vol-VII HARYANA WAQF BOARD

(Established by Home and Administration of Justice Deptt., Government of Haryana) 50, Sardar Patel Marg, Ambala Cantt. - 133001 NOTICE INVITING BIDS

The Haryana Waqf Board invites bids from the prospective lessees under Rule (6) of the Waqf Properties Lease Rules, 2014 as amended by the Waqf Properties Lease (Amendment) Rules, 2015 waqf properties located in Bhiwani, Yamuna Nagar, Karnal, Rohtak, Jhajjar, Tohana (Fatehabad), Sirsa, Panipat Circles of Haryana Waqf Board. Circle-wise details of these waqf properties, which include nature of the property, location, area, purpose of lease, period of lease, reserve lease rent etc. are given in the table below.

Table with columns: Name of District, Sr. No. of Property, Area description & location of the waqf property, Purpose of Lease, Period of lease, Reserve Lease Rent per month per annum in Rs., Reserve % for increase in Lease Rent per annum, Earnest Money (20% annual reserve lease rent in Rs.).

The Interested persons may enquire the terms & conditions of the bids from the concerned Estate Officers and may quote their rates for lease of waqf properties (details of which are available in the official website of the Board) under Sealed Cover superscribing "Application for Bid of Waqf Property (Sr. No. Of property mentioned in the advertisement)" shall be dropped 09-07-2019 at 1.00 PM:-

Table with columns: Sr. No., Name of the Circle/District Waqf Office, Name of the Estate Officer, Address & Tel. No.

The bids will be opened on the same day i.e. 09-07-2019 at 2.00 PM in the above mentioned District Waqf Offices in presence of the bidders present, if any. Separate bid shall be submitted for each waqf property of each circle. Each bid shall mention reserve lease rent and also percentage of annual increase. Sd/ Chief Executive Officer Haryana Waqf Board

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

SRDEN/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against following tenders closing date 08.08.2019 16.00.Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

Table with columns: Tender No., Date, Work, Provision of IBS at 03 Nos location between (BLW-RSI, RSI-LR & RK-IQB) on MB-SRE section under Sr. DEN-I/MB. Includes details for 76-DRM-MB-19-20.

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems) N.I.T. No. 11/19-20 dated 02.07.2019 1 Name of work with its location: Major repair to cycle/scooter stand roofing, flooring or corridor doors, staircase railing and operating branch hall, ceiling, wall plaster, flooring etc. at Baroda House in the S/o SSE/WB/H under ADEN/E-I 2 Approx. Cost of work 7479573.37 3 Earnest Money (It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway only. Note :- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 2015/CE-ICT/51 dated 31.08.2016.) 4 Completion period of Work 4 Months 5 Cost of tender on cash/by post (It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway only. Note :- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 2015/CE-ICT/51 dated 31.08.2016.) 5900 6 Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender Upto 15.00 hrs on 26.07.2019 Opening of tender at 15.00 hrs. On 26.07.2019 7 Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc

Table with columns: No., Date, Work, Provision of IBS at 03 Nos location between (BLW-RSI, RSI-LR & RK-IQB) on MB-SRE section under Sr. DEN-I/MB. Includes details for 128-W/269/OET/19-20/WE/NIT 11.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

Final Result for the post of PGT MUSIC (Rest of Haryana) For School Education Department, Haryana Against Advt. No. 05/2015, Cat No. 03.

On the basis of Written Examination, Scrutiny of Documents and Interview Viva/Voce for the post of PGT MUSIC (Rest of Haryana), School Education Department, Haryana Against Advt. No.05/2015, Category No. 03, the Commission has finalised and declared the result. The result has been shown Roll No. wise, category wise and the marks secured by the last selected candidate in each category have been shown in the bracket.

Advt. No. 05/2015, Cat. No. 03, PGT MUSIC (REST OF HARYANA) (Total 85 Posts)

Table with columns: General (44 Posts + 04 SBC earlier = 48 Posts), 29030029, 29030032, 29030047, 29030048, 29030054, 29030057, 29030086, 29030090, 29030096, 29030099, 29030112, 29030114, 29030116, 29030118, 29030128, 29030134, 29030141, 29030145, 29030148, 29030168, 29030175, 29030199, 29030218, 29030220, 29030222, 29030239, 29030242, 29030246, 29030252, 29030255, 29030258, 29030261

SC (17 Posts) 29030176 (120) Note: General (16 Posts), SC (16 Posts), BCA (08 Posts), BCB (04 Posts), EBPGC (04 Posts), ESM (04 Post), OH (01 Post), VH (02 Posts) remained vacant due to non availability of eligible candidates.

CRITERIA ADOPTED FOR SELECTION

- 1.) WRITTEN EXAMINATION120-MARKS 2.) VIVA-VOCE.....24-MARKS 3.) EXP MARKS.....16-MARKS TOTAL: 200-MARKS

Note: 1. 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. 2. The result is also available on the website of HSSC i.e. www.hssc.gov.in. Sd/ (Secretary) Haryana Staff Selection Commission Dated: 02.07.2019

TELLING NUMBERS

60 elephants killed on tracks in 3 years, nearly half in NF Rly

ELEPHANTS KILLED IN EACH RAILWAY ZONE, 2016-18

Northeast Frontier	28
South Eastern	13
Southern	5
Northern	4
North Eastern	4
South Western	4
East Coast	1
South East Central	1

2019 5 elephants killed until June 20

Source: Based on data tabled by Ministry of Railways in Lok Sabha

A TOTAL of 60 elephants died in railway accidents between 2016-18, and 5 in 2019 until June 20, according to figures tabled by the Railways Ministry in Lok Sabha on Wednesday. The number of deaths was 19 and 15 in the first two years, then rose to 26 in 2018.

Northeast Frontier Railway accounted for the highest number of deaths at 28 during 2016-18, or nearly half the total. In each of the three years, the number of elephants killed on in this railway zone, at 9, 10 and 9 respectively, was higher than in any other zone. Of the five elephants killed this year, one was in NF Railway zone and two each in East Coast and Northern Railways.

Railways Minister Piyush Goyal tabled the data in reply to a question on animals, particularly elephants, killed on railway tracks. He presented

separate data that showed over 32,000 animals other than elephants, including lions, leopards, buffalo, and cows, were killed during 2016-18, and another 3,479 in 2019 until June 20. From 7,945 in 2016, the number reached highs of 11,683, and 12,625 in the next two years. West Central Railway (11,489) and North Central Railway (10,927) accounted for the highest fatality counts.

About measures to control the trend, the ministry said an action plan has been formulated by the zonal railways along with the Ministry of Environment and Forests, which includes imposing speed limits, sensitisation of personnel, time-bound clearance of vegetation on sides of railway tracks within railway land, new ramps and underpasses for animals, and fencing.

OTHER ANIMALS SKILLED ON TRACKS

Railway	2016	2017	2018	2019*
Northern	457	445	351	34
North Central	2,283	3,818	4,826	902
North Eastern	649	932	1,146	442
North Western	1,080	1,222	1,476	603
South Central	353	413	460	110
South East Central	125	225	393	118
South Western	0	0	2	4
Western Railway	24	39	45	7
West Central	2,974	4,589	3,926	1,259
Total	7,945	11,683	12,625	3,479

* Until June 20

THIS WORD MEANS ARTIFICIAL GRAVITY

Spacecraft creating own gravity is staple of science fiction. Now, attempts to create it in the laboratory

IN FILMS such as 2001: A Space Odyssey and The Martian, imaginary spacecraft generate their own gravity by spinning around in space. This is artificial gravity, which so far as existed only in science fiction. Now, a team from the University of Colorado at Boulder is working on making such technology a reality.

The researchers are examining ways to design revolving systems that might fit within a room of future space stations and even moon bases. Astronauts could crawl into these rooms for just a few hours a day to get their daily doses of gravity, the university said in a statement.

The statement describes how lead researcher Torin Stark lay down on a metal

platform, part of a machine called a short-radius centrifuge. The platform begins to rotate around the room, gathering more and more speed. The angular velocity generated by the centrifuge pushes Clark's feet toward the base of the platform — almost as if he was standing under his own weight. The university described this as the closest that scientists on Earth can get to how artificial gravity in space might work.

The group hopes that its work will one day help keep astronauts healthy as they venture into space, allowing humans to travel farther from Earth than ever before and stay away longer.

Source: University of Colorado at Boulder

SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

How stable is Karnataka govt?

Congress loses two MLAs but retains majority. BJP needs more to happen before it can be in a position to form the government. A look at the numbers, and how each party is addressing the unfolding situation

JOHNSON TA BENGALURU, JULY 3

ON JULY 1, two Congress MLAs in Karnataka — Ramesh Jharkiholi from Gokak constituency in Belagavi region and Anand Singh from Vijayanagar constituency in Ballari region — tendered their resignations. Technically, the resignations are yet to be accepted by the Speaker of the Assembly. Yet, they have raised fresh questions about the stability of the Congress-JDS coalition government in the state.

What has changed?

The resignations imply that Congress tally in the 224-member strong Assembly falls from 79 (including the Speaker) to 77. While this reduction does not, by itself, rob the current government of a majority — because the coalition enjoys a simple majority thanks to the support of 37 JDS MLAs as well as 2 Independents and 1 BSP MLA — yet it signals an opportunity where the principal opposition, the BJP, can turn the tables on the government. One key change brought about by the two resignations is that the effective simple majority mark in the House falls from 113 seats to 112. That's because the overall strength of the assembly is just 222 as against 224 earlier.

How the BJP can upstage the incumbent coalition?

Imagine a scenario where another 13 MLAs belonging to the coalition resign. In such a case, the Congress-JDS coalition tally would fall to 104 seats but more significantly, the overall strength of the House would fall to 209. This, in turn, would mean that the effective simple majority mark would then be 105 seats — exactly what the BJP already has. The BJP would be then able to form the government without being accused of engineering any defections.

How likely is this scenario?

The state BJP, led by former chief minister B S Yeddyurappa, has been keen to dislodge the coalition and form its own government. But the party's central leadership is more intent on playing the waiting game and allow infighting and contradictions in the coalition to bring down the government. While there are as many as 20 disgruntled MLAs in the coalition, especially the Congress party, very few are eager to take the final step of quitting. That's because no one wants another round of elections and the related expenses that doing so entails. The MLAs who have



The Karnataka Assembly; ruling alliance holds a slender majority. Wikipedia



Anand Singh R Jharkiholi

FACT: 2 CONGRESS MLAS RESIGN

Effective House strength	222
Majority mark	112
Congress + allies	117
BJP	105

SCENARIO: ALLIANCE LOSES 13 MORE

Effective House strength	209
Majority mark	105
Congress + allies	104
BJP	105

quit — Ramesh Jharkiholi and Anand Singh — are known to have the money and muscle power to win elections again from their seats. However, this is not the case with most other MLAs. Yeddyurappa, who initially solicited support from rebel MLAs by expressing intent to face fresh elections, has now changed his stance and repeatedly said that a new government will be formed by the BJP without dissolving the current Assembly.

For its part, the Congress-JDS coalition is fighting tooth and nail to preserve its government. It has carried out several tactical moves to prevent the BJP from getting into a position of numerical strength in the Assembly. For instance, the coalition recently gave ministerial posts to two independent MLAs to make it harder for the BJP to undermine the coalition. The coalition also appointed a rebel Congress MLA, K Sudhakar, as head of the state pollution board. It has also dangled the carrot of ministerial portfolios through a reshuffle within a couple of months.

Why did the two MLAs quit the Congress?

Ramesh Jharkiholi, a Congressman of long standing, had been angry with the party for over 10 months on account of a dispute with Congress leader D K Shivakumar. The Gokak MLA, who was a minister for a few months in the state cabinet, was eased out after a public spat with Shivakumar and his close associate MLA Lakshmi Hebbalkar (a former state Congress women's unit presi-

dent) over the control of Belagavi region. Jharkiholi was considered to be the leader of a group of eight to 10 Congress rebels before the rebellion was quelled in January. He was replaced with his brother Satish Jharkiholi in the Cabinet last year. The Jharkiholis are wealthy businessmen with interests in the sugar sector in north Karnataka. Ramesh Jharkiholi is, however, reported to have run up considerable debts in his businesses.

Anand Singh is a former BJP MLA who joined the Congress ahead of the Assembly polls in May 2018. He is a wealthy businessman with interests in iron ore mining in Ballari region. He was arrested by the CBI following investigations in large-scale illegal mining in Ballari during the tenure of the B S Yeddyurappa-led BJP government between 2008-2011. Singh, along with former BJP legislator G Janardhan Reddy, is still under trial in the illegal mining case. Singh's business suffered losses after his firm was blacklisted for illegal mining and a lease for an iron ore mine was cancelled by the state government.

Will Karnataka face mid-term polls?

Even though the Congress-JDS coalition has been reassuring that the government will complete its full term, it is quite apparent that both parties are also preparing for mid-term polls. For one, both parties have kicked off exercises to revamp their internal party organisational structures. The Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee has been dissolved with

only the president and the working president being retained. Congress leader Siddaramaiah is tipped to revive a popular movement to shore up support among backward castes, Dalits and minorities (or Ahinda). The Ahinda movement is widely believed to have helped the Congress come to power in the state with a clear majority in 2013. Some Congress leaders would not mind having the BJP in power for a while in order to allay the damage done to the image of the Congress thanks to its opportunistic coalition with the JDS.

The JD(S) has held multiple meetings of its office-bearers as well as past and present election candidates in an effort to galvanise the party at the grassroots. Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy has begun carrying out a village stay programme to increase his popularity in the hinterland in the north of the state where the JD(S) has lost ground in the past decade. JD(S) leaders are also planning padayatras to reach out to people.

Notwithstanding these efforts, both coalition partners are also wary of the BJP repeating its spectacular performance in the state in the recent Lok Sabha polls if mid-term polls were held. By the same measure, the BJP is confident that it would be able to emulate its stellar performance — it won 26 of 28 Lok Sabha seats — on the back of a Narendra Modi wave. The Lok Sabha results show that the BJP established leads in 177 of the 224 Assembly constituencies in the polls held in April this year.

Why disability pension tax upsets veterans

SUSHANT SINGH NEW DELHI, JULY 3

THE CONTROVERSY over the Finance Ministry's decision to tax the disability pension of armed forces personnel, which had been criticised by veterans, took a surprising turn on Tuesday when Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman made public an unsigned note that showed it was done on the recommendation of Army Headquarters. The Army note was put out on Twitter by her office, along with a message from her calling it the "response of the Armed Forces on the issue of taxability of disability pension".

What govt notified

In a notification dated June 24, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) under the Finance Ministry had said that "such tax exemption will be available only to armed forces personnel who have been invalidated from service on account of bodily disability attributable to or aggravated by such service and not to personnel who have been retired on superannuation or otherwise".

This created an uproar among veterans who called it against the interests of the armed

forces personnel. The Opposition raised the matter in Lok Sabha on June 28, where Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said the government would look into these changes.

It eventually led to the posting of the Army note by Sitharaman. The note says certain "unscrupulous personnel" have found leverage in the existing system for seeking financial gains through their disabilities. The Army, it says, is concerned about personnel who are boarded out because of disability and need additional financial support. It states that the broad-banding and higher compensation awarded for disability with tax exemption has over the years led to rise in personnel seeking disability, even for lifestyle diseases. "There should be no segregation amongst genuinely disabled personnel. At the same time, those who have found the leverages in the existing system for seeking financial gains through their disabilities, need to be scrutinised and taken to task, wherever necessitated," the note added.

Arguing that remuneration alone cannot compensate for the disabilities of those injured in battle, the note said the service must continue to provide them necessary support during service and after superannuation. "This aspect is being exploited by unscrupu-

lous personnel, who have gained from disability benefits provided to disabled soldiers," the note said. The note ends stating that the trend "if not checked at this stage, is a cause for worry", as the Army cannot have large number of personnel with "medical disabilities in the rank and file, when the security challenge to the nation are on the rise".

The other kind of disability

Disability benefits are of two kinds, both permissible under the rules: war injury pension attributable to operational service, and normal disability pension for any disability. The latter includes the so-called "lifestyle diseases" which can be attributable to or aggravated by stress and strain of service, as entitled under the rules.

While the Army note dismisses the latter as not being favourable to the service, the effect of the stress of military service on a soldier's health is a universally recognised phenomenon. Lawyer and expert in veteran affairs, Navdeep Singh, says that "disability rules in India and other democracies are balanced and work on the presumption of a military service-disability connection".

His contention is based on peer-reviewed research in other democracies that have

shown a direct linkage between military service and so-called lifestyle diseases. These include hypertension, cardiovascular problems and diabetes; these militaries seek to make the lives of their troops more comfortable — as seen in rising payouts for their loss of health. Research also shows a connection between military service and PTSD.

Singh, author of *Maimed by the System* and a member of the expert committee formed on veterans' issues by Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar, wrote on Twitter that the Army's note "not only berates persons with disabilities but is also contrary to rules on the subject, contemptuous to Court rulings, disrespectful of Commissions and Committees which have examined this and against the stated position of the government". He argued that the government should not have taken cognisance of the note as "it unnecessarily creates doubts in the minds of well-meaning personalities".

Other military veterans have a more emotional response, terming the Army note "unbelievable" and "utterly shocking". They argue that if there is a misuse of certain provision, the Army is entitled to take suitable action to prevent that, including disciplinary action against those faking disability instead of punishing everyone.

The Church dispute in Kerala: what SC ordered, government failed to do

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JULY 3

ON TUESDAY, the Supreme Court pulled up the Kerala Chief Secretary over the state government's failure to implement its order of July 3, 2017, on a dispute over the ownership of churches and their properties between Orthodox and Jacobite factions of Malankara Christian Church in Kerala.

The Church groups

The Christian population of Kerala comprises Catholic, Jacobite Syrian, Orthodox Syrian, Mar Thoma, Church of South India, Dalit Christians and Pentecostal Churches/groups. The Catholics form 61% of the Kerala's Christian population.

The Malankara Church is a prominent non-Catholic Christian community. The disputing factions, Jacobite and Orthodox Syrian, constitute 15.9% of the Christian population.

The Malankara Church first split in 1912, into the Jacobite and Orthodox groups. The two Churches reunified in 1959, but the truce lasted only until 1972-73. Since then, the two factions have been engaged in battle over ownership of churches and their wealth. Attempts to settle ownership disputes out-of-court have often failed. Faction members have often clashed on the streets too, and both sides have taken custody of several churches depending on which one has local muscle power.

The court ruling

In a dispute running for decades, the

Supreme Court had heard several petitions. The ruling of 2017 came on a petition moved by the Orthodox Church, which demanded that all churches under the Malankara Church be governed as per the Church Constitution of 1934.

Under this, they claimed their right over the management of St Mary's Church, Piravom. In 2017, the Supreme Court upheld the demand of the Orthodox Church. As per that order, the ownership of St Mary's Church at Piravom in Ernakulam district, which is currently held by the Jacobite Church, should be handed over to Orthodox Church, and so should the ownership of 1,064 other churches in dispute.

The state government failed to implement the court order, and the Orthodox Church then approached the Kerala High



St Mary's Church in Piravom, now under control of the Jacobite faction of Malankara Church. Under SC order of 2017, ownership should be handed over to the Orthodox group.

Court seeking a direction to do so. The government made some attempts, which could not move forward because of resistance by

members of the Jacobite Church. On one occasion, the government told the court that if police intervened, there may be bloodshed, loss of life by self-immolation, suicide, or breakdown of law and order. The government also tried an out-of-court settlement, but neither of the two factions budged from its stand.

Meanwhile, the Orthodox Church approached the High Court seeking police protection for its members at two churches that are controlled by the rival group. As the High Court declined to give an order for permanent police protection, the Orthodox group moved the Supreme Court seeking a direction to the state to implement its order of 2017. It was on this petition that the Supreme Court has now pulled up the state government.

On the ground

Of the 1,064 churches whose ownership is under dispute, some 15 have been remained closed without worship for several years. A few unattended churches have got dilapidated after both factions built their own separate places of worship. The battle for ownership is very intense in around 200 churches, where both factions are equally strong. The numerical strength of rival factions in each parish decides who controls the local church and its properties.

The head of the Orthodox Church is Baselios Mar Thoma Paulose II, with his office in Kottayam. The Jacobite Church is a part of the worldwide Syrian Orthodox Church, with the Patriarch of Antioch as its supreme head. In Kerala, the Jacobite Church has Mor Baselios Thomas I as its chief.



WORDLY WISE
NOW, I AM BECOME DEATH,
THE DESTROYER OF WORLDS.
— ROBERT OPPENHEIMER

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Spectrum of possibilities

Government needs to assist the telecom sector to facilitate a smooth transition to 5G



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THE PM'S MESSAGE

His reprimand to Akash Vijayvargiya — if acted upon — promises to dent a dismal pattern of impunity

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI'S rebuke to Akash Vijayvargiya, reportedly delivered during the first meeting of the BJP's parliamentary party after it came back to power at the Centre on Tuesday, was much-needed. Akash, a first-time MLA, and son of powerful general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya, who had assaulted a public official in Indore a few days ago, was arrested and then feted by his party-men when he was released on bail. Through it all, he remained unrepentant. The PM's disapproval will undoubtedly puncture his bluster — but it will hopefully do more. It will also pierce a climate of impunity that had been seen to settle down in the first term of the Modi government. In his first tenure, the pointed silences of PM Modi and the BJP high command at critical junctures, their lack of public disapproval or censure at displays of boorish or improper behaviour by lawmakers and members of the party and the Sangh Parivar, had rung loud. The reprimand to Vijayvargiya Junior — and whatever follow-up action the party takes — hold out a welcome promise of a break with a dismal pattern, which only seemed to be reinforced when the PM's expression of anguish at Sadhvi Pragya Thakur's outrageous remarks eulogising the Mahatma's killer was followed by the BJP's disciplinary inaction.

PM Modi knows well the power of example and the symbol. In his first tenure, he evocatively and imaginatively enlivened and illustrated many of his political messages to the people. Now, action taken against the cricket bat-wielding Vijayvargiya Junior, and also those who applauded his act, can drive the point home not just to the rank and file of the BJP, but also to elected people's representatives across the political spectrum: That they cannot get away with intimidating and obstructing public officials, that there will be penalties to pay if arrogant lawmakers take the law into their own hands, or are tempted to take a swing at political and constitutional propriety. Of course, in a system governed by the rule of law, it should not take the Prime Minister to draw this line. But in an environment where the systemic restraints and checks are weak, and especially after an election in which the mandate was seen to be, above all, for the PM himself, perhaps his imprimatur is needed on this message to the power-drunk MLA.

It is on the BJP now to respect the PM's word and sentiment. The party must recognise that it is, in the end, also in its own interest to do so. A significant part of its electoral success is made up of a revolt against the culture of entitlement and lack of accountability that the Congress was seen to preside over at the Centre and that has also congealed on the watch of many regional parties in the states. The BJP can ill afford to be seen to go any farther down that slippery road.

LOSING CONTROL

Both US and Iran are responsible for costly miscalculations that are contributing to escalation

TEHRAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT EARLIER this week that it has breached the 300 kg limit on the stockpile of enriched uranium — special material that could be turned into atomic weapons — marks a significant moment in the breakdown of the 2015 nuclear accord between Iran and the international community. It also increases the danger that the current escalation would lead to a military confrontation between the US and Iran. Washington and Tehran appear to be making political assumptions about each other that could turn out to be terribly flawed. Responding to Iran's decision, US President Donald Trump said, Tehran is "playing with fire" and promised to persist with the campaign of "maximum pressure" against it. Tehran is saying its breach is not a violation of the 2015 agreement but a response permitted under the accord. Iran says it is ready to reverse the decision if other signatories to the agreement (UK, France, Germany, Russia and China) restore its trading privileges.

The problem, however, is not with the legal niceties. It is the kind of political choices the two sides are making and the apparent absence of any diplomacy towards de-escalation. The Trump Administration chose to withdraw from an agreement that was widely seen as imposing fairly stringent restrictions on Iran's nuclear weapons programme. That move was animated less by concerns about the technical merits of the accord than a political desire to overthrow the Islamic Republic. Trump and his advisers bet that additional unilateral sanctions targeting Tehran's oil exports would deepen Iran's economic crisis and bring the clerical regime to its knees. Although sanctions are biting Iran hard, there is no sign that the regime's collapse is imminent.

On its part, Iran has been hoping that its threat to undo the agreement, if only incrementally, will mount pressure on the European powers. UK, France and Germany have refused to follow Washington's lead a year ago on walking out of the agreement. The Europeans want Iran to abide by the terms of the accord. But they have not been able to follow through on their promises to Tehran on finding ways to beat the US sanctions. Notwithstanding their rhetoric, Europe may not yet be ready to confront Trump on Iran. China and Russia have certainly rejected American unilateralism on Iran, but both have many other fish to fry with Washington. They may not be ready to make Iran the decisive breaking point with the US. With no significant political give by either side, Washington and Iran are likely to persist with what they see as "calibrated escalation". That is a sure recipe for losing control and sliding into a conflict whose outcomes can't be taken for granted by either side.

A THING OF BEAUTY

Rohit Sharma's craft may have hidden the fact that his numbers showcase a growing maturity

ROHIT SHARMA'S BATTING leaves you with impressions, not details. So even as his fans would struggle to recollect his 104 against Bangladesh — or any of his four hundreds this World Cup — stroke by stroke, they would vividly remember the unhurried rhythm of his exquisite late cut, or the crack of a drive than rang from his bat, or the flowing arc of those strokes.

The stress on beauty has been a blessing and a curse for Rohit. Blessing, because graceful batting is increasingly a relic. Curse, because the phrases his fans use to evoke his style — languid brilliance, casual panache, lazy elegance — all include adjectives that can be taken down and used by the prosecution. His relaxed charm and easy smile compound the offence. He's not the one to mope after losing. Hence, Rohit has been verbally dispatched to the gallows and hung for what seemingly comes across as casualness, the self-destructive proneness to smell the roses.

The beauty of his strokes is also distracting, in that it buries the revelatory numbers. However irrefutable the statistics are, they are a footnote, almost incidental to how we judge him. In the last three years, he has emerged as great a batsman as Virat Kohli. The latter has scored 4,420 runs in 68 games since the stroke of 2016. Rohit's corresponding numbers are 3,987 in 70. Considering that he's an opener, and takes on the risk of a moving new ball, those are numbers that are worth their weight in gold. Both have scored an equal number of centuries too (18). The century conversion rate is something Rohit has worked on. Since the turn of 2016, he has scored 18 in only 70 games. Before that he had managed eight in 143 games, highlighting a soaring maturity. He has smoothened the brazen edges, eschewed risk-prone strokes like the cover drive in the first hour of his innings, and is less impatient. It's time we remembered Rohit's numbers as much as we do the beauty of his strokes.

IN THE YEARS following the liberalisation of the telecom sector in India that began gingerly in 1994, the biggest barrier to private entry was a licence or the right to operate telecom services under the Telegraph Act. Licences were scarce since the government had limited their number in the same manner that licences were controlled pre-1991. So, when India allowed private players in telecom, potential investors showed extraordinary exuberance by committing huge sums of money to obtain a licence. And for several good reasons. Competition was limited to two private operators, telecom services were constrained everywhere in the country, and therefore, there was a huge addressable market.

Unfortunately, the revenue enthusiasm of the private entrants was belied, not least because tariffs for the new services were set at impossibly high levels. The Rs 156 per month rental and Rs 16.80 per peak minute tariffs encouraged subscription but not usage. Revenues did not materialise and besides, the incumbent public sector monopoly made life hard for the private sector entrants.

In 1999, the government took a "brave" decision in favour of the sector. On a collective plea by private operators, the government agreed to reduce their licence fee burden that threatened business continuity. The sector successfully migrated to the revenue-share licence fee regime that continues today. It was a courageous call then that allowed the sector to resurrect itself from the overhang of irrational bidding. The massive growth of telecom that followed vindicated the government's decision to migrate to a licence fee regime based on a percentage of revenue. Evidence shows that the government too has benefited. Some still take the view that private entrants should have been made to pay what they bid and that they got away.

A similar predicament confronts the sector today. It is in the grip of a severe financial crisis. The migration package has been in place for two decades. Meanwhile, spectrum or airwaves that make services possible, were unbundled from the licence in 2012. This was a significant change in the operating conditions of telecom operators and one that has gone largely unnoticed. Licences are now available on tap — anyone who wishes to offer telecom services can get one. But, there's a catch. The binding constraint is imposed by the availability of spectrum — with-

out it, the licence is not worth the paper on which it is printed. Thus, the effective barrier to entry is now spectrum and not the licence. How spectrum is assigned will determine the nature and extent of competition in the market, and facilitating it is one of the primary mandates of regulators.

In this backdrop, we find the rules and the reserve prices for the upcoming spectrum auction including radio waves for 5G mobile services issued by TRAI to be incompatible with the goal of facilitating competition and market growth. In brief, the reserve prices are too high, reflect an extractive mindset, ignore the prevailing circumstances within the sector and run the risk of losing money for the government, while indefinitely compromising India's 5G adoption ability. Luckily, the Department of Telecommunication (DoT) has returned the recommendations to TRAI for reconsideration. We hope that it will. The other positive development is that the new minister has set up a committee under the telecom secretary to review levies on the sector.

This is not a brief for India's much-vaunted and at the same time vilified telecom sector. It is a recognition that the industry's debt levels have burgeoned, due in part to the enormous amounts paid for spectrum and other regulatory charges, and in part due to competition from technological disruptions via apps which have put pressure on traditional revenue streams. There are also the sectors' own indiscretions somewhere along the way, but let's keep that aside in the larger interest of what's at stake.

Regulatory bravado would advise that it is an operator problem, and if they bid high or did not anticipate or accommodate technology, they ought to deal with it. And that's the point of this piece. Give the sector a chance to deal with circumstances, but with a little bit of help. Just like in 1999.

The year 2010 was a watershed moment in the life of Indian telecoms. Until then, spectrum was administratively assigned, and thereafter by auctions. The pre-2010 administrative assignment of spectrum suffered from lack of transparency, favouritism and avoidable scandals. The Supreme Court thus ordered the government to auction spectrum for "all times to come".

Telecom auctions have unquestionably had their advantages. Usage has become efficient and the government has generated

substantial revenue. When combined with other fees such as for licences and spectrum usage charges, the government has collected Rs 4,84,198 crore since 2010-11. This amounts to over 28 per cent of the cumulative non-tax revenue receipts of the government during this period.

But auctions are also risky and the outcomes depend upon its design. The reliance on high reserve prices could be counterproductive and could result in unsold spectrum, delayed services and a permanent loss of revenue for the government. This has happened in the past. Bidder turnout, market conditions and the choice of auctioning agent are all important. We currently follow a simultaneous multi-round ascending auction method, which could be designed to produce high revenue for the government, and the auctioneer (if auctioneer fee is linked to the auction outcome), but at a cost to the sector. If this is done for the upcoming 5G auctions, India could well miss the 5G bus, or even come under it.

If the Supreme Court's diktat endures for "all times to come", we must learn to conduct spectrum auctions that balance transparency in allocation and revenue expectations for the government. The combinatorial clock auction is a popular alternative that has been tried elsewhere to reduce risks and improve efficiency. On the other hand, if we could infuse trust in administrative assignment and link spectrum allocation to market development, it can be the elixir the sector needs.

Neither is going to be easy. But when the problem is knotty, so are the solutions. We must recognise that spectrum is the new entry barrier or the manifestation of market power. No operator should be allowed to hoard or capture it. Large amounts need to be assigned on reasonable terms for 5G services to maximise the technology's potential. And we need to do it concurrently with the rest of the developed telecom markets. Else we will play catch up, like we did for 2G, 3G and 4G. And there will be no next time. The time to act is now. Else Ghalib's lament, *Hum ne maana ki taghful na karoge lekin, khaag ho jayenge ham tum ko khabar hote tak*, (I know you may not neglect me/ but it may be too late by the time you act) might just ring true.

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ART FROM ABOVE

'Article 15' highlights once again the need for more diversity within Bollywood

ARTICLE 15, starring Ayushmann Khurana, is an incisive statement against the caste system. At least that is how upper-caste audiences, or anyone who has not been at the wrong end of the caste hierarchy, would feel after watching the film. Still, a few voices have come forward against the logic of having a Brahmin hero as a torchbearer against the system that Brahmins created. But as expected, not many seem disposed to accept this argument.

That this kind of argument has always been less favoured among a certain section can be seen from the clear preference of the privileged urban upper classes (easily interchangeable with upper castes) for Mahatma Gandhi over B R Ambedkar, and the parties like the Congress and BJP over the BSP and RJD.

"It's the privileged who should challenge privilege," argues the film's director, Anubhav Sinha. Now, this could be read as a fair argument or a condescending one, depending on which side of the debate you are on. As we know, politics and culture shape one another. And Bollywood can work as a guide to Indian politics, at least on caste.

Bollywood, for all its progressive appearances and stances, has remained an industry by the upper classes and for the upper classes (and upper castes). There is no need to point out that Sinha and his co-writer, Gaurav Solanki, belong to upper castes as do Khurrana

and most other actors in Article 15. This is one of the reasons why the understanding of caste in Bollywood remains limited. For the most part, the film industry has been happy to keep any reference to caste at bay. Historically, heroes have been upper castes (both Muslim and Hindu) in real life as well as reel life. Kumar, Khanna, Kapoor, Sharma, Singhania were some of the "casteless" surnames for most characters. Article 15's Ayan Ranjan is in that mould. With the exception of some attempts in parallel cinema, surnames like Jatav, Pasi, Kori, Kushwaha, Yadav, Nishad are hard to find both among characters, and in the opening credits.

In the last few years, some attempts have been made to tackle caste, but often through an upper-caste prism. In *Sonchiriya*, a film released earlier this year, there is a sequence in which dacoit Phuliya (apparently inspired by Phoolan Devi), who stands against Thakur helps the Thakur gang that is on the verge of elimination, having lost its leader and gotten divided into two factions. In this encounter, Phuliya asks a Thakur woman, Indumati Tomar, who is travelling with Thakur gang, to join her group. Tomar, who is running away from an abusive family, reminds her that she is a Thakur, a reference to the caste of Phuliya's enemies. Phuliya retorts that the caste of a woman is separate from all other castes and sits at the lowest position in the caste hierarchy.

This dialogue seems to be aimed at showcasing that women across the social strata face atrocities and discrimination. But this entire episode also looks a little farcical because the women from the so-called lower castes face not just more atrocities but also harsher ones. What happened to Phoolan Devi was as much, if not more, about feudal upper-caste violence as it was about misogynistic patriarchy. Women from the dominant castes do face similar issues but not the same issues. Dalit women are not just victims of their gender but also of the social status of their fathers, husbands and brothers.

Any expectation of change in this approach largely depends on how diverse and inclusive the film industry becomes. While it is not impossible for an upper-caste filmmaker to deal with the issue of caste in a realistic manner, their attempts till now have not been able to reach the maturity that films like *Fandry* and *Sairat*, by Dalit filmmaker Nagraj Manjule, have.

About 50 per cent of Indian population consists of the people who are categorised as Other Backward Classes (OBC), and this includes backward Muslims. Yet, in a nearly century-old film industry, we have perhaps just one OBC star — Rajkumar Rao. One can only guess how long we will have to wait for a Dalit star.

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JULY 4, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

MNF ATTACK IGP THE UNDERGROUND MIZO National Front activists, in response to the rebel leader Laldenga's call to revive the insurgency and drive out all non-Mizos, last night made an abortive attempt on the life of the Inspector General of Police, Ved Marwah, and the deputy inspector-general of police, R S Chopra, in the heart of curfew-bound Aizawl. A gang of Mizo rebels, armed with automatic weapons sniped at a police convoy, including the IGP's jeep, while it was proceeding to the police control room at 10 pm. The police party immediately took cover and returned the fire. The IGP and the remaining members of his convoy escaped unhurt.

NO SOVIET PRESENCE BRITAIN'S FOREIGN SECRETARY, Lord Peter Carrington, deplored Soviet intervention in Afghanistan which, he said, was similar to Cuban involvement in Africa. He was replying to a question at a Delhi press conference at the end of his two-day visit to the capital, during which he held discussions with Indian leaders on a wide range of international and bilateral issues. He also said that a stricter migrant policy was distinctly on the cards in Britain: This was consistent with the manifesto of the Conservative party. However, he assured questioners that Indian immigrants resident in Britain would be given all the rights enjoyed by British nationals.

AIR CHANNEL RADIO LISTENERS CAN look forward to the introduction of AIR's national channel in a couple of years. Preliminary work on it has already begun with the selection of the location of two transmitters of one megawatt each at Nagpur. These will form the nucleus of a set of super-power medium transmitters to be located in different parts of the country. The present plan is to have a single-megawatt medium-wave transmitter each in Delhi, Patna and Bangalore. Even in the Fifth Plan, there was a scheme to set up a new transmitter at Nagpur for the national channel but it was given on technical grounds.

15 THE IDEAS PAGE

The new idea of India

Clean government led by a charismatic and strong PM has redressed trust deficit between citizens and elites



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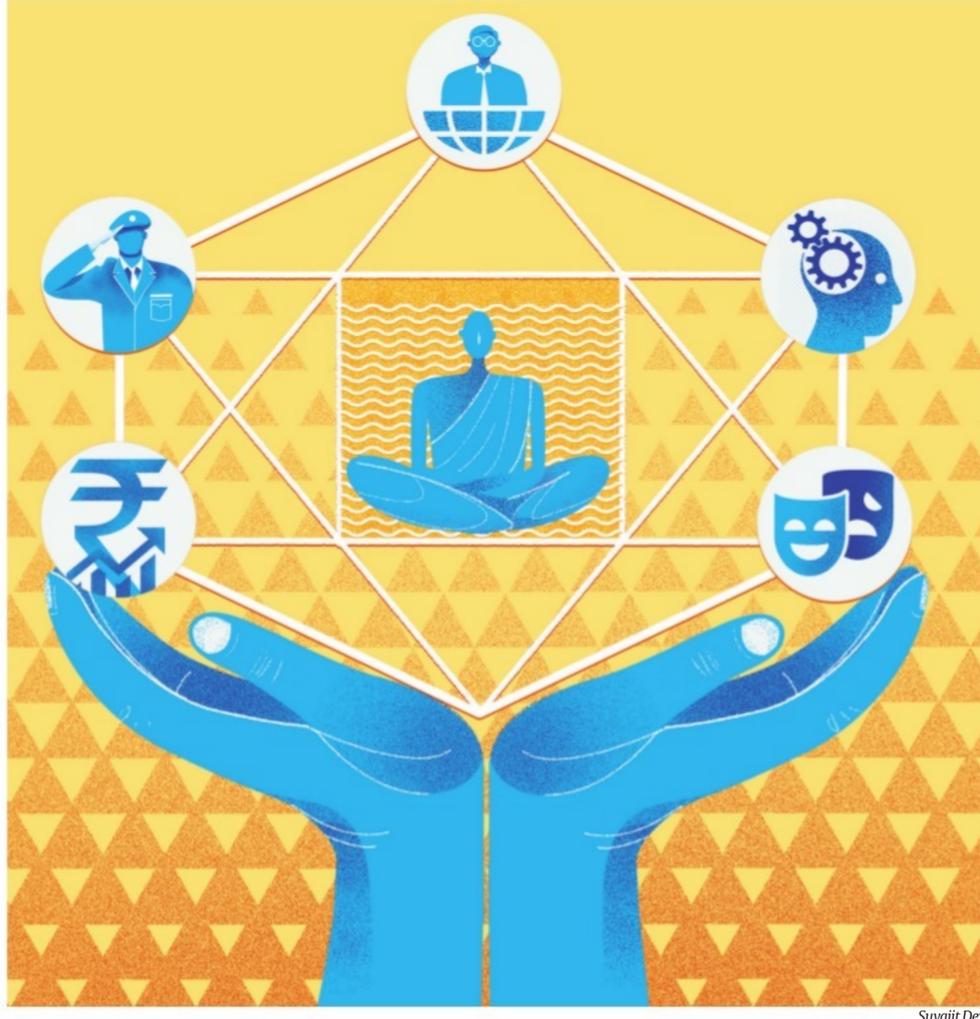
LAST YEAR, I co-curated the Pondicherry literature festival (PLF). Scheduled for August 17-19, after Sri Aurobindo's birthday on August 15, this was the first event of this scale and magnitude in the erstwhile French enclave and still picturesque Union Territory. Alliance Française de Puducherry, whose then president was my co-curator, had offered us venues as well as support. The Lt Governor of Puducherry, Kiran Bedi, had herself blessed the event and agreed to host the inaugural at Raj Niwas, a beautiful colonial mansion.

Just when everything seemed to be moving along smoothly, we encountered a series of unaccounted setbacks. Five political outfits, including some Dravidian and left parties, called for a suspension of the festival, even threatening disruption if we went ahead. The Alliance Française developed cold feet, pulling out at the last minute. On August 16, India's beloved former prime minister and a significant literary figure in Hindi, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, passed away. A three-day national mourning followed. That put paid to central government ministers and dignitaries coming to the PLF as scheduled. Events in the Raj Niwas and the French Consulate had to be cancelled. Almost miraculously, the Sri Aurobindo Society generously helped us with the venues. Our lunches and dinners at heritage properties in the white town were widely appreciated. All the other events including press conferences, book releases, readings, interactions with the public worked out better than expected. The festival was a huge success, with thousands of footfalls, not to mention stimulating panel discussions and lively interactions.

This long prelude is meant to highlight one important point. We titled the festival, "Bharat Shakti: The Pondy Lit Fest". What did we mean by Bharat Shakti and why did we select it as our title? Bharat Shakti refers to the rise of India as predicted by Sri Aurobindo. In a remarkable booklet called *Bhawani Mandir*, written in 1905 when he was in Baroda, Aurobindo urged Indians to throw out the British as an act of devotion to the nation as the Mother Goddess, Bhawani Bharati. Aurobindo also wrote a beautiful, rousing poem in Sanskrit by the latter title. In another essay, 'Is India Civilised?', he declared: "India is the Bharata Shakti, the living energy of a great spiritual conception, and fidelity to it is the very principle of her existence. For, by its virtue alone she has been one of the immortal nations, this alone has been the secret of her amazing persistence and perpetual force of survival and revival." Powerful words, indeed.

But political freedom was only the first step. We had a long way to go to catch up after a thousand-year interregnum of decline and degradation. If India was to progress rapidly, take her rightful place as a world leader, we would need not just good, but extraordinary leadership. We have had to wait for over a hundred years after Aurobindo's prediction for a leader like Narendra Modi. Modi, of course, has a Vadodra connection too, winning with a huge margin from that constituency in 2014. Besides, he is also an admirer of one India's greatest princes, Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad, who was also Aurobindo's employer.

Modi's elevation to the post of India's prime minister in 2014, I have argued in sev-



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eral of my writings, is a watershed moment for India. To my mind, only he has understood the idea of Bharat Shakti and is therefore the best instrument to confirm and fulfill Aurobindo's augury. When Modi visited the Ashram and Auroville on February 25, 2018, I was fortunate to be present and cover the event. Before his address at Bharat Niwas, Auroville, he came forward to the edge of the stage and bowed to the audience on all sides. I was struck by the rare combination of humility and confidence, coupled with an inordinate sense of mission to lead India to new heights.

Under Modi, India has progressed more, in the real sense of the word, in five years than possibly in the whole of its previous six decades. This great transformation cannot, of course, be measured merely in economic terms, although the figures indicate that our growth rate is amongst the highest and inflation is certainly the lowest since Independence. In addition, access to government services and schemes, whether the Jan Dhan Yojana, Ujjwala, Saubhagya, Swachh Bharat, etc, has been unprecedented. A clean government led by a charismatic and strong prime minister with ministers and officials who deliver has redressed the trust deficit between the citizenry and the ruling elites. The concomitant rise of India on the world stage, thanks to the Modi doctrine, has led to a quantum leap in the respect accorded to India.

Furthermore, the improvement of both national security on the borders and reduction in crime, lawlessness, and violence on the home front suggest an era of peace and stability. Last but not the least, a new pride in our identity, culture and heritage, especially

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among Hindus, has ended the self-loathing and civilisational inferiority complex plaguing us for centuries.

Winning 303 seats indicates a resounding pro-incumbency mandate. Not to be confused with populism, this is clearly a sign of Modi's and the BJP's genuine popularity. In contrast, "Nyay", the grossly ruinous "jumla" of the Congress, was a typical example of harmful populism which, luckily, Indian voters did not fall for. Modi earned his mandate and popularity by delivering on good governance and development. Moreover, after the 2019 verdict, the signaling so far has not been belligerent or triumphalist Hindu nationalism, but inclusive Hindutva. The new government has also tried to reach out to all sections of the populace, not just Hindus, with special schemes for their education, upliftment and the safeguarding of their rights.

To me, therefore, the new nationalism that Modi 2.0 represents is Bharat Shakti in its manifold dimensions: The augmentation of India's hard power through military prowess, economic empowerment, and determined diplomacy on the one hand, combined with Soumya Shakti, the soft power of culture, spirituality, yoga, cuisine, couture, and so on, on the other hand. Together they add up to nothing less than India's rejuvenation, renewal, and rise. This may sound hyperbolic or over enthusiastic. So be it. But the mood of the nation is certainly upbeat. Even if not every Indian is chanting, "Modi hai to mumkin hai", a vast majority of us certainly believe it.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The awkward end to the match has been just as much of a dampener for Pakistani fans who in a rare instance had backed India against England to brighten their own team's chances of reaching the semi-finals."

—DAWN

Our electricity future

The poor must be included as change agents in the roadmap for clean energy

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THE UNION POWER minister has reasserted the government's commitment to an electricity future with uninterrupted energy sources. Simultaneously, institutional rearrangements are being pushed to enable a transition to this future. Will the poor be a part of this electricity future, with reliable supply and from cleaner sources? The answer depends on how they are placed — as welfare beneficiaries or change agents.

Making the poor a part of this electricity future will require a shift in India's approach to electricity access, away from "redistributive welfareism" that prioritises subsidised costs for the poor at the cost of quality of service. In a policy note produced at the Centre for Policy Research — "Beyond Poles and Wires: How to Keep the Electrons Flowing?" — we suggested an agenda going forward.

The immediate priority is to better target central aid for the poor. We identify three ideas that build and improve existing programmes, and should be prioritised by the Ministry of Finance in making budgetary allocations. All are important for ensuring the welfare of the poor.

Shifting agricultural demand to solar energy is a justifiable goal. It helps the farmers with day-time supply, reduces seasonal peak for discoms, and reduces subsidy burden on the discoms and states. Despite sustained central aid for solar pumps, only about two lakh units are deployed. Slow uptake is caused by farmers' inability to pay their share, states' reluctance to contribute their share and delay in subsidy payment inflating the costs.

Earlier this year, the government approved the 'Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhayan' (KUSUM) with Rs 34,422 crore central aid which seeks to harness 25.75 GW solar capacity for agricultural use. KUSUM offers 30 per cent of benchmark cost as central aid and requires the states to match with 30 per cent subsidy. The farmers can finance another 30 per cent of the cost, which will be paid through monthly instalments, and they have to make a one-time payment for the remaining 10 per cent. Given the state of agrarian distress, farmers who have already invested in pumps have neither the incentive nor the ability to pay their share. The monthly instalments are an additional burden.

The way forward must build on a partnership of the beneficiaries, including the Centre, the states, discoms and farmer communities. Maharashtra chief minister's Solar Agriculture Feeder Programme provides a useful template. This model eliminates fiscal burden on farmers and assures reliability of supply with grid connectivity. Moreover, it retains the control on supply duration to manage groundwater withdrawal, which is lost in standalone solar pumps. The Centre must put focus on scal-

ing this scheme, with state-specific approaches and targets. Central aid for micro-irrigation may be clubbed with solar pump schemes for better water-energy efficiency.

Phase II of the Grid-Connected Rooftop Solar Programme, approved in February 2019, with Rs11,814 crore aid, seeks to incentivise consumers and discoms to deploy 22 GW solar capacity. Enhancing central aid to 40 per cent of benchmark cost is a commendable step. But prioritising 1-3 KW systems misses out the poorest. Around half of Indian households consume below 50 kWh per month and have a load below 0.5 KW, which can be met through 1 KW solar systems. The Centre must redesign the fiscal support, targeting this consumer group. This group has the highest subsidy demand (per kWh), which is partly borne by the states. But they have little incentive or capability to pay the capital costs.

By prioritising systems up to 1 KW the scheme can reach more beneficiaries with the allocated amount. The Centre should offer a higher aid for these systems, and require the states and discoms to share the remaining costs. The consumers' contribution will include the space and unskilled maintenance, but no upfront costs. While both states and discoms gain from reduced recurring subsidy demand, discoms recover their investment through a regular tariff.

The evolving demand scenario will be as critical as supply sources to India's electricity future. Electricity demand in the residential sector will be largely driven by cooling needs, especially in light of increasing temperatures. Fan as a basic cooling option has mass usage, including low-income homes. About 40 million units are sold every year in India, which will get a boost by the 26 million households electrified under Saubhagya. Total fans in use are projected to double reaching nearly one billion in the next 20 years. Fans account for about one-fifth of residential electricity consumption, second largest after lighting.

Commercially available efficient fans consume 30 per cent less electricity. Yet, this potential is overlooked. Interventions to promote energy-efficient fans have not made much progress. Only 10 per cent of ceiling fans sold are energy-efficient rated and only half of them are five-star rated.

The Centre should extend financial aid to expand and expedite the National Energy Efficient Fan Programme, with some cost-sharing for low-income households. It will reduce highly subsidised consumption and thus help the discoms reduce their subsidy burden, while helping the poor to access basic cooling facilities. With the rising incidence of heatwaves, making efficient fans affordable for the poor has welfare benefits and contributes to the sustainability agenda.

India's electrification programmes have always targeted the poor, but as welfare beneficiaries. These suggestions are a step towards empowering them to be change agents in shaping the electricity future.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LISTEN TO PM

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'PM on Vijayvargiya Junior: No matter whose son, behaviour unacceptable' (IE, July 3). In an obvious reference to the incident where BJP National General Secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya's son, Akash, had beaten up a municipal corporation official, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that misbehaviour and arrogance is unacceptable. The vital question is whether the BJP leadership will listen to Modi and set an example by expelling the power-drunk Akash Vijayvargiya.

M C Joshi, Lucknow.

ASSET QUESTION

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The budget's dilemma' (IE, July 3). Public assets cannot be properly utilised with a lackadaisical attitude. BSNL has spilled the beans about the government's apathy towards its vis-a-vis Jio. Also, we have so much fragmented land without proper records. A recent heavy industry ministry report states that about 90 per cent of PSUs barely generate any surplus capital and yet, the government is still clinging to these. Smarter monetisation of public assets requires serious brooding.

Isha Shukla, via email

NO PROXIES

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'After the hand-pump' (IE, July 3). If Sunny Deol has no time to attend to his foremost duty of serving the people, why did he contest the Lok Sabha polls? During the 2009 polls, too, a silver screen hero, af-

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ter becoming an MP, created a record of sorts — maximum days of absenteeism from the House.

Arun Malankar, Mumbai

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'After the hand-pump' (IE, July 3). MP Sunny Deol's act of delegating his parliamentary duties to Gurpreet Singh is devoid of sense. He should realise that after winning the elections he is not expected to behave like a film star but function as an MP. He cannot shirk his responsibilities.

Sanjay Chawla, Amritsar



VIEW FROM THE RIGHT

SHAH IN THE VALLEY

THE EDITORIAL in the latest issue of *Organiser* discusses the recent visit by the Union Minister for Home Affairs Amit Shah to Jammu and Kashmir, and Hurriyat Conference's yet another call for dialogue. *Organiser* says that the Hurriyat's call for talks is at the behest of Pakistan, which hasn't demonstrated any progress against terrorism emanating from its soil, and praises the Indian government's zero tolerance towards domestic and international terrorism.

The editorials states: "For the first time in the last thirty years, the separatists did not give a call for Bandh when any Union Minister is visiting the Valley. Is it a change of heart for the Hurriyat? Why is Hurriyat looking for a dialogue option now? And is there any scope for 'dialogue' with the perpetrators of violence? These are the fundamental questions we should address while addressing the issue."

It does not trust the Hurriyat though and mentions that the body has "not changed its stand, and still considers Pakistan as a party

to the dialogue process in contrary to the legal and political position of Bharat". It credits India for isolating "the masters of Hurriyat in Pakistan", who, it says, are facing a "severe economic crisis". It says the "Pakistani stooges" have used the "Ramzan ceasefire and around Amarnath Yatra" to "engage in some form of dialogue and use it for some regrouping to perpetrate violence". It asks India to ignore the offer of dialogue and says that the Hurriyat do not hold any ground in the Valley, nor does it "represent the true voices of J&K". It quotes Syama Prasad Mookerjee saying "no compromise on the fundamental issue of complete integration of J&K" to be followed as the "cardinal principal" by India.

Panchjanya too has a piece on Hurriyat's offer for talks. The Hindi magazine says that "experts believe that Hurriyat has done it out of compulsion because people are not willing to believe them anymore" and "to prevent themselves from becoming irrelevant, Hurriyat is being forced to kneel in the changed scenario".

LYNCHING CONSPIRACY

PANCHAJANYA HAS devoted its editorial space to raise doubts about the lynching of Tabrez Ansari in Jharkhand, wondering if the communal tones it has been given is part of a conspiracy. "At the first instance, there are two sides to the incident," it says. Then laying

out both the sides, *Panchjanya* mentions that first, "people taking law into their hands," and second, "a death, which is suspected to be a murder". It wonders if the possible murder was at the hands of the "police or the society... or could it be someone else?"

The magazine then succinctly provides the facts of the case saying that while Ansari was beaten up on the suspicion of theft, "but he had not suffered serious injuries". Though the police and the people are blaming each other, it says, then asks for a proper inquiry. "It should be brought to attention," it says, that Ansari's death "has given those who indulge in politics of violence and animosity an issue of their choice". Rather than seeing this crime as a crime, *Panchjanya* states that "it has been given the colour of "Muslim utpeedan" or Muslim oppression.

It compares Ansari's murder to other incidents of violence where the victims were Hindu and comments "it is easy to intensify a crime by dividing it on the lines of sections, religion or caste, but solving them is tougher". It wonders if society is losing faith in the justice system or obstacles in the path to justice have given birth to anger. It says the so-called intellectuals who see issues of beef, etc are as dangerous those who take up the role of "Robin Hood" and take action on the spot.

MOOKERJEE TRIBUTE

THE COVER story of *Organiser* is on Syama

Prasad Mookerjee, the founder of Bhartiya Jana Sangh, which preceded the BJP. Mookerjee's 66th death anniversary fell on June 23 and the report starts from BJP acting president JP Nadda's recent comment that "the whole country demanded an inquiry into Dr Mookerjee's death" but was ignored by the first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru. "It was not just Nehru but Sheikh Abdullah, who was the main culprit in this suspicious death got away with this colossal injustice done to the illegally detained political prisoner who stood for the unity and integrity of the nation". The package quotes from several stories printed in the magazine at the time of Mookerjee's death in 1953.

It also reprints a piece authored by Mookerjee himself, a couple of months before his death in Srinagar titled "Let Nehru pause and ponder". In the article, focusing on Kashmir, Mookerjee wrote that no unit had the right to secede from India. He says: "Our objective is not only to espouse the cause of the people of Jammu and Kashmir but also to resist the increasing intolerance and megalomania of the present leadership in Delhi and Srinagar which, if unchecked, may sound the death knell of democracy in India. Through sacrifice and suffering and peace resistance we expect to rouse the consciousness of the people before which the proudest dictator must bend."

Compiled by Krishn Kaushik



MEANWHILE TRUMP'S JULY 4 PARADE TO HAVE TANKS

US President Donald Trump has asked the Pentagon to marshal tanks and fighter jets to showcase America's military might during the July 4th Independence Day parade, alarming many who feel that he is politicising the armed forces for his 2020 re-election bid.

TOP OF THE WORLD



Femke Halsema

NETHERLANDS

Amsterdam's 1st woman mayor plans red light district overhaul

Amsterdam: Amsterdam's first female mayor launched plans on Wednesday to overhaul the city's red light district and its window displays, in a bid to protect sex workers from gawping tourists. In what would be the most radical revamp of the sex trade there since the Dutch legalised prostitution nearly two decades ago, Femke Halsema suggested stopping the practice of sex workers standing in window-fronted rooms, among other options. Changes were needed because of social shifts, she told Reuters, including the rise of human trafficking and an increase in the number of tourists visiting the district and using their phones to take and post pictures of the women.

BANGLADESH

Professor doused in kerosene over 'lewd' lectures

Chittagong: Teachers demonstrated in Bangladesh's Chittagong port city Wednesday after a student doused a top professor with kerosene to protest against his allegedly lewd lectures, police and officials said. Masud Mahmud, a professor of English literature at private University of Science and Technology, escaped uninjured on Tuesday after other students and police came to his rescue. Local police chief Pranab Kumar Chowdhury said a student had been arrested and remanded in custody.

ISRAEL

Firm sorry for Gandhi's image on liquor bottles

Jerusalem: An Israeli company, Malka Beer, that stoked controversy by putting the image of Mahatma Gandhi on its liquor bottles to commemorate Israel's 71st independence day on Wednesday apologised to the people and the Government of India for "hurting" their sentiments. Rajya Sabha members on Tuesday expressed concern over the picture of the Father of the Nation being on the Israeli company's liquor bottles, prompting Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu to direct External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar to look into the matter.

FRANCE

France returns looted relics to Pakistan

Paris: France on Tuesday handed over to Pakistan nearly 450 ancient relics, some dating as far back as 4,000 BC, seized by French customs agents over a decade ago. Customs agents at a Paris airport in 2006 intercepted a parcel from Pakistan containing 17 terracotta pots addressed to a museum in the city, claiming they were more than 100 years old. But an expert who examined them concluded they were artefacts dating back to the second or third millennium BC which had likely been stolen from burial sites in Pakistan's Baluchistan province.

Rouhani: Iran will begin boosting uranium enrichment level Sunday

Says enrichment will be by 'whatever amount we feel like', but move reversible

BABAK DEGHANPISHEH
GENEVA, JULY 3

IRAN WILL boost its uranium enrichment after July 7 to whatever levels it needs beyond the cap set in the landmark 2015 nuclear deal, President Hassan Rouhani said on Wednesday, defying US efforts to force Tehran into renegotiating the pact.

Iran announced this week it has stockpiled more low-enriched uranium than is permitted under the accord, a move that prompted US President Donald Trump — who withdrew the United States from the deal last year — to warn Iran was "playing with fire".

European co-signatories said on Tuesday they were "extremely concerned" by Tehran's apparent breach of the deal while Israel said it was preparing for possible involvement in any military confrontation between Iran and the United States.



Iranian President Hassan Rouhani speaks in a Cabinet meeting in Tehran on Wednesday. Reuters

“If America is very afraid of the word ‘fire’ then it shouldn't light the flame.” — HASSAN ROUHANI

Weeks of tensions crested last month when Tehran shot down a US military surveillance drone and Trump responded with a decision to launch airstrikes only to call them off at the last minute. Washington also accused Iran of being behind attacks on several oil tankers in the

Gulf, which Tehran denies. "Our level of enrichment will no longer be 3.67. We will put this commitment aside by whatever amount we feel like, by whatever amount is our necessity, our need. We will take this above 3.67," said Rouhani, according to IRIB news agency.

He added that the Islamic Republic's actions were reversible. "All of our actions can be returned to the previous condition within one hour, why are you worried?" he said.

Though his tone was unusually tough, Rouhani was the architect of the nuclear pact and is seen as a pragmatist, unlike senior clerics in Iran's ruling elite who opposed his opening to the West and have never let up in their denunciations of the United States.

Iranian refined to a fissile purity of 3.67% is deemed suitable for electricity generation and is the maximum allowed by the deal. Enrichment to 90% yields bomb-grade material.

Rouhani said that if the other signatories did not protect trade with Iran promised under the deal but blocked by Trump's reimposition of tough sanctions, Tehran would also start to revive its Arak heavy-water reactor after July 7. **REUTERS**

EXPLAINED

A more significant breach of n-deal

WHILE IRAN announced on Monday that it had exceeded the uranium stockpile limit of 300 kg set by the 2015 nuclear deal, Wednesday's announcement that Tehran is set to further enrich uranium will be a more significant breach of the deal as it puts the country closer to being able to make a nuclear weapon. Iran's move was triggered by US withdrawal from the nuclear deal last year and the failure of the other signatories to shield Tehran from crippling US sanctions. Iran has refused to negotiate before it receives the economic relief it was promised in the 2015 deal.

AMID HAFTAR'S OFFENSIVE ON TRIPOLI



Migrants carry the remains of their belongings from among rubble in the Libyan capital of Tripoli. Reuters

44 killed as airstrike hits Libya migrant detention centre

AHMED ELUMAMI
TRIPOLI, JULY 3

An airstrike hit a detention centre for mainly African migrants in a suburb of the Libyan capital Tripoli late on Tuesday, killing at least 44 people and wounding more than 130, the United Nations said.

It was the highest publicly reported toll from an airstrike or shelling since eastern forces under Khalifa Haftar launched a ground and aerial offensive three months ago to take Tripoli, the base of Libya's internationally recognised government.

United Nations Libya envoy Ghassan Salame condemned the strike, saying it "clearly amounts to the level of a war crime".

"The absurdity of this ongoing war has today reached its most heinous form and tragic outcome with this bloody, unjust slaughter," Salame said in a statement.

UN human rights chief Michelle Bachelet said it was the second strike on the centre during the recent fighting, even though its coordinates had been communicated to the warring sides. It may — depending on the precise circumstances — be a war crime, she added.

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Libya is one of the main departure points for African migrants, fleeing poverty and war, to try to reach Italy by boat, but many are picked up and brought back by the Libyan coast guard, supported by the European Union.

Thousands are held in government-run detention centres in what human rights groups and the United Nations say are often inhuman conditions.

The UNHCR refugee agency had already called in May for the Tajoura centre, which holds 600 people, to be evacuated after a projectile landed less than 100 metres (330 feet) away, injuring two migrants. The hangar-type detention centre is next to a military camp, one of several in Tajoura, east of Tripoli's centre. **REUTERS**

Severe overcrowding as migrants beg for help: US watchdog report on holding centres

ZOLAN KANNO-YOUNGS
WASHINGTON, JULY 3

OVERCROWDED, SQUALID conditions are more widespread at migrant centres along the southern border than initially revealed, the Department of Homeland Security's independent watchdog said Tuesday. Its report describes standing-room-only cells, children without showers and hot meals, and detainees clamoring desperately for release.

The findings by the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General were released as House Democrats detailed their own findings at migrant holding centers and pressed the agency to answer for the mistreatment not only of migrants but also of their own colleagues, who have been threatened on social media.

In June, inspectors from the department visited five facilities in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas and found children had few spare clothes and no laundry facilities. Many migrants were



An overcrowded area holding families in McAllen, Texas. Reuters

given only wet wipes to clean themselves and bologna sandwiches to eat, causing constipation and other health problems, according to the report. Children at two of the five facilities in the area were not given hot meals until inspectors arrived.

Overcrowding was so severe that when the agency's inspectors visited some of the facilities, migrants banged on cells and pressed notes to windows begging for help. "At one facility, some single adults were held in standing-room-only conditions

for a week, and at another, some single adults were held more than a month in overcrowded cells," according to the report, which built off an initial inquiry by the inspector general in May that described similar conditions in facilities in El Paso, Texas. **NYT**

4 US-Indian executives held over H-1B visa fraud

LALIT K JHA
WASHINGTON, JULY 3

FOUR INDIAN-AMERICAN executives of two IT staffing companies have been arrested in the US on charges of fraudulently using the H-1B visa programme to gain an "unfair advantage" over their competitors, the justice department has announced, amidst a crackdown on the popular visa programme by the Trump administration.

The H-1B visa is a non-immigrant visa that allows US companies to employ foreign workers in speciality occupations that require theoretical or technical expertise.

Vijay Mane, 39, Venkataramana Mannam, 47, and Fernando Silva, 53, from New Jersey while Sateesh Vemuri, 52, from California were each charged by complaint with one count of conspiracy to commit visa fraud, the Justice Department said Tuesday. All accused were released on \$250,000 bond, the Department of Justice said.

They were accused of recruiting foreign nationals and sponsoring them for H-1B visas for positions that did not exist. Instead, they used these fraudulent applications to build a "bench" of job candidates already admitted to the US, who could then be hired out to client companies. **PTI**

TOTAL ECLIPSE DARKENS CHILE, ARGENTINA



The moon blocks the sun during a total solar eclipse seen from La Higuera, Chile, on Tuesday. AP

Tens of thousands of people gaped skyward as a total eclipse of the sun darkened the heavens over Chile and Argentina. The two countries were the only inhabited places where the eclipse was visible.

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the Earth and the sun and scores a bull's-eye by completely blocking out the sunlight. The Earth's next total solar eclipse will be December 14, 2020.

PRINCESS HAYA, WIFE OF DUBAI'S RULER, FLED WITH HER CHILDREN AND IS SEEKING A DIVORCE

Another Dubai princess defects, anguished poetry ensues

VIVIAN YEE & DAVID D KIRKPATRICK
BEIRUT, JULY 3

FEW WORLD leaders are known to write poetry. Fewer still offer it up for public consumption. And almost none record their marital breakups in verse on their personal websites.

Then there is the ruler of Dubai, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum, who has been publishing his romantic anguish online, in Arabic and English, for anyone with an internet connection to read.

"O sweetheart, there's nothing more to say, Your deathly silence has worn me out," he wrote

in one poem posted on his official website. "You no longer have a place with me," says another. "I don't care if you live or die."

Princess Haya, the most visible and glamorous of the sheikh's reported six wives, has left him. She fled with their 11- and 7-year-old children to London several months ago, a person close to the royal family said, making her at least the third woman to flee Sheikh Mohammed's palaces in Dubai, the largest city of the United Arab Emirates.

Haya, 45, is seeking political asylum in Britain and is asking for a divorce, said the person, who asked not to be identified speaking about a sensitive family matter.



Princess Haya with Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum. Reuters

Her defection follows attempts by two of Sheikh Mohammed's daughters, Sheikha Shamsa al-Maktoum and Sheikha Latifa

Mohammed al-Maktoum. They were recaptured by Emirati forces and are said by advocates to be held in Dubai against their will.

Haya has been criticised for her role in helping to, in the words of critics, whitewash the disappearance of Latifa, by inviting her friend, former Irish president Mary Robinson, to visit Dubai and testify to Latifa's well-being.

Haya has not been seen recently or spoken publicly about her departure, and the sheikh's poems do not identify the subject by name. The governments of Dubai and the United Arab Emirates did not respond to requests for comment.

Haya's biography is well-travelled ground in the British press, which frequently reported her appearances, along with her husband, at Royal Ascot, the Epsom Derby and other highlights of the

English equestrian calendar.

She is a daughter of Jordan's previous king, Hussein; was educated at British private schools; studied politics, philosophy and economics at Oxford; represented Jordan as a show jumper at the 2000 Olympics; is a former president of the International Equestrian Federation; and is reported to be friendly, along with her husband, with Queen Elizabeth II.

The Emirati press frequently wrote tributes to her humanitarian work and her marriage to Sheikh Mohammed, 69, whom she wed in a small ceremony in Amman in 2004.

"We can't get enough of these two," *Emirates Woman* magazine

wrote in a feature titled "11 Moments Sheikh Mohammed and Princess Haya Were the Perfect Couple". The article chronicled their joint visits to Royal Ascot, Britain's most famous annual horse-racing event, where the sheikh, who owns a heavy-weight racing stable in England called Godolphin, is a regular.

But the princess was conspicuously absent at this year's Royal Ascot in June.

Divorce is likely to be complicated for royals with two young children, billions of dollars and a tangle of political relationships, including the UAE's long-standing alliances with UK and Jordan, at stake. The princess is a half sister of Jordan's King Abdullah II. **NYT**

CHARLEMAGNE

Back to the barricades

Environmentalism is emerging as Europe's new culture war

IN THREE DIRECTIONS pine forests, bone dry in the scorching weather, disappear into the horizon of the central Polish plain. To the south is the lunar landscape of a city-sized opencast lignite mine. A tangle of conveyors carries the coal up to Elektrownia Belchatow, Europe's largest thermal power station and its largest producer of carbon emissions, at a rate of one tonne a second. Pawel Koszek, a repairs specialist, surveys the scene with satisfaction. "Electricity", he says, "is our comfort and our security." Last weekend activists from Greenpeace projected the face of Mateusz Morawiecki, Poland's prime minister, with the caption "shame", onto one of Belchatow's seven cooling towers. "They don't understand the technology," scoffs Mr Koszek, who has worked at the plant since 1989 and met his wife there.

Downstairs, at a bank of computers, he radiates pride as he demonstrates how to regulate the flow of oxygen to its 13 furnaces. Together they produce about 20% of Poland's electricity. It is like flying a plane, he muses: the operators must be able to take control in an emergency. There has never been a major incident at Belchatow. Compare that with nuclear power plants like Chernobyl or Fukushima. (Happily, it is unlikely ever to be hit by a tsunami, as Fukushima was.) Wind energy? Solar energy? They come and go. Try charging your phone on a solar panel. Good old coal is reliable.

This puts Mr Koszek and his home town at the wildly unfashionable end of the environmental debate in Europe. The place, dubbed "Belcha" in the foreign press, serves as a symbol for Poland's foot-dragging on carbon emissions. The Greenpeace activists were angry at Mr Morawiecki's government for blocking a commitment to make the EU carbon-neutral by 2050. Yet to its 60,000 residents Belchatow is a pleasant place to live. Amid flowers and fountains in the newly renovated Narutowicza Square is a walk of fame for stars of the local volleyball team, which is sponsored by and named after the state-owned firm that runs the mine and plant. Many families have several members working at the two sites, which employ 8,000 people and many more indirectly.

So locals are understandably defensive in the face of Europe's environmentalist surge. Part of this impulse is straightforwardly economic. "Without the power station and the mine," says Marcin Nowak, Belchatow's development director, "the town will lose its economic raison d'être." Already EU-imposed carbon-emissions licences have increased the cost of generating electricity there. He warns that further EU measures will make Polish coal still less competitive and that generation will shift east to Belarus, Ukraine and Russia. The emissions and the jobs, he argues, will merely be displaced out of the EU.

But the defensiveness also goes beyond the bottom line. Belchatow is proud of its industry. Coalmining began there only in the 1970s and many residents moved to the town from



Smoke rises from Europe's largest lignite power plant in Poland's Belchatow. Immigration has faded as a political flashpoint, as the numbers arriving have collapsed. The environmental debate is taking its place. AP

other places, but they venerate St Barbara, the miners' saint, like residents of older Polish mining regions such as Silesia. The city's logo is an electrical "on" button and its slogan is: "Belchatow: always a good reaction". Law and Justice, the nationalist party that rules Poland and dominates local politics in Belchatow, has made the quality of Polish coal a patriotic cause (one critic refuses to give a quote for fear of reprisals). The party condemns western EU states for refusing Poland the chance to catch up with their living standards. Even those in Belchatow who accept the need to cut emissions, like Mr Nowak, say Poland is unfairly treated: "You can't expect Poland to leap to zero

carbon in 30 years."

Being in Belchatow reminded Charlemagne of those European towns caught up in, or at least alarmed by, the migration crisis of four summers ago. In such places, too, the issue was cultural as well as purely economic. Locals worried about jobs and wages, and fretted that the costs and benefits of the change would be unfairly distributed. But they also worried about the character of their society and felt alienated from globally minded elites in the big cities. Fake news proliferated. Today immigration has faded as a political flashpoint, as the numbers arriving have collapsed. The environmental debate is taking its place.

It even has a similar geography. It was tempting to see the migration crisis as a struggle between the eastern and western halves of the EU. That is true of the environmental battle, too. But as with the immigration debates, it oversimplifies the matter. Zuzana Caputova, Slovakia's new president, and Robert Biedron, an insurgent Polish opposition leader, are both keen environmentalists. And climate change is just as divisive in the western EU. Green and greenish parties are rising and populist parties like the Alternative for Germany, as well as anti-establishment protesters like the gilets jaunes in France, are turning the environmental movement into their new enemy of choice in

the culture war. The real divide, as with in immigration, is within societies: between big cities with their Fridays for Future marches, car-free days and liberal politics, and small towns where the old ways of doing things die less easily.

Learning from the past

Immigration has vanished from Europe's headlines because the populists won the battle. For all the optimism of the "refugees welcome" campaign in 2015, a broad consensus has now formed around much more restrictive, "Fortress Europe" policies. Environmentalists can learn some lessons

from what the pro-immigration campaigners got wrong. First, do not split the difference with populists. Instead, take on their arguments with emotionally resonant facts. Europe's record-hot summers are powerful argumentative props. Second, do not pander to those who resist change, but do not patronise them either. Treat them as grown-ups, listen to their concerns and move faster to cushion the effects of change with transition funds and re-training schemes. Europe's liberals are entering a new culture war. They should avoid the mistakes of the last one.

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ERDOGAN REBUFFED

Making him stronger

Annuling Istanbul's mayoral election looks like a grave error

CARS STREAMED down the main avenues of Turkey's biggest city on the night of June 23rd, music and horns blaring. Street parties erupted in several neighbourhoods. Young people danced into the small hours. Ekrem Imamoglu, the man responsible for the commotion, stood atop a double-decker bus near his home, surrounded by a sea of elated supporters, and spoke the words that had become the rallying cry of his campaign. "Everything", he said, "is going to be great."

Hours earlier Mr Imamoglu had coasted to victory in the re-run of the election for Istanbul mayor, defeating his opponent, a former prime minister, by nine points, and handing Turkey's president, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the biggest setback of his career. It was the best showing by any opposition politician in decades, and left no room for the kind of stunt Mr Erdogan pulled to rob the new mayor of his first victory.

Three months ago, after Mr Imamoglu prevailed by a fraction of a percentage point, Mr Erdogan and the ruling Justice and Development (AK) party accused the opposition of stealing the vote and leaned on the country's election board to order a re-run. The move backfired spectacularly. In the re-run, Mr Imamoglu received 54% of the vote against 45% for AK's candidate, increasing his margin of victory from 13,000 to over 800,000 votes. Turnout reached 85%, boosted by thousands of people who cancelled or interrupted their holidays to be home on election day.

Mr Imamoglu forged a coalition that included his secular Republican People's Party (CHP), Kurdish voters, a breakaway nationalist group and some Islamists. But he also earned the sympathy of conservatives disenchanted with the ruling party and the state of the economy. A street vendor in Mr Erdogan's old neighbourhood said he was so appalled by the decision to re-run the election that he turned against AK. "What they did to



The ground beneath Erdogan is shifting. Emboldened by Imamoglu's success, some estranged AK luminaries seem poised to launch one or more breakaway parties. AP

Imamoglu was an injustice," he said. "There's been too much corruption," another former AK voter said. "They made too many mistakes."

One was to resort to the scaremongering Mr Erdogan uses to fire up his religious base. Over the years, Turkey's leader has convinced millions of pious voters that their fate depends on his, and that they will become second-class citizens as soon as he loses power. He has attacked the opposition as terrorists, foreign lackeys and atheists. Most recently, he compared Mr Imamoglu to Egypt's dictator, Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi. At a rare briefing with foreign journalists ahead of the re-run, he brought up the recent death of Muhammad Morsi, the ousted Egyptian leader, and compared it to the execution of a Turkish prime minister five decades ago, for which he blames the CHP. "Don't look for anything democratic in the CHP's mindset," he said.

"They don't have that in their history."

Some hostility to religious conservatives survives in the CHP's DNA, but the party has evolved over the past decade. In Mr Imamoglu, it has found a figure who can embrace all segments of Turkish society and expose Mr Erdogan's narrative as a sham. The bespectacled mayor reads the Koran, fasts during Ramadan, and has the looks and demeanour of an overgrown schoolboy. He does not look like a threat to national security or Islamic values.

Opposition figures are used to attacking Mr Erdogan. Mr Imamoglu ignored him. By running an upbeat campaign, focusing on the rule of law, and being as inclusive as Turkey's leader has been divisive, he has made inroads with conservative voters, something his party has not done in decades. Assuming that he can reshape the CHP in his own image and



Ekrem Imamoglu celebrated a landmark win on June 23 in a closely watched repeat mayoral election in Turkey. He has also earned the sympathy of conservatives disenchanted with the ruling party and the state of the economy. AP

run Istanbul as successfully as Mr Erdogan did in the 1990s, the new mayor may soon shine on the national stage, predicts Fehmi Koru, a newspaper columnist.

It may be too early to proclaim Mr Imamoglu's success a victory for Turkish democracy, or the beginning of the end of the Erdogan era. Turkey's prisons remain packed with thousands of people arrested on outrageously vague charges in the aftermath of a bloody coup attempt in 2016. They include over a hundred journalists, thousands of bureaucrats and ten MPs from the country's leading Kurdish party, including Selahattin Demirtas, a former presidential contender.

The media have been bought off or defanged. Criticism of Mr Erdogan is off limits. No big news outlet dares to touch reports of widespread corruption. Dissent is rare, and

punished with tear gas or arrest when it spills onto the streets. Sixteen activists face "aggravated life sentences" (meaning they must in theory serve at least 36 years) for their role in mass protests six years ago. One of them was released on June 25th after seven months behind bars. Another, Osman Kavala, was remanded in custody. He has now spent nearly two years in prison.

Mr Erdogan himself remains popular and in charge. He enjoys sweeping powers, which he can use to undermine Mr Imamoglu, plus the support of the country's biggest nationalist party, which gives him control of the parliament. He does not have to face another election for four years.

But the ground beneath him is shifting. Emboldened by Mr Imamoglu's success, some estranged AK luminaries, including a former president, seem poised to launch one

or more breakaway parties. The economy, which only recently emerged from recession, may turn down again this year. America may impose sanctions over Mr Erdogan's purchase of a Russian missile-defence system. It has already suspended Turkey's participation in the F-35 fighter programme. Unless Mr Erdogan convinces Donald Trump to grant Turkey a waiver, additional sanctions will kick in when the missile batteries arrive from Russia.

The opposition has the wind in its sails. Mr Imamoglu has a real chance to heal a divided society. "The era of partisanship is over," he said in his victory speech. "The era of rights, law and justice is here." Elsewhere, those words would sound bland. In today's Turkey, they are revolutionary.

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TENDER NOTICE
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NORTHERN RAILWAY
NOTICE
 Sub:- Re-engagement of retired railway employees in exigencies of services.
 Ref:- Northern Railway PS No. 14820/2017.
 In terms of PS No. 14820/2017 issued under GM/P. N. Rly's letter no. 831-E/O/169/2V/EIV/Pt. I dated 15.12.2017, it has been decided to fill up 06(SIX) the existing vacancies of ministerial staff of S&T Branch HQ office by re-engagement of retired railway staff on remuneration basis.
 Application in the prescribed proforma with required enclosures are invited from the retired Railway employees, which should reach to S&T branch HQ office Baroda house latest by 31.07.2019 (Proforma enclosed) application forms can be downloaded from Railway website www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in or can be obtained from "S&T branch HQ office Baroda House, New Delhi".
 The term and condition for the re-engagement of retired staff are as under:-

- Only retired railway employees of Railways are eligible to apply.
- The employees retired under Safety Related Retirement Scheme (SRRS)/Liberalized active retirement scheme for guaranteed employment for Safety Staff (LARGESS) are not eligible for Re-engagement.
- The employee removed/dismissed/compulsory retired or retired under the instruction of NR PS no. 14471/2015 as a result of disciplinary action or in review are not eligible for re-engagement.
- Service record for last five year will be examined.
- Must not have undergone any major punishment (as per SF-5) in last five years.
- Essential eligibility criteria:-**
 - General criteria:- Should be retired railway staff of the same category/trade.
Maximum age 64 years 6 months as on 31.07.2019.
 - Should be willing to work in S&T deptt./HQ/NDLs.
 - Should be medically fit for the category for which applying for.
- Monthly remuneration of re-engaged retired employee will be paid by reducing his/her pension from last pay drawn (i.e. Basic pay+DA).
- The re-engagement of retired railway employee shall be purely on temporary basis and services are liable to be discharged at any time due to unsatisfactory performance or due to receipt of fresh panel from RRB/RRC.
- The re-engagement can be terminated by giving 15 days notice without any explanation or any notice.

PROFORMA

The particular details are as under:-

- Name of the applicant in capital letters
- Father's/Husband's name
- Date of Birth
- Date of appointment
- Pay Band+GP/Level (at the time of retirement)
- Last pay drawn
- Date of retirement
- Retirement due to (Superannuation/VRS/Compulsory/SRRS)
- Unit/Office/Railway from where he retired
- PPO No.
- Basic pension sanctioned
- Date of attaining the age of years
- Bank Details and Account Number (from where drawing pension)
- Bank's Name & Address at which daily allowance will be transferred

DECLARATION

(i) I, the undersigned do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that the particulars furnished above are true and correct. I shall be held responsible for submission of any wrong and incorrect particulars/ information and that my engagement may be terminated for this wrongful act.

(ii) I am willing for re-engagement based on monthly remuneration of a retired employee being re-engaged be determined by reducing pension from his/her last pay drawn (i.e. Basic Pay + DA).

(iii) I am aware that my service is liable to be discharged at any time due to unsatisfactory performance, without any notice.

(iv) I am herewith enclosing a photo copy of my service certificate & PPO

(v) I agree with all the terms and conditions of re-engagement.

Signature/LTI of the applicant
 Address: _____
 Mob No.: _____

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General public is hereby informed that one unknown male person was found at From U-Turn Kashmere Gate Flyover, Delhi on Dated 27.06.2019. he was admitted in L.N.J.P Hospital. During the treatment declared him dead by doctors. In this regard a **FIR No. 166/19 Dated 27.06.2019** has been lodged at **P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi**. The description of the dead body is given as under **Name: Unknown S/o: Unknown R/o: Unknown Age: 40 years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Sallow, Wearing: Only Grey Colour Pant & Bare Footed.**
 Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the dead person but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned.
SHO P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi Ph.: 011-23967889 8750870123
DP/178/N/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING LADY

General public is hereby informed that one lady namely Urimila, W/o Shri Kailash, R/o B-2, G-Block, Flat No. 104, Narela, Delhi, Age 40 years, Height 4'10", Complexion Fair, Round Face, Medium Built, Wearing Green colour saree and hawai chappal in feet has been missing/kidnapped from the area of PS Narela Industrial Area, Delhi since 12.06.19. In this regard a wide DD No. 21-A dated 13.06.19 has been lodged at PS Narela Industrial Area, Delhi.
 Any person having any information or clue about this missing/ kidnapped lady may kindly inform to the following.
SHO E-mail ID:cic@cbi.gov.in PS: Narela Industrial Area, Delhi Ph.: 27787592, 27787593
Fax: 011-24368639 DP/376/ON/19

Appeal for Identification

General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body **Name: Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: about 40-50 years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, Sex: Male, Wearing : Red Colour Shirt & Black Colour Pant.** was found Dead at Pankaj Plaza Market, IP Extn. Delhi from the area of PS. Madhu Vihar. Delhi. on 02.07.2019. at 5.27 Hrs. In this regard, a **DD No. 07-A, dated 02.07.2019** has been lodged at PS Madhu Vihar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.
 Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.
SHO P.S., Madhu Vihar, Delhi Ph. : 011-22732427, 8750870624
DP/6915/ED/19

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 Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall Patiala-147001
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 C.E./ P&M, PSTCL, Ludhiana, Tel. No. 0161-2457704 E-mail: ce-pm@pstcl.org

TENDER NOTICE

Name of Work	Procurement of 50 No. Numeric Type Power Transformer Differential Relays for 220/132KV Substations.
Tender Enquiry No.	106/2019-20
1. Downloading of Tender Documents End Date	01.08.2019 at 11.00 A.M.
2. Uploading/ Receipt of Tenders	01.08.2019 at 11.00 A.M.
3. Opening of Tenders	06.08.2019 at 11.00 A.M.

Note: It is Informd that in case Tender Process is not Completed due to any reason, no Corrigendum will be published in Newspaper. Detail regarding Corrigendum may be seen on official, PSTCL website. Terms and conditions may be downloaded from PSTCL'S WEBSITE (<https://eproc.punjab.gov.in/nicgep/app>).
 Sd/- Addl. SE/Procurement, Ludhiana
 C-6084/Pb.

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 (A Government of Tamilnadu Enterprise)
 692, Anna Salai, IV Floor, Nandanam, Chennai - 600 035, INDIA
 Ph: 2433 0505, 2433 0807, Fax: 2434 4593, 2433 5706
 Email : pscship@dataone.in pscship@gmail.com

TENDER No.PSC/OPS/P&I/IM(O)/2019

RETENDER NOTICE

Sealed Tenders are invited from reputed P & I Insurance Clubs / Companies for Class I & II cover for Chartered Vessels for the period 30.07.2019 noon to 30.07.2021 noon.
 Sale of Tender Forms : 04.07.2019 to 22.07.2019
 Last date for receipt of Tender : 15:00 Hrs on 22.07.2019
 Tender opening : 15:30 Hrs on 22.07.2019
 EMD for chartered vessel : Rs.1,50,000/- Indian Company / Firm USD 1,250 Foreign Company / Firm
 Cost of tender form : Rs.2,000/-
 For more details & for Tender Forms visit : www.tamilship.com
CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR
 DIPR/2238/Tender/2019

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 Ph. No. (044) 26426773 Email id : tncsc.tn@nic.in
 CIN : U15137TN1972SGC006157

Short e-TENDER NOTICE Date : 03.07.2019
 No. : BS3/028001/2019 Short e-tender No. : TNCSC/19-20/ET-06

Online electronic tender for "PURCHASE OF 468 LAKH NUMBERS OF FORTIFIED RBD PALMOLEIN OIL 1 LITRE POUCHES (910 gms)".
 Complete short e-tender document can be viewed and downloaded through <https://www.mstccommerce.com/eproc/home/tncsc> and also available in www.tenders.tn.gov.in
 The bidders have to participate online bidding only with Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class-II or Class-III.
 For Registration and further details contact MSTC LIMITED, Ph : 25222842/ 25251910/25261005 e-Mail: mstcsro@mstcindia.co.in
 Last Date for Online Submission : 26.07.2019
MANAGING DIRECTOR
 DIPR/2240/Tender/2019

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Age : 55-60 years, Height : 5'6", Complexion : Wheatish, Wearing: Brown colour shirt and blue colour pant and black colour shoes** has been found at Platform No. 2, 3, Shakurbasti Railway Station on 30.06.2019.
 In this regard a case vide DD No. 1 A dated 30.06.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Sarai Rohilla Railway Station, Delhi.
 Any person having any information or clue about this found dead body may kindly inform to the following:-
SHO : P.S. Sarai Rohilla Railway Station, Delhi Tel. No. 011-28711697, 28714802 Mob: 8587064514
DP/3941/RLY/19

ई - प्रोक्वोरमेंट सेल
 मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, कम्पाउन्ड ऑफिस बिल्डिंग भवन निर्माण विभाग, झारखण्ड, रांची

ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट नोटिस(अल्पकालीन)
 टेन्डर रेफरेंस नं०-BCD/CE/07/Ranchi Div-01/2019-20 दिनांक- 03-07-2019

1	कार्य का नाम	Renovation and Shifting of Hon'ble CM Chamber, Principle Secretary Chamber, Construction of Work Station and Arrangement for required resource, Infrastructure and Electrification work at Suchna Bhawan Kanke Road Ranchi.
2	प्राक्कलित राशि (रु०)	रु० 1,53,30,281.00(एक करोड़ पचास लाख तीस हजार दो सौ इकतीस लाख मात्र)
3	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	06 महीने
4	वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	10-07-2019
5	बिड प्राप्ति के लिए अंतिम तिथि/समय	18-07-2019 के 11.00 AM तक
6	निविदा प्रकाशित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता	ई - प्रोक्वोरमेंट सेल मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, कम्पाउन्ड ऑफिस बिल्डिंग, भवन निर्माण विभाग, लाईन टैंक रोड, रांची।
7	प्रोक्वोरमेंट पदाधिकारी का सम्पर्क संख्या	0651-2206238
8	ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट सेल का हेल्पलाइन संख्या	0651-2206238

• किसी भी प्रकार का बदलाव <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।
 • अन्य किसी भी प्रकार की सूचना <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।
 Note: UCAN Registration is mandatory for the Bidders

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 भवन निर्माण विभाग, लाईन टैंक रोड, रांची
 P.R.210817 Building(19-20)-D

SUMMER SPECIAL TRAINS - 2019

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during summer season, Railways have decided to run the following Summer Special Trains as under :-

04117/04118 Allahabad-Anand Vihar (T)-Allahabad Super Fast Special Train		02 Trips
TRAIN NO. 04117	STATIONS	TRAIN NO. 04118
ARR. DEP.	ARR. DEP.	ARR. DEP.
---	20:30 Allahabad	17:20 ---
06:00	---	07:50 Anand Vihar (T)

Days of Run : 04117 from Allahabad on 05.07.2019 and 04118 from Anand Vihar (T) on 06.07.2019
 Accommodation : AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General.
 Stoppages : Fatehpur, Kanpur Central, Aligarh and Ghaziabad stations.

04781/04782 Bathinda-Anup Garh-Bathinda Special Train (Daily)		357 Trips
TRAIN NO. 04781	STATIONS	TRAIN NO. 04782
ARR. DEP.	ARR. DEP.	ARR. DEP.
---	06:40 Bathinda	17:30 ---
11:55	---	12:30 Anup Garh

Days of Run : 04781 from Bathinda from 07.07.19 to 31.12.19 and 04782 from Anup Garh from 06.07.19 to 31.12.19
 Accommodation : Sleeper & General.
 Stoppages : Sangat, Mandi Dabwali, Dhaban, Sangaria, Hanumangarh Jn, Dabli Rathan, Pilibanga, Surat Garh, Sarupsar Jn, Sri Vijaynagar and Rameshng Pur stations.

04783/04784 Bathinda-Surat Garh Jn.-Bathinda Special Train (Daily)		357 Trips
TRAIN NO. 04783	STATIONS	TRAIN NO. 04784
ARR. DEP.	ARR. DEP.	ARR. DEP.
---	19:00 Bathinda	09:30 ---
22:00	---	06:20 Surat Garh Jn.

Days of Run : 04783 from Bathinda from 06.07.19 to 31.12.19 and 04784 from Surat Garh Jn. from 07.07.19 to 31.12.19
 Accommodation : Sleeper & General.
 Stoppages : Sangat, Mandi Dabwali, Dhaban, Sangaria, Hanumangarh Jn, Dabli Rathan and Pilibanga stations.

For any kind of information passengers are requested to contact Railway Enquiry No. 139 or visit Railways website www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in
 Security Helpline No. 182 and Passengers Complaint Helpline No. 138

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HARYANA GOVERNMENT
CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

SR. NO.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	OLD REFERENCE/ NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH.	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/E-MAIL
1.	WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEPTT. HARYANA (PANJURI PLANT GHARAUNDA)	RATE CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF PPE BAGS FOR THE YEAR 2019-20 TENDER NO.-121318	CORRIGENDUM-2ND-BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 14.07.2019 AT 05.00 P.M. AND TENDER WILL BE OPENED ON DATED 15.07.2019 AT 01.00 P.M.	https://wcd.haryanaprocurement.gov.in TENDER NO. 121318	01748-253985 panjuriplantwcdgharaunda@yahoo.co.in

72284/HRY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Department
 Office of the Executive Engineer, EM&RE Div.-II, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu
 PHONE NO. 0191-2458521, E-mail: eamred2@gmail.com

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER Dated: 01.07.2019

e-NIT NO. : 26 of 2019 For and on behalf of the Governor, Jammu and Kashmir State, Short Term e-Tenders (In Two Cover System) for Replacement of 100mm2 ACSR Dog Conductor with HT AB Cable 120mm2 of Feeder BB-4 under Languishing Projects sanctioned by JKIDFC in Bari Brahmana Area Self Help Groups/ A-Class Electrical Contractors of J&K having Valid Registration Certificate for the year 2019-20 and Meeting Eligibility Criteria as per terms, conditions, Technical Specifications and Schedules forming part of this Tender Document.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Cost of Document (In Rs.)	Earnest Money/ Security Deposit (In Rs.)	Date & Time of Downloading of Bidding Documents	Last Date of e-Bid Submission	Time and Date of Opening of Tender
1.	For Replacement of 100mm2 ACSR Dog Conductor with HT AB Cable 120mm2 of Feeder BB-4 under Languishing Projects sanctioned by JK IDFC in Bari Brahmana Area	500/-	45,000/-	02.07.2019	12.07.2019 (Upto 02.00 P.M.)	12.07.2019 at 04.00 P.M.

1. Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications.
 2. The Tender Document is available at website: <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested Bidders may view, download the e-Bid Document, seek Clarification and Submit their e-Bids Online upto the Date and Time mentioned in the Table below.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Elect. Maintt. & RE Division-II, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.
 No. EMD-II/TS/2120-22 Dated: 01.07.2019
 DIPJ-1457

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No. : 21-10/Parking/MB/2019/C-17 Dated : 02.07.2019
 Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Moradabad for & on behalf of the President of India, e-tender for the following work:-

S N	Name of work & place	Area (in sq-meter)	Reserve price for 01 year (Excluding GST)	Earnest Money (2% of reserve price of 3 years)	Completion on period	Cost of Tender Form (with 18% GST)	Address of website from which tender documents can be downloaded	Last Date of time of submission
1	Contract for Cycle Scooter, Motor-Cycle stand at Bareilly 2nd Entry Railway Station ('A'-1-Category)	264.34 Sq-m	Rs. 4,55,400/-	Rs. 27,300/- to be paid through online payment gateway	3 years	Rs. 2,360/- to be paid through online payment gateway	www.ireps.gov.in (E-tendering mode)	Upto 14:00 hrs. on 26.07.2019 and will be open on the same day
2	Contract for Cycle Scooter, Motor-Cycle stand at Dehradun Railway Station ('A'-1-Category)	633.44 Sq-m (Divided in three parts)	Rs. 10,90,620/-	Rs. 65,400/- to be paid through online payment gateway	3 years	Rs. 3,540/- to be paid through online payment gateway		
3	Contract for Car Parking at Hapur Railway Station ('A'-1-Category)	600 Sq-m	Rs. 82,008/-	Rs. 4,900/- to be paid through online payment gateway	3 years	Rs. 1,180/- to be paid through online payment gateway		
4	Contract for Cycle, Scooter, Motor-Cycle stand at Gajraula Railway Station (D-Category)	408.50 Sq-m	Rs. 52,800/-	Rs. 3,200/- to be paid through online payment gateway	3 years	Rs. 1,180/- to be paid through online payment gateway		
5	Contract for Cycle, Scooter, Motor-Cycle stand at Shahjahanpur (2nd Entry) Railway Station ('A'-Category)	328 Sq-m	Rs. 4,91,040/-	Rs. 29,500/- to be paid through online payment gateway	3 years	Rs. 2,360/- to be paid through online payment gateway		

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
DEPARTMENT OF HANDLOOMS AND TEXTILES

TENDER NOTICE FOR PURCHASE OF 60sC DYED COTTON CONE WARP YARN
 Sealed tenders with two cover system in the prescribed format are invited only from the interested eligible parties for the Purchase of 60sC Dyed Cotton Cone Warp Yarn for Cost Free Distribution of Sarees and Dhoties scheme Pongal 2020.

Sl. No. 1 - Variety of Yarn : 60sC Dyed Cotton Cone Warp Yarn
 Required Quantity in MT : 1533.00
 Required Earnest Money Deposit in : Rs.3,00,000/-
 Sale Period : 04.07.2019 to 05.08.2019 upto 10.30 a.m
 Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tender : 05.08.2019 upto 11.00 a.m
 Date and Time of Opening of Tender : 05.08.2019 at 12.00 Noon
 Supply Period : 90 Days

Eligibility of the Tenderer and Other conditions are stipulated in the Tender Schedule.
 1. The tender Schedule can be downloaded at free of cost from Government tender website www.tenders.tn.gov.in and used for bidding.
 2. If requested to send through Post: By Demand Draft -Rs.5700/-in favour of "Yarn Committee for FDS 2014" payable at Chennai City (inclusive of 12% GST).
 Interested tenderers are requested to submit the tender schedule duly filled, in separate covers and it should be sent in a sealed envelope superscribing "Tender for Purchase of 60sC Dyed Cotton Warp Yarn" addressed to "The Joint Director (Uniforms) / Tender Inviting Authority, O/o Director of Handlooms and Textiles, Kuralagam, II Floor, Chennai - 600 108".
 Pre Bid Meeting: There will be a pre bid meeting on 15.07.2019 at 3.00 pm in the Conference Hall of the Directorate of Handlooms and Textiles, Chennai-108.
 Contact : Joint Director (Uniforms)
 Telephone: 044-25358712 Fax: 044-25342015 Mobile: 9445376275
 email ID: tenderwing2015@gmail.com
 DIPR/2247/Tender/2019 Joint Director (Uniforms) / Tender Inviting Authority

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
DEPARTMENT OF HANDLOOMS AND TEXTILES

TENDER NOTICE FOR PURCHASE OF POLYESTER TEXTURISED YARN
 Sealed tenders with two cover system in the prescribed format are invited only from the interested eligible parties for the Purchase of Polyester Texturised Yarn of following varieties for Cost Free Distribution of Sarees and Dhoties Scheme Pongal 2020.

Sl. No.	Variety of Yarn	Required Quantity in MT	Supply Period
1	80/34D Grey PTY	2059.00	90 days
2	80/34 D Dyed PTY	2491.00	90 days
3	150D Cotlook Air Texturised Yarn	431.52	60 days
4	155/34 D 250 TPM Dyed PTY	195.45	60 days

Required Earnest Money Deposit in : Rs.3,00,000/-
 Sale Period : 04.07.2019 to 05.08.2019 upto 10.30 a.m
 Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tender : 05.08.2019 upto 11.45 am
 Date and Time of Opening of Tender : 05.08.2019 at 12.45 pm

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 Contact : Joint Director (Uniforms)
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 email ID: tenderwing2015@gmail.com
 DIPR/2248/Tender/2019 Joint Director (Uniforms) / Tender Inviting Authority

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TRANSPORT SECTION
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

1. Open e-tenders for the following works are invited on IREPS portal at RDSO website to be opened on 22.07.2019 (Monday) at 15.00 hrs. and shall be submitted up to 14.00 hrs. In case, the date of opening of tender happens to be a holiday, the tenders will be opened on the next working day at specified time and place.

Tender Notice No.	Description of Work	Approx. Cost Of Work (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Contract period
HAG-SAG-NDLS-Call-19 Dated 20.06.2019	i) Hiring of Maruti Swift Dzire (AC) Taxi or similar taxi on call basis for HAG & SAG Officers at New Delhi. ii) Hiring of Maruti Wagon (R) Non-AC, Hyundai i-10 non-AC, Maruti Ritz Non-AC or similar taxi on call basis for JAG/ JAG(SG) officers at New Delhi.	63,07,830/-	1,26,200/-	Two years from the date of Operation

5. Tender documents, work schedule, terms & conditions, special technical criteria, submission of affidavit, eligible criteria and Annexure-I, II & III etc. are uploaded.
 6. Cost of tender documents is Rs. 5,000/-.
 B) The cost of tender document and earnest money will accepted through net banking or gateway only.
 7. A) The minimum requirement that a tenderer shall have to submit. The tenderer shall have to submit the certificates of GST Registration, firm registration, pan number and Bank details ie CBS Bank Account No.MICR Code, IFSC Code etc for payment purposes.
 B) CREDENTIALS OF TENDERERS :
 (i) The tenderer(s) should have completed from start to finish, in the last three financial years (i.e current year and three previous years) at least one similar single work, for minimum value of 35% of advertisement tender value of the work.
 (ii) The tenderer(s) shall be eligible only if he/she fulfill minimum eligibility criteria of having received total contract amount during the last three financial years and in the current financial year with a minimum of 150% of the advertised tender value and authentic certificate shall be produced by the tenderers to this effect which may be duly attested by the employer/client and audited balance sheet duly certified by the Chartered Accountant, etc.

5. The undersigned have the right to cancel the tenders without any notice.

File No. T/MTR/Hiring of Taxi/Call Basis/NDLS./2018-19/
 Dated: 01.07.2019
 (PREETI LATA)
 Joint Director/Estt.-II
 For Director General/RDSO/LKO

19 ECONOMY

SENSEX: 39,839.25 ▲ 22.77 NIFTY: 11,916.75 ▲ 6.45 NIKKEI: 21,638.16 ▼ 116.11 HANG SENG: 28,855.14 ▼ 20.42 FTSE: 7,609.09 ▲ 49.90 DAX: 12,605.28 ▲ 78.56

GOLD	RUPEE	OIL	SILVER
₹34,380	₹68.89	\$63.26*	₹38,650

*Indian basket as on July 2, 2019

SCHEME WATCH PM-KISAN

Discrepancies force stop payment to 2.69L farmers, disbursement to 1.19L of them reversed

Payment procedure modified; strict pre-verification to be done

AANCHAL MAGAZINE & ANIL SASI
NEW DELHI, JULY 3

CASES OF REVERSAL OF TRANSACTIONS IN VARIOUS STATES

Assam	2
Haryana	55
H. Pradesh	346
J&K	29
Jharkhand	22
Maharashtra	32,897
UP	86,314
Uttarakhand	78
Total	1,19,743

IN THE run-up to elections, when the first installment was being made under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Yojana, a discrepancy in the details of names of farmers given by states and the names in the respective bank accounts forced the government to reverse payments in nearly 1.20 lakh cases, government data showed. After discovering the mismatch, stop payment instructions were issued to the National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI) for accounts of a total of 2,69,605 farmers, out of which 1,19,743 accounts were already credited and these transactions then had to be reversed.

Out of the total 1,19,743 cases of reversal of transactions recorded for eight states, Uttar Pradesh topped with reversal of 86,314 transactions, followed by Maharashtra with reversal of 32,897 transactions. Himachal Pradesh reversed 346 transactions, while the lowest number was seen for Assam with reversal of two transactions.

The issue surfaced when the payments were being processed for crediting in the bank accounts of the beneficiaries and it was noticed that there was a mismatch in the names of the beneficiaries as provided by the state governments and the names as given in the details of the corresponding bank account numbers in some cases. The states were asked to verify this discrepancy. "On the request of the states, stop payment instructions were issued to the NPCI for 2,69,605 farmers. The system could stop credit of these beneficiaries, except for 1,19,743 beneficiaries, whose accounts had already been credited. The NPCI and banks then returned the money of those beneficiaries also on account of Stop Payment instructions," an official said.

Earlier, in a letter to the states on February 28, the central government had flagged the issue of payment being made to some non-beneficiaries.

The Centre had then asked the concerned state governments to facilitate reversal of such transactions for such non-beneficiaries who may want to return this amount to the government and delete them from the database in order to stop further payments to such beneficiaries.

"There was a rush to make the first instalment, so the Centre went broadly by the information given by states given that agriculture is a state subject. The mismatch gets discovered as soon as the details do not match and the whole process does not go

through. For the 119,743 farmers for whom payments were credited, stop payment instructions were issued and immediately those transactions were reversed," a source said. States, in turn, primarily focused on Aadhaar information and the land records, so many payouts happened to beneficiaries who had mismatch in their records or were not completely eligible, the source said. "Income tax details need to be properly looked into to weed out those who paid income tax in previous assessment year," the source added.

The procedure for release of payment to beneficiaries was suitably modified after the initial period and stringent pre-verification procedures were formalised. "The states' Stop Payment requests due to mismatch in the names is now taken in advance so that payment is released only to the beneficiaries whose data matches correctly with the bank account details. Therefore, the possibility of this kind of incident recurring has been eliminated," the official said. On February 24 this year, the government launched a new scheme, PM-KISAN, with an aim to provide income support of Rs 6,000 per annum to all small and marginal landholder farmers' families with cultivable land holding up to 2 hectares.

The government recently expanded the coverage of the scheme to include all landholding farmers, irrespective of the size of the landholdings.

Certain categories of beneficiaries of higher economic strata such as institutional landholders, former and present holders of constitutional posts, former and present ministers/ state ministers/ MPs and MLAs, professionals like doctors, engineers, lawyers, chartered accountants, and architects registered with professional bodies and all persons who paid income tax in last assessment year have been excluded from the ambit of the scheme.

The amount is being credited into the bank accounts of the beneficiaries using Public Financial Management System (PFMS) portal in three 4-monthly installments of Rs 2,000, subject to certain exclusions.

AIR INDIA LOST ₹491 CRORE TILL JULY 2

Pak airspace closure: Indian airlines incur ₹550 crore loss

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, JULY 3

INDIAN AIRLINES have lost over Rs 550 crore due to airspace closure by Pakistan, Minister of State for Civil Aviation (Independent Charge) Hardeep Singh Puri told Rajya Sabha Wednesday, adding the move was a unilateral measure by Pakistan "that followed the non-military counterterrorism air strike by Indian Air Force against terror camp in Balakot, Pakistan in February 2019".

In a written response to a question in the Upper House, Puri noted that flag-carrier Air India lost Rs 491 crore till July 2, while India's largest domestic airline IndiGo incurred a loss of Rs 25.1 crore till May 31. Budget carriers SpiceJet and GoAir lost Rs 30.73 crore and Rs 2.1 crore, respectively till June 20. On Friday, Pakistan extended the closure of its airspace for the fourth time till July 12.

Following airstrikes by Indian Air Force in Balakot, Pakistan had fully closed its airspace on

LOSS DUE TO PAKISTAN AIRSPACE CLOSURE

Air India (till July 2)	Rs 491 crore
IndiGo (till May 31)	Rs 25.1 crore
SpiceJet (till June 20)	Rs 30.73 crore
GoAir (till June 20)	Rs 2.1 crore

Source: Ministry of Civil Aviation, Rajya Sabha
Note: Pakistani airspace was closed for overflying on February 27

February 26. While it later opened up the airspace, restrictions on overflying the country still continue — and out of the total 11 air routes in Pakistan's territory, it has opened up two since March. One of these is westbound waypoint over Arabian Sea towards Karachi, Hingol, Gwadar, and the other one is eastbound over Karachi, Badin into Gujarat, India towards Ahmedabad. The closure of routes affected hundreds of east-west flights flying over the subcontinent but westbound flights from airports in northern India such as Delhi, Lucknow, Amritsar etc have been worst affected.

Last month, Prime Minister

Narendra Modi's flight to Bishkek in Kyrgyzstan, where he attended the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit, took a detour to avoid entering the Pakistani airspace and the flight took six hours, compared with a 2-3 hour duration in case the aircraft overflew Pakistan.

The restrictions have not only led in longer flight times for passengers but also in higher fuel expenses and operational difficulties for the airlines. Even as some airlines introduced refuel stops for their flights from Delhi to North American east coast, some have cancelled flights altogether. US-based carrier United has sus-

pending its Delhi-Newark flight since April and is likely to resume it in July. Air Canada had said it would suspend daily flight between Delhi and Toronto between June 14 and August 1.

An airline executive said that opening of the eastbound waypoint last month, saves 10-15 minutes in flight time but is still a long way from the pre-Balakot situation. Due to closure of routes that allowed westbound flights from airports in north India to enter Pakistani airspace — instead of taking a detour to Gujarat or Maharashtra and then turning right for Europe, North America or West Asia — most flights saw their durations rise by at least 70-80 minutes. Air India's flights from Delhi to Chicago are stopping in Europe for refuelling. Further, IndiGo's flight from Delhi to Istanbul, which was to be first non-stop flight on route by an Indian carrier has been forced to make a refuelling stop at Doha. Similarly, SpiceJet, which was only Indian airline flying the Delhi-Kabul route has cancelled the flight.

'Residential units' launches dip 11% in H1 2019'

New launches of residential units in seven major cities in the country have decreased by 11 per cent during the first half of 2019, property consultant JLL said

WAIT & WATCH APPROACH: Many developers adopted wait and watch approach during the elections held in April and May and focused on clearing unsold inventory

GROWTH IN MAJOR CITIES:

Thane:	22 per cent
Mumbai:	9 per cent (due to shift of offices to peripheral locations)
Chennai:	8 per cent
Kancheepuram:	36%

FUTURE LAUNCHES TO BE MODEST: Going ahead, new unit launches across the seven cities may remain modest as developers realign their product mix to suit market demand

CATERING TO UNMET DEMAND: Realtors continued to capitalise on demand and supply side incentives of government to cater to unmet demand



Govt may give leg-up for disaster insurance

GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, JULY 3

WITH NATURAL disasters frequently hitting the country, the NDA government's Budget is expected to announce some tax benefits for insurance policies covering natural disaster so that people can be encouraged to buy these policies.

Sources said the Ministry of Finance has held extensive discussion on the issue with the insurance industry as part of pre Budget discussions. The tax benefit can be on the lines of retail health insurance policies which offer tax benefits to the policy holders which has made the segment as one of fastest growing segments in the country, said an official. "By offering tax benefits, the government can encourage people to buy insurance policies against natural disasters like floods, cyclone and earthquakes where losses can be recovered from the insurance and reinsurance companies," he said.

Currently, the central government and the state governments are compensating for the huge losses to the extent it can, creating

deep holes in public finance. Also in the absence of an insurance mechanism, the huge gap between economic losses and insured losses has been affecting both common man and economy of the country. "We have seen in the initiatives of central government like Prime Minister Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), Ayushman Bharat, Prime Minister Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), insurance is being used as a social security and social empowerment tool to reduce the financial burden for the government through effective risk transfer solutions. A similar measure as part of country's strategy towards disaster management can bring about enormous benefits to the citizens and the government," sources said.

The country has seen many natural disasters in recent times like Chennai Floods, Kerala Floods and Orissa Cyclone - Fani. In fact, after being hit by massive floods that led to over Rs 25,000 crore of economic losses, the Kerala government had invited state owned GIC Re and the second largest global reinsurer Swiss Re to suggest insurance solutions as part of disaster management.

This trend is irreversible and instances like many high-rise fires in the recent past in Mumbai and other parts of India, give grim reminder of potential catastrophic consequences for the government and society at a large. Such consequences have the potential to put enormous stress on the financial resources of many state governments that are already overburdened.

In India, most of the losses suffered in natural disasters are not insured, for reasons such as lack of purchasing power, lack of interest in insurance and ignorance of availability of such covers. Quite a numbers of insurance companies including joint ventures with foreign insurers are providing catastrophic covers implying that the commercial and private sector can also play an essential role in disaster mitigation with the right incentives, sources said.

The proposal for an insurance catastrophe pool (INCIP) which would have mitigated the sufferings proposed some years ago was stuck with the government with no decision taken about charging of premium and the complex issue of implementing the scheme across the country.

Boeing pledges \$100 mn to help 737 MAX crash families

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, JULY 3

BOEING CO said on Wednesday it would give \$100 million over multiple years to local governments and non-profit organizations to help families and communities affected by the deadly crashes of its 737 MAX planes in Indonesia and Ethiopia. The move is a step toward repairing the image of the world's largest planemaker, which has been severely dented by the crashes and its sometimes clumsy response to them.

Boeing faces probes by global regulators and U.S. lawmakers over the development of the 737 MAX, as well as more than 100 lawsuits by the families of victims of a Lion Air crash in October and Ethiopian Airlines in March, which together killed 346 people. The multiyear payout is independent of the lawsuits, a Boeing spokesman said, meaning it will not go directly to the families.

The \$100 million is meant to help with education and living expenses and to spur economic development in affected communities, Boeing said.

Cabinet approves leasing out three major AAI airports

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JULY 3

THE UNION Cabinet cleared the civil aviation ministry's proposal to lease out three airports — Ahmedabad, Lucknow and Mangaluru — of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) through public-private partnership (PPP) to the Adani group for a period of 50 years. This marked the second big airport privatisation round after Delhi and Mumbai were given to private companies GMR and GVK, respectively.

In February, the Adani group was selected to operate the three airports, in addition to Jaipur, Guwahati and Thiruvananthapuram, after having bid aggressively. For the Ahmedabad airport, Adani bid Rs 177 per passenger while the second highest bidder put a bid of Rs 146. Similarly, for the Lucknow airport Adani bid Rs 171, while the second highest bidder put a bid of Rs 139. For the Mangaluru airport the difference was even higher as Adani's highest bid was Rs 115 followed by a bid of Rs 45. The government had invited bids from private players to operate these airports for 50 years on a public-private partnership (PPP) basis. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) adopted the per-passenger fee model this time, which is a modification of the revenue-sharing model that was used earlier in the privatisation of airports such as Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore and Hyderabad.

As per the lease terms of the PPP agreement, Adani group will be responsible for operations and management of the existing airport assets as well as for designing, engineering, financing, construction and development of the additional air-side, terminal, city-

EXPLAINED

Enhanced revenues likely

WHILE THE privatisation may not immediately lead to higher outgo for passengers, for the Airports Authority of India (AAI), the move could result in enhanced revenues, which may lead to further investment by AAI at tier II and tier III cities for creation of aviation-related infrastructure.

side and land-side infrastructure for the airport.

The airports sector in India was predominantly dominated by two private sector players and experts see the entry of the Adanis as a positive for fostering competition amongst the operators. Under the per-passenger fee model, the airport operator needs to pay fixed charges per passenger on a monthly basis to AAI. For instance, if 1 lakh passengers use a particular airport in a year, the operator pays the charge multiplied by the number of passengers for the entire year to AAI. Charges are paid on monthly basis. This provides an incentive for the airport operator to grow revenue as there is no sharing while AAI benefits from the growth in passengers. However, analysts noted that Adani Enterprises has bid aggressively and will need higher growth to support profitability.

Wage Code Bill gets nod; minimum wage to be linked to skills, geographical regions

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JULY 3

MINIMUM WAGES linked only to factors such as skills and geographical regions, which will effectively reduce the number of minimum wage rates across the country to 300, is one of the new proposed features of the revised version of Code on Wages Bill. The Union Cabinet Wednesday approved the revised version of Code on Wages Bill, which seeks to define the norms for fixing minimum wages that will be applicable to workers of organised and unorganised sectors, except government employees and MN-REGA workers.

At present, minimum wages are fixed on the basis of categories such as skilled, unskilled, semi-skilled, high skilled, geographical regions, and nature of work such as mining and are applicable for 45 scheduled employments in central sphere and 1709 scheduled employments in states. Now, as per the Cabinet approved Bill, the minimum wages across the country would be only linked to factors of skills and geographical regions, while the rest of the factors have been removed, a source said. The 2017 Bill had proposed to link minimum wages to factors such as the skills required, the arduousness of work assigned, geographical location of workplace.

The changes in the Code on Wages Bill is expected to reduce the number of minimum wages across the country to 300 from about 2,500 minimum wage rates at present, the source said.

This approval from the Cabinet was required since the previous version, Code on Wages Bill, 2017, which was introduced in Lok Sabha in August 2017 by previous NDA government and was later referred to Standing Committee, lapsed after the 16th Lok Sabha dissolved in May. The Code on Wages will amalgamate the Payment of Wages Act, 1936, the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965, and the Equal Remuneration Act, 1976. A National Floor Level

CURRENT SYSTEM

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Minimum Wage will be set by the Centre to be revised every five years, while states will fix minimum wages for their regions, which cannot be lower than the floor wage. The current floor wage, which was fixed in 2017, is at Rs 176 a day, but some states have minimum wages lower than it such as Andhra Pradesh (Rs 69) and Telangana (Rs 69), while some have higher such as Nagaland (Rs 115).

The Bill proposes to levy penalty ranging from Rs 10,000 to Rs 1 lakh and repeat offences would invite imprisonment along with providing for compounding of those offences which are not punishable with imprisonment. The Code on Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions is also expected to be shortly listed for approval by the Union Cabinet, the source said. The first term of the NDA government had proposed codification of labour laws into four codes. The labour and employment ministry had drafted four labour codes: industrial relations, wages, social security and welfare, and occupational safety, health and working conditions by amalgamating, simplifying and rationalising the relevant provisions of the existing central labour laws.

Birla group patriarch Basant Kumar Birla passes away at 98

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JULY 3

THE BIRLA group patriarch and one of the doyens of the Indian industry, Basant Kumar Birla, passed away in Mumbai on Wednesday due to old age ailments. Birla, 98, is survived by his daughters Jayshree Mohta and Manjushree Khaitan. His son Aditya Vikram Birla died in 1995 while grandson Kumar Mangalam Birla — son of Aditya Birla — is the chairman of the Aditya Birla Group.

Birla's body would be brought to his house at Birla Park in Kolkata and the cremation will take place on Thursday, Birla group sources said. BK Birla took over as the Chairman of Kesoram Industries

at the tender age of 15. Over the years, he has crafted many success stories which have become part of folklore in Indian industry. He personally helmed Century Textiles' forays into diverse fields and taken the group from a one-unit enterprise to a multi-faceted entity.

He built the BK Birla group of companies comprising Century Textiles, Century Enka, Jaysree Tea and Industries and Kesoram Industries. Birla was also the chairman of the Krishnarpan Charity Trust, which runs an engineering college named B K Birla Institute of Engineering and Technology at Pilani, Rajasthan and a patron of 25 educational institutions across the country.

Birla, the youngest son of



BASANT KUMAR BIRLA
1921-2019

Ghanshyam Das Birla, was born on January 12, 1921. He focussed on the industries of cotton, viscose, polyester and nylon yarns, refractory, paper, shipping, tyrecord, transparent paper, spun pipe, cement, tea, coffee, cardamom, chemicals, plywood and

MDF board. BK Birla's son Aditya Birla created his empire that included Grasim, Ultratech and Hindalco. A \$44.3 billion corporation, the Aditya Birla Group is in League of Fortune 500 with a workforce of over 120,000 employees belonging to 42 nationalities. Though Kumar Birla closely worked with BK Birla, two groups maintained separate identities.

BK Birla had earlier said Kesoram and Century Textiles would eventually pass on to Kumar but that never happened. Kumar is the Vice Chairman of Century Textiles. His younger daughter Manjushree Khaitan became the Executive Vice Chairman of Kesoram. Century Textiles and Jayshree Tea are run by professionals.

Condoling B K Birla's demise, Prime Minister Narendra Modi wrote on Twitter, "Basant Kumar Birla was a distinguished industrialist who contributed to our nation's prosperity. He also made a mark as an exceptional philanthropist. His passion for education was well-known. My thoughts are with his family and well-wishers in this hour of grief."

Ficci Secretary General Dilip Chenoy wrote in a letter to Aditya Birla Group chairman Kumar Mangalam Birla. "With over 7 decades of experience in the business world, Birla will be remembered as a celebrated business leader both at home and abroad. The country will never be able to make up for the loss due to his sad demise."

RBI sets up panel to review core investment companies' supervision

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JULY 3

THE RESERVE Bank of India on Wednesday said it has constituted a working group to review regulatory guidelines and supervisory framework applicable to core investment companies (CICs).

The six-member committee — headed by Tapan Ray, non-executive Chairman, Central Bank of India and former Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs — will “examine the current regulatory framework for CICs in terms of adequacy, efficacy and effectiveness of every component thereof and suggest changes”, the RBI said.

It will assess the appropriateness of and suggest changes to the current approach of the RBI towards registration of CICs, including the practice of multiple CICs being allowed within a group, the banking regulator said in its statement.

The panel will also suggest measures to strengthen corporate governance and disclosure re-

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quirements for CICs and assess the adequacy of supervisory returns submitted by CICs and suggest changes.

“Over the years, corporate group structures have become more complex involving multiple layering and leveraging, which has led to greater inter-connectivity with the financial system through their access to public funds. “Further, in light of recent developments, there is a need to strengthen the corporate governance framework of CICs,” the Reserve Bank said.

Auto industry urges govt to take immediate steps to improve liquidity

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JULY 3

AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY body SIAM has urged the government to take immediate measures to improve liquidity, especially in the non-banking financial company (NBFC) sector, in order to fuel growth in the sector which has seen sales drop month-on-month leading to even closure of various dealerships.

In a letter written to the fi-

nance ministry, the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) has urged the government to look into the matter on an urgent basis and take suitable measures to promote flow of credit in the system to facilitate new vehicle purchases.

“As a result of the recent liquidity crisis faced by the NBFC sector and increase in interest rates, vehicle financing in the country has been badly hit, more so in the rural areas,” SIAM said.

SECOND ALERT BY DRUG REGULATOR ON MEDTRONIC DEVICES IN 3 MONTHS

CDSCO flags Medtronic insulin pump, issues alert over its cybersecurity risks

Someone ‘could potentially connect wirelessly to a nearby insulin pump to change settings,’ alert says

PRABHA RAGHAVAN
NEW DELHI, JULY 3

INDIA'S APEX drug regulator has issued an alert to healthcare providers, staff involved in managing patients and distributors over cybersecurity concerns related to a few models of US medical device maker Medtronic's Minimed insulin pumps. The alert by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) on Tuesday follows the US Food and Drug Administration's (USFDA) own alert flagging these risks.

“An unauthorised person with special technical skills and equipment could potentially connect wirelessly to a nearby insulin pump to change settings and control insulin delivery,” stated CDSCO in its alert, a copy of which *The Indian Express* has viewed.

According to the USFDA, which issued its alert on June 27,

DESIGNED TO COMMUNICATE WIRELESSLY

■ Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation has issued alert on models MiniMed Paradigm (MMT-712, MMT-715 and MMT-722) & MiniMed Paradigm Veo (MMT-754) models

■ These devices are designed to communicate wirelessly with devices like blood glucose meters, glucose sensor transmitters and USB devices

this would allow the person to change the pump's settings to either over-deliver or stop insulin delivery to the patient, impacting their blood sugar level and causing harm. Medtronic cannot update the models to address these cybersecurity risks, it stated, recommending that patients replace the affected pumps with models “better equipped” to protect them.

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(MMT-754) models, which are designed to communicate wirelessly with devices like blood glucose meters, glucose sensor transmitters and USB devices.

Like the USFDA alert, CDSCO has recommended that healthcare professionals, distributors and those managing patients check whether their models have been affected and seek prescriptions to switch to a model with “more cybersecurity protection.”

Patients should keep their insulin pumps and devices con-

nected to them within their control “at all times” and should not share their pump serial number, reads the CDSCO alert. “Be attentive to pump notifications, alarms and alerts,” it states, adding that the patients' blood glucose levels should be closely monitored for appropriate action and any “unintended” boluses should be cancelled immediately.

The Indian drug regulator's alert further recommends refraining from connecting the pumps to devices and software that do not belong to Medtronic. It has also recommended disconnecting the USB device from computers when not in use. Medtronic did not respond to queries about how many of the remaining models have been sold and are used by patients here. However, a Medtronic spokesperson said the company notified customers of these potential risks on June 25, adding that the models were from 2012.

“At this time, we have not received any confirmed reports of unauthorized persons changing settings or controlling insulin delivery,” the spokesperson told *The Indian Express*. “Kindly note that the insulin pumps are not being recalled and are not required to be returned. This is a safety notification only,” the spokesperson added. Medtronic has initiated recalls of several affected models in the US and is “providing alternative insulin pumps” to patients there, according to USFDA's alert. No patient issues have been reported in India so far, said the spokesperson. “Over the years, we have launched many advanced models of insulin pumps and they are safe for patients.”

This is CDSCO's second medical device alert on devices by Medtronic in the last three months. In May, it issued an alert on safety issues related to certain models of the firm's pacemakers.

PIL on PayPal operating ‘illegally’: HC seeks response from RBI, ED

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 3

THE DELHI High Court on Wednesday sought response of the Reserve Bank of India and the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on a plea alleging that an online payment platform PayPal was operating “illegally” without the central bank's authorisation and should be stopped immediately.

A bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice C Hari Shankar also issued notice to the RBI, ED and PayPal Payments Pvt Ltd, and sought their stand before the next date of hearing, September 18. The court was hearing a PIL by a financial economist, Abhijit Mishra, who submitted that the operation of PayPal as a payment system in India is in contravention of Section 4(1) of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 (2007 Act), which provides that no person other than the Reserve

Bank, shall commence or operate a payment system except in accordance with an authorisation issued by the India's central banking institution. The petition also alleged that PayPal does not figure in the list of authorised payment system operators published by RBI on May 27, 2019.

According to the plea, filed through advocate Preet Bahl, PayPal's services are being used by various online travel, clothing and food websites or apps, including Yatra, Dominos Pizza and Myntra.

It alleged that PayPal was also “operating as a foreign exchange dealer in contravention of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA)”. It also sought probe against PayPal's directors, management and officers of PayPal for alleged malpractice and violation of provisions of Article 21 of the Constitution of India, Payments and Settlements Act, FEMA and Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

BPSL takeover by JSW Steel: SC stays high court ruling

INDUBHAN
NEW DELHI, JULY 3

THE SUPREME Court on Wednesday paved the way for the Delhi bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) to pronounce its orders on approval of JSW Steel's Rs 19,350-crore bid for debt-ridden Bhushan Power and Steel (BPSL), which is under insolvency process.

Expressing surprise on how the Punjab and Haryana High Court had intervened in the resolution process of BPSL, a bench by Justice RF Nariman stayed the HC order that had asked the committee of creditors (CoC) and the NCLT to consider the objections raised by the former directors of the company before finalising any resolution plan.

“Acts like this must be frowned upon and dealt sternly,” Justice Nariman said, staying the HC's April 18 order. **FE**

Services sector shrinks for first time since May 2018

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JULY 3

WITH ECONOMIC conditions in the services sector weakening, broadly stagnant sales caused the first drop in business activity in over a year, a survey has said.

At 49.6 in June, down from 50.2 in May, the IHS Markit India Services Business Activity Index posted in contraction territory for the first time since May 2018. A reading below 50 indicates contraction in the business activity.

Although the labour market showed signs of resilience, there was a notable slowdown in job creation. “Optimism towards growth prospects was sustained, but confidence was down from May,” the survey said.

According to survey participants, weak sales, competitive pressures and unfavourable taxation all hampered output.

“New business rose only fractionally during June, with the respective index posting at a nine-

month low.

Survey evidence indicated that some firms secured new work amid successful advertising, while others saw order books shrink due to competitive pressures and weak underlying demand,” IHS Markit India Services PMI said.

“International sales increased for the fourth straight month, albeit at the slowest pace in this sequence. Unfinished business continued to rise in June, which panel members linked to delayed client payments. The rate of backlog accumulation was, however, modest and the weakest in the year-to-date,” it said.

To assist with their workloads, services companies took on additional staff in June.

“The latest rise in employment was the twenty-second in as many months, but the slowest over this period. Firms that refrained from hiring mentioned that workforce numbers were sufficient to cope with current workloads,” the survey said.

BRIEFLY

Composition scheme: July 31 new deadline

New Delhi: The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, in a circular issued on Wednesday, said that the deadline for service providers with turnover of up to Rs 50 lakh to opt for the composition scheme and pay six per cent goods and services tax (GST) has been extended by three months till July 31. **PTI**

Wave Group elevates Sodhi to director-PR

New Delhi: Ravi Sodhi has been elevated to director-Marketing, PR and CRM, of the Wave Group. The conglomerate is involved in fields including real estate, education, wellness and agriculture.

CLP India to buy stake in 3 KPTL assets

Mumbai: Kalpataru Power Transmission (KPTL) announced on Wednesday it had entered into binding agreements with CLP India to sell stake in three of its power transmission assets for an estimated enterprise value of Rs 3,275 crore. **ENS**

‘Treat Huawei as blacklisted’: US govt to staff

Washington: A senior U.S. official told the Commerce Department's enforcement staff this week that China's Huawei should still be treated as blacklisted, days after U.S. President Donald Trump sowed confusion with a vow to ease a ban on sales to the firm. Meanwhile, in New Delhi, Indian entities that will supply US-origin technology components to Chinese telecom major Huawei may face penal action under American regulations, Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said in Parliament. **REUTERS & PTI**

Rajasthan State Road Development And Construction Corporation Ltd., JAIPUR
No. NIT/2019-20/9158-47 Date: 02.07.2019

निविदा सूचना-2019-20
मिन्मलियत परियोजना पर दो चर्च की अधीन के लिए पक्कर यकूमी हेतु - 2-दिवसिय प्रक्रिया के अन्तर्गत निविदाओं आमंत्रित की जाती है:-

चर्च का विवरण	अंदाजित मूल्य (₹)	निविदा सूचना संख्या
Collection of Toll Tax on Kopruti-Neem Ka Thana-Sikar-Kuchaman Road. UBN No.: RRC1920WLOB0097	6706.05 Lac	अप्रवासी ई-05719-20
Collection of Toll Tax on Salumber-Keer Ki Chauki & Debari-Kurabad-Bambora Road. UBN No.: RRC1920WLOB0098	941.71 Lac	अप्रवासी ई-05919-20

अनुमति निविदा प्राप्त कराने के लिए दिनांक 29.06.2019 प्रा. 9.00 बजे से 08.07.2019 प्रा. 06.00 बजे तक

निविदा से संबंधित सार्वजनिक सूचनाएं एवं संबंधित वेबसाइटें <http://proc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.rajasthan.nic.in> तथा <http://roads.rajasthan.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है। इच्छुक संस्थानों को अपने विहित हस्ताक्षर के माध्यम से वेबसाइट <http://proc.rajasthan.gov.in> पर रजिस्टर्ड करवाना आवश्यक है।

सहकारक

RAJASTHAN STATE MINES & MINERALS LIMITED
(A Government of Rajasthan Enterprise)

4, Meera Marg, Udaipur-313001, Phone : (0294) 2427177/2428763-67
Fax : (0294) 2428768, 2428739 Email : contractsco.rsmml@rajasthan.gov.in

Notice Inviting e-Tender Date : 01-07-2019

NIT No. & Date	Description of Work
e-Tender No. Cont.-16/2019-20 Dated 27.06.2019 UBN No. MML1920WLOB00066	Removal of overburden and raising of limestone lumps from Govt. land by deploying suitable machineries at Limestone mines of Golani Distt. Nagaur. Contract value Rs. 1045.00 Lac, EMD 26.30 Lac, Tender Fees Rs. 4720/-

Other terms & conditions have been given in detailed tender for which please visit us at our website www.rsmml.com or www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in or proc.rajasthan.gov.in or contact SMM (Contract) on above address.
Samwad/C/118/2019-2019

SM (Admin.)

NMDC Limited
(A Govt. of India Enterprise)

Donimalai Complex, PO: Donimalai Township, Sandur Taluk, Ballari Dist, Karnataka-583118
CIN : L13100AP1956 GOI001674.

TENDER NOTICE

Tender Enquiry No. DNM/PPT/CIVIL/2019 Date: 05/07/2019

Tenders are invited for the work of "Operation of Front-End Loaders at 1.2 MTPA Pellet Plant, Donimalai, Bellary (Job Contract Basis)".

The complete bid document can be viewed and / or download from NMDC Ltd's website <https://www.nmdc.co.in/> and Central Public Procurement Portal (CPP) <https://www.eprocure.gov.in> from 05/07/2019 to 06/08/2019.

For accessing the tender document online registration is required at NMDC Ltd's website link <https://www.nmdc.co.in/nmcdtender/default.aspx>. For accessing the bid document from CPP, the bidders have to click on latest active bids at www.eprocure.gov.in

For further clarification, Deputy General Manager (Civil), Pellet Plant, Donimalai Complex, Donimalai Township, Distt Ballari, Karnataka-583118 or at maswamy@nmcdc.co.in / maswamy@nmcdcltd.in

For and on behalf of NMDC Ltd.
Deputy General Manager (Mech), Pellet Plant

JAIPUR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, JAIPUR
Jawaharlal Nehru Marg, Jaipur-302004

No. JDA/OSD(RM)/2019-20/D-881 Date: 01/07/2019

GRAND E-AUCTION

OF COMMERCIAL PLOT IN KUBER COMPLEX SCHEME GANDHI PATH, JAIPUR

S.No.	Detail of Property	Area (Sq.Mt.)	B.A.R. Without Betterment Levy	Height (Mtr.)	Ground Coverage	Registration Fee for participation in Auction (Non Refundable)(Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	BSP (Per Sq.Mt.) (Rs.)	Starting Date & Time for Depositing EMD	Last Date & Time for Depositing EMD	Bidding Start Date & Time	Bidding End Date & Time*
1	Commercial Plot No. 8 (Corner) Kuber Complex, Gandhi Path, Jaipur	10000	As per Available Height	*63.00	40%	5,000	1.50 Crores	77,000	01/07/2019 00:00 Hrs	16/07/2019 23:00 Hrs.	01/07/2019 01:00 Hrs.	19/07/2019 15:00 Hrs.

Note : * Bid Extension : The bidding time will be extended for further 5 minutes (unlimited times till bids are receiving continuously). If no bid is received within the extended period the bidding will be closed automatically. Height *63.00 Mtrs. Or subject to NOC from Airport Authority, whichever is less. For further Detail Please Log on JDA Web Site : www.jda.urban.rajasthan.gov.in or e-Auction link or Contact, OSD(RM) (0141-2570678, 2569696 Ex.-7021, 7264 Mob. No. 9414310207 / Deputy Commissioner Zone-7, Mob. No. 9414203086. For site visit and other information of plots please contact to Shree Suresh Mathur, Executive Engineer, Mobile No. 9414047222 and Shri Dharmendra Sharma, Executive Engineer, Mobile No. 9887515159

S.S. Shahid OSD (RM)

Samwad/C/1127/2019-2020

JODHPUR VIDYUT VITARAN NIGAM LTD.
(Material Management & Contract Wing)

New Power House, Industrial Area, Jodhpur- 342003
Phone No. : (0291) 2742223 Fax No. : (0291) 2746539

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

E-Procurement Tender is invited for supply of 36 KV Outdoor VCB Kiosks under TN-1553/UBNJV1920GLOB00055). Details regarding Quantity, Tender cost, Earnest Money, Schedule date of tender opening for aforesaid tenders are available on our website at www.jdvvnli.com and also at <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in> Raj. Samwad/C/116/2019-20
Superintendent Engineer (MM&C)

विद्युत संचयन सिकारवाली के लिए टेंडर की नमूना 1800 100 6045

Rajasthan State Road Development And Construction Corporation Ltd., JAIPUR
No. NIT/2019-20/9158-58 Date: 02.07.2019

निविदा सूचना-2019-20
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चर्च का विवरण	अंदाजित मूल्य (₹)	निविदा सूचना संख्या
Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Furniture for First Renovation at Medical College, Bhiwara. UBN No.: RRC1920WLOB00118	337.61 Lac	

अनुमति निविदा प्राप्त कराने के लिए दिनांक 01.07.2019 प्रा. 9.00 बजे से 22.07.2019 प्रा. 06.00 बजे तक

निविदा से संबंधित सार्वजनिक सूचनाएं एवं संबंधित वेबसाइटें <http://proc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.rajasthan.nic.in> तथा <http://roads.rajasthan.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है। इच्छुक संस्थानों को अपने विहित हस्ताक्षर के माध्यम से वेबसाइट <http://proc.rajasthan.gov.in> पर रजिस्टर्ड करवाना आवश्यक है।

सहकारक

TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD.
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (E-TENDERING PROCESS)

Sl. No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Specification No.	Total
1	CE/R-APDRP/IPDS	02, 03	2

TAMIL NADU TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LTD.

Sl. No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Specification No.	Total
2	SE/Transmission-III	T2120	1

For details of works/Procurement/Due date of submission/opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit websites: www.tangedco.gov.in, www.tantransco.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in / nicgep/app
DIPR/2220/TENDER/2019

Bihar School Examination Board

NOTICE INVITING e-Tender
(Through e-procurement mode only over <https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in>)
Tender Notice No.:- PR 274/2019

Bihar School Examination Board, Patna invites e-tenders under two bid systems from the reputed, experienced & technologically sound Firms /Companies/Agencies/Societies having adequate infrastructure and Experience of handling the works of "Design & Development of Post Examination Data Processing Software and Live Support for Pre and Post exam activity for Matric and Inter Examination (Annual and Compartmental) and other examination as per decision of BSEB and their operations."

Cost of Tender document (In Rupees)	Tender processing Fee (Non Refundable) (inclusive of GST @18.00%) to be paid through e-payment mode (i.e. NEFT/RTGS/Credit Card/Debit card) (In Rupees)	Earnest Money (In Rupees)
5,000 /- (Five Thousand Rupees only)	1,180/- (One Thousand One Hundred Eighty Rupees only)	4,00,000/- (Four Lakh Rupees only)

Tender Schedule/ Programme:

Date and Time for Activity	Date/Time : Duration
Online Sale/Download date of Tender documents	From : 03/07/2019 (11:00 Hrs.) to 24/07/2019 (13:00 Hrs.) (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
Pre-Bid Meeting	09/07/2019 at 11:30 Hrs. (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)
Last Date/Time for submission /uploading of offer/Bid	24/07/2019 upto 15:00 Hrs. (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
Submission of form fee & EMD in Hard copy/ Original	24/07/2019 upto 15:30 Hrs. (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)
Date & Time for opening of Technical Bid	24/07/2019 at 16:00 Hrs. (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in) (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)
Financial Bid Opening Date and Time	Date to be announced later by competent authority

- Detailed descriptions of the items and instructions for submitting your offer can be downloaded from e-tender website <https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in>
- For support related to e-tendering process, Bidders may contact at "e-Procurement HELP DESK First Floor, M/22, Bank of India Building, Road No.-25, Sri Krishna Nagar, Patna-800001, Ph. No: 0612-2523006, Mob- 7542028164" or may visit the link "Vendor Info" at <https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in>.
- Corrigendum / Addendum, if any, will be published on e-Procurement Portal, Bihar <https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in> itself.
- Contact Details : Sh. Jai Kishore Singh, Nodal officer - +91 6299923095, E-Mail ID - eproc.bseb@gmail.com
- Note :- Bihar School Examination Board reserves the right to accept/reject/reschedule any or all tenders without assigning any reasons.

Secretary

DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER WEST-I
O.H.T. BERIWALA BAGH, SUBHAS NAGAR
NEW DELHI- 110064
PRESS NOTICE TENDER NO. 21/W-I/(2019-20)

S. No.	Name of work	Amount put to tender	Date release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last datelime of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1.	Replacement of old badly damaged AC/CI under size main Water line of E and F block Jeewan Park (From F-3 To F-89, F-175 to E-20, Som Bazaar Road to F-89, E-20 to F-86, E-35 to F-60, E-36 to E-65, E-61 to F-38, F-123 to F-21, F-175 to F-14 and 16, F-5 to RZ-23 Indira Park and surrounding) in Milap Nagar ward No - 119 AC-30 Under West-I Tender ID 2019_DJB_175392_3	Rs. 43,40,986/-	01.07.2019 onward	12.07.2019 up to 3.00 PM

Can view this particular statement in detail <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>
ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)
Advt. No. J.S.V. 130/2019-20

Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (WEST) I
(O) 2512573

Economy facing only term challenges, can overcome: Parekh

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI, JULY 3

BANKER DEEPAK Parekh said it is important to stay optimistic and recognise that the economy will tide over the short-term challenges it has been facing for some time now. In a letter to the shareholders, Parekh — who serves as chairman of mortgage major HDFC — said he is confident that the new government along with the regulators will prioritise re-instilling a culture of trust across the banking and financial sector.

“It is important to stay optimistic and recognise that the economy will tide over some of the short-term challenges it faces,” he said, adding however, this should not take away our focus from the broader picture that the country stands tall today.

“The poll outcome is a strong mark of confidence and the country stands ready to welcome patient capital seeking to earn attractive returns.”

DEEPAK PAREKH
CHAIRMAN, HDFC

On the strong political mandate that the recent elections gave, he said “the poll outcome is a strong mark of confidence and the country stands ready to welcome patient capital seeking to earn attractive returns.”

Thanking retail depositors who put their hard-earned money with the mortgage financier, he said HDFC's strength has been its ability to seamlessly straddle between wholesale and retail funding.

‘Biz to declare mismatch in GST returns form, outward supplies in annual returns’

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JULY 3

THE FINANCE Ministry on Wednesday said that any mismatch in Goods and Services Tax

(GST) monthly sales return and outward supply details will have to be reported in annual return form and due taxes should be paid.

In a clarification on annual returns and reconciliation statement, the Finance Ministry said it has received queries from businesses asking whether the primary source of data for filing of the annual return and the reconciliation statement should be GSTR-1, GSTR-3B or books of accounts.

Meanwhile, GST and Income Tax officers conducted a joint search operation on premises of Indore-based Paper Trade Links Pvt Ltd and detected GST evasion of Rs 1.25 crore, besides Rs 30 crore cash deposits in bank account in last couple of months, sources said on Wednesday.

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BUMPER CROP, GOOD PRICES

Harvesting an opportunity

Higher tariffs on Washington apples and ban on Chinese imports cheer HP and Kashmir growers

SOFI AHSAN
KOTKHAH (HIMACHAL PRADESH), JULY 3

SUNIL CHAUHAN is a busy man these days, spraying 'Antracol' and 'Nativo' fungicides on his apple trees spread over 14 *bigha* (2.25 hectares) in Dhangwi Kalan. The 32-year-old, a PhD in history who teaches at the Panjab University in Chandigarh, has taken a break to help his family out at their orchard in this village of Shimla district's Kotkhai tehsil.

"The crop is going to be much better than last year. We don't want to take chances, when it's so close to harvesting," says Chauhan, as he walks through his high-density plantation orchard having 300-400 trees per *bigha*, as against the normal 50 or so. The trees bear both new "imported" (Adams, Jeromie, Gale Gala, Scarlet Spur) and "traditional" Royal Delicious apple varieties. The imported varieties would be ready for plucking towards July 20 and the traditional ones from early-August.

But what is exciting Chauhan isn't just the prospect of bumper production; his trees should yield 3,400-3,500 boxes (each containing 20 kg of apples), compared to 2,800-2,900 last time. "We also expect prices to hold at last year's levels of Rs 2,000-2,400/box for Royal Delicious and Rs 2,800-3,100 for the imported varieties," he adds.

According to M L Dhiman, director of Himachal Pradesh's horticulture department, apple production in the state is likely to rise from roughly two crore boxes to 3.70 crore boxes this year, thanks to a better and extended winter. The hope of growers such as Chauhan that this will not lead to a crash in realisations is based on the Narendra Modi government's decision, last month, to raise import duties on US apples from 50 per cent to 70 per cent. The extra impost was slapped as a retaliatory tariff, in response to the US imposing import duties on steel and aluminium last year, besides withdrawing \$5.6 billion worth of special trade benefits for Indian goods this June.



(Top) Apple orchards with anti-hail nets on trees at Kotkhai near Shimla, Apple grower Suresh Chauhan. Pradeep Kumar

India produces 23-25 lakh tonnes (lt) of apples annually, the bulk of it accounted for by Jammu & Kashmir (17-18 lt) and HP (5-6 lt). Between 2013-14 and 2018-19, the country's apple imports have gone up from 1.75 lt to 2.83 lt. Out of the 2.83 lt imports last year, 1.28 lt was from the US, followed by Chile (54,317 tonnes), New Zealand (26,217 tonnes) and Italy (21,680 tonnes). Imports of Washington apples have grown largely at the expense of China, which, until 2016-17, was India's biggest supplier, at 1.75 lt. Since June 2017, India has banned imports of apples and pear from China, after some consignments were found to be infested with mealy bugs and fungus.

"There should be a total ban on imports," states Chauhan, whose apples don't go beyond Parwanoo in HP's Solan district or Chandigarh. The markets in the rest of India have been increasingly flooded with imported apples. "When there will be less fruit coming from US, on top of the continuing ban on Chinese apples, our realisations would obviously improve," notes Anoop Thakur (37), a 70-*bigha* grower from Kotkhai, who transports his apples right up to Delhi.

Others aren't that hopeful, though. Rakesh Singha, CPI (M) legislator from the Theog Assembly constituency in Shimla district, feels that the US producers will evade the higher import tariff by routing apples through other countries. In fact, the US Department of Agriculture, in its report last month, predicted Indian imports to remain at current levels, as increased shipments from the European Union, New Zealand and Chile will "contribute towards filling the gap left from lost China supplies and lower U.S. deliveries". A top executive of a leading Bangalore-based online grocery, too, pointed out that Washington apples are now wholesaling at about Rs 3,000 per 20-kg box, while Italian and Polish produce are available at still lower rates of Rs 2,500-2,600 and Rs 2,200-2,300, respectively (for 18-kg boxes).

"The apples from outside have longer shelf-life, which has essentially to do with their superior post-harvesting practices. While they do packing in 20-kg boxes, we fill these up to 25 kg, resulting in quality deterioration and damage to the fruit. The perishability of our produce and lack of attention to post-harvest management is why we

are unable to get a good price. I don't see imports falling even with the higher tariffs," opines Singha.

Dhiman attributes the crisis in the domestic industry to also climate change. "This year, our production will almost double to 3.7 crore boxes, but we have even achieved 10 crore boxes back in 2010. The weather fluctuations are very abrupt now, especially at the time of flowering".

Apples from the lower heights of HP, between Solan and Shimla, start arriving from end-July, while the peaking marketing time for the crop in the Shimla-Narkanda-Rampur belt is August-September. From late-September, harvesting of Kinnaur apples begins along with that of the Kashmir valley, whose supplies continue till November-December.

Growers in Kashmir — its main apple-producing districts are Shopian, Kulgam, Anantnag, Budgam, Kupwara and Baramulla — are also expecting a good crop this season. But they aren't sure whether there will be a double benefit from the hike in tariffs/ban on Washington and Chinese apples.

"The government should increase the duties on imports from all countries. That will definitely help local producers realise higher prices. Our apples taste better; where we fail is in maintenance of quality and product presentation," claims Mohammad Amin, who heads the local growers' association at Shopian in south Kashmir. He also pins blame on the lack of cold storage infrastructure.

Syed Shah Nawaz Ahmad Bukhari, director of J&K's horticulture planning and marketing department, estimates that the 20 cold stores in the state have a capacity of only one lt, whereas the requirement is 8-10 lt. "It is natural, then, that our growers are desperate to sell at whatever the rates fetched in the market. Also, we have no proper grading, sorting and packing systems. As a result, a mix of 'A' and 'B' quality produce goes into the market and we are in no position to dictate prices," he sums up.

Unsweet tidings

The impending bankruptcy of India's biggest sugar producer may create new legal precedent after the Jaypee homebuyers' case

HARISH DAMODARAN

BAJAJ HINDUSTHAN Sugar Ltd (BHSL) is among the 150-odd companies now staring at the prospect of being referred to the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), the dedicated bankruptcy court. But what makes the case of the country's largest sugar producer different, even as the Reserve Bank of India's 30-day review period for banks to work out resolution plans or initiate insolvency proceedings against defaulting borrowers ends on July 7, is that at stake are the interests of both "secured" and "operational" creditors. And the latter include two lakh or more sugarcane growers.

BHSL's borrowings, based on its latest audited annual results as on March 31, 2019, stood at Rs 5,382.09 crore. At the same time, the company's 14 sugar factories had bought cane worth Rs 5,058.96 crore (at the Uttar Pradesh government's average state advised price of Rs 319 per quintal) from farmers during the 2018-19 crushing season. Out of this, they had paid only Rs 1,877.20 crore till June 30, according to data from the Cane Commissioner's Office at Lucknow. It translates into arrears of Rs 3,181.76 crore, without factoring in any interest on payments not made within 14 days of cane purchase.

The question that arises is: In the event of implementation of an insolvency resolution plan for BHSL — or liquidation of assets if that fails — whose dues shall receive priority?

According to a Supreme Court ruling of October 2014, endorsing an earlier Allahabad High Court order, the dues of cane growers, even though in the nature of an unsecured claim, would prevail over the rights of secured creditors. On the other hand, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), enacted in May 2016, clearly privileges secured creditors. Even within unsecured creditors, financial debts take precedence over the monies owed to operational creditors, who are relegated to a residual claimant category. Under IBC, operational creditors are those with claims against "the provision of goods or services". The suppliers of cane to sugar mills are, thus, operational creditors.

Given that the IBC came in as a legislation after the Supreme Court's order, if the BHSL case were now to go to the NCLT, the interests of banks may well be accorded superior treatment vis-à-vis cane growers' dues. However, politically speaking, this might not be easy to enforce. In the insolvency proceedings of Jaypee Infratech Ltd, for instance, the Supreme Court intervened in favour of its Noida Wish Town project's homebuyers. They were allowed to participate in the resolution process as financial creditors; in the original IBC law, homebuyers wouldn't have even qualified as operational creditors.

The political implications in BHSL's insolvency process may be much more. Its 14 mills crushed 1,587.98 lakh quintals of cane during the 2018-19 crushing season from November to May. Taking an average holding size of one hectare (2.5 acres) and cane yield at 750-800 quintals/hectare, the company's farmer-suppliers would add up to 2-2.1 lakh — way above Jaypee's esti-



ated 23,000 aggrieved homebuyers.

In BHSL, moreover, the issue isn't just about unpaid cane dues for a single season.

BHSL's 14 mills — at Kinauni (Meerut); Budhana (Muzaffarnagar); Thanabhawan (Shamli); Gangnauli (Saharanpur); Bilai (Bijnor); Barkhera (Pilibhit); Maqsoodapur (Shahjahanpur); Golagokarnath, Palia Kalan and Khambhar Khara (Lakhimpur Kheri); Kundarki (Gonda); Utraula (Balrampur); Rudhauri (Basti); and Pratappur (Deoria) — have a combined crushing capacity of 136,500 tonnes cane daily (tcd), which is 17.68% of UP's total 772,175 tcd. Further, their aggregate cane crushing of 1,587.98 lakh quintals and sugar production of 18.29 lakh tonnes in 2018-19 accounted for 15.42% and 15.47% of the corresponding 10,296.31 lakh quintals and 118.23 lakh tonnes figures for the state as a whole.

Simply put, what happens to BHSL over the next few months matters not only to its banks — they will have to make an additional provision of 20% on their outstanding loans, if no resolution plan is implemented within 180 days after the 30-day review period; and a further 15% beyond 365 days — and cane growers. For a company that has been synonymous with UP's sugar industry — and whose 12 out of 14 mills were set up in a short time span from 2003 to 2007 — its going under will be nothing short of cataclysmic.

Besides BHSL, Simbhaoli Sugars (already admitted to NCLT), the U.K. Modi Group and Mawana Sugars Ltd are the other major cane dues defaulters in UP. Together, their 21 mills have a 24.41% share of the state's crushing capacity and 49.17% of its outstanding cane payment arrears of Rs 9,745.97 crore as on June 30.

Interestingly, the promoters (the Bajaj family and related entities) of BHSL had a mere 15.43% holding in the company as on March 31, 2019, compared to 46.13% five years ago. The biggest shareholders today are public sector banks, with a combined stake of 40.30%. Their holding would further go up to 80.63% (and that of promoters fall to 5.01%) if the optionally convertible debentures, issued to them in December 2017, under an earlier debt restructuring scheme, get fully converted into shares.

At the end of the day, the lenders and cane farmers are the ones that will be left holding the bag.

REFORMS 2.0

Creating the right 'market connect' for boosting farm incomes

Moving agriculture from State to Concurrent list can produce gains similar to that from GST



AJAY S SHRIRAM

BUSINESS 101 lessons, whether for a start-up or multibillion dollar multinational, begin with a discussion on the "market". But somewhere along the line, this basic aspect was forgotten vis-à-vis the farmer, who is also a businessman. The obsession with increasing production and keeping consumer prices under check meant that the criticality of marketing of farm produce was ignored. An exception probably was when Verghese Kurien started Amul, by first fixing the market and, then, building up milk supplies. Even during the Green Revolution, the government undertook a procurement programme only for wheat and rice in some pockets of the country at an assured price. For everything else, farmers had to fend for themselves. Much damage was done to the viability of their business activity, which also carries all the risks associated with uncertainties in weather and the global commodity cycle.

It must be mentioned that the Indian farmer has not been found wanting when

consumption patterns have significantly shifted in favour of protein-rich foods (dairy, poultry and fisheries) or fruits and vegetables. The supply response from their end has been impressive, but with no assurance of adequate returns. Several factors have contributed to this imbroglio: absence of marketing linkages or guaranteed buyback arrangements, inadequate storage facilities (particularly for perishable produce), high transport costs, cartelisation by traders, distress sales to meet urgent cash requirements, and so on.

It's only now — when "farmer incomes" and not "output" has taken centre stage — that the "market" is receiving due attention. In the last few years, the government has initiated measures for providing better linkages and reducing risks for the farmer. Some of the important ones are:

■ **eNAM:** The government has created an electronic national agriculture market (eNAM) to connect all regulated wholesale produce markets through a pan-India trading portal. Its effectiveness is, however, dependent on the participation of traders from these *mandis*, who would obviously resist any initiative that lessens their price-setting power.

■ **Farmer producer organisations (FPOs):** Creation of FPOs provides better bargaining power to farmers through aggregation and standardisation of their produce, leading to better realisations. But FPOs have been a mixed bag so far, as they often lack manage-



These potato farmers near Agra can do with better market connect. Express

ment bandwidth.

■ **Risk management:** Crop Insurance schemes offer protection to farmers against weather risks. Also, the premium in the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana is largely borne by the Government. While still a work in progress, it is a more comprehensive and farmer-friendly scheme than any other one previously rolled out.

Addressing the challenges of the "market" is complex, yet doable. Some of the measures one would like to see are:

■ **Increase the number of markets:** The Dalwai Committee has estimated that India needs at least 30,000 farm produce markets, as against the approximately 6,500 now. We need to come up with a "mini-market" con-

cept to bridge this wide gap. These can be similar to the collection points in the dairy or sugar industries, which can be linked to the main *mandis* digitally. With ubiquitous electronic communication and reliable rural roads, they can become viable hubs for economic activity and employment generation.

■ **Demand vs supply:** The root cause of price volatility is the uncontrolled cycles of excesses and shortages. Price projections in a particular commodity are often made based on previous years' trends that may not hold true, leading to excess or low plantings. The government should promote a mechanism that provides real-time guidance to farmers on the choice and management of their crops. This could be based on satellite imagery and

ground reports, followed by suitable advisories before and after planting. AgTech start-ups should be roped in for this job, initially to undertake pilots and then scaling it up.

■ **Warehouse receipt financing:** This mechanism needs integration with the *mandis*, so that farmers faced with low harvest-time realisations can store their crop with accredited warehouses and raise funds, even as they wait for prices to go up. Such a facility should be made widely available, including for small and marginal farmers. Currently, utilisation of warehouse receipt financing is limited due to inadequate awareness and complexity of the schemes on offer.

■ **Producer consolidation:** Consolidation of small and fragmented farms into more viable holdings will improve producers' access to finance and quality inputs, besides enabling better price realisations. One way to do is by encouraging long-term land leasing or consolidation, while at the same time providing suitable legal protection to landowners. This will incentivise much-needed investments in land development/improvement and farm mechanisation.

■ **Ease of doing agriculture:** The narrative of "ease of doing business" is necessary as much for agriculture as other businesses. Removal of restrictions on movement of produce, stockholding, pricing and adoption of new technologies are areas that need to be urgently addressed. The Essential Commodities Act should go, conceived as it was during an era of shortages. Today, with huge buffer stocks and import options, this law has outlived its relevance.

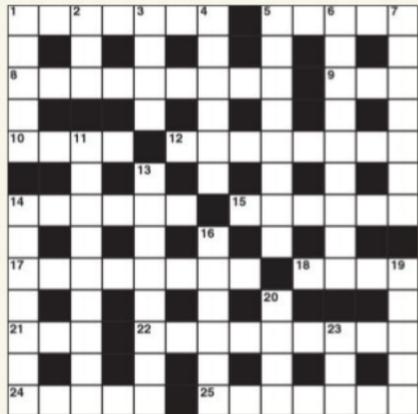
To have any meaningful impact, the above

proposed measures must be taken up in parallel rather than sequentially. Also, there can no better opportune moment than in the first 100-days period of this government.

Finally, almost all discussions centered around agriculture are prefaced by a comment that "agriculture" is a state subject under List II in the Seventh Schedule of Article 246 of the Constitution. But so were "education" and "forests" prior to the 42nd amendment in 1976, when they were transferred to List III of the Constitution. The experience of that shift, from the state to concurrent list, has been positive, just as the Constitutional amendments for the introduction of goods and services tax (GST) in recent times. The need for reclassifying agriculture in the concurrent list is imperative, though it must be handled with utmost sensitivity while not being seen as stepping on the states' authority. Given the current mandate at the Centre, a consultative process should be initiated to get the states' buy-in, by offering carrots (no sticks), and bringing in the necessary legislative changes. During the last government, the Constitution was amended and also a GST Council, representing both the Centre and the states, got created. The then finance minister Arun Jaitley was, then, able to skillfully navigate a complex subject through this mechanism. There's no reason why a similar framework cannot be created for a crucial area impinging the livelihoods of nearly half of the country's population.

The writer is Chairman & Senior Managing Director, DCM Shriram Ltd

CROSSWORD 3849



- ACROSS**
- Rushing madly in great confusion (7)
 - Is classified as military distinctions (5)
 - Possibly eats pills as sweets (9)
 - It's sticky to chew (3)
 - ...in the way (4)
 - Cheer up when the right man is about (8)
 - Mistakes are a source of mirth in play (6)
 - Strangely remote star (6)
 - Here cars are involved in scientific inquiry (8)
 - A melody recalled in opera (4)
 - Break in the late afternoon (3)
 - A Dickens book shattered this dream (4,5)
 - Cried out for a drink (5)
 - Help to taste the wine (7)
- DOWN**
- Poets befuddled by drinks (5)
 - Male singer loses his head — the fool! (3)
 - This island is home for a goddess (4)
 - Unusual goal concerning many (6)
 - Reconciled to having had to give up work (8)
 - Gathering odd garments for wear in bed (5,4)
 - Remains as a student group (7)
 - Strong line taken at a trade exhibition? (4,5)
 - Break one's nose, perhaps (8)
 - Man goes about desert, wandering (7)
 - Fairly large numbers of marks (6)
 - When established, something to one's credit (5)
 - Highly placed at work (4)
 - He was against capitalism and mother love (3)

Solutions Crossword 3848: Across: 1 Dressage, 5 Abet, 9 Lathe, 10 Strange, 11 First-aid post, 13 Unsafe, 14 Hearts, 17 Disconsolate, 20 Ignoble, 21 Yeast, 22 Sail, 23 Sturgeon. Down: 1 Dolt, 2 Entries, 3 Seeds of doubt, 4 Gasbag, 7 Treatise, 8 Bridge player, 12 Sundries, 15 Retrace, 16 Ascent, 18 Sinai, 19 Stun.

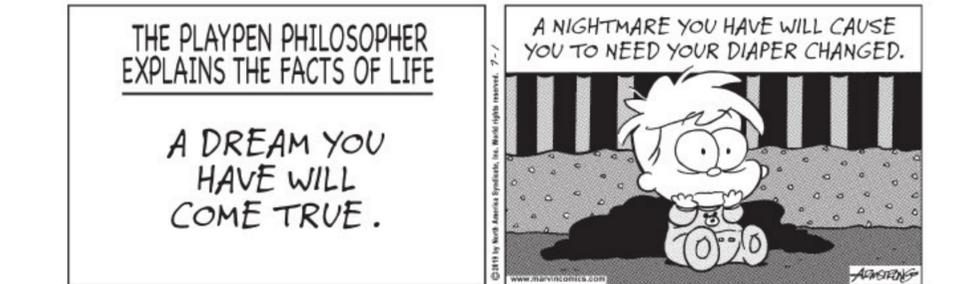
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CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

- ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**
Don't spend too much time going over old ground, because this week's planetary aspects do advise you to adopt a commonsense approach. And that means recognising that what's past is past. Once you are free from all those old emotional ties you can concentrate on creating a much brighter future.
- LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)**
Someone seems to have the bit between his, or her, teeth, possibly over a legal question or an overseas connection, or even over a matter of principle. Only if you persist in a particular and special course of action will you achieve your personal goals.
- SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)**
Some kind of battle or wrangle over finances may seem to be inevitable, but in fact quite avoidable. It's down to you to set an example by being clear and playing fair. There is no time for hesitation, and no reason to delay all your important preparations right now.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)**
You have every reason to nurture certain suspicions, perhaps that you have been duped, undermined or betrayed. However, there may be no need to consider retaliation, as the time for action may have passed. The reason is that other people may have been acting in good faith.
- GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)**
It's always good to remember that, although you may be especially enthusiastic about a particular project, other people may see the world through totally different eyes. So don't try to bulldoze reluctant partners, but wait for them to catch up with you.
- CANCER (June 22 - July 23)**
No matter whether current questions, issues or problems be of a domestic or professional nature, you can be assured that if you follow a traditional Cancerian approach — delicate, sensitive and kind — you will serve your own best interests. Remember the old saying — as you sow, so shall you reap.
- CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)**
It will be a rare and completely blinkered Capricorn who cannot now sense that emotional conditions are about to improve. The most intuitive amongst you will already realise that a happy encounter is just around the corner. All you have to do is recognise it when it comes.
- LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)**
Personally and financially at the moment, everything points to this being a phase for individual contemplation. If anything is troubling you, the root cause might be lingering worries over your security. That's why you should look for reassurance — and support — wherever you can find it.
- AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)**
In many ways you are absolutely spot on and completely right, but sometimes even you have to admit to having been wrong. On the other hand, there is more than a grain of truth in your opinions and beliefs, so get the balance right if you can. And do it now.
- PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**
Although there are a couple of decidedly difficult aspects to contend with, the general planetary situation is relatively easy. The reason is that anyone who launches an attack is liable to hit the wrong target. But if you do spot an approaching emotional missile, why don't you duck?
- VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)**
Yesterday's Solar alignments should already have clarified certain issues. At the centre of current affairs lies the whole manner in which you relate to other people. You may feel that you haven't been sufficiently assertive in the past, but that can be put right, now.

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.

Now we sit through Shakespeare in order to recognize the — Orson Welles (10)

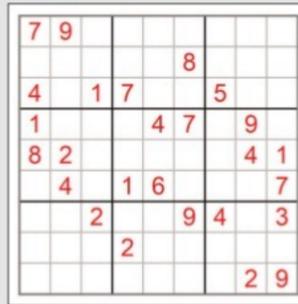
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SOLUTION: NOTION, VAHO, WIRTS, PLANT, PLAN, LIND, LIND, LIND
Answer: Now we sit through Shakespeare in order to recognize the — Orson Welles

SUDOKU 3897

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

SOLUTION SUDOKU 3896



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Tender Enquiry No.: HSCC/AIIMS-Raebareli/2019/1 Dated: 04.7.2019
Online Bids are invited by HSCC (India) Limited on behalf of AIIMS, Raebareli from eligible bidders who fulfill qualification criteria as stipulated for the supply, installation, testing & commissioning of Medical Equipment for the Medical College for All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Raebareli. Tender document is available online from 05.7.2019 and the last date submission of bids is 01.8.2019.
Detailed NIT will be available on e-tender portal <http://www.tenderwizard.com/HSCC>, HSCC website www.hsccltd.co.in and CPP Portal. Corrigendum to this publication, if any, would appear only on said websites and not be published.

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (2nd Call)
NIT No. HSCC/Office-fur/AIIMS-Raebareli-2nd Call/2019 Dated: 03.07.2019
Online item rate bids are invited by HSCC (India) Limited on behalf of AIIMS, Raebareli (U.P.) from eligible applicants who fulfill qualification criteria as stipulated in Vol.-1 (NIT/FQ document) for the works "Supply, installation, testing & commissioning of Office furniture for Hostel Block, Student mess, Faculty Room, Class Room, Library & Laboratory and other associated work and their maintenance during defect liability period at AIIMS, Raebareli (U.P.) (2nd call) Estimated project cost is Rs 1.01 Crore. Completion period is (02) Months & other details available on detailed NIT. Tender available online from 04/07/2019 and Last Date of submission of Bids: 15/07/2019 at 15:00 hrs
The detailed NIT will be available on websites www.tenderwizard.com/HSCC and CPP portal. Corrigendum to this publication, if any, would appear only on said websites and not be published.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
The Sr. Divisional Operations Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi invites E-Tender for the following work: 1. Name of work with its location: Round the clock Loading/Unloading and transportation of Loco Pilot and Guard Line Boxes from train to running room and vice-versa at Panipat/Kurukshetra Railway Station (PNP & KKDE) Station for Three Years. 2. Approx. cost of work: Rs.22,85,812.50 + GST as applicable 3. Earnest Money: Rs.45,700/- 4. Date and Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender: 15.00 hrs on 28.07.2019 5. Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen: www.irps.gov.in No. Optg-Line Box-13-2019 Dated: 02.07.2019 2128/19
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NORTHERN RAILWAY
CORRIGENDUM
Name of work: Replacement of non-RDSO type old Multiline TIBDs with RDSO approved 10 Line TIBDs at NDLS Railway station.

S.No.	Item/Sub heading	As in Tender Notice (in Rs.)	Now to be read as (in Rs.)
1.	App. Cost of the work	Rs. 70,44,738.58/- only	Rs. 70,66,384.16/- only
2.	Earnest Money to be deposited (in Rs.)	Rs. 1,30,900/- only	Rs. 1,41,300/- only

All other terms & conditions remain same. No.: 558-Sig-16-Tele-OT-905 Dated: 01.07.2019 2124/2019
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Delhi Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd.
An Enterprises of Govt. of NCT of Delhi
ISBT Kashmere Gate Delhi-110006
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
The Executive Engineer, DTIDC invite tenders on behalf of MD, DTIDC Ltd for the following work through e procurement solution only.

1. NIT No.	: 14/2019-20
Tender ID No.	: 2019_DTIDC_175207_1
Name of work	: Construction of Thirteen Nos.(13) Mild Steel Galvanized & Powder Coated Bus Queue Shelter at Madipur Constituency No. 26, New Delhi.
Estimated Cost	: Rs.1,23,50,000/-
Earnest Money	: Rs. 2,47,000/-
Time Allowed	: Six Months
Last date of receipt of Tenders	: 12/07/2019

The Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://govtprocurement.delhi.govt.in/>
Sd/-
Executive Engineer
DTIDC Ltd. ISBT
Sarai Kale Khan, Delhi
DIP/Shabdarth/0312/19-20

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY
Electrical (General) Branch- OPEN TENDER
NIT NO.: JBP/LT/13/2019-R & JBP/LT/08/2019-R
The Divisional Railway Manager (Electrical General), West Central Railway, Jabalpur for and on behalf of President of India invites applications on prescribed tender form for the following works: (1) NIT No.- JBP/LT/13/2019-R, Name of work with location- Annual Comprehensive Maintenance and operation of (i) Centralized AC plant 2x11 Ton capacity in control room (ii) Air cooled package system (4 x 16.5 ton) AC plant installed at GM office, West Central Railway, Jabalpur for a period of three years. Approx cost of the work (In Lakhs)- 35.53,146/-. Cost of tender form (In Rs.)- 3000/-, Earnest Money (In Rs.)- 71100/-, Completion period (In Years)- 03 year. (2) NIT No.- JBP/LT/08/2019-R, Name of work with location- Annual Comprehensive Maintenance and operation of Centralized air conditioning plant in Central Hospital Jabalpur for a period of three years. Approx cost of the work (In Lakhs)- 33,99,228/-. Cost of tender form (In Rs.)- 3000/-, Earnest Money (In Rs.)- 68000/-, Completion period (In Years)- 03 year. Address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased- Sr. DEE/Genl./Jabalpur. Date & Time for submission of All tender- (Up to 15.00 hrs. on)- 22/07/2019. Date & Time for opening of All tender (at 15.30 hrs. on) 22/07/2019. Complete details of tender notice available on the Railway website www.indianrailways.gov.in and also placed on notice board of the DRM (Electrical)'s Office, WCR, Jabalpur. Complete tender form can also be downloaded from above website.
Sr. DEE (General), West Central Railway, Kota
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NORTHERN RAILWAY
PUBLIC NOTICE
Sh. Deepak Kumar S/o Sh. Rajender Parsad, working as Trackman under SSE/P.W/NDLS has been unauthorised absent from duty from 13.05.2013 to till date for which SF-5 No.1-E-18/Deepak Kumar was issued on dt. 02.03.2016. His residential Address is Vill.+Post Office Singshwar Distt: Madhupur, Bihar-852128. Sh. Deepak Kumar did not attend D&AR proceedings even though he was advised to attend the same every time on his known address by the Inquiry officer. A copy of the Inquiry report has been sent to his latest available address. Sh. Deepak Kumar is directed through this advertisement also to make representation on the same, if any, within 15 days, failing which action will be taken in accordance with D&AR Rules.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Sh. Umesh Chander S/o Sh. Ramesh Chander working as Trackman under SSE/P.W/NDLS has been unauthorised absent from duty from 25.06.2013 to till date for which SF-5 No. E-18/Umesh Chander was issued on dt. 02.03.2016. His residential Address is Village+Post Office- Baran Harpalpur, Hardoi UP-241001. Sh. Umesh Chander did not attend D&AR proceedings even though he was advised to attend the same every time on his known address by the Inquiry officer. A copy of the Inquiry report has been sent to his latest available address. Sh. Umesh Chander is directed through this advertisement also to make representation on the same, if any, within 15 days, failing which action will be taken in accordance with D&AR Rules.
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BADDI BAROTIWALA NALAGARH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (BBNDA) EPIP PHASE-I, JHARMAJRI, BADDI(H.P.)
PHONE NO.(S) 01795-271222 (O) FAX: 271122
Email :- ceobnnda-hp@nic.in

No. BBNDA-06(Project) NIT (Online)/2018-19/- Dated:-

CORRIGENDUM
The Tender has been invited by this office vide letter No.BBNDA-06 (Project) NIT (Online) 2018-19/-8220-30 dated 29.06.2019. The following change has been added.
The Pre-Bid meeting will be held in the office of Chief Executive Officer, BBNDA at Baddi on 09.07.2019 at 11.00 AM. to discuss the query of the bidders if any. Other key dates will remain same as mentioned in the NIT.
Sd/- Addl.Chief Executive Officer, BBNDA, EPIP Ph-I, Jharmajri, Baddi, Distt. Solan (HP).
150/H.P.

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GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, C-7
RANA PRATAP BAGH, DELHI-110007

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
Executive Engineer, C-7,DUSIB, R. P. Bagh Delhi-110007 invites on behalf of Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board, percentage rate bid (On Line) on two bid system for the following works.
NIT No: 25/EEC-7/DUSIB/2019-20
Tender No. 2019_DUSIB_175232_1
Name of work :- E.I.U.S.
Sub Head:- Providing and laying CC Pavement and replacement of defunct storm water line at JJ Cluster Old Chandrawal. (PID No. 12140).
Esstt. Cost:- Rs. 51,79,156.00
Earnest Money- Rs. 1,03,600.00
Tender Cost Rs. 1000.00
Period of completion: 120 Days
Last Time & Date of Submission of Bid: 10.07.2019 upto 15:00 Hours
Date of Opening Technical Bid: 10.07.2019 after 15:30 Hours
The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in/>
All the corrigendum (if required) will be uploaded on portal and will not be published in News Paper.
Sd/-
(RAJINDER BANSAL)
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,C-7(DUSIB)
DIP/Shabdarth/0314/19-20

Delhi urban shelter improvement board
Govt. of NCT of Delhi
Office of the Executive Engineer: E-04
Inderlok, Delhi-110007
Email ID : eee4.dusib@gmail.com
Cell No. 9717999332
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
Executive Engineer, E-4, DUSIB, Rana Pratap Bagh, Delhi-110007 invites, on behalf of Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board, Percentage rate bid (Online) on two bid system for following work: NIT No. 07/EE/E-4/DUSIB/2019-20, Tender No. 2019_DUSIB_175261_1, Name of work: Pay & Use JSC, Sub Head: Providing 14 Nos. Pre fabricated fully assembled, trailer mounted 4 seater Mobile Toilet vans at E&M Workshop Bhalaswa Delhi. Estimated cost: Rs. Item Rate, Earnest Money: Rs. 97,000.00, Tender Cost: Rs. 500.00, Period of completion: 90 Days, Last Date & Time of Submission of e-Bids: 15.07.2019 upto 15:00 Hours, Date of Opening: 15.07.2019 after 15:30 Hours.
The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocurement.delhi.gov.in>
*All bidders are advised to visit above mentioned site regularly for any update/corrigendum related to the tenders. The corrigendum, if any, shall not be advertised in press.
Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
E-4, D.U.S.I.B
DIP/Shabdarth/0313/19-20

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An Enterprises of Govt. of NCT of Delhi
ISBT Sarai Kale Khan Delhi-110013
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1. NIT No.	: 15/2019-20
Tender ID No.	: 2019_DTIDC_175245_1
Name of work	: Up gradation of Zonal Offices of Transport Department.
SH	: Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 1 No. Monospace passenger Elevator at Rohini Zonal Office
Estimated Cost	: Rs.12,00,000/-
Earnest Money	: Rs. 24,000/-
Time Allowed	: three month
Last date of receipt of Tenders	: 11/07/2019

The Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://govtprocurement.delhi.govt.in/>
Sd/-
Executive Engineer (Elect.)
DTIDC Ltd. ISBT
Sarai Kale Khan, Delhi
DIP/Shabdarth/0318/19-20



TREASURED FIND

A long-lost medieval chess piece, of a warrior figure, carved out of a walrus tusk, kept in a drawer of an Edinburgh home for decades, has been sold at a Sotheby's auction in London for £735,000. It is from an ancient treasure that washed up on Scotland's shores.



Primeval Tales of the Earth

Artist SG Vasudev's work of six decades culminates in an exhibition that honours his occupation with line and life

PARTH KHATAU

BECOMING AN artist was never the plan. "My parents wanted me to pursue engineering or medicine, even though my mother was an amateur artist," says SG Vasudev. Drawing diagrams in his botany and zoology class was how he was introduced to art. He would draw caricatures and cartoons for leading Kannada newspapers in Mysore, where he grew up. "I wanted to join art school but my father never allowed me," he says. "However, that changed when art historian G Venkatchalam saw my work and insisted I pursue art as a career. In 1962, I joined the Madras Art School, which was run by KCS Paniker."

It was the time when artists were influenced greatly by Europeans. Vasudev admits it was difficult to completely block off Western art but he chose to move away from those idioms and create his own identity. "I was inspired by FN Souza and visited Jehangir Art Gallery in Bombay in 1963-64 to see his works. When we met, he told me my art was different from his," says Vasudev, 78.

Vasudev's works of 60 years are part of an exhibition in Mumbai called "Inner Resonance — A Return To Sama". Chennai-based art critic and editor Sadanand Menon has curated the exhibition that first showcased in Bengaluru, and will travel to other cities shortly. The display at the National Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai, presents 300 works that include 28 copper reliefs and 37 tapestries.

Bengaluru-based Vasudev's works are inspired largely by poetry, literature and theatre. "I was very lucky to have studied in an environment where I had the freedom to express myself and that allowed me to use craft in my art. I was fortunate to have worked with some amazing people," he says.



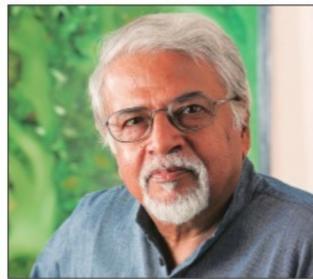
(Clockwise from above) From tapestries to copper reliefs, SG Vasudev has worked in multiple mediums with artisans and craftspeople; the artist

With the formation of the Cholamandal Artists' Village in 1966, with Paniker at the helm, there was a surge in creating a new artistic idiom by people who believed in tradition, without the romance of the past. It would nurture numerous artists of the time and grow to become the hub of the Madras Art Movement, that brought modernism to south Indian art. "Indian artists used to be influenced by the West but all that changed after 1966-67. Artists like Ganesh Pai helped, and I feel their contribution to Indian art does not get the recognition it deserves."

When asked about his fondest memories, he says, "I think it would be when I met Girish Karnad in 1963. Working with him was such a privilege. His works really opened up my understanding of literature. Besides appreci-

ating poetry and Kannada theatre, a significant part of my life was also influenced by my mother and grandmother, who were amazing storytellers."

In the '70s, Vasudev began working on the theme, *Vriksha* or the *Tree of Life*, which became a recurring motif in his work. A metaphor for the primal forces in creation, *Vriksha* morphed into men and women in the act of love, unselfconscious and consumed by the moment. Well-known artist RM Palaniappan, speaking about Vasudev's contribution to Indian art, says, "What I love about Vasudev's works is how he creates the abstract in his paintings. His use of colour and paint since his early days has been something to look up to. He has created his own style and has given his own touch to his works. I



Indian artists used to be influenced by the West but all that changed after 1966. Artists like Ganesh Pai helped, and I feel their contribution does not get recognition

SG VASUDEV

personally like his *Theatre of Life* series, where you see the drama unfold."

As one who has worked in multiple mediums and with weavers and craftspeople, Vasudev says, "I always use traditional materials — pen and ink in drawings and oil on canvas. While working with copper, I use iron tools used by coppersmiths."

Chennai-based Shaun D'Sa, who heads a multi-disciplinary design firm, says Vasudev holds a special place in Indian art. "His *Tree of Life* is deeply rooted in what humanity should represent, a singular dance of all living organisms, working magnetically in a primal fashion with all drawing from one energy while celebrating the earth."

The exhibition is at the National Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai, till August 11

SNAP SHOTS



To Each His Own

INDIANA-BASED Jenna Ruiz's short film *Singh*, inspired by a true incident from 2007, has bagged the 'Short of the Year' award at the Covellite International Film Festival in Montana. The story is of Indian-American entrepreneur Gurinder Singh Khalsa (pictured), who was not allowed to board an airline in New York, unless he removed his turban. Singh's campaign compelled the US authorities to change their policies on the turban.



Dream On

NETFLIX HAS acquired Neil Gaiman's *The Sandman* comic series for what is to be the most expensive TV series DC Entertainment has ever done. *The Sandman* is a dark fantasy series that follows Dream, who is the ruler of the world of dreams. The 11-episode season is being written by screenwriter Allan Heinberg. All previous attempts to screen the series have failed. The most recent one was by actor Joseph Gordon-Levitt in 2016.

Saying Yes to Health

Going vegan is La Opera's latest strategy as it opens its biggest cafe in the NCR



DIVYA A

WHAT DOES it take to get seven ambassadors under one roof on an extremely warm Saturday morning? The answer is French food. Ambassadors from Chile, Georgia, Indonesia, Venezuela, Taiwan, Turkey and Czech Republic, besides French Ambassador Alexandre Zeigler himself, bonded over a brunch of macarons, croissants and quiches at Noida's Max Towers last weekend to mark the launch of La Opera's biggest cafe in NCR.

Even though this is their 16th outlet in Delhi, and 17th in the country (including one in Dehradun), this is their most spacious cafe with 52 covers and 1,500 sq ft space, offering all-day breakfast and coffee options at the lobby level of the newly built office complex. The menu includes quick bites such as Croque Monsieur (made with in-house bread and filled with béchamel sauce, ham and cheese), Vol au Vent, salads, granola, Onion and Tomato Tarts with goat cheese and of course, signature pastries and macarons. There is also an array of cold soups, cold pressed juices, freshly brewed coffee, teas and infusions.

But the highlight of the outlet is a selection of vegan desserts, which is a first for the eight-year-old French enterprise. Kazem Samandari, Founder of La Opera, says, "Healthier living and veganism are trends that we want to support through our vegan range. One of the specialties of French cuisine is its ability to adapt to trends while keeping its authenticity intact."

On a lighter note, Samandari adds, the vegan menu — comprising a dozen varieties of pastries, besides soups, salads and beverages — was prompted by his own granddaughter who recently turned vegan. "Also, my friend, former Brazilian ambassador to India, Tovar da Silva Nunes, would ask me about vegan options when he visited La Opera," he says. The extensive vegan menu combines a demand for eggless desserts in India and a worldwide trend towards veganism.

Samandari entrusted noted Paris-based chef Gilles Maisonneuve, who was called to India for 15 days, to create the menu without compromising on taste and presentation, and to train the in-house chefs.

Maisonneuve says, "The Samandari family was very clear about what they wanted and after a few trials and tastings, we started to get it right. For our vegan range, we are using margarine that is mainly made of refined vegetable oil and water instead of butter and water, and fruit juice instead of cream and milk."



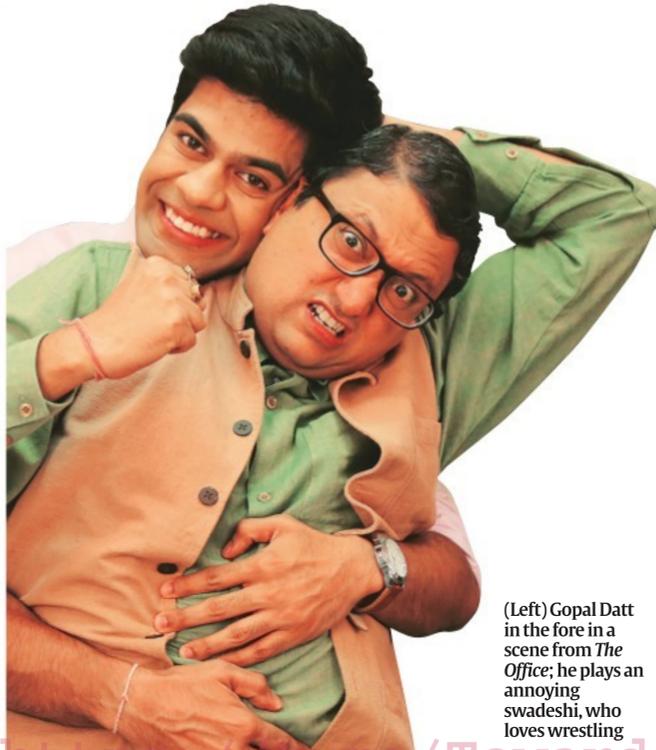
(From above) An assortment of feuilletés; chef Gilles Maisonneuve; interiors of La Opera, Noida

An extensive vegan menu will be launched in September, says Samandari, with a dozen or more pastries and equal number of savouries. He says, "All the vegan items will be introduced across all our outlets in due course, beginning September to coincide with Navratras." There is also a plan to launch vegan macarons, if all goes well.

The menu is available in Noida, at French style Salon de Thé, which is fitted with Louis XVI-style furniture in wood and marble top tables, a la Paris. Another highlight of the cafe are seven brass figurative sculptures by South African artist Ruhan Janse Van Vuuren, installed by Max Towers.

Even though they had opened a small outlet at Noida's DLF Mall of India, they have shut it down since they wanted to offer an experience, and not products. With the expansion of a vegan menu, the group plans a wider reach across Delhi and NCR as well, with six more outlets by the end of this year.

ADDRESS: Max Towers, Ground Floor, Sector 16-B, near DND flyover, Noida CONTACT: 9650090943; Monday to Saturday, 8am to 8pm



(Left) Gopal Datt in the fore in a scene from *The Office*; he plays an annoying swadeshi, who loves wrestling

Mixing It Up

Actor Gopal Datt on playing TP Mishra in *The Office*, staying true to theatre and surprising people

EKTA MALIK

PLAYING A character like Triveni Prashad Mishra, an over-enthusiastic paper salesman, was a first for actor Gopal Datt. The actor, who has been around in the Mumbai film industry for about two decades, had never come across someone as annoying as TP Mishra. "TP — as he is addressed in the show — is so annoying. He operates on his own logic and moral compass that is contradictory to his colleagues and even society at large. Mishraji *ek mishran hain*, he has all the quirks that you would have seen in your colleagues around you," says Datt.

The Office is a 13-part web series, and is an official remake of *The Office* (US). TP Mishra is based on Dwight Schrute, a paper salesman, who takes his German accents very seriously and is paranoid of technology and most things urban. Here at *The Office*, which is set in Faridabad, Mishra is a firm believer in swadeshi, speaks chaste Hindi and has an admirable dedication towards wrestling.

Datt, who grew up in Nainital, never thought of cinema or acting. "Sure, I liked

films, but the sole access I had was of those aired on Doordarshan on weekends. On and off, I went to the rehearsals of a local theatre group Yugmanch. They were very good back then and even today they produce decent plays. An actor in the group was absent one day and they asked me to read a part. And somehow I got hooked," says Datt, who is a National School of Drama graduate. He was there from 1996 to 1999.

NSD was a turning point for him, as it opened Datt to the nerve centre of Indian theatre. "I got to act in plays by Nirmal Pandey and Ankur ji. My classmates were people like Neeraj Sood and Heeba Shah. Doing theatre is like putting oneself in a laboratory where you conduct experiments on yourself," he says.

Datt made his debut in Bollywood in 2001, with *Mujhe Kuch Kehna Hai*, and then followed it up with *Tere Naam* (2003). But it has taken a while to be a lead character in a show. "After these two films, where I had incidentally essayed the role of the hero's friend, I only got calls to play hero *ka dost*. That's when I turned wholeheartedly to theatre," he says.

Though Datt struggled in Mumbai ini-



tially, the satire show *The Week That Wasn't* helped pay the bills (he worked with them for about 10 years). "I was really proud to be a part of it. It felt that one was actually a part of something bigger. It's been going strong for so long."

With *The Viral Fever* and *All India Bakchod*, Datt became a household name with millennials. "TVF was just getting started and I was offered to play Rastogi in *TVF Pitchers*. Five years ago, the digital space was like an underground movement, where people were writing in one corner of a

room, editing was happening on one system, everyone was pooling their resources and it was all hands on deck kind of thing. Now we are a part of an international syndicate," says Datt, who essays the role of a cop, Sudhir, in the drama series *Delhi Crime*. The role was a surprise because it broke away from his usual genre of comedy. "That's the kind of role I want to do, where people are shocked and say, 'Yeh yahan kya kar raha hai'," says Datt, who incidentally will be playing a cop again in his next Hindi film, *Jabariya Jodi*.



EXTRA COVER: A pitch invader is removed from the ground during the England-New Zealand game at Chester-Le-Street. Reuters

SCORECARD >>
ENG vs NZ

Chester-le-Street | Toss: England

ENGLAND 305/8 IN 50 OV

J Roy	c Santner b Neesham	60	(61b, 8x4)
J Bairstow	b Henry	106	(99b, 15x4, 1x6)
J Root	c Latham b Boult	24	(25b, 1x4)
J Buttler	c Williamson b Boult	11	(12b, 1x4)
E Morgan	c Santner b Henry	42	(40b, 5x4)
B Stokes	c Henry b Santner	11	(27b)
C Woakes	c Williamson b Neesham	4	(11b)
L Plunkett	not out	15	(12b, 1x4)
A Rashid	b Southee	16	(12b, 1x4)
J Archer	not out	1	(1b)

■ Extras: (b 4, lb 4, w 7) 15
■ Fall of wickets: 1-123 (Roy, 18.4 ov), 2-194 (Root, 30.1 ov), 3-206 (Bairstow, 31.4 ov), 4-214 (Buttler, 34.2 ov), 5-248 (Stokes, 41.6 ov), 6-259 (Woakes, 44.5 ov), 7-272 (Morgan, 46.1 ov), 8-301 (Rashid, 49.3 ov)

■ Bowling:

M Santner	10-0-65-1
T Boult	10-0-56-2
T Southee	9-0-70-1
M Henry	10-0-54-2
C de Grandhomme	1-0-11-0
J Neesham	10-1-41-2

NEW ZEALAND 186 IN 45 OV

M Guptill	c Buttler b Archer	8	(16b, 1x4)
H Nicholls	lbw b Woakes	0	(1b)
K Williamson	run out	27	(40b, 3x4)
R Taylor	run out	28	(42b, 2x4)
T Latham	c Buttler b Plunkett	57	(65b, 5x4)
J Neesham	b Wood	19	(27b, 1x4)
C de Grandhomme	c Root b Stokes	3	(13b)
M Santner	lbw b Wood	12	(30b, 1x4)
T Southee	not out	7	(16b)
M Henry	b Wood	7	(13b)
T Boult	st Buttler b Rashid	4	(7b, 1x4)

■ Extras: (b 2, lb 6, w 6) 14
■ Fall of wickets: 1-2 (Nicholls, 0.5 ov), 2-14 (Guptill, 5.2 ov), 3-61 (Williamson, 15.1 ov), 4-69 (Taylor, 16.4 ov), 5-123 (Neesham, 25.1 ov), 6-128 (de Grandhomme, 28.1 ov), 7-164 (Latham, 38.3 ov), 8-166 (Santner, 39.2 ov), 9-181 (Henry, 43.4 ov), 10-186 (Boult, 44.6 ov)

■ Bowling:

C Woakes	8-0-44-1
J Archer	7-1-17-1
L Plunkett	8-0-28-1
M Wood	9-0-34-3
J Root	3-0-15-0
A Rashid	5-0-30-1
B Stokes	5-0-10-1

■ England won by 119 runs
"Not ideal to have three defeats, the recipe is simple but not easy. We need to play a better brand of cricket, the margins have looked big, but there have been a lot of variables. We have to learn from it and move forward."

KANE WILLIAMSON

New Zealand sneeze, Pak catch cold

England beat Black Caps to reach first semifinals since 1992; result means Pakistan must beat Bangladesh by 316 runs to advance



EXPRESS AT WORLD CUP

SRIRAM VEERA
CHESTER-LE-STREET, JULY 3

"IF PAKISTAN bat first, they need to score 400," Andy Zaltsman, BBC Radio's numbers guy and a renowned comedian, set up the scenario for Sarfaraz Ahmed's team against Bangladesh to get ahead of New Zealand on net run rate.

That's doable, one thought and waited for him to continue on the radio. "Then they have to get Bangladesh out for 14."

Mike drop. The radio crackled with laughter. It was that kind of listless day at the cricket in the pretty backdrop of Durham. A tree-ringed arena, almost out in the woods as it were, cars lolling in the background on the highway on a sunlit afternoon but the cricket, barring a phase when England lost a few quick wickets, was a yawn.

Once England went over 300, triggered by another stirring opening partnership between Jason Roy and Jonny Bairstow, and

especially after Kane Williamson was run out, having backed up too far (the ball brushed the fingers of bowler Liam Plunkett before going on to the stumps) and Ross Taylor ran himself out, going for a highly-risky second run, the chase petered out. Chasing 306 for victory, the Black Caps were bowled out for 186.

Some Pakistani fans and former players were unhappy with India's crawl in the end overs against England and certainly wouldn't have been pleased with New Zealand, who dozed almost all the way through.

The Kiwis have had three successive losses, and the last two in particular were one-sided yawns.

But at the end of the day, they were more or less assured of a semifinal berth, such is their advantage over Pakistan on net run rate. To put it in numbers, if Pakistan bat first, they have to beat Bangladesh by 316 runs to overtake New Zealand. Bowling first, they have no chance. For the record, Bangladesh have won their last four encounters with Pakistan.

Tame ending

As the match meandered towards a tame ending, a streaker came on late in the chase, stood around talking to Tom Latham and dawdled around for at least five minutes as the sentry hesitated in tackling him. Understandable, that. Off they went to fetch a jacket and slowly escorted the nude talent

POINTS TABLE

Team	M	W	L	T	N/R	PT	NR
Q Aus	8	7	1	0	0	14	+1
Q Ind	8	6	1	0	1	13	0.811
Q Eng	9	6	3	0	0	12	1.152
NZ	9	5	3	0	1	11	0.175
Pak	8	4	3	0	1	9	-0.792
SL	8	3	3	0	2	8	-0.934
BAN	8	3	4	0	1	7	-0.195
SA	8	2	5	0	1	5	-0.08
WI	8	1	6	0	1	3	-0.335
Afg	8	0	8	0	0	0	-1.418

■ Top 4 teams after the ninth round will qualify for the semis.

out of the arena.

Towards the latter stages of the match, it seemed like one of those football games where both teams have secured semifinal spots and are meandering along towards a draw or some such scenario. Passing the ball in their own half, occasionally hitting long shots, and the crowd keeping itself entertained with chats and beers. Perhaps, some at Chester-le-Street might have binge-

watched Netflix shows.

After a point, all that remained of interest was who would meet whom in the semis and where. If Australia defeat South Africa, they would most likely play New Zealand in Manchester. If India beat Sri Lanka, they are likely to travel to Edgbaston to face England in the semis.

The beer stalls at the ground made brisk business but even there was some moaning on. With Bira 91 from India the associated brand with the ICC, the bar can only sell the Bira lager. Unless you want a cider or something else, the Indian beer is what you get. A number of staging venues had protested that the wholesale price of the official beer might force them to sell it for £7 or £8 - something the fans won't like and would affect their business. So, a month before the tournament, the organising committee held talks and decided to subsidise.

The Times newspaper reported that the organisers are prepared to sacrifice profits by "offering a subsidy, with £250,000 expected to come from the ICC and £250,000 from the ECB as tournament hosts" so that the price of the beer is kept affordable in the stalls.

Meanwhile, the match meandered on. It raises questions about the competitiveness of New Zealand. The team that was touted as "not a dark horse but one of favourites" by South African player Chris Morris, a view supported by his captain Faf du Plessis, has suddenly dipped in the last week or so.

It's puzzling to an extent. In their first of

the last three losses, they had actually fought well with the bat after Taylor and Williamson fell. Jimmy Neesham, who bowled really well to peg back England before the end overs, and Colin de Grandhomme had scored runs, raising hopes that New Zealand will no longer have to depend on their main two batsmen.

But in the next two losses, the batting unit has failed as a whole. Martin Guptill's form continues to be poor, though it took an acrobatic effort from wicketkeeper Jos Buttler, diving full stretch to his left, to remove him here. They have the bowlers - even in the loss to Australia, Trent Boult had taken a hat-trick with three crunching yorkers and the other bowlers have combined well but they have been let down by their batsmen.

England, on the other hand, have recovered well from their losses and survived the outrage from the media and some former cricketers to deliver two big wins in a row to enter the final four. Roy's recovery from injury couldn't have come at a better time as they look a different batting unit when he is around. Bairstow, who got into a tiff in the papers with Michael Vaughan claiming some former cricketers want the team to lose, has walked the talk with couple of powerful hundreds. And in the last two games, they replaced Moeen Ali with Plunkett, who has kept things really tight with his mixture of slower cutters and they seem to have a better handle on the middle overs.

FACING THE MUSIC

Manjrekar on the receiving end, this time Jadeja takes exception

SANDIP G
NEW DELHI, JULY 3

WHAT GOES on air hardly goes unnoticed these days. A loose word, a clumsy observation, even a veiled barb or tongue-in-cheek dart, could throw trolls and meme-makers into a frenzy.

This World Cup season, former Test cricketer-turned-commentator Sanjay Manjrekar finds himself in a social media storm. On Tuesday, he was one of the hottest trending topics in India - #SanjayManjrekar the most tweeted around hash-tag in the country, with Twitterati pleading for his ouster from the commentary panel - someone even filed a petition on portal change.org, others asking fans to put the television on mute during his commentary stint. The recent spark was Ravindra Jadeja's retort to Manjrekar's comments that he wouldn't have picked a "bits-and-pieces bowler" for the Bangladesh match.

The Saurashtra all-rounder didn't take too kindly to the opinion. He posted: "Still i have played twice the number of matches you have played and i m still playing. Learn to respect ppl who have achieved. i have heard enough of your verbal diarrhoea. @sanjaymanjrekar."

castically quipped at Manjrekar's retirement wishes - "Thanks Sanjay I'm sure some time critics get the best out of you! Cheers."

During his playing days, Manjrekar was one of Yuvraj's fiercest critics and the left-hander hadn't forgotten that. He drew Kieron Pollard's ire the year before for calling him "brainless".

Even the Star Sports Tamil commentary team is parodying him. In a footage that's gone viral, RJ Balaji, one of the commentators known for his slapstick, is telling fellow commentator Sadhagopan Ramesh: "Suddenly I get a bundle of cash at my house... (Sadhagopan) Ramesh and Nani (Sathyarayanan) sir also got it, it seems. The reason we were told was that there is a substantial increase in the number of Star sports viewers, especially in Tamil. It is all because of (Sanjay) Manjrekar. Thank you so much. It is because of your commentary that people switched to Tamil commentary." Balaji says he plans to build a temple for Manjrekar.

Hitting back

Of course, Manjrekar is all too accustomed to Twitter bouts.

Earlier this year, he was locked in a verbal bout with Michael Vaughan. After England's loss to West Indies in a Test series, he took to Trevor Bayliss's observation that

HAVING A GO AT MANJREKAR

"Suddenly I get a bundle of cash at my house... (Sadhagopan) Ramesh and Nani (Sathyarayanan) sir also got it, it seems. The reason we were told was that there is a substantial increase in the number of Star sports viewers, especially in Tamil. It is all because of (Sanjay) Manjrekar. Thank you so much. It is because of your commentary that people switched to Tamil commentary. ON STAR SPORTS TAMIL



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RAVINDRA JADEJA

"Thanks Sanjay I'm sure some time critics get the best out of you! Cheers."

YUVRAJ SINGH

Sam Curran had a bad day.

Manjrekar volleyed in: "Trevor Bayliss said that Sam Curran has endured the first bad game of his career. Curran has 15 wickets in 15 innings. So it's more his batting Bayliss is talking about. Curran bats at no 8 & 9. Highlights the flawed thinking & approach of England." Vaughan shot back: "The same flawed thinking that beat India 4-1 Sanjay.."

Manjrekar counter-punched: "That you are reacting this way further highlights the flawed mindset. I rest my case."

But it seems Manjrekar is oblivious to criticism.

"Criticism, abuse? What are you saying? I see only love for me on Twitter," he recently posted when asked whether the deluge of hate-tweets hurts him.



"Criticism, abuse? What are you saying?: I see only love for me on Twitter." SANJAY MANJREKAR IN RESPONSE TO CRITICISM

LEADING SCORERS

544 Rohit Sharma (IND), 542 Shakib al Hasan (B'DESH), 516 David Warner (AUS)

LEADING WICKET-TAKERS

24 Mitchell Starc (AUS), 17 Lockie Ferguson (NZ), 17 Jofra Archer (ENG)

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All too familiar pain for Bangladesh

Mashrafe Mortaza's team has exhibited flair and punched above their weight in this World Cup. But that they were ousted by India for the second consecutive time in showpiece events would be a bitter pill for their die-hard fans to swallow.

THE ONE team Bangladesh is obsessed about beating, more than any other, is India. It can be gauged from the over-the-top, sometimes even premature, celebrations that their players and fans indulge in on the rare occasions that they get one across their much bigger neighbours. Mushfiqur Rahim's premature exultation during the 2016 ICC World T20 clash and a few distasteful ads after Mustafizur Rahman helped Bangladesh win an ODI series on home soil are cases in point. India hadn't lost to Bangladesh in ODIs since 2015 though, which could explain why the perennially upbeat Tigers were much more muted going into the crucial clash.

There is a general feeling among the Bangladeshi cricket fraternity that despite their recent improvement, they have been found wanting against India. According to Al-Amin writing in *Daily Star*, Tuesday's match "was another painful defeat for the Tigers against a team that they are seemingly obsessed with beating, but a team that somehow manages to make them always press the self-destruct button. India are certainly a better side... But Bangladesh have developed a disturbing tendency of buckling under pressure whenever they have faced the mighty Indians over the past four years."

Tamim Iqbal dropping Rohit Sharma in the fifth over of the match had a "devastating" effect on the team, not just in terms of runs, but also in the way of morale. Al-Amin believes the target of 315 was difficult to chase, but Bangladesh's failure had more to do with their own frailties. "The Tigers batsmen were more to be blamed than the quality of the Indian attack for failing to chase down that stiff target," Al-Amin wrote. "But more importantly for the Tigers as a unit, it was yet another opportunity lost to overcome the Indian hoodoo," he added.

On other pages of the paper, Sakeb Subhan pointed to the Tigers' lesser than confident attitude, saying, "It seemed that a catch that early in the innings was not what Tamim was expecting. It was an early example of the Tigers hoping for the best but not expecting it." He stressed that captain Mortaza wasn't too convinced about their abilities either: "Surprisingly for a renowned fighter on the field of cricket, he seemed to hold out very little hope of winning the match against India." Picking on the poor body language: Mashrafe's uncertainty about what to do with the toss, Shabib conceding a boundary through midwicket and the listless fielding and bowling effort appeared listless, he added, "fielders in the deep were lost in their own thoughts and those in the infield had to wave and shout to capture their attention when the bowler wanted a change in the field." *The Dhaka Tribune* noted: "Bangladeshis are feeling bad because they 'believed', rather than thought - a national ailment."

India to B'desh: Bye, bye, fare thee whale

It's a jungle out there, this cricketing world. And India cricketers are outcasts of sorts. Unlike most teams, they don't have any animal association. Their fans don't travel to stadiums with stuffed toys. They don't have a designated mascot that symbolises the predatory instincts they aspire for. Indian cricketers go by the rather unimaginative 'what you see, is what you get' nickname Men in Blue. Bangladesh meanwhile, call themselves Tigers, Aussies are kangaroos, New Zealanders are famously called the Kiwis and the English get referred to as Three Lions. By the way,



BELLING THE CAT

Bangladesh supporters are known for their over-the-top celebrations. AP

the English women's team is Lionesses. South Africa switched from fauna to flora, Proteas replacing Sprinboks post-Apartheid.

The "Coolest second name Award" has been with the West Indies for years now. Who can match Calypso charmers and the Caribbeans. But by the end of their game against Bangladesh, India had joined the Zoo. Leading Dhaka daily *Daily Star* wrote: "Bangladesh have worse results against other teams. They won only one of 21 matches against Australia and against Pakistan, they have won just five of 36. However, India remain the White Whale for the Tigers, not just because of a 5-29 win-loss ratio, but because in recent times India have been the one fish - or mammal - that got away despite Bangladesh having them in their grasp." Wouldn't Blue Whale be better, or should we make it Orange (Sharks)?

End of an era

A day after Bangladesh exited the World Cup tumultuously, came the announcement of another familiar sight leading to the Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium being ordered to ease out. The iconic, colourful albeit brutally barrowing rickshaws were banned from three major thoroughfares of Dhaka - Elephant Road, Rogoti Sarani and Mirpur Road - along Gabtoli which is an approach to the stadium.

With an effort to combat traffic congestion, the ban was declared on Wednesday, due to be enforced from Sunday, July 7. Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said,

"We have decided to bar rickshaws, legunas, human hauliers and other unauthorized vehicles [three-wheelers]." The urban authority is pushing for greater public transport as it seeks to ease out what was the Japanese 'nintaku' operating since 1930s. The colourful motifs - painting of which turned into art as cinema, animals and landscapes got depicted - were a part of the cricket experience for many trooping into the Mirpur Stadium. However, the rickshaw-pullers and pedal-pushers worked in inhuman conditions, and less crucially cost Dhaka 3.2 million man hours in a day.

"Engineering and Technology (Buet) said that Dhaka's urban transportation infrastructure needs an extensive overhaul by the government. It noted that the everyday congestion is not terminal, but rather a nagging problem which could be just as easily solved with dedicated initiatives," said *Dhaka Tribune*. Catches dropped - Rohit Sharma's was lamented at length in newspapers - may have cost Bangladesh the semifinal spot, but this foresight in dealing with problems before they reached the brim showed through as the 'people's team' came very close to chasing some real stiff totals.

Bangladesh hits a Snaifu

Mohammad Saifuddin, who had conceded 59 runs in seven overs earlier in the day, wanted to make amends and was in with a chance to do so with a 38-ball unbeaten 51 before Bumrah intervened with two yorkers. There was more than just a semifinal spot at the end of the rainbow

for Saifuddin. He wanted to clear his name after a news item earlier in the tournament had alleged that he had a 'big-match phobia'. "I felt very bad. What sort of an allegation is that! It was not only painful, but for a sportsperson, downright disrespectful," he had told a reporter close to him then.

The context was Saifuddin skipping the league match against Australia, allegedly on the pretext of an injury. It was known later that the all-rounder from Chittagong had played Bangladesh's first match of the tournament - against South Africa - after taking an injection and didn't want to take another one so soon. It would have been a risk and could have put him out for several matches later in the piece.

The team management wasn't best pleased, which probably explains the negative story. According to Saifuddin, it motivated him to prove the Doubting Thomases wrong by winning a big match on his own. "I'm now determined to be a hero after winning a match for my country against a top team," Saifuddin said in the mixed zone after the match. "I wanted to fight till the last today to disprove all that had been said about me. Reaching the semifinals would have made the tournament memorable for us. For players like us, we have nothing to do but give our answers on the field of play. That is what we try to do." Until Bumrah strikes.

DM to ask about future PM

Mashrafe Mortaza will play his last World Cup game on Friday. And though he has no plans yet of retiring from inter-

national cricket (he has said this will be his last World Cup) there is already an intrigue building over his second career - politics. Mortaza was asked if he'd be hoping to vie for another form of leadership. "Are we looking at the next Prime Minister in the next 10, 15 years?" a journalist asked him. The question wasn't without a base. Mortaza is one of the most loved players in Bangladesh. He contested in Bangladesh's general elections last year under Awami League's banner and won the Narail constituency by a huge margin. Then, of course, there's the example of Imran Khan.

But Mortaza wouldn't be drawn into that debate - yet. He smiled sheepishly, searching for the right answer to the question he clearly did not expect during a World Cup. After a few nervous moments, he replied: "surely not." Maybe the same question will have a different answer a week or so later, after Mortaza's World Cup career is over.

Jesy jaisi koi nai

It was almost the end of the road for Bangladesh, but the start of a big journey for former Bangla women's team cricketer Shathira Jakir Jesy. The right-handed batter and off-break bowler debuted during the India-Bangladesh game as the first female commentator from Bangladesh on a global platform and had flown out to Mumbai for a stint with the official broadcaster in India.

"This is a historic moment for Bangladesh - for the first time ever, a Bangladeshi girl will commentate on Star Sports. It feels great to think I am that person," she told *Dhaka Tribune*. Born in Lalmonirhat, Jesy did her schooling till class 7, and defied all those who crinkled their noses at her playing cricket.

"My inspiration was Sachin Tendulkar. When I was getting to know of him, he already had 18 centuries in his bag. He was the reason I fell in love with the game," the now mother of a 2-yr-old girl had told *Daily Star* some years ago.

After the women's team was formed in 2007, Jesy played a dozen years - including after becoming a mother. "I have even been in situations where I have put on my helmet and gloves to go out to bat and my daughter is in my arms...I tell my fellow players to ensure that if she is crying, I do not hear her or see her while I am batting," she told talkshow host Naveed Mahbub. Casual sexism is rampant on that show, and Jesy was left politely engaging on the matter of skin colour which veered towards talk of dark chocolate in the most febrile twisted ways. However, she did talk about how she drove a bike - she came to the show pillion on one of the bike rent apps - and about raising children - his 3 against her's 1.

"What happens is, now that you have one, even if they break a nail, you will take them to Emergency. People like us with three kids don't care if one has broken their head," the bombastic host cackled. With stints with Bangla channels which didn't steer away from cricket and that one with Mr Twist which barely touched upon the sport (the 2011 ODI status, becoming the first bunch of females to receive salary for playing and the 2010 Asiad silver), Jesy was prepped for the big debut. While her best buddy Shabib had had a great tournament will then, it all ended the day she started on the mic.

"Shakib and I have been friends since our academy days. We even go to the same university now. He is definitely one of my favourites from the men's team. He and I get together every now and then and discuss games, tips and techniques," she had said. **ENS**

Rohit batting on a different planet: Rahul

REUTERS
BIRMINGHAM, JULY 3

KL. RAHUL has enjoyed a quietly productive Cricket World Cup so far and while he has failed to capitalise on several good starts he feels no need to try to play like opening partner Rohit Sharma, who is in the form of his life. Rohit produced another sublime inning to notch his fourth hundred of the tournament as India booked their semi-final place with a 28-run win over Bangladesh at Edgbaston on Tuesday.

The right-hander became only the second batsman, after Sri Lanka's Kumar Sangakkara, to score four hundreds at a single World Cup, prompting captain Virat Kohli to dub him the world's leading one-day player.

Rahul, who moved up the order in the absence of injured Shikhar Dhawan, admitted his transition has been easier as Rohit continues to find boundaries at will, easing the pressure in the opening powerplay. "You would be a fool to be tempted to bat like Rohit because he is in a different class," Rahul told reporters. "He is from a different planet altogether when he gets going. To bat with him is really easy because he takes the pressure off you. He keeps getting the boundaries and the scoreboard keeps ticking. I just have to keep there with him. It is great fun," he added.

Rahul, whose 77 against Bangladesh was his highest score of the World Cup, said he was pleased with his steady progress at the top of the order and feels a big score is around the corner. "Personally, I feel I have been going well, but am not fully satisfied as I haven't carried on after some of the starts. When I say 'convert' I mean getting to say 35 or 45 overs as often as I can because in these conditions it is the set batsmen who can do the most damage."

Pant needs to be more athletic, says Sridhar

Rishabh Pant not only needs to be more athletic in the outfield but also improve his throwing technique, observed fielding coach R Sridhar after his few lapses during the World Cup game against Bangladesh. Sridhar admitted that as far as fielding in the outfield is concerned, Pant is still a work in progress. "A lot of work has to go into him (Pant). First of all, he needs to improve his technique in throwing and also needs to be a little more athletic to be an outfielder," Sridhar said at the mixed zone after India posted a 28-run win over Bangladesh here on Tuesday to make it to the World Cup semifinals.

The skipper Virat Kohli and senior-most player Mahendra Singh Dhoni have identified a few specific fielding positions in the deep for Pant. "We have to use him in appropriate (fielding) positions, that is what Virat and MS are keen on. Keep him at right places at the right time. In the last game (vs England), he saved at least five runs which is a huge bonus. He took a catch as well," the former first-class cricketer said.

As per Sridhar's assessment, veteran Dinesh Karthik is a better outfielder compared to the young turk. "Obviously, Dinesh despite being a wicketkeeper is a good outfielder. He pulls off some good saves at backward point. Rishabh is developing and he needs to do this a bit more to develop the awareness, to get a hang of it. That's why we harp about getting fielders in same positions so that they get an idea."

In a ground like Edgbaston, which isn't exactly spherical in shape, knowledge of angles becomes important, Sridhar said. "This is all about awareness just like you saw in the last game against England. This ground is a bit like Eden Gardens. Once you are beaten, there's no way that you can chase it. There is no point running around towards the boundary line." He then spoke about the solution in such uniquely shaped grounds. "You have to cut the angles. We are used to playing in such grounds and we will have to be aware of that. You will always not get grounds of spherical shape so awareness becomes key," Sridhar added.

From nailing yorkers to picking wickets at death, Bumrah ticks all boxes

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THERE ARE few sights in world cricket that's more compelling than a Jasprit Bumrah yorker. Such has been his control that someone on Twitter had cheekily suggested he could bowl this delivery even in his sleep. For the 25-year-old, achieving this mastery has come after hours of intense practice at the nets.

"I do it again and again and again at the nets. So the more you do it, you get decent at it. You can't master it," was Bumrah's assessment after his yorkers ended Bangladesh's World Cup campaign. Mashrafe Mortaza's team was not the only ones to be at the receiving end of Bumrah's toe-crushers. He even sent his teammate Vijay Shankar back home with a delivery which injured his toe while bowling in the nets. Despite his unmatched control, the 25-year-old has not quite achieved breath-taking success with this delivery in this show-piece event so far.

Barring the match against Bangladesh, most of his wickets have been orchestrated through either length or slower deliveries. To put things into perspective, only three of his 14 scalps in this tournament were nailed with his trademark delivery. This has not diminished his venom by any stretch. Through the course of the eight league

matches, he has reaffirmed his status as the jewel in Virat Kohli's crown.

Yorkers from hell

Bumrah has been a tad unlucky to not get wickets with the yorker. Everything just fell into place against Bangladesh at Edgbaston though. He snapped three of his four scalps through these full and wickedly fast deliveries aimed at the block-hole. Sample the two back-to-back wickets he took to end Bangladesh's vigil. So furious was the delivery to Rubel Hossain that he had no chance to bring his bat down. Similarly, No.11 batsman Mustafizur Rahman was barely contemplating the task at hand, by which time Bumrah's bullseye dislodged his off-stump. The banality with which he whipped out these yorkers was almost mind-boggling.

"Whenever I practice in the nets, I practice every situation, be it with the new ball, be it with the old ball, bowling at the death," Bumrah said after India's win over Bangladesh. "So if I have ticked all of the boxes in the net, it's then all about execution (in the match) and keeping a clear head. If the work ethic is good, I think the execution feels much easier in the game," he explained.

Drying up the runs

With 14 scalps at an average of a shade over 21 in the ongoing World Cup so far,

NUMBERS GAME

5.71 That's Jasprit Bumrah's economy rate at the death overs in ODIs - which puts him marginally behind only Andrew Flintoff and Andrew Hall as the most economical bowlers between overs 40-50 in ODIs since 2000.

Bumrah is not in the list of the top wicket-takers. However, he still is Virat Kohli's go-to man - either stemming opposition team's belligerence upfront or providing crucial breakthroughs in the middle or death overs. For all talk on Bumrah's pace and searing yorkers, his impressive economy rate of 4.46 is something that's least talked about. In the death overs, he enjoys an economy rate of 5.71, putting him below only Andrew Flintoff and Andrew Hall as the most parsimonious bowlers between overs 40-50 in ODIs since 2000, according to *Cricviz*.

In this World Cup, he and Mitchell Starc have been the two most difficult bowlers to get away. Even when England openers Jason Roy and Jonny Bairstow went on the rampage at Edgbaston, they gave their due to Bumrah, so much so that he even bowled

a maiden and conceded just 44 runs from his 10 overs. According to *Cricviz*, just 7% of his deliveries at the death against England were on a good length, while 57% were fullish and 36% short of a length.

This reaffirmed why he is such a difficult bowler to get away. Against Bangladesh, he went wicket-less in his first spell, but Kohli brought him back in the middle overs immediately after the dismissal of Liton Das. The pacer responded with quick scalps of Mosaddek Das and Sabbir Rahman.

Choke-hold at the death

Virat Kohli has used his spearhead pretty efficiently in this World Cup, especially in the death overs. After his opening burst and the usual two-over crack for a breakthrough in the middle overs, Kohli has not held Bumrah back for the final over of matches where they are bowling second.

Classic case was the match against Afghanistan where Bumrah was summoned to bowl the 47th and 49th overs. This was not because Kohli did not have the confidence in his strike bowler. On the contrary, the thinking was Bumrah would hit the bullseye in the penultimate over, which would give Mohammad Shami enough runs to defend in the final over. "In the end, the communication was to finish Bumrah in the 49th over so that Shami had enough to defend in the final over," Kohli concurred.



Jasprit Bumrah booked Bangladesh's return ticket from the World Cup with his searing toe-crushers. AP

Morgan scores, Naeher saves as US enter another WC final

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ALEX MORGAN celebrated her go-ahead goal with a cheeky tea-sipping motion and Alyssa Naeher stopped a late penalty kick to send the United States into the final at the Women's World Cup with a 2-1 victory over England on Tuesday night.

The top-ranked United States will face the winner of Wednesday's semifinal between the Netherlands and Sweden in the Americans' third straight appearance in the World Cup title match. Christen Press - who started with Megan Rapinoe out with a hamstring injury - put the United States up early in the match but Ellen White's goal tied it before 20 minutes had passed. Morgan's sixth goal of the tournament came before the break, and on her 30th birthday. She hadn't had a goal since she scored five in the team's 13-0 rout of Thailand to open the tournament. "I think we've put so much into this journey together - and now we have one more game to close it out," Morgan said.

White's goal was also her sixth but Morgan has the edge for the tournament's Golden Boot

with three assists. White appeared to score her seventh in the 69th minute but video review determined she was offside - and the Americans in the crowd of 53,512 at Stade de Lyon roared. A video review went against the United States late in the game when it determined Becky Sauerbrunn had fouled White in the penalty area. England captain Steph Houghton's penalty shot was smothered by a diving Naeher in the 84th minute.

It was the first penalty kick saved by a U.S. goalkeeper in regular time at the World Cup. At the final whistle, the team mobbed Naeher in front of the goal in celebration. The mild-mannered goalkeeper was asked afterward if it was the biggest save of her life. "Probably up there, yeah," she said smiling.

The top-ranked Americans have been to the semifinals of all eight World Cups, and they've won the trophy three times, more than any nation. The U.S. team's lone loss in a World Cup title match came to Japan in 2011. Third-ranked England went through to the semifinals in 2015 but fell to Japan before beating Germany in the third-place match for the Lionesses' best finish in the tournament. "No words that I can say tonight will make them feel any better," England coach Phil Neville said.

AMERICAN TEA PARTY

After she scored the winner, Alex Morgan raised her fingers to her mouth as if sipping tea. It led to a debate as to what exactly it meant

MOST SAW it as a jibe at England's love for tea, the most traditional of its beverages. Some saw the timing of it even more signification - in the week of July 4, USA's Independence Day, celebrating its motion to break free of colonial British rule. A few saw it as a tribute to the Boston Tea Part of 1773.

MORGAN SAID of the celebration: "I feel like we didn't take an easy route

through this tournament and 'that's the tea.'" A few analysts said the phrase 'here's the tea' means 'here's the gossip', in reference to some controversies surrounding the American team ahead of the World Cup.

THE CELEBRATION was lapped up by some. Hillary Clinton tweeted: "Congrats to the #USWNT for earning that tea."

I know Megan Rapinoe has the best celebration. I had to try and step up this game. I feel like this team has had so much thrown at them and us. I feel like we didn't take an easy route through this tournament and 'that's the tea.'

ALEX MORGAN, CO-CAPTAIN, USA



AIFF wants I-League and ISL to run parallel for next 2-3 years

MIHIR VASAVDA
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SUBTLY HINTING at a change of status quo in Indian football, All India Football Federation (AIFF) president Praful Patel underlined they 'do not want to pack up I-League' but said he will take up the issue of its recognition with the Asian Football Council (AFC) soon.

The I-League has been a recognised AFC competition since it was re-branded and relaunched in 2008. However, after meeting the representatives of I-League clubs here on Wednesday, Patel said AFC's recognition for I-League is necessary so that can co-exist with the Indian Super League (ISL). Patel has proposed that the two leagues run parallel for next two-three years till a solution is found with respect to the domestic structure.

The AIFF, in its agreement with commercial partners IMG-Reliance signed in 2010, gave them the right to start a new tournament and replace it with the I-League. The AIFF and IMG-R were ready to pull the trigger during the former's executive committee meeting, which was originally scheduled for Wednesday. According to reports, the stage was set in the meeting to make ISL the country's premier league - with no promotion or relegation - and reduce I-League to a defacto second division championship.

However, after the I-League clubs opposed the move and threatened to take AIFF to court, the federation postponed the executive committee meeting to July 9. Instead, Patel met the clubs to 'hear their problems'. "We don't want to pack up I-League. (But) We can't have two leagues... the AFC also will not allow that," Patel said. "A structured solution can be found in the next two-three years that will be acceptable to all... If the clubs accept our suggestion, I will consult the AFC so that I-League co-exists with its fullest recognition and is an AFC product."

Till recently, the scenario was reverse. ISL was vying for AFC's recognition while the AIFF granted I-League the status of India's premier club competition by awarding its winner an AFC Champions League qualifier spot. In 2017, when ISL finally got AFC's nod, the tournament's champions were rewarded with an AFC Cup berth. Since both leagues ran simultaneously, the continental championships are seen as a source of hierarchy demarcation between the two. Because of the prestige associated with AFC Champions League, the league that gets its spot is considered to be the 'premier' competition. However, that is only symbolic since no Indian club has qualified for the Champions League. In fact, this year was the first time since 2012 that Indian sides failed to reach the knockout round of the AFC Cup, a second-tier tournament.

Patel dismissed the allotment of continental berth as a minor issue. "That is a smaller issue that is being blown out of proportion. The real issue is both leagues should be recognised," he said. "Suppose AFC does not agree, then it will be a problem."

The AIFF chief said has given I-League clubs time till Thursday to get back over this proposal. "I have to consult our commercial partners as well because they have rights as per our agreement. The clubs have some issues regarding scheduling and broadcast. It must be resolved. Within these three years, I hope we find some solution," Patel said.

We don't want to pack up I-League. (But) We can't have two leagues... A structured solution can be found in the next two-three years that will be acceptable to all... If the clubs accept our suggestion, I will consult the AFC so that I-League co-exists with its fullest recognition and is an AFC product."

PRAFUL PATEL
PRESIDENT, ALL INDIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

Brazil minus Neymar > Argentina with Messi

Barcelona superstar's struggles with national team continue as hosts beat their South American rivals and advance to Copa final

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BELO HORIZONTE, JULY 3

IN A performance that ended with 'ole' chants from the crowd, Brazil beat Argentina 2-0 on Tuesday and will play Sunday's Copa America final at the Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro seeking its 10th South American title. Superstar Messi, meanwhile, remains without trophies for his national team despite showing his best performance in the tournament at the Mineirao Stadium in Belo Horizonte.

Gabriel Jesus opened the scoring at 19 minutes after a samba-style play from right-back Dani Alves. It was the striker's first goal in the tournament. Roberto Firmino added the second at 71 minutes assisted by Jesus in front of 56,000 fans that sang chants on Messi's lack of trophies with Argentina and Diego Maradona's drug problems to celebrate.

"This win is for our coaching staff," said Alves, one of the best players of the match. "They are beaten a lot, and we dedicate this to them. I believe many people doubt us a lot, but we trust our coaching staff very much, we trust our plan, our work."

Brazil's opponent will be determined on Wednesday when defending champions Chile take on underdogs Peru at the Arena do Gremio in Porto Alegre. Brazil and its coach Tite were under criticism before the superclasico after an unimpressive performance in the quarterfinals against Paraguay. The hosts advanced to the semifinals on penalties after a goalless draw.

Wearing a flamboyant golden jacket, striker Neymar, who left the squad shortly before Copa America because of a right ankle injury, celebrated Brazil's victory with friends and with far-right President Jair Bolsonaro in the stadium's corporate boxes.

For the first time since Copa America began, Argentina repeated its starting lineup of the previous 2-0 win over Venezuela, keeping its up-front trio with Lionel Messi, Sergio Agüero and Lautaro Martínez. He also kept central defender Juan Foysth improvised as a right-back.

But the approach against Brazil was clearly different, with the team sitting back and preparing for counters.

Brazil had two changes to face its arch-rivals, with midfielder Casemiro returning from suspension in Allan's place and Alex Sandro substituting injured Filipe Luis in the left-back.

Coach Tite said his main concern to beat Argentina was to create difficulties for 'the extraterrestrial,' in a reference to Messi. "That



Brazil's Casemiro tackles Lionel Messi during their Copa America semifinal. Reuters

center of the game with Firmino, Philippe Coutinho, Arthur and Casemiro, was essential to control the game and not let the extraterrestrial play," Tite said.

Still, Argentina still was first to get an opportunity to open the scoring. At 12 minutes, Leandro Paredes fired from long distance and the ball flew near Alisson's bar. That did not intimidate Brazil. On the first goal, Alves flicked the ball over Marcos Acuna, left Paredes behind and passed to Firmino on the right flank. With a low cross, he allowed Jesus to score only meters away from goalkeeper Franco Armani.

The visitors nearly leveled at 30 minutes, when Messi took a free kick and Agüero headed the ball onto the bar. Brazil's defense cleared and avoided conceding its first goal in five Copa America matches. After the break, Brazil took extra precautions by substituting winger Everton for midfielder William. But that did not stop Messi and Argentina.

Every minimum contact was a foul for them. Hopefully CONMEBOL will do something about these refereeing issues. We gave everything we had, but we had things going against us. But I don't think they will do anything, Brazil manages everything."

LIONEL MESSI
ON REFEREEING IN THE SEMIFINAL

At 57 minutes, Messi hit Alisson's right post from close range. He also got the rebound, crossed the ball into the penalty box, but no Argentinian was near enough to push it to the net. To keep the pressure on the Brazilians, coach Lionel Scaloni substituted midfielder Acuna for winger Angel di Maria. But a counter at 71 minutes punished his audacity.

Jesus stole the ball in his half of the field and bulldozed through Argentina's left flank. Facing Armani, he gently assisted Firmino to score the final goal. "They were more efficient, we had our chances and could not score," said Argentina defender Nicolas Tagliafico. "We played well for some time, badly for some time." His coach disagrees: "By merit, the team that should have advanced to the final was Argentina," Scaloni said.

Scaloni complained about the refereeing, saying video review should have been used in two alleged penalties. He also insisted said his team had heard a whistle in the beginning of Jesus' move before Firmino scored his goal.

Asked if he agrees with the Argentine coach, Tite said: "It is only human he puts it this way. I can say Brazil played very consistently. In a big match you cannot dominate all the time," he added.

At the end of the match, Argentina's Paredes wept sitting on the pitch as Messi once again looked distraught. The Brazilians celebrated with moderation after a match that could have a different ending if Argentina had found the net instead of the posts on two occasions.

Tuesday's defeat will extend Argentina's 26-year-old title drought. The team will play for third place of Copa America on Saturday in Sao Paulo. The match at the Mineirao was once again marked by homophobic chants of the Brazilian fans when Armani took his goal kicks. Brazil's soccer confederation has already been fined by FIFA in \$15,000 for similar chants at the opening match at the Morumbi Stadium in Sao Paulo.

On Sunday Brazil will play at the Maracana Stadium for the first time since the 2013 Confederations' Cup final. Its latest Copa America title was won in 2007.

WIMBLEDON

Next big thing Opelka blasts past Wawrinka into third round

REUTERS
WIMBLEDON, JULY 3

REILLY OPELKA blasted his way into the third round at Wimbledon on Wednesday as the giant 21-year-old American's serve eventually proved too hot to handle for triple grand slam champion Stan Wawrinka in a high-octane five set duel. Opelka came through 7-5 3-6 4-6 6-4 8-6 against the 22nd seeded Swiss for the biggest win of his career and there will be plenty of bigger names in the draw now scrabbling anxiously for a tape of this match.

At 6ft 11in (2.10 metres) the former Wimbledon junior champion is the joint-tallest-ever ATP-ranked player (with Ivo Karlovic) and, unsurprisingly, his biggest weapon is his serve. It reached 142mph (228kph) on Wednesday - the fastest of the Championship so far - and, combined with some surprisingly deft court movement, is the perfect Wimbledon weapon.

Wawrinka, who has never gone beyond the quarter-finals at Wimbledon despite winning all three of the other slams and pre-

viously reaching number three in the world rankings, could not deal with it at all in the first set. The 34-year-old eventually used all his experience to work things out and start getting it back and then treating the crowd to his sublime backhand winners en route to taking the second and third.

But, just as it seemed as if he would go through smoothly, Opelka found another gear to snatch the fourth. From then on Wawrinka was having to work harder and harder to hold, while rarely threatening to break. The full match statistics showed the American successful with 73 percent of first serves compared to the 64 percent of Wawrinka and Opelka lifted that to a remarkable 91 percent in the fifth set.

Those figures proved the difference eventually as Wawrinka, at full stretch to even reach, let alone return most of them, was eventually worn down. "I started holding more easily, I'd had to save so many break points before that," Opelka said of the turnaround. "I made some adjustments and was then able to spend more energy trying to break."

Opelka said that he had "always been a



USA's Reilly Opelka beat Stan Wawrinka, seeded 22, 7-5 3-6 4-6 6-4 8-6. AP

pretty good mover - underrated maybe. Some guys don't expect it when they play me for the first time." In a period of declining fortunes for American men's tennis, the victory was warmly welcomed former world

number four and highly respected coach Brad Gilbert. "Wow, what a clutch performance from big fella Opelka in winning 1st career 5 setter over Stanimal," he tweeted.

Opelka, into the third round of a grand slam for the first time, now faces a possible meeting with 15th seed Milos Raonic. "He's as good as it gets when it comes to grass so I'm really excited about that," he said. "Outside the big three he's probably got the best chance of winning Wimbledon."

Serena-Murray in mixed doubles

Andy Murray and Serena Williams will launch Wimbledon's new dream team against Chilean Alex Guarachi and Germany's Andreas Mies in the first round of the mixed doubles. Briton Murray and American Williams, who have won nine Wimbledon singles titles between them, confirmed they would play mixed together on Monday.

Williams, 37, is bidding for an eighth singles title at the All England Club while the 32-year-old Murray is concentrating on doubles as he continues his comeback from hip surgery.

TRAMLINES

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MEN'S SINGLES (RD2): Daniil Medvedev (11), Russia, def. Alexei Popyrin, Australia, 6-7 (6), 6-1, 6-4, 6-4; David Goffin (21), Belgium, def. Jeremy Chardy, France, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3; Reilly Opelka, USA, def. Stan Wawrinka (22), Switzerland, 7-5, 3-6, 4-6, 6-4, 8-6; Milos Raonic (15), Canada, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands, 7-6 (1), 7-5, 7-6 (4); Roberto Bautista-Agut (23), Spain, def. Steve Darcis, Belgium, 6-3, 6-2, 4-2, ret; Benoit Paire (28), France, def. Miomir Kecmanovic, Serbia, 7-6 (5), 6-4, 0-0, ret.

WOMEN'S SINGLES (RD2) Elina Svitolina (8), Ukraine, def. Margarita Gasparyan, Russia, 5-7, 6-5, ret; Anett Kontaveit (20), Estonia, def. Heather Watson, Britain, 7-5, 6-1; Karolina Pliskova (3), Czech Republic, def. Monica Puig, Puerto Rico, 6-0, 6-4; Viktorija Golubic, Switzerland, def. Yulia Putintseva, Kazakhstan, 6-4, 7-6 (3).

ORDER OF PLAY (THURSDAY)

8-Kei Nishikori (Japan) v Cameron Norrie (UK); Katerina Siniakova (Czech Republic) v 19-Johanna Konta (Britain); Nick Kyrgios (Australia) v 3-Rafa Nadal (Spain); Kristina Mladenovic (France) v 6-Petra Kvitova (Czech Republic); Jay Clarke (Britain) v 2-Roger Federer (Switzerland); 11-Serena Williams (U.S.) v Kaja Juvan (Slovenia); 1-Ash Barty (Australia) v Alison Van Uytvanck (Belgium); Dan Evans (Britain) v 18-Nikoloz Basilashvili (Georgia).