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Odisha gives priority to Maths, English, Science: Extra time in schools

SAMPAD PATNAIK
BHUBANESWAR, AUGUST 13

IN AN attempt to improve learning outcomes, the Odisha government announced on Tuesday that it would double the classroom teaching time of three subjects — English, Mathematics and Science — in all state-run schools from the existing 45 minutes to 90 minutes.

Speaking to reporters, School and Mass Education Minister Samir Ranjan Dash said the decision was taken after reviewing the performance of students in these subjects.

"...in subjects like English, Science and Math, the performance is a bit weak. To focus more on these subjects, we have decided to double the teaching time of these subjects," he said.

"That means routines will be prepared in such a way that while other subjects will get 45 minutes of teaching time (daily), these three subjects will get one-and-half hours," he said.

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MONSOON FURY HITS HAMPI

The swollen Tungabhadra floods the World Heritage Site of Hampi in Karnataka, on Tuesday. *PTI*

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SC gives Govt more time to lift J&K curbs, says sensitive issue

Declines to pass any order, asks Centre to restore normalcy soon

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

THE SUPREME Court Tuesday declined to pass any order on a plea seeking relaxation of the shutdown of communication facilities as part of a lockdown in Jammu and Kashmir following the government's decision to revoke the state's special status and its bifurcation into two Union Territories.

Stating that the matter will be considered again after two weeks, the bench of Justices Arun Mishra, M R Shah and Ajay Rastogi said "it is a sensitive issue" and "some reasonable time must be given" to the government. The bench asked the Centre to restore normalcy in J&K "as early as possible".

The government told the court it was reviewing the developments there on a day-to-day basis and was hopeful that things would settle "in a few days" subject to the "ground situation".

"As early as possible, you must restore the situation," the bench told Attorney General K K Venugopal while hearing a plea by activist Tehseen Poonawala, seeking lifting of prohibitory

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EC holds internal talks on bifurcation, delimitation

RITIKA CHOPRA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

THE ELECTION Commission (EC) held "internal discussions" Tuesday on the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act 2019, in which Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sunil Arora and his colleagues Ashok Lavasa and Sushil Chandra were briefed by senior officers on the new law, especially its provisions on delimitation of the state's assembly seats.

Although the Union government hasn't formally informed EC about the passage of the Bill, the Commission, meanwhile, has asked its officers to study recent precedents of delimitation — such as one undertaken after Uttarakhand was carved out of Uttar Pradesh — carried out on

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Restrictions to be eased in phased manner: J&K admn

BASHAARAT MASOOD & DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
SRINAGAR, NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

AS THE security lockdown and communication blockade entered the ninth day Tuesday, senior officials at the Centre and in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) underlined that it was up to the local authorities to assess the situation and take a decision on lifting restrictions.

"The choice is between inconvenience of restrictions and loss of lives. Our concern is to ensure safety of citizens in Kashmir," said a senior official of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

In Srinagar, the J&K administration said the curbs would be

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Crisis in auto sector takes its toll, 286 dealership outlets shut in 18 months

PRANAV MUKUL & ANIL SASI
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

VEHICLE SALES numbers in July, the worst in 19 years, have reaffirmed the downturn in the automobile sector, coming on the back of over 286 dealership outlets downing their shutters in the last 18 months and at least 15,000 job losses estimated over the last quarter.

Industry players say the worst is still to come and that the

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No trend reversal

AUTOMAKERS EXPECT a respite this festival season. However, that could be a temporary relief and may not result in a trend reversal in the near future, given that prices are headed upward.

Cong's MP govt ends 10-yr I-Day practice, won't fete Emergency detainees

MILIND GHATWAI
BHOPAL, AUGUST 13

THE CONGRESS government in Madhya Pradesh has discontinued the decade-long practice of felicitating those detained during the Emergency, under the Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA) and Defence of India Rules (DIR), on Independence Day.

In 2008, the then BJP government had introduced a monthly pension of Rs 6,000 for MISA and DIR detainees and started felicitating them in Bhopal and at district headquarters. It later hiked the pension twice to make it Rs 25,000, on par with the amount given to freedom fighters.

Two weeks after Chief Minister Kamal Nath took oath in December 2018, the Congress government put the pension on hold. The government also ordered physical verification of beneficiaries while claiming that many did not exist and others had availed the benefit fraudulently.

However, after months of verification, most beneficiaries have started getting the pension again.

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Govt should get time to ensure normalcy, says SC

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With floods wreaking havoc in the state once again, we look at whether enough precautionary measures were taken after the devastating 2018 floods.

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SC on J&K

orders, release of political leaders and restoration of communication services.

Justice Shah said: "They said they are reviewing. So some reasonable time must be given to them... Situation is such that nobody knows what is happening. If something happens tomorrow, who will be responsible."

Appearing for Poonawala, senior advocate Menaka Guruswamy asked "can you have a prohibition on communication to the extent that even soldiers cannot contact their families". She said total prohibition could not be constitutionally allowed.

"Soldiers are also subject to discipline... Why are you bringing in soldiers here?" Justice Shah said. Justice Mishra said the curbs were applicable to the whole state and wondered how it could be selectively applied.

Guruswamy said she was only seeking restoration of communication facilities for at least hospitals, schools and police stations.

Turning to the Attorney General, Justice Mishra asked "how long are you going to continue with this?". Venugopal said that the authorities were trying to improve the situation. Whatever was being done was in view of "past experience from 1990," he said.

Referring to the 2016 killing of militant commander Burhan Wani and the breakdown of law and order in J&K, he said instructions were passed from across the border then. "It took three months" to control the situation, he said.

"Are you reviewing the situation," asked Justice Mishra.

"Yes every day... In a few days, it will be settled, but that depends on the ground situation...The situation is dynamic. It's changing day to day. There are large sections who want to live in peace. But there are some who are looking for opportunities," Venugopal said, adding that restoring normalcy was in everybody's interest.

At this, Justice Mishra said these are "sensitive situations... Not even one per cent chance can be taken."

Guruswamy said she could not think of a Deepawali when she could not speak to her mother.

Venugopal said the petition was not by someone who was affected but by an activist. "We are ensuring that least human rights violations take place," he said, reiterating that "review is being doing daily".

"In July 2016, 47 lives were lost," he said, referring to the aftermath of the killing of Burhan Wani. "Today not a single died."

Justice Mishra said "it's a serious issue. Nothing can be done overnight.... At the same time, normalcy has to be restored, and no loss of lives". He said given the nature of the issue, it may not be possible to keep even the court posted on the complete facts. Justice Shah added: "Nobody knows what's the input."

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said the decision to place or relax restrictions was taken by District Magistrates and at some places there may be checks, while at other places, they may be relaxed depending on the situation there.

Justice Mishra then told Guruswamy "We are with you on the question of liberties. As he says, normalcy may have come back in some districts, not in some others. Court can't be taking the place of day-to-day administration. When the situation is such, we must have a real picture before we take a call on this... Wait for some time."

Justice Shah said if the situation remained the same, the petitioner could return with full particulars.

Earlier in the day, another petition filed by Anuradha Bhasin, Executive Editor of the daily Kashmir Times, was mentioned before a bench headed by Justice Mishra for urgent hearing. The court asked the petitioner to approach the Registrar, saying it will consider the plea.

Restrictions

relaxed in parts of the Valley in a phased manner, based on the assessment of local authorities. Addressing a press conference, Principal Secretary and government spokesperson Rohit Kansal said Jammu region was "almost entirely" free of restrictions. "Restrictions, however, do continue in parts of Kashmir," he said. "We are hopeful that once the full dress rehearsals for Independence Day being carried out in various districts of J&K and Ladakh conclude, there will be further relaxations," he said.

"We are conscious and sensitive to the difficulties being faced by everybody as a result of these restrictions. But I do wish to emphasise that reasonable restrictions may sometimes be necessary to prevent mischief mongers from carrying out any untoward incident," he said.

MHA sources pointed out that this is not the first time that Kashmir is facing largescale restrictions. "In 2016, following the killing of Burhan Wani, so many lives were lost due to unabated protests. Restrictions continued for months. This time, we have taken preventive steps to minimise violence and loss of lives," said the senior MHA official.

"The administration is taking great pains to ensure life is eased even during restrictions. We must not just look at inconvenience caused by restrictions, but at the situation in totality," he said.

He said political leaders in the Valley had been detained legally, based on reports from local authorities. "It is they who will decide when they can be released. They are not political prisoners," he said.

Sources said the MHA is taking a serious view of people who are trying to create mischief through social media platforms. "We are flagging such handles which are trying to instigate, incite violence and spreading fake news. Action is being taken by the Department of Telecommunications. It is a worldwide problem and even countries that swear by free speech are grappling with it," said the official.

Kansal said there is a "constant endeavour to ensure that people are not obstructed and are facilitated in every possible way". He said 300 public points have been set up for people to make phone calls, and over 5,000 calls were made in a day.

He said medical services were continuing "normally and unhindered". Last week, 13,500 patients were treated in OPDs in Srinagar district, while there were 1,400 admissions and 600 procedures of all kinds, he said.

Kansal said the national highway was functioning normally and over 100 heavy vehicles, trucks carrying LPG cylinders, oil trucks and about 1,500 light motor vehicles and buses had moved over the last 24 hours. "The flight operations are normal too," he added.

Asked about plans to unfurl the national flag on August 15 at various places, including Lal Chowk in Srinagar, Kansal said: "Independence Day celebrations have a certain system. It is a national festival and will be celebrated with respect and grandeur. I have nothing to say about specific individuals," he said.

He said the three-day Global Investment Summit would also be held as per schedule — the inaugural session will be held in Srinagar on October 12. In Jammu, Principal Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Navin K Choudhary said: "The administration is inviting nearly 2,000 dignitaries from industry and commerce, we expect a good percentage of them to attend it."

Choudhary said roadshows would be organised in Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Chennai, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, London, Netherlands, Singapore and Malaysia to sensitise potential investors.

— WITH ARUN SHARMA IN JAMMU, PTI IN SRINAGAR

EC internal talks

account of bifurcation of a state. Poll panel sources, however, said delimitation work in Jammu and Kashmir is unlikely to begin unless the Delimitation Commission is notified by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Delimitation means the act or process of fixing limits or boundaries of Lok Sabha and state Assembly seats. Population is the basis of redrawing of boundaries and allocation of seats. This task is assigned to a four-member Delimitation Commission of which one of the members represents the EC.

Last week, Parliament approved a resolution abrogating special status to J&K under Article 370 of the Constitution. The state was also bifurcated into two Union Territories — Ladakh with no legislative assembly and Jammu and Kashmir with one.

According to Section 60 of the J&K Reorganisation Act, "The number of seats in the Legislative Assembly of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir shall be increased from 107 to 114". Before the state's bifurcation, Kashmir region had 46 seats followed by Jammu region with 37 and Ladakh with four. The remaining were to represent Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).

The new law also carries a provision for introduction of reservation of seats for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

However, EC officials were tightlipped on the timing of Assembly polls and the delimitation exercise and whether the latter will happen before elections are held in Union Territory of J&K. "It's too early to say anything about that," said an EC official who did not wish to be identified.

In June, the EC had decided to take a call on J&K's election schedule only after the Amarnath Yatra, as the Ministry of Home Affairs cited inability to spare forces before that. The Yatra, which was suppose to end on August 15, was curtailed in the first week of August, and within days the government scrapped J&K's special status.

The exercise of delimitation will be carried out in J&K after over two decades. Although the rest of the country had undergone delimitation in 2002, J&K Assembly had passed a law putting a freeze on fresh delimitation of seats until 2026.

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Constitution at 70

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MNC manager kills himself, wife slits wrist

AMIL BHATNAGAR
GREATER NOIDA, AUGUST 13

A MAN, working as a manager with Samsung, allegedly committed suicide while his wife, a programmer with TCS, was found barely conscious with her wrist slit at their Gaur City apartment in Greater Noida late Monday night. Police said the man's body was found hanging from the ceiling fan in the bedroom.

His wife was found lying in a pool of blood. She was referred to Safdarjung Hospital, where she is undergoing treatment. Hospital officials said the man was declared dead on arrival.

"We received information that a couple had committed suicide in Avenue 4 of Gaur City. We reached the spot and found that the man had died. Prima facie, it appears there were some issues between the couple, which possibly led them to take this step. We will question family members and acquaintances to ascertain the facts," said Ranvijay Singh, SP Rural (Gautam Budh Nagar).

The couple, both in their early 30s, hailed from Bihar and had been married for over two years. After their wedding in Bihar, the couple shifted to Gaur City's Avenue 4 in January 2018.

The incident took place at the couple's flat in Gaur City on Monday night. *Gajendra Yadav*

The two were home on Monday because their offices were shut on account of Eid. A security guard said they had not stepped out of the colony the entire day.

"Their domestic help visited the house around 5 pm. She rang the bell several times, but no one answered. She went away assuming they were not home. Even the neighbours did not hear any commotion," said the guard.

A relative of the woman said: "She spoke to her father on Monday night and said she had no reason to live since her husband was no more. She did not say anything else and hung up. Her family panicked and rushed a relative to the house around 9.30 pm. He realised something was amiss and informed police and other acquaintances, who found her in a semi-conscious state with her wrists slit. She never mentioned anything about a major marital problem."

The man's body has been handed over to his family, police said. Police said officers are trying to speak to the couple's mutual friends, who were supposedly trying to resolve some issues between them.

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Sweeper held for raping minor inside South Delhi school

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

The victim alleged the accused lured her to the washroom by offering chocolate. Police have recovered CCTV footage from the school, and are trying to ascertain whether the accused targeted other children too

A 45-YEAR-OLD sweeper, working at a private school in South Delhi, was arrested for allegedly sexually abusing a five-year-old girl inside the school premises. The accused was produced before a Delhi court and sent to14-days' judicial custody.

DCP (South) Vijay Kumar said, "We arrested the accused after we came to know about the incident. The victim and her mother recorded their statements under CrPC section 164, where both reiterated the allegations."

Police said the incident came to light when the victim complained of stomach pain after returning home from school. "She was taken to a nearby hospital where, following a medical examination, doctors informed her parents she had been sexually assaulted. Her parents approached police and an FIR under IPC section 376 and relevant sections of the POCSO Act was filed. Police provided counselling to her, and she disclosed the identity of the accused and the sequence of events," a senior police officer said.

In her statement, she alleged the accused lured her to a washroom during school hours by offering her chocolate. "She alleged he had sexually abused her on other occasions too over the last two months. Police went to the school and gathered details about the accused. CCTV footage from the school premises was seized and it came to light that the accused had been working at the school for several years," an officer said. Police said they are trying to ascertain if he targeted any other children.

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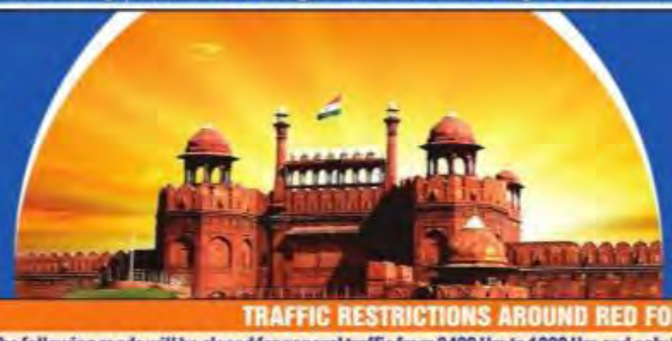

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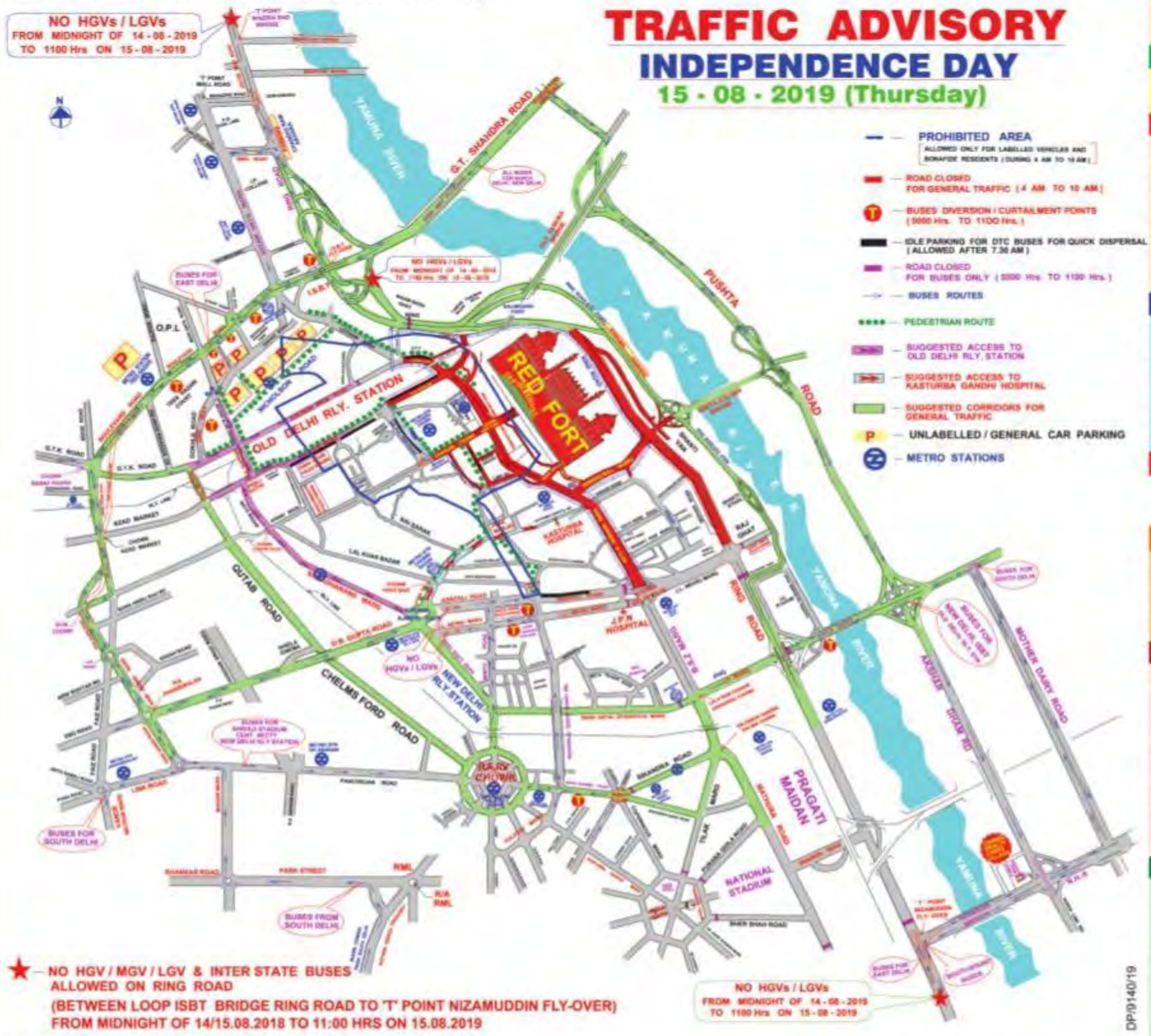

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ROADS THAT MAY BE AVOIDED FROM 0400 Hrs to 1000 Hrs

Those vehicles which do not have parking labels may avoid Tilak Marg, Mathura Road, BSZ Marg, Subhash Marg, J.L. Nehru Marg and Ring Road between Nizammuddin Bridge and ISBT bridge and take the route as advised.

North <--> South Access

Alternative-1: Aurobindo Marg – Safdarjang Road – Mother Teresa Crescent – Park Street – Mandir Marg – Panchkuian Road – Rani Jhansi Flyover and reach their destinations in North Delhi and vice-versa.
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Alternative-3: Ring Road ISBT (Kashmere Gate) – Salimgarh by-pass Road (Upper RingRoad) – IP Estate flyover and Vice-Versa.
Alternative -4: Reach Nizamuddin Bridge to cross Yamuna – Pushta Road – G.T. Road andcross over to ISBT and reach their destination in North Delhi and vice versa.

East West corridor:

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Boulevard Road –Rani Jhansi flyover – D B G Road – Punchkuian Road
Geeta Colony Bridge will be closed towards Shantivan from 0400 Hrs to 1000 Hrs:- Similarly, Traffic would not be permitted on lower Ring Road from ISBT Kashmere Gate towards Shantivan and from IP flyover towards Rajghat.
People are advised to reach early to avoid last minute rush & inconvenience.

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2) **New Delhi Rly. Station:** There is no restriction.
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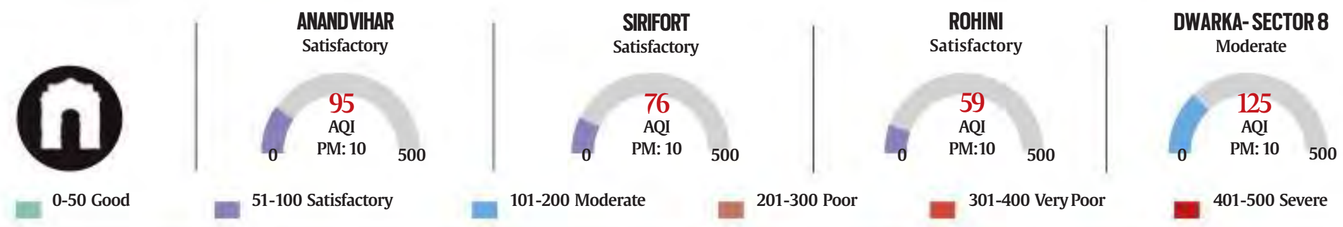

BRIEFLY

Man held for betting

Gurgaon: A man was arrested from a Gurgaon resort for allegedly running a betting business at the India-West Indies match Monday. Two mobile phones, a laptop, an LED TV, a set-top box, and Rs 1,170 in cash were recovered from his possession, said police.

Three held for snatching

New Delhi: Three men were arrested for their alleged involvement in a number of snatching and theft cases in North West Delhi's Jahangirpuri, police said Tuesday.

55-yr-old held for harassment

New Delhi: Police have arrested a 55-year-old man for allegedly sending lewd messages to a woman, whom he met in a church, in Central Delhi Tuesday.

Man stabs friend, held

New Delhi: A 24-year-old Nepal national has been arrested for allegedly stabbing to death his friend, in Central Delhi's Deshbandhu Gupta Road, police said Tuesday. Police said the accused allegedly killed him following an altercation. **ENS**

Ward boy found dead in hospital

Noida: A ward boy at a private Noida hospital was found dead in the hospital's bathroom Tuesday. Police said the victim was found with injections in his arm, adding they suspect it to be a case of drug overdose.

NGT seeks report on illegal construction

New Delhi: The National Green Tribunal (NGT) directed the South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) to submit a report on illegal constructions in Tughlakabad extension. A bench led by NGT Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel noted the submission by the DPCC that directions have been issued for stopping illegal activities and imposing penalties.

Fee waivers for auto drivers

New Delhi: In a move that could benefit over 90,000 auto drivers in the capital, the Delhi government Tuesday waived the vehicle's fitness test fee of Rs 600 and also scaled down various charges, including penalties. **PTI**

PROTESTS CONTINUE IN PUNJAB

Ravidas temple row flares up: Puri meets LG, SC says don't politicise

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

ON A day when Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri met the Delhi Lieutenant Governor Anil Baijal to seek a "solution" to the issue of demolition of Ravidas temple in Tughlakabad last week, the Supreme Court warned against "politicisation" of the issue.

The Supreme Court-ordered demolition was carried out by Delhi Development Authority, which the L-G is the chairperson of. The demolition has led to protests by members of the Dalit community in various parts of Punjab.

"Don't think we are powerless. We know the seriousness of the issue," a bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra said when the counsel appearing for the Guru Ravidas Jainti Samaroh Samiti referred to the agitation in Punjab.

"Don't speak a word and don't aggravate the issue. You are in for contempt. We will haul up your entire management. We will see what has to be done," the bench, also comprising Justice M R Shah and Justice Ajay Rastogi, said while requesting Attorney General K K Venugopal to assist in the matter.

The bench added that the "issue cannot be politicised". "We will start contempt. It cannot be like this," it said.

Meanwhile, Puri, after meeting Baijal, tweeted: "We, along with V-C DDA, are determined to find a solution and possibly identify an alternate site where the temple can be relocated. We have also suggested to the affected parties to appeal to Hon'ble Court to issue necessary directions in this regard."

Puri with Baijal in Delhi, Tuesday

DDA member and AAP MLA Somnath Bharti said he had also met the L-G and demanded that the temple be rebuilt at the same location.

The Supreme Court had on August 9 ordered demolition of the temple, which is inside Jahanpanah forest area, directing DDA and Delhi Police to file a compliance report on August 13.

The DDA had secured a demolition order from the court, pleading that the structure was unauthorised and was occupying forest land. The demolition was carried out on August 10.

The bench said it will not tolerate criticism of the judgment. "You cannot go on and on and make comments and criticism of the judgment. This is Supreme Court. Don't invoke politics here," the bench said.

The AAP had hit out at the DDA and the Centre on Monday, targeting it for the demolition. Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh has also sought the Prime Minister's intervention to resolve the matter. Congress spokesperson Randeep Surjewala also hit out at BJP for not filing a review petition in SC against the order. He also demanded that the temple be rebuilt. **— WITH PTI**

COOLING DOWN

At least seven garment shops and godowns were gutted in a blaze in Shahdara's Gandhi Nagar early Tuesday morning. Over 21 fire tenders and 70 firefighters were deployed to douse the flames. No casualties were reported, said police. *Praveen Khanna*

Should councillors be given poll ticket? BJP conducts survey to find out

ABHINAV RAJPUT
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

THE BJP is conducting a survey in each of the 272 wards in Delhi to assess the performance of local MCD councillors, many of whom have reached out to the party for a ticket.

Sources said that the party is in a fix over whether to give tickets to councillors or not — while individually some of the leaders are popular in their areas, the civic bodies, the party feels, has a negative image among the public.

The ward-wise survey will ask people not just details about local leaders but also the work done by the corporations on cleaning of dhalaos, installing streetlights and maintaining drainage and roads.

"This will give us an idea of the level of anti-incumbency a candidate might face because of the BJP-ruled corporations being in power for over two terms," a senior leader said.

BJP had won the election for the third consecutive term in April 2017.

Senior BJP leaders have been vocal against the three MCDs in the past, with Delhi unit president Manoj Tiwari and Rajya Sabha MP Vijay Goel terming the building department of the MCDs corrupt.

Meanwhile, the Delhi BJP will launch the 'Dilli Bachao Yatra' from the third week of August, during which senior party leaders will camp in different areas for at least four hours every day, Tiwari said.

"We would be going to the people with promises of tap water for every household and regularisation of unauthorised colonies, for which our central ministers have already started the process," he said.

Tiwari said party will make only realistic promises

The Centre is likely to issue an order to regularise unauthorised colonies in Delhi within a month. He said that during the visits, BJP leaders will also "counter false information spread by the CM".

He claimed the CM is misleading residents of unauthorised colonies by wrongly taking credit for regularisation, when the fact is that urban development minister Hardeep Puri decided to carry out a survey of the colonies on his own.

Tiwari said, "The party is looking at the needs of Delhi and what we can offer. It has to be realistic promises... we don't want to announce something and not deliver, so we will first tell people how we will be approaching the finances, rather than just making announcements for winning elections."

He said party leaders will use a bus that has been procured for the assembly elections, with photos of the PM, Home Minister Amit Shah and Tiwari.

The bus has a giant LED screen, digital boards and a media room. The roof is designed like a stage so speeches can be delivered from there.

Gang busted for selling fake arms licences

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GHAZIABAD, AUGUST 13

FIVE PEOPLE were arrested by Ghaziabad Police for allegedly issuing fake firearm licences. The accused, Furkan, Sanjay Garg, Vinod, Hari Shankar and Sadanand, also allegedly sold the firearms to people after registering them on licences found to be invalid.

"The arrests were made Monday night, after we received information that a group of arms sellers was travelling from Hapur towards NH 24. The gang's activities came to light when the case of two people, who had applied for a licence in Shahjahanpur collectorate, was transferred here. It was then found that the unique number issued to them was fake, and a gang was operating the nexus," said Sudhir Kumar Singh, SSP, Ghaziabad.

Police said a letter to the Shahjahanpur DM sought information on the licences. An internet search of the licence number revealed they were fake.

Two other accused, Pavensh and Shyam Bihari, worked as contractual employees in Shahjahanpur collectorate, and had obtained an arms register dating back to 2007, after it had allegedly gone missing. Hari Shankar, a resident of Shahjahanpur and the alleged kingpin, got in touch with the employees, and the group began issuing back-dated licences. "The gang members, in collusion with the employees, would issue Unique Identification numbers to register arms. They would also use fake signatures of officers or authorities to make it look like a genuine arms certificate", said Singh.

For each licence, the accused would charge Rs 5-10 lakh, which included the weapon's cost. To authenticate the transaction, they would send a licence form and seek PAN or Aadhaar details. They would deliver the form 15 days later after taking an advance to make it appear like an official transaction, police said.

Police are now investigating if the firearms were sold to criminal gangs.

South body to make malaria a notifiable disease by next week

ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

THE SOUTH Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) is set to notify malaria as a notifiable disease in the capital by next week, officials said Monday, adding that work on this front has been initiated. The move comes a month after Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan asked the Delhi government to make malaria and dengue notifiable diseases and make the city, including all hospitals, schools and government establishments, "vector-free".

The South civic body's spokesperson Radha Krishan said: "The file is under process and we are hoping to make malaria a notifiable disease by next week."

A notifiable disease is one that is required by law to be reported to government authorities, so that the information can be used to monitor the disease and provide an early warning of possible outbreaks.

The capital has witnessed a total of 108 cases of malaria till August 10 this year, a report by the civic body said."As of now, only a few hospitals and clinics are providing case details on a regular basis. By notifying the disease, all medical institutes in the city will be bound to report all such cases. Each laboratory will also have to send their reports to the municipal body," said a senior official from the health department.

108 malaria cases have been reported so far

"The number of cases has been on a decline... but reporting of the disease is important. Once the disease is notified, we will conduct surveys to capitalise on the data," said Dr Anup Anvikar, scientist at ICMR-National Institute of Malaria Research.

At 108, city records fewest seasonal malaria cases in 3 yrs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

AS MANY as 108 cases of malaria have been reported in Delhi so far — the lowest in the last three years during this time of the season. In 2018, the capital confirmed 128 cases of the vector-borne disease, while the number stood at 193 and 119 in 2017 and 2016.

As per the World Health Organisation, malaria is a life-threatening disease caused by parasites transmitted to people through the bites of infected female Anopheles mosquitoes. Symptoms include high fever, profuse sweating, headache, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain and diarrhea.

"Better vector-control measures to stop breeding are being taken by authorities and people have also become aware. Regular awareness campaigns on social media also helped in pushing out malaria cases. Earlier, many were unaware of the disease's carrier. Now, they are getting their houses sprayed," said Dr Anup Anvikar, scientist at ICMR-National Institute of Malaria Research.

The report compiled by the South Delhi Municipal Corporation claimed the number of cases of dengue and chikungunya has also reduced. A total of 47 cases of dengue and 20 cases of chikungunya have been reported from the capital. Last year, the city recorded 64 positive dengue cases and 20 chikungunya cases till this time of the year.

As per the weekly report, the civic bodies have sprayed 3,82,465 houses across the city. Around 65,027 houses were found to have mosquitoes and prosecution has been launched against 5,447 residents.

An analysis by the WHO, published in 2016, stated that 21 countries showed the potential to eliminate malaria by 2020. Algeria and Argentina were declared malaria-free by the WHO in 2019.

However, India was among the five that accounted for nearly 50 per cent of all malaria cases worldwide. India is working on a programme to eliminate malaria by 2030.

Promising school admission, woman dupes 7 families

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

ON THE morning of May 3, a 10-year-old boy reached a private school in East Delhi where he had purportedly been admitted under the EWS category — only to be told to go back home by a woman who had allegedly "helped" with the admission process. At least nine other students were allegedly told to return home the same morning.

On August 13, the 30-year-old woman, a resident of East Delhi's Madhu Vihar, was arrested for allegedly cheating eight families of over Rs 4 lakh, said police. Police said she duped seven families under the pretext of securing admission for their kids under the EWS category, and one woman by promising to get her a job at an anganwadi. DCP (East) Jasmeet Singh said, "A case under IPC section 420 (cheating) has been registered at Madhu Vihar police station and the woman was arrested from her rented accommodation."

The arrest took place a day after the 10-year-old's mother filed a complaint at the Madhu Vihar police station, alleging that the woman took Rs 70,000 from her for getting her son admitted to the private school under the EWS category.

The complainant told *The Indian Express*, "My child was already studying in the private school, but my husband and I found it difficult to pay the fee. One day, the woman came to the shop where I work... she claimed she worked with the Delhi government and was well-connected with a minister. She said she could help my son get admission in the EWS category at the same school at a cost of Rs 70,000."

The complainant alleged that the woman showed her a Delhi Secretariat ID card and promised to help other children too. "I told my relatives and friends... We were eight women who gave her the money. In all, we gave Rs 4,91,000...," said the complainant.

In April, the accused took the children and their mothers to the private school and got them uniforms and books, and gave ID cards to some and admission slips too, police said."On May 3, the woman claimed that the principal has allowed admission 'one by one'," said the complainant. In the complaint, she claimed that the woman "started coming up with excuses later" and repaid only a portion of the actual sum to her.

BASED ON 2008 ENCOUNTER

Delhi HC allows *Batla House* Independence Day release — with riders

PRITAM PAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

THE DELHI High Court Monday allowed release of the movie, 'Batla House', starring John Abraham, on Independence Day on the condition that the filmmaker will put a disclaimer that none of the characters in the film resemble anyone in real life, and that the story is fictional in nature.

Justice Vibhu Bakhru also made it clear that the film will not be re-submitted before the the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) for further approval on account of certain changes.

"The film will not be held from release on August 15," the court said, adding that the order was passed after all parties arrived at a settlement based on certain modifications in the film and putting up the disclaimers.

The court further asked the director and producer, who were present in court, not to put actual photograph of the then special cell officer, who had led the team at the time of encounter at a flat in Jamia Nagar.

The encounter took place on September 19, 2008, when a team of the Delhi Police Special Cell raided a Batla House flat in South Delhi's Jamia Nagar, following a tip-off that terrorists, allegedly involved in the September 13, 2008, serial blasts in the national capital, were holed up there. Inspector M C Sharma was killed in the raid.

HC was hearing plea seeking to postpone the film's release, saying it would 'adversely affect the ongoing trial'.

The court said the producers and directors shall mute the word "mujahid" used by a 'terrorist' shown confessing in the movie, and shall cut the scene where it was shown that explosive devices were being made at the house where the encounter took place.

The court was hearing a plea by blast accused Ariz Khan, who has moved court seeking to postpone the release of the film, saying it would adversely affect his trial which is going before a lower court.

Apart from him, Shahzad Ahmed, who has been sentenced to life imprisonment in the case and who has challenged the verdict in High Court, also sought an order restraining the release of the film on Independence Day.

Ahmed, whose appeal against his conviction and sentence is pending in the High Court, has contended that the film would affect adjudication of his appeal and his trial in the case, pertaining to the serial bomb blasts in Delhi on September 13, 2008.

The petition claimed that the film shows a link between the bomb blasts and the encounter, and would therefore prejudicially affect the trial in both cases.

It also alleged that posters and trailer of the film depict the petitioners as terrorists and guilty of crimes they are accused of, even before the trial court has pronounced its verdict in the blasts case and the encounter case against Khan.

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KEJRIWAL BACKS ODISHA CM, SAYS RECONSIDER STEP

CBSE fee hike: SC/ST students pay Rs 50, Delhi govt the rest

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

THE CBSE Tuesday wrote to the Delhi Directorate of Education stating that it has decided to restore its earlier practice of collecting Rs 50 as examination fee from SC/ST students of Delhi government schools. However, it stated that the increased examination fee stands and that the difference would be recovered from the Delhi government.

This comes after the CBSE's nationwide increase of examination fee for all categories of students was taken up strongly by the Delhi government. On Monday, Delhi Education Minister Manish Sisodia had told *The Indian Express* that the government was considering setting up its own education board in light of the board's decision to hike fee. On Tuesday, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal tweeted in support of a letter from Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik to HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal, asking that CBSE "reconsider the decision in the interest of the people".

CBSE spokesperson Rama Sharma said: "On the direction of the HRD Minister, CBSE has decided to restore practice of depositing only Rs 50 on CBSE registration portal from SC/ST students of Delhi government schools. For the remaining amount, CBSE will take up reimbursement of increased fee directly with Delhi government after finalising the list of candidates. This has been informed to the Delhi government."

Until last year, CBSE charged Rs 375 as the exam fee for students of Delhi government schools in class X, and Rs 600 for class XII students. In case of SC/ST students of these schools, only Rs 50 was charged, while the remainder — Rs 325 for class X, and Rs 550 — was reimbursed by the Delhi government directly to the board. Now, with an increase of the fee for students of these categories in both classes to Rs 1,200, the remainder to be paid by the Delhi government per student will increase to Rs 1,150.

No such relief has been extended by the board to other students, who face an increase of Rs 1,125 and Rs 900 in class X and XII. The Delhi government had, earlier this year, promised to cover exam fee of all students of their schools, and its officials stated that they are working out the cost and modalities of covering it.

On Tuesday, the board said, "The fee hike is required for self sustenance and to maintain quality in examination, evaluation and overcome the fiscal deficit."

Among the reasons it cited for hike was an increase in evaluators by one lakh for each day of the exams, a 33% increase in the honorarium of evaluators, training of evaluators, and the use of new technological interventions.

MLA will soon help plug household leaks

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

Somnath Bharti will be part of the pilot project

ACCOMPANIED BY a team of plumbers, Malviya Nagar MLA Somnath Bharti will soon go door-to-door in the locality to fix water leakages as part of a state government pilot project. The announcement was made by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Sunday evening at an event at Neeti Bagh Club in South Delhi.

The project follows a model developed by water conservationist and National Award winning author Aabid Surti, who was also present at the event. "The way migration is taking place towards urban areas, water is certainly (going) to be a major challenge in the coming days," Kejriwal said. "The results of this pilot project and lessons learnt will help us decide how this project can be implemented across Delhi."

Under the initiative, Bharti will knock on people's door and appeal to them to check if they have any form of water leakage, either from taps, tanks or otherwise. In case a leakage is found, plumbers will fix it.

Kejriwal also called a report by the Niti Aayog — which states that Delhi was among 21 Indian cities expected to run out of groundwater by 2020 — "alarmist".

"The kind of steps your government here is taking on water conservation, in active cooperation with people, this city will not face any alarming situation...," he said. He said that in 4-5 years, the state would provide 24 hour water supply to all residents.

DDA gives go-ahead to eco park, sports centre

New Delhi: The Delhi Development Authority Tuesday gave its nod to the development of an eco park in Badarpur and a community sports centre in Shastri Park.

A senior official said the eco park will be developed at the closed site of Badarpur Thermal Power Station at a cost of around Rs 300 crore.

It will spread across 884 acres of the closed site belonging to the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC).

The city forest or eco park will be developed in 24 months, the official said.

To boost sporting infrastructure of East Delhi, DDA also changed the land use for developing a Community Sports Centre at Shastri Park.

"The authority has approved the proposal to change the land use of 19,800 square metres of land located at Shastri Park and facilitate development of a Community Sports Centre," the official said.

Meanwhile, the agency has also launched an online scheme for commercial properties under which DDA is selling 225 commercial properties on a first come, first serve basis. **ENS**

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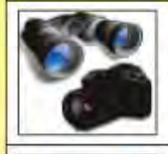	Camera, Binocular, Handycam कैमरा, दूरबीन, हैण्डीकैम		Umbrella, Replica Fire Arms, Toy Gun or Toys छाता, आग्नेयास्त्र, खिलौना पिस्तौल और खिलौने
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TIGHT SCHEDULE

ALTHOUGH FORMER health minister J P Nadda has been quite active as BJP's working president, the election of a full-time head seems possible any time after December 15, as this is the deadline to complete the necessary requirements. Before a regular president is elected, at least 50 per cent of the state units should have completed their respective state elections. This is a tight window, given that the party's membership drive, which started on July 6, has been extended till August 20.

PRAISE FROM PM

AS SUSHMA Swaraj's daughter Bansuri Kaushal delivered an emphatic and emotional vote of thanks to all who had turned up at the condolence meet for the former Union minister, she received praise from Prime Minister Narendra Modi who said she was a "spitting image" of her mother. Kaushal's speech showed her oratorical skills, prompting many leaders to say that this was her debut public appearance. Meanwhile, RSS leader Krishna Gopal called Swaraj the "ideal Indian woman". He said that when Swaraj decided not to contest the Lok Sabha elections, she told Gopal that she wanted to spend her time focusing on spirituality.

PHONE BUZZ

WILL CONGRESS Working Committee members be asked to keep their mobile phones out when the panel meets next? Well, many of the members were surprised when the decision to make Sonia Gandhi the interim president was leaked even before the CWC could pass the resolution. Some of the members raised this issue, and even communication department head Randeep Surjewala was said to be surprised. The buzz is that the Congress could now follow a no-phone policy at CWC meetings.

HOUSE GETS A NEW LOOK

The illuminated Parliament House after Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the lighting on the building's facade on Tuesday. According to Lok Sabha Secretariat officials, 875 LED lights, which will change colour every few seconds, have been placed on the facade, which has 144 pillars, each measuring 27 feet. The lights are power-efficient and use only one-fifth of the electricity compared to other types of lights. *Tashi Tobgyal*

Rahul wants to take Oppn to Valley, Governor says he is playing politics

Congress asks govt to convene all-party meeting

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

A DAY after Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik hit out at Rahul Gandhi for his remarks on Kashmir and offered to send an aircraft for him to visit the Valley and see the ground situation, the senior Congress leader accepted his invitation and asked him to ensure that he and a delegation of Opposition leaders are given the "freedom to travel and meet the people".

"Dear Governor Malik, A delegation of opposition leaders & I will take you up on your gracious invitation to visit J&K and Ladakh. We won't need an aircraft but please ensure us the freedom to travel & meet the people, mainstream leaders and our soldiers stationed over there," Rahul tweeted. Hours later, Malik's office accused Rahul of "politicising the matter".

The Congress, meanwhile, asked the government to convene an all-party meeting. "It is high time an all-party meeting is held and the Prime Minister and Home Minister take the leaders of the national parties into full confidence," senior Congress leader Anand Sharma said. "No claim by the government, governor or the administration or police officials in the absence of lifting of the clampdown, the news blackout, non-restoration of the communication network, freeing the detained leaders will convince the citizens of India," he said.

Rahul Gandhi

Satya Pal Malik

"Since the government has imposed restrictions in the first place and taken this one-sided decision, we urge the government to initiate a political dialogue and take leaders of all Opposition parties into confidence," he added.

On Saturday, Rahul had said there were reports of violence and people dying in Jammu and Kashmir. This prompted Malik's remarks offering to send an aircraft. Responding to Rahul's tweet on Tuesday, Malik's office accused Rahul of "politicising the matter by seeking to bring a delegation of Opposition leaders to create further unrest and problems for the common people".

"He has put forth many conditions for visiting J&K, including meeting mainstream leaders under detention," a Raj Bhavan spokesperson said. "As Hon'ble Governor had never invited him with so many preconditions, he has referred the case to the local police and administration to examine the request further."

Regarding Rahul's allegation about unrest, the spokesperson said, "Rahul Gandhi was responding to fake news possibly spread from across the border about the situation in Kashmir, which is peaceful with negligible incidents."

Meanwhile, Sharma hit out at Malik, arguing that his statement on offering an aircraft was patronising. Rahul, he said, had not sought the state administration's hospitality. "Nor does he wish to go there as a guest. But as a political leader... to exercise his right, he has spoken about the rights of other leaders of Opposition parties to visit the state," he said.

He said the government has been complaining about misinformation and rumours. The best answer, he said, is to "let an all-party delegation go, let the media be given the freedom to accompany the delegation to meet the people and tell the world that what is being said is not true..."

CPI general secretary D Raja, meanwhile, wrote to Home Minister Amit Shah to help Kashmiri students in distress.

WITH INPUTS FROM ARUN SHARMA IN JAMMU

No one waiting in UNSC with garlands: Qureshi to Pakistanis

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
ISLAMABAD, AUGUST 13

PAKISTAN'S FOREIGN Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi has asked his countrymen not to live in a "fool's paradise" and highlighted that it will not be easy for Islamabad to get the support of the UN Security Council as well as from the Muslim world against India's decision to withdraw Jammu and Kashmir's special status.

Addressing the media in Muzaffarabad in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir on Monday, Qureshi asked Pakistanis to "wage a new struggle" to get support of the UNSC members. "You should not in live a fool's paradise. Nobody will be standing there (in the UNSC) with garlands in hands... ," he said.

After India scrapped Jammu and Kashmir's special status, Pakistan announced that it would approach the UNSC against New Delhi's decision. India has categorically told the international community that its move is an internal matter and advised Pakistan to "accept the reality".

Without naming any Muslim country, Qureshi said "guardians of Ummah (Islamic community)" might also not back Pakistan on the Kashmir issue due to their economic interests.

Pak may direct troops from Afghan to India border: envoy

New York: Pakistan might redeploy troops from the Afghanistan border to the Kashmir frontier amidst fresh India-Pakistan tensions, according to Islamabad's Ambassador to the US, a move which could complicate the ongoing peace talks between America and the Taliban.

Pakistan's Ambassador Asad Majeed Khan said in an interview with *The New York Times* editorial board that India's moves in Kashmir "could not have come at a worse time for us," because Islamabad has sought to strengthen the military control along the western border with Afghanistan, an area long infiltrated by Taliban militants. "We have our hands full" on the western border, Khan said, adding, "If the situation escalates on the eastern border, we will have to undertake redeployments." **PTI**

Manmohan files RS nomination from Rajasthan, BJP says won't field candidate

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAIPUR, AUGUST 13

FORMER PRIME Minister Manmohan Singh filed his nomination for the upcoming Rajya Sabha by-elections from Rajasthan on Tuesday.

Leader of Opposition in the state Assembly Gulab Chand Kataria stated later in the day that the BJP will not field a candidate.

Singh is expected to sail through comfortably, as the Congress has a majority in the state Assembly.

Singh arrived in Jaipur on Tuesday and filed four sets of nomination papers in front of the returning officer for the by-election, to be held on August 26.

The by-election was necessitated by the death of Rajya Sabha MP and BJP's Rajasthan unit president Madan Lal Saini in June, which left one Rajya Sabha seat from the state vacant.

At present, Rajasthan has nine members in Rajya Sabha, all of them from the BJP.

After filing his nomination, Singh thanked the Congress party, along with Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot and other leaders, for nominating him. He said: "I recognise that there are sad circumstances in which the vacancy has arisen and I convey my heartfelt condolences to the members of the Saini family. With these words, I once again express my gratefulness to the people of Rajasthan and the Congress party for giving me this unique privilege of serving the people of Rajasthan in the council of states."

Manmohan Singh with Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot before filing nomination in Jaipur Tuesday. *Rohit Jain Paras*

EXPLAINED

How numbers stack up

THE CONGRESS has 100 MLAs in the 200-member Assembly, while the BJP has 72. The Congress has support of BSP (6 MLAs), RLD (1), and 12 of 13 MLAs. CPI(M), Bharatiya Tribal Party and Rashtriya Loktantrik Party have two members each, with the latter being part of the BJP-led NDA in the Lok Sabha elections — the party's chief, NDA candidate Hanuman Beniwal, had won from Nagaur Parliamentary seat.

Amid restrictions, chemists say medicine stocks running low

ADIL AKHZER
SRINAGAR, AUGUST 13

WITH THE lockdown in Kashmir entering its ninth day on Tuesday, chemists in Srinagar said their stocks were getting depleted and they were unable to order fresh stocks.

"People are apprehensive about the situation, so they are stocking medicines in large quantities at home, especially essential medicines like insulin," said Hafeez Ahmad, an employee at a chemist shop in Srinagar's Karannagar. "The worry is that our stocks have started to go down and we cannot order fresh stocks. In the absence of any form of communication, we are unable to reach stockists."

At Srinagar's Lal Chowk, only one chemist shop was open on Tuesday. "We had ordered a huge quantity of medicines because we were apprehending such a situation. But our stock has now started to go down. Since the telephone is down, I cannot call my distributor," said the owner of the shop.

The restrictions have also made it difficult for residents to reach the shops that are open.

Mohammed Shaban, a resident of Nawabazar, said he had to visit multiple outlets to get medicines for his mother, who is suffering from a lung disease. "In Srinagar, most chemist shops are closed. It took me three hours to get the medicines," he said.

On Tuesday, the J&K administration said in a statement that medical services were being provided to people without hindrance. "Availability of all drugs, including the life-saving, have been ensured in every hospital across the Valley," the statement said.

Srinagar hospitals said they had life-saving drugs in stock. "We have sufficient quantity of drugs with us. If required we will order more," said an official at SMHS Hospital.

Centre's move on Kashmir unconstitutional, says Priyanka

MAULSHREE SETH
LUCKNOW, AUGUST 13

BREAKING HER silence on the scrapping of J&K special status and bifurcation of the state, Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Tuesday called the move "unconstitutional" and "against principles of democracy". She also said the opinion of Congress leaders on the issue was not divided.

"...the manner in which this has been done is completely unconstitutional and against all the principles of democracy. There are rules to be followed when such things are done, those rules have not been followed. The Congress will always fight for the Constitution and for democracy," Priyanka told mediapersons at Umbha village in Sonbhadra district, where she had gone to meet the families of those killed in the July 17 firing.

Asked whether opinions of Congress leaders were divided, including those of senior leaders like Jyotiraditya Scindia, she said, "There is no difference of opinion in the Congress on the issue, and the opinion of the Congress is very clear, which was given as a statement after the CWC met on the issue. What has happened has been done by rejecting the Constitution, and Congress has always fought for the Constitution..." She added, "Scindia *ji* is part of CWC and has signed the statement. All have agreed. In our party, it is not that just one voice is heard, while others are suppressed, like in BJP."

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra in Umbha village of UP's Sonbhadra district on Tuesday. *Express*

Priyanka spent an hour and a half in Umbha and assured the victims' families all help "till they get their land back". She told mediapersons that she had come to know about police registering "false cases" against 80-90 villagers. Demanding withdrawal of such cases, she said: "We will stand with these people till they get their land back. They are still being harassed by the administration and government... They have pressed charges under Goonda Act on women."

Chopper deal: Delhi HC to hear Ratul Puri's anticipatory bail plea today

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court has listed for Wednesday the anticipatory bail plea of Ratul Puri, nephew of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath, in connection with a money laundering case related to the AgustaWestland chopper scam.

The matter came up on Tuesday before Justice Mukta Gupta, who was informed by Puri's counsel that order has been reserved on his another petition by a coordinate bench of the high court and the anticipatory bail plea will be transferred to the same judge.

Justice Gupta transferred the anticipatory bail plea to the court of Justice Sunil Gaur and it would be heard on Wednesday. **PTI**

Kolkata court issues warrant against Tharoor over 'Hindu Pakistan' remark

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, AUGUST 13

A KOLKATA court on Tuesday issued a bailable arrest warrant against Congress MP Shashi Tharoor for the "Hindu Pakistan" remark he made last year.

Hearing a petition by advocate Sumeet Chowdhury, the magistrate at Bankshall court issued the warrant against the Thiruvananthapuram MP after he or his advocate failed to appear before it.

The court has asked Tharoor to appear before it on September 24.

"I filed a petition against Shashi Tharoor in July last year against his Hindu Pakistan remark. His advocate appeared before the court in August last year. Today Tharoor or his advocate failed to appear in court. So the court has issued an arrest warrant against him," Chowdhury told *The Indian Express*. "Unless he takes any step like moving the high court, the arrest warrant must be executed," he added.

In July last year, Tharoor had said if the BJP won the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, it would lead to formation of a "Hindu Pakistan".

Addressing an event in Thiruvananthapuram, he had said the BJP will write a new Constitution which will pave the way for a nation, much like Pakistan, where the rights of minorities are not respected.

"If they (BJP) win a repeat in the Lok Sabha, our democratic Constitution, as we understand it, will not survive as they will have all the elements they need to tear apart the Constitution of India and write a new one.... that new one will be the one which will enshrine principles of Hindu Rashtra, that will remove equality for minorities, that will create a Hindu Pakistan and that isn't what Mahatma Gandhi, Nehru, Sardar Patel, Maulana Azad and great heroes of freedom struggle fought for," Tharoor had said.

Nagpur: Plane carrying Gadkari aborts take-off after snag

PARTH KHATAU
MUMBAI, AUGUST 13

AN INDIGO flight carrying Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari aborted take-off due to a technical snag at Nagpur's Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport on Tuesday.

Flight 6E 636, an Airbus A320 aircraft, bound for New Delhi taxied towards the airport's runway 32 when the pilot observed a momentary caution message, leading to the aircraft returning to the gate for further checks.

The checks led to the flight getting take-off clearance for the second time before the caution light reappeared, after which the aircraft was grounded for maintenance work at Nagpur airport, said an IndiGo official.

A statement from the airlines said, "The inbound flight from Delhi had no defects reported and it was further cleared to operate to Delhi. However, when the caution light appeared, appropriate operating measures were followed."

Vijay Mulekar, a senior official at Nagpur airport, told *The Indian Express*, "The aircraft did not begin to proceed down the runway but safely returned to the apron (gates) after reaching just the beginning of the airstrip. All passengers deplaned safely."

The flight, which was scheduled to depart Nagpur at 7.50 am and reach Delhi at 9.35 am, took off after IndiGo arranged for a spare aircraft at 1.45 pm, 6 hours late, and reached Delhi at 3.30 pm.

Gadkari later said, "I had boarded the flight to Delhi as I had a cabinet meeting to attend at 10.30 am. It developed a small snag and hence couldn't take off. I was going to return to Nagpur in the evening as actor Sunny Deol was to arrive in the evening for a programme on the occasion of August 15. Since the flight couldn't take off later, I had to cancel the trip."

WITH INPUTS FROM NAGPUR

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NORTH

Badaun: Three killed as motorcycle rams into bridge

Badaun: Three people were killed while another was seriously injured when their motorcycle rammed into a bridge here, police said on Tuesday. The accident took place on Monday night when the four were returning to their home after attending the last rites of a girl of their locality. SSPAshok Kumar Tripathi said, "The accident took place near village Kurau on Monday night at around 9.00 pm. Four persons were returning after attending the last rites of a girl of their locality. The motorcycle rammed into a bridge." The bodies of the deceased have been sent for post-mortem. **PTI**

An Army soldier with students during a 'Know Your Army' exhibition in Lucknow. *PTI*

WEST

Cop killed after service weapon accidentally goes off

Nagpur: A head constable attached to a Quick Response Team at Sironcha in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli district was killed on Tuesday when his service weapon accidentally went off while he was cleaning it. "Sanjiv Shettiwar, 32, was apparently cleaning his service weapon, an AK rifle, when a bullet got fired... The bullet hit him in the neck just below the chin. He was rushed to hospital but his life couldn't be saved," Aheri Additional Superintendent of Police Maneesh Kalwaniya told *The Indian Express*. Asked if Shettiwar had not unloaded his rifle before cleaning it, Kalwaniya said, "He had removed the magazine but some bullets might have remained loaded inside..." **ENS**

EAST

Bihar village head's husband shot dead at home

Khagaria (Bihar): Two men barged into the house of a village head in Bihar's Khagaria district in the wee hours of Tuesday and gunned down her husband who was asleep, the police said. Two persons were taken into custody in connection with the murder, SP Minu Kumari said. The incident occurred at Uttari Maarar panchayat where the village head is Ragini Devi. The two assailants fired upon her husband Nandlal Paswan, 50, who was sleeping in the house, and fled on a motorcycle. Personal enmity could be the reason behind the murder, police sources said, adding that the case was being investigated. **PTI**

SOUTH

One killed in fire in Tamil Nadu cracker unit

Virudhunagar: One person was killed in a fire that broke out in a cracker unit at Karicheri in Tamil Nadu's Virudhunagar district on Tuesday, police said. Three sheds were razed to the ground in the blasts following the fire, they said. The worker died after he was trapped in the debris of one of the sheds, which collapsed in the blasts. The blaze erupted in a shed where finished crackers had been stored, and spread to three other sheds, they added. Fire and rescue services personnel reached the spot and doused the fire. A probe is on to ascertain the cause of the fire, police said. **PTI**

Land itself a deity, so can't have joint possession: Ramlalla's counsel to SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

THE COUNSEL for Ramlalla Virajman on Tuesday disputed the Allahabad High Court's order on joint possession of the disputed land in Ayodhya and asked how this was possible after the whole premises were held to be a deity.

"(The) High Court mixed up the three concepts. It says place is deity and deity is owner of place. And then it says they (Hindus and Muslims) have joint possession. In my view, the HC is not right in mixing up the facts", senior advocate C S Vaidyanathan, appearing for Ramlalla, told a five-judge Constitution bench of the Supreme Court headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi.

"High Court says the premises, which is place of birth of Lord Ram, vests in the deity. But place itself is deity.... When the place itself is deity, there cannot be joint possession or title," he told the bench, also comprising Justices S A Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S A Nazeer.

Justice Chandrachud then asked the counsel, "That (submission) postulates that your worldview is universal.... Here we have two beliefs. One says place represents God personified, other says it's only a place of worship. How do you balance both?"

Vaidyanathan replied that he was going by the High Court's view, which "accepts the place as deity". He added, "If that's so, there can't be joint possession, etc.... If place is deity, it can't be divided or mutilated. It will continue to remain deity despite the fact that a mosque was built on it."

AYODHYA HEARING

"Just because some people have access to that mosque, they cannot (assume) ownership of that place," he submitted.

Vaidyanathan said Muslims' right of access to Babri mosque was "always contested" but "Hindus' right to worship was never taken away".

Referring to the September 30, 2010 judgment of the HC given by a three-judge bench, the counsel said one of the judges — Justice Sudhir Agarwal — had "narrowed down the janmasthan [birthplace] to the central dome [of Babri Masjid]...our contention is that the entire area as found by Justice Dharam Veer Sharma, should be considered janmasthan".

On the existence of a temple at the site of the mosque which was razed on December 6, 1992, he said the Uttar Pradesh Sunni Waqf Board in response to a suit had said that Emperor Babar built the mosque on vacant land belonging to the state. But all three HC judges concluded that the there was a temple at the site. One of them — Justice S U Khan ù said the mosque was built on the ruins of temples, Vaidhyanathan said.

Vaidyanathan referred to the statement of one Mohd Hashim, a resident of Ayodhya, who, he said, had stated that Hindus used to visit Ramjanmabhoomi as they believed it to be the birthplace of Ram, and several fairs were also held there.

Vaidyanathan also sought to rely on the 1870 report of British archeologist Patrick Carnegie. That was the time the official gazette was bring prepared, and Carnegie as Officiating Commissioner and Settlement Officer, after visiting the site, had written in his report that Ayodhya was to Hindus what Mecca was to Muslims and Jerusalem to Christians.

The senior counsel drew the court's attention to an 1858 complaint about a ritual conducted by a Sikh from Punjab inside the area of the central dome of the mosque.

The complaint mentioned that "previously the symbol of janmasthan had been there for hundreds of years" and Hindus had been worshiping there, Vaidyanathan said.

The arguments remained inconclusive and will resume on Wednesday.

Villagers, forest officers clash in UP, one killed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, AUGUST 13

A 27-YEAR-OLD man was shot dead during a clash between a group of villagers and forest guards at Datarganj village adjoining Sampurna Nagar forest range under North Kheri Forest division in Uttar Pradesh's Pilibhit district Sunday, police said. Police identified the deceased as Kulwant Singh, a farmer who was a resident of Datarganj village.

Forest department officers claimed that the incident took place when villagers entered into a scuffle with some forest guards who caught them carrying logs that were allegedly being stolen after felling of trees from the forest area.

However, the villagers denied the allegations and claimed, they had gone inside the forest area in search of a missing buffalo when forest guards hurled verbal abuses and later fired at them.

Why is CBI so good in cases with no political tone, asks CJI

Suggests 'public order' be part of Concurrent List for probing interstate crimes

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

CHIEF JUSTICE of India (CJI) Ranjan Gogoi on Tuesday questioned the efficacy of the CBI in "politically sensitive" cases and said it reflects "a deep mismatch between institutional aspirations" and "governing politics".

He suggested giving CBI a statutory status equivalent to the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG).

CJI Gogoi also suggested that "public order" must be made part of the Concurrent List for investigation of interstate crimes. Public order is currently the exclusive domain of state governments.

Delivering the D P Kohli Memorial Lecture, organised by the CBI at Vigyan Bhavan, CJI Gogoi said "a patchwork of legislation" — a reference to the CVC and the Lokpal — behind CBI and "multiplicity of agencies" had led to "inter-institutional turf war".

"Why is that whenever there are no political overtones to the case, the CBI does a good job," CJI Gogoi asked while talking about political and administrative interference in the working of the agency.

He said: "...in a number of high-profile and politically sensitive cases the agency has not been able to meet the standards of judicial scrutiny. Equally true is that such lapses may not have happened infrequently. Such instances reflect systemic issues and indicate a deep mismatch between institutional aspirations, organisational design, working culture, and governing politics."

The CJI spoke about the guidelines issued by the apex court in the Vineet Narain judgment to protect the CBI's integrity. "However, given that the superintendence and control of the agency continues to, in large measure, lie with the executive by virtue of Section 4 of Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946, the possibility of it being used as a political instrument remains ever present."

CJI Gogoi laid stress on the agency maintaining high reputation in public perception. "Any gap between public perception and the quality of institutional performance would adversely impact the governance of the nation, which we can ill afford," he said.

The CJI suggested that crucial aspects of the CBI must be delinked from the administrative control of the government. "The CBI should be given statutory status through legislation equivalent to that provided to the Comptroller & Auditor General (CAG).... Further, to address an increasing incidence of interstate crimes, an argument could be made for including 'public order' in concurrent list, for the limited purposes of investigating such crimes," the CJI Gogoi said.

The CJI indicated that there was "constitutional and legal ambiguity surrounding" the CBI and this "severely comprises both the integrity and efficacy" of the institution. He raised the issue of states not giving consent to CBI to probe cases due to "vested interests or bureaucratic lethargy".

He said, "Additionally, a patchwork of legislation governing the functioning of CBI adversely affects inter-institutional coordination, both horizontally and vertically. The result of multiplicity of institutions results in an aggressive competition for scarce resources and inter-institutional 'turf-war'. These issues arise in large measure from lack of a comprehensive statute protecting the agency's autonomy."

The CJI lamented that government institutions were no longer attracting the best talents and the lion's share is being taken away by the private sector. He said the CBI needs to get the best of talent, improve its training, and exercise autonomy along with accountability.

Delivering the vote of thanks, CBI Additional Director Praveen Sinha said the CJI's words have pushed the agency to introspect its role and functioning.

The function was attended by chiefs of all central agencies — CVC Sharad Kumar, senior government bureaucrats, Army chief Bipin Rawat and Air Chief Marshal B S Dhanoa.

(Above) Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi with CBI Director Rishi Kumar Shukla at the 18th D P Kohli Memorial Lecture in New Delhi; (left) Chief of Army Staff Gen Bipin Rawat and Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa at the lecture. *Praveen Khanna*

Secure NRC data, publish list on schedule, says SC

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THE SUPREME Court on Tuesday rejected a plea to reopen the exercise to update the National Register of Citizens (NRC) for Assam and directed that to ensure security of the data, an appropriate regime be enacted on the lines of the security regime provided for Aadhaar data.

A bench of Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and Justice R F Nariman ruled that "the list of inclusions and exclusions shall be made available to the State Government, Central Government and Registrar General of India" only after such a regime is put in place.

Assam co-ordinator for NRC Prateek Hajela had requested the court to issue suitable directions for protection of NRC data.

The court also directed that "only hard-copies of the supplementary list of inclusions be published at the NRC Seva Centers, Circle Offices and Offices of the District Magistrates of the State". The bench ordered that "the list of exclusions to be published on 31st August, 2019 (the date set by the court to publish the final NRC) shall be published only on on-line and shall be family-wise".

The plea to reopen the exercise had said those born in India between after March 24, 1971 and before July 1, 1987 were not being included in the NRC unless they had ancestral links to India. It referred to section 3(1) of the Citizenship Act, 1955, which states that every person born in India after January 26, 1950 and up to July 1, 1987 were citizens by birth and added that a different yardstick was being used for those born between 1971 and 1987.

Refusing to allow this, the bench referred to Rule 4A the Citizenship (Registration of Citizens and Issue of National Identity Cards) Rules, 2003 which fixes the outer cut-off date as midnight of March 24, 1971.

"Rule 4A of the 2003 Rules carves out special provisions in the matter of preparation of National Register of Indian Citizens in the State of Assam. The provisions of Rule 4A are a departure to the provisions contained in Rule 4 of the 2003 Rules which deals with preparation of National Register of Indian Citizens in the rest of the country. Rule 4A(2) specifically provides that the National Register of Indian Citizens in the State of Assam shall be prepared by inviting applications from all the residents calling for specified particulars relating to each family and individual including the citizenship status based on the National Register of Citizens 1951 and the electoral rolls upto the midnight of the 24thday of March,1971," the order noted.

This rule was necessitated in view of the changes made to the Citizenship Act following the signing of the Assam Accord.

The bench also noted that the question of interpretation of Section 3(1) of the Citizenship Act was pending before a Constitution bench and said the NRC will be updated depending on what the Constitution bench decides.

"The issue pending is whether the expression 'every person born in India' would apply only to persons born to Indian citizens and whether the expression 'either of whose parents is a citizen of India at the time of his birth' in S.3(1)(b) of the Citizenship Act, 1955 would apply to only a person who is born to parents one of whom is a citizen and the other a foreigner, provided he or she has entered India lawfully and his/her stay in India is not in contravention of applicable Indian laws...We make it clear that subject to orders as may be passed by the Constitution Bench... National Register of Citizens will be updated."

Rajasthan woman suffers miscarriage after gangrape, five arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAIPUR, AUGUST 13

POLICE IN Rajasthan's Banswara district have arrested five men for allegedly gangraping a 20-year-old pregnant woman when she was travelling with her male friend on the Banswara-Jaipur road.

According to the police, the assault on the woman led to miscarriage. The woman's friend committed suicide the night the incident took place, the police said.

"The couple was travelling on the Banswara-Jaipur road around 10 pm on July 13 when three drunk people on a motorcycle stopped them forcibly and took the woman away after beating up the man. They gangraped the woman and later called two more men who raped her too," said Banswara circle officer Parbhati Lal.

"On the night the couple was attacked and the woman was taken away, her friend committed suicide by hanging," said Lal. He added that the police arrested the first accused on July 30.

"After investigating call records and other evidence, we arrested the first accused on July 30. The four others were arrested on Sunday. The FIR in the matter has been registered under sections of the IPC, including 376D (gangrape), and relevant sections of the SC/ST Act," said Lal.

"After she was admitted to the hospital following the attack, it came to light that she was pregnant and had suffered a miscarriage," said Lal.

ANDHRA GOVT STOPS ALL PAYMENTS, SAND MINING POLICY CANCELLED

Construction in Amaravati comes to a grinding halt

SREENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD AUGUST 13

CONSTRUCTION IN the Amaravati Capital Region as well as most parts of Andhra Pradesh has come to a grinding halt as the ruling YSRCP has stopped all payments and cancelled the sand mining policy.

The construction of apartments and bungalows for government officials, ministers, MLAs and judges at Amaravati has been stopped. Also, the scarcity of sand for construction has halted both government and private construction work across the state.

"The government is reviewing some contracts awarded by the previous TDP government. Contracts were awarded at higher rates, causing loss to the exchequer. Till that probe is completed, all payments are kept on hold. Works that are completed above 50 per cent can continue but payments are temporarily halted," said Botsa Satyanarayana, Minister of Municipal Administration and Urban Development.

Satyanarayana said the government cancelled TDP's sand mining and supply policy because it "encouraged rampant illegal mining" and sand was sold at exorbitant prices. "Only local contractors belonging to TDP benefited from it. We will soon bring out a new and transparent policy. Till the policy is out, we have directed district collectors to ensure that sand is procured and supplied," he said.

With the government halting payments to contractors, construction in government and private sector has been shut since the last week of July. "Even in Amaravati, where some of the buildings are 70-75 per cent complete, work has stopped as payments of previous quarter are pending. In fact, after the government changed, we have not received any payment. So there is no procurement of new material to complete the pending work," an official of a company constructing flats in Amaravati said.

In fact, the workforce of over 50,000 labourers at Amaravati, mainly from Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Bihar and West Bengal, has reduced to a half after contractors told them that there was no work. Officials at Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority said new contracts worth more than Rs 9,800 crore awarded by the TDP government just before elections were announced have been put on hold. These include contracts for a bridge connecting Vijayawada with Amaravati, a drinking water project, Vaikuntapuram Barrage, ring roads, parks and entertainment places.

Real estate developer and former BJP MLA from Visakhapatnam P Vishnu Kumar Raju said construction industry has taken a big hit in cities like Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada.

"Sand is difficult to procure so construction in public and private partnership, as well as the private sector, has slowed down or stopped. Amaravati looks like a ghost town now," Raju said.

Mines Minister P Ramachandra Reddy said the new sand policy would soon be announced. "It is a very transparent policy and the draft is ready. The AP Mineral Development Corporation (APMDC) will be nodal agency to implement the new policy. To prevent exploitation of river sand, we are also promoting manufactured sand. The corporation will tie up with private contractors to mine sand only from designated places and it would be moved to APMDC godowns. Customers can order sand online and sand would be delivered wherever they want. APMDC will control the prices," Reddy said.

EXPLAINED

Halt in works may have long-term impact

THE STOPPAGE of works at Amaravati will have a long-term impact on the construction of the new capital city for Andhra Pradesh. The project is already delayed due to u-turns on designs and plans submitted by chief architect Foster and Partners by former CM N Chandrababu Naidu. The secretariat, high court, and all important government offices are working out of temporary locations spread over Vijayawada and Guntur and there is an urgent need to establish the capital city and bring them together. Since the last two months, much of the equipment and machinery is lying unused. Singapore which submitted the plan for seed capital appears to be staying away from the project.

10 SDF MLAs in party, BJP emerges main opposition in Sikkim

ESHA ROY
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

WITH 10 MLAs of the Sikkim Democratic Front (SDF) joining the BJP on Tuesday, the saffron party is in a position where it can look to form the government in the eastern Himalayan state, despite finishing a poor third in the Assembly polls in April this year.

The SDF, spearheaded by former chief minister Pawan Kumar Chamling, was defeated by the relatively new Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM), led by Chamling's one-time protégé and now arch-rival P S Golay.

The SKM won 17 seats in the 32-member House, just two more than SDF's 15. Having drawn a blank, and less than 2 per cent of the votes polled, the BJP has now emerged as the largest opposition, and is positioned to put up a fight in three constituencies that are scheduled to go to the bypolls before November this year.

In Gangtok, the SDF leadership said it will "wait and watch" the "complex" situation. The SKM did not comment on the development. The MLAs met BJP working president J P Nadda and joined the party in the presence of BJP general secretary Ram Madhav, who is in charge of the party's affairs in the Northeast.

Sources in SKM said rumour about SDF legislators switching to the BJP first emerged a month ago, when they were camping in Delhi

Two SDF MLAs, including ex-CM Chamling and D T Lepcha (who has now joined BJP), had won from two seats and resigned from one each, reducing the party's strength to 13 in the Assembly. The third seat has been vacated by SKM minister Kunga Lima Lepcha, who also won from two constituencies.

Addressing the media in Gangtok on Tuesday, senior SDF leaders P D Rai and K T Gyaltsen said: "We want to wait and watch the situation. The issue is complex. We can neither welcome it, nor condemn it outright without giving consideration to the circumstances in which this development has taken place."

Among the 10 who joined the BJP are Dorjee Tshering Lepcha, a five-term MLA and three-time minister in the Chamling governments, and three-term MLA Ugen Gyatso. Lepcha said they were impressed with the Narendra Modi government's Look East policy. "This is the first time that MLAs of a regional party in Sikkim has joined a national party en bloc.... We want the Lotus to bloom in Sikkim," he said, referring to the BJP's poll symbol.

Sources in SKM said rumour about SDF legislators switching to the BJP first emerged a month ago, when the MLAs were camping in New Delhi. Despite a failed attempt at an alliance with the BJP ahead of the Assembly elections, Golay, now the Chief Minister, has been alluding to his party's "closeness" to the saffron party in various public meetings over the past month.

Golay has also visited Delhi several times since his party's victory, ostensibly to get the BJP's support in order to be able to fight the bypolls. Golay was convicted on corruption charges under the previous SDF government and spent a year in jail - he was released in August 2018. He can fight the by-elections only if allowed by the Election Commission of India.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Home Minister Amit Shah at a condolence meeting for Sushma Swaraj in New Delhi on Tuesday. *Anil Sharma*

Leaders pay tribute to Sushma Swaraj, Cabinet resolution condoles her death

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

SENIOR LEADERS cutting across party lines paid tribute to former external affairs minister Sushma Swaraj at a condolence meeting organised by the BJP on Tuesday.

Swaraj, a senior BJP leader, died on August 6 following a cardiac arrest.

"Sushmaji had many sides to her — political, social, personal. We worked together as companions for many years in the party and have many shared experiences. Whatever our assigned role, whatever work we received from the party — we put our all into that work. Even after having reached our respective goals, we continued to work tenaciously. Sushmaji was a model BJP worker and the best tribute you can pay her is to emulate her," said Prime Minister Narendra Modi, addressing the gathering at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium here.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP working president J P Nadda and senior leaders from various parties attended the event, apart from hundreds of BJP workers. The international community, including officials from high commissions and embassies, and Hindu priests and leaders of the RSS and VHP were also present.

Modi said he learnt many things from Swaraj and that she guided him in writing the first speech that he delivered in the UN. He added that Swaraj had backed the government's move on Article 370 vigorously.

Modi added that in 70 years India got 77 passport offices, but in the five years of Swaraj's stint as foreign minister, the number grew to 505. "Look at the scale of work that was achieved," he said.

While leaders from DMK, TRS, AIADMK, RJD, TMC, LJP, JDU, and other parties paid tribute, it was Congress's Anand Sharma who paid her the longest tribute after the PM. "...She had a tall personality, a large heart and lofty ideals. No matter how bitter and belligerent the debate between us would get within Parliament, this would never spill over into our personal relationship," said Sharma. Shah said that Swaraj had connected the MEA to not only governments and people around the world but to citizens of India.

The Union Cabinet met on Tuesday and adopted a resolution condoling her death.

TAX NOTICES TO DURGA PUJA COMMITTEES

CBDT says reports incorrect, Mamata slams 'Puja Jijia tax'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, AUGUST 13

AS TMC on Tuesday protested against income tax (I-T) notices served to Durga Puja committees, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) issued a statement calling the reports regarding this "factually incorrect". Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee hit back at the CBDT, terming the imposition of tax on Durga Puja committees "Puja Jijia tax".

In a statement late Tuesday evening, the CBDT said, "There have been reports in the media about Income Tax notices being issued to Durga Puja Committees in Kolkata recently. The reports also mention that Income Tax notices were sent to the Durga Puja Committee Forum in the last few weeks. It is unequivocally stated that the said reports are factually incorrect and are strongly denied. It is a fact that no notice was issued to the Durga Puja Committee Forum by the Department during this year."

It added, "However, as the Department had been getting information that several contractors who were doing work for the Puja committees were not paying due taxes, therefore notices under section 133(6) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 were issued in December 2018 to about 30 committees... Many of the committees complied (with) and furnished evidence of tax deducted at source as well as deposit of the same into the Government account."

The statement added, "It is reiterated that the aforesaid exercise is in no manner whatsoever against the Puja Committees, but has been undertaken to ensure that the contractors and event managers pay their due taxes correctly within the stipulated time."

Banerjee later wrote on her Facebook page, "I have come to know just now that CBDT has issued a Press Release clarifying regarding notices to Durga Puja Committees for puja tax, which is popularly known as 'Puja Jijia Tax'."

Terming the statement misleading, the CM said, "CBDT clarification that no notices have been issued for this year makes little sense. It is only obvious that for pujas held this year, notices will only be issued next year, which is as per their scheme of tax assessment. So, the clarification itself proves that the imposition of tax very much stands. Then, why misleading? The Press Release is a sheer distortion of facts with an aim to create confusion in the minds of local people and puja committees and perpetrate mental tension."

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
Public Works Division Nagbhid, District Chandrapur
NOTICE FOR HYBRID ANNUITY MODE [HAM] (ONLINE) TENDER
E-Tender Notice No.13 / For 2019-2020
Notice Inviting Bid
E-Mail - nagbhid.ee@mahapwd.com Phone No - 07179-240066

Subject : - Hybrid Annuity Mode, Upgradation of Roads Under Public Works Circle, Chandrapur

The Government of Maharashtra had entrusted to the Authority the development, maintenance and management of State Highways and Major District Roads of State of Maharashtra. The authority had resolved to augment the existing roads in the State of Maharashtra by improvement thereof (The "Project") on "Hybrid Annuity" basis and has decided to carry out the bidding process for selection of (a Private Entity) as the Bidder to whom the project may be awarded.

Brief particulars of the projects are as follows:-

Sr. No.	District/State	Name of Works	Length (in Km.)	Estimated Project Cost (Rs. in Crores)
1	2	3	4	5
1	Chandrapur of Maharashtra State	**Two Laning & Improvement to** (i) MDR 38 to Bamni Adegaon Wagheda Wadasi Gondeda Kewada road (MDR-65) (ii) Neri Khatkheda Pradhanheti Malewada Road to NH (353 E) MDR 69, (iii) Navtala Pimpalgaon Jambhulghat Pardapar Titvi Kanhalgaon Dongargaon Jambhulvihira Dongarla Bhisi Road to join (NH353E) MDR-66 (iv) Siraspur Shivara Doma Chakjatepar Shankarpur Road to join N.H.-314 (MDR-68) (v) Javrabodi Sathgaon Chikhali Bhiwapur Road to join NH 353 (D) (MDR-35) (vi) Shankarpur Chaklohara korambi Dongargaon Road (MDR-88) (vii) Nagbhid Chikhalparsodi Chikmara Balapur (Khurd) Road (MDR-84) (viii) Wadhona Savargaon Kanhalgaon Girgaon Navargaon Road (MDR-81) in Taluka Chimur & Nagbhid, Total length 105.00 Km in Chandrapur District in the State of Maharashtra under Hybriad Annuity Mode	105.00	273.00 (Excluding GST)

1. All information of e-tendering is available on the following websites / Notice Board
   iii. http://www.mahapwd.com (Informatory Notice)
   iv. http://pwd.maharashtra.etenders.in (subportal => http://pwd.maharashtra.etenders.in)
2. The complete bid document can be viewed / downloaded from e-procurement portal as per Online schedule and Bid must be submitted online only.
3. The e-procurement portal is given below.
   http://pwd.maharashtra.etenders.in (subportal => http://pwd.maharashtra.etenders.in)
4. E-Tender Schedule is as given below.

Sr.No.	Even Description	Date
1	Invitation of RFP (NIT) (Download Period of online tender)	As per Online Schedule
2	Last date for receiving queries for pre-bid	As per Online Schedule
3	Pre-Bid meeting	As per Online Schedule
4	Authority response to queries for pre-bid meeting	As pe r Online Schedule
5	Bid Due Date (Technical & Financial Bid Last date & time)	As per Online Schedule
6	Last date and time for online Superhash Generation & Bid Lock	As per Online Schedule
7	Control Transfer of bid	As per Online Schedule
8	Physical submission of Bid Security / POA etc (as per clause 2.11.2 of RFP)	As per Online Schedule
9	Opening of Technical Bids	As per Online Schedule
10	Declaration of Eligible / Qualified Bidders	As per Online Schedule
11	Opening of Financial Bids	As per Online Schedule

5. **Online Schedule will be applicable and Final.**
6. **Note :-**

a) Bid submitted through any other mode shall not be entertained. However, Bid Security, Proof of online Payment of Cost of Bid Document, Power of Attorney and joint bidding agreement etc. as specified in Clause 2.11.2 of the RFP shall be submitted physically by the bidder as per Online schedule Please note that the Public Works Department reserves the right to accept or reject all or any of the Bids without assigning any reason whatsoever.

b) Other terms and conditions are detailed in online e-tender form. Right to reject any or all online bid of work, without assigning any reasons thereof, is reserved with department.

Outward No 446 /C'pur /D-3(2)/Tender/2019-20 Dated 04.06.2019
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Public Works Division,
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Naveen writes to HRD against 'abnormal' hike in CBSE fees

SAMPAD PATNAIK
BHUBANESWAR, AUGUST 13

ODISHA CHIEF Minister Naveen Patnaik has written to the Ministry of Human Resource Development that the "abnormal" rise in Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) fees, specifically for SC and ST students, has come as a "shock".

Last week, CBSE announced increase in fees of Class 10 and 12 board examinations for SC and ST students from Rs 50 to Rs 1,200. The fee was almost doubled —- to Rs 1,500 —- for the general category.

In the letter addressed to HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, Patnaik urged him to have the decision reconsidered.

"You may be aware that the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Ministry of HRD, recently caused a sharp hike in the examination fee of Class-X and Class-XII students causing resentment among parents and stakeholders," Patnaik wrote. "The abnormal rise, specifically of the fees in respect of SC and ST students by 24 times, has come as a shock."

Citing the letter, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal tweeted: "I too endorse Odisha CM's views. I hope Centre would respond positively on this."

Patnaik's letter comes after a federation of parents' bodies of CBSE-run schools urged him to write to the Centre. They made a similar appeal to Odisha's School and Mass Education Minister Samir Ranjan Dash and MPs from the state.

The CM also informed the Union Minister that the Odisha government has opened more than 200 English medium model schools affiliated to CBSE in rural areas "for the benefit of economically and socially under-privileged sections of the society". "This decision is bound to cause acute hardship to them," he wrote.

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Emergency detainees

Criticising the state government for its latest decision, the Opposition BJP has asked its district units to hold the felicitation in their offices. "It's the politics of revenge. The Kamal Nath government has a problem honouring people who are very old. It does not have a problem with the Emergency or letting Article 370 continue in Kashmir," said Rakesh Singh, state BJP chief and Jabalpur Lok Sabha MP.

"It's a decision taken out of vengeance. We will not go to them with a request to felicitate us. Earlier, the detainees used to get official invites from the office of the district collector. In any case, we are not interested in getting honoured by a party that is undemocratic," said Tapan Bhowmik, state chief of Loktantra Senani Sangathan, the state-level body of MISA and DRI detainees.

Congress spokesperson Shobha Oza, however, alleged most of the MISA and DIR detainees were BJP workers who did not go to jail at the time. "The BJP government had started the pension and felicitation to oblige them. One can understand the felicitation of freedom fighters and their family members on August 15," she said.

Extra time in Odisha schools

"It is natural then that students will spend more time on these subjects, interact more with these teachers and get time to clear their fundamentals," Dash said.

Education experts, however, said the move may not have the desired results. "We need to be very careful about children's attention span. Doubling the time may not be learning friendly," Binay Pattanayak, a former education specialist with UNICEF, said.

"From the learner's perspective, the text of these subjects needs to be interesting and activity oriented. Teacher's preparation needs to be geared towards children's learning," he said.

Other experts pointed to the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) 2018 on learning outcomes in rural Odisha, which showed inter-district disparities in reading and Math skills. For example, in Rayagada, only 5.4% children in Classes VI-VIII could do division, while just over 40% could read a Class II-level text. In Puri, 48.8% could do division, while over 80% could read the same text.

"The problem is somewhere, and the solution lies elsewhere. Learning outcomes in Odisha can be linked to absentee teachers and a variety of other factors. The minister has not consulted experts before making such an announcement," said Anil Pradhan, convenor of Odisha RTE forum.

"From the administrator's point of view, it is easy to control time. So an order has been passed to double teaching hours. However, the state government is not bothered about the more pressing issue of space. Many of Odisha's government schools do not have the required infrastructure like library, playground, toilets, that enable a learning environment," said educationist Jatindra Kumar Nayak.

Nayak also drew attention to the large number of vacancies in teaching posts in state schools.

Auto sector crisis deepens

slump — so far on account of lack of consumer demand and the liquidity crisis — could get prolonged as automakers compulsorily transition to new technologies, rendering their products more expensive.

Sales across categories, including passenger vehicles and two-wheelers, was down nearly 19 per cent at 18,25,148 units in July 2019, according to data released by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) Tuesday.

The previous biggest decline across overall domestic automobile sales was in December 2000, when volumes fell 22 per cent. While the current fall is being attributed to the crisis in non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and the impending liquidity squeeze, the decline in customer confidence is one of the prime factors behind the continuous slide in sales of passenger cars.

What could make matters worse is the mandatory upgradation of products to meet the Bharat Stage-VI emission norms by April 2020, which has pushed companies to hike their prices.

A senior executive with a leading carmaker said that typically, a recovery from a cyclical downturn hinges on a discount push that stems from rising inventories. That option is practically ruled out this time because of the transition to new emission norms and upward push to prices.

For instance, India's largest car-maker Maruti Suzuki, which has launched variants of some passenger vehicles compliant with BS-VI regulations, has priced such products Rs 10,000 to Rs 16,000 higher than its BS-IV-compliant cars. The increase in cost of manufacturing of BS-VI-compliant vehicles is especially higher for diesel-run engines, which led to Maruti Suzuki discontinuing sales of diesel vehicles from April 2020.

India Yamaha Motor said Tuesday that prices of its locally manufactured two-wheelers could increase by 10-15 per cent due to compliance with BS-VI emission norms. Sales of two wheeler vehicles — a key indicator for rural demand — declined 16.82 per cent year-on-year to 15,11,692 units in July.

Going ahead, two and three-wheeler manufacturers are also staring at the possibility of a compulsory upgrade to battery-powered vehicles by 2023 in case of three-wheelers and 2025 for two-wheelers. Bajaj Auto's managing director Rajiv Bajaj had said that the proposal for electric vehicles was "ill-timed to target a date so close to BS-VI implementation".

Industry executives also point out that the slowdown was despite customer interest failing to translate into a purchase decision. This is also reflective in a trend that appears to be gaining strength: The used-car market saw the sale of 40 lakh vehicles in 2018 to overtake the volumes for new cars at 36 lakh in the same year. In value terms, this market clocked almost two-thirds the business recorded for new cars last year — Rs 1.4 lakh crore for used cars versus Rs 2.2 lakh crore for new.

Industry association FADA, which represents about 15,000 dealerships and 26,000 outlets across India, said a total of 286 dealership outlets downed their shutters in the 18 month-period to July. The closure of retail outlets along with manpower downsizing across the 26,000 outlets has resulted in losses of about 200,000 direct and indirect jobs from May to July, adding to the 32,000 who lost their jobs in the prior 18 months ended April, according to the association.

"When BS-VI comes in next year, it will increase the cost of vehicles, especially diesel. But the priority right now is to look at current demand and ensure that the industry comes back on the growth path. You can't avoid a price increase due to a regulatory aspect, and it has to be incurred into the cost," SIAM director general Vishnu Mathur told The Indian Express.

"Our feedback is that customers are not coming into the showroom and whoever is coming, is taking a long time to convert to a sale. This downturn is not purely cyclical because cycles don't last this long and something else also has failed. The costs have gone up and the incentive for a consumer is low and there is need for external intervention to kickstart the growth cycle," Mathur said.

The deceleration in rural economy is showing up in the worsening slide in sales in the tractor segment, which had bucked the broader downturn to post a third consecutive year of double digit growth until March 2019.

Truck sales have been hurt by changes made by the government in the axle load norms. Industry officials said a significant decline in the sales of commercial vehicles has been visible ever since the increased load has become effective. The industry has been calling for a scrappage policy and other support measures to revive demand.

Last month, Ashok Leyland shut its manufacturing plant at Pantnagar in Uttarakhand for nine days until July 24 because of weak demand for commercial vehicles. The plant, which can manufacture 1.5 lakh units annually, was earlier closed intermittently for seven days between June 17 and June 29. Tata Motors is learnt to have decided to close its Pantnagar facility in July for a couple of days to ensure improvement in productivity.

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Sengar charged with murder of Unnao rape victim's father

CBI seeks in-camera proceedings, cites POCSO case, vulnerability of witnesses

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

ON THE day UP MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar, his brother Atul Sengar, three policemen and five other accused were charged with the murder of the Unnao rape victim's father, the CBI sought in-camera proceedings, saying the matter was related to the POCSO Act. The judge said appropriate measures will be taken in due course.

The court of District and Sessions Judge Dharmesh Sharma had been deliberating on conducting a joint trial in two cases pertaining to the planting of a country-made pistol and the death of the rape victim's father since 43 witnesses were common to both cases, and because their examination would take up precious time and could also prejudice them.

Judge Sharma held that the planting of the pistol was the foundation of the father's murder case.

"Request has been made by the CBI to conduct the proceedings in-camera due to the vulnerability of witnesses and threat perception looming large over them, arrangement be made for conducting a trial not just in-camera but also in a manner where a secure atmosphere is given so that they may depose in a manner they feel safe and secure," the court said, adding it shall ensure appropriate measures in this regard for safety and security of the witnesses.

Kuldeep Singh Sengar

The court, however, has not yet passed an order to this effect.

The court also sent three policemen to judicial custody after their bail applications were dismissed. The development took place after they were all charged with murder.

Dharmender Kumar Mishra, counsel for the rape victim, submitted before the court that the policemen be taken into judicial custody. Bharat Dubey, counsel for one of the policemen, argued that this order was passed without a formal application, without time to reply. The judge asked him to file a bail application in the matter.

Mishra also told the judge that Sengar had made a gesture in which he traced his finger across his neck, signalling a threat to him. An application has been moved before the court and the CBI has been asked to conduct a threat perception in the case.

The court had said that on joining of charges in the planting of the weapon and the murder case, it can exercise suo motu power to amend the charges, coupled with the provision under Section 223 (d), a joint charge can be put on the accused persons.

As per the charges, Sengar was in Delhi and the three policemen in Unnao when they allegedly got into a criminal conspiracy to "deter, intimidate or silence the victim, her father from proceeding with the complaint of alleged rape", and the victim, her parents and a sister along with a co-worker were allegedly assaulted by Sengar's brother and four other accused to prevent them from proceeding to their house.

The court said Sengar was allegedly in touch with his brother and the other accused when the family of the victim was assaulted with leg and fist blows apart from rifle butts, in order to deter the father from pursuing the rape complaint, and that they agreed to falsely implicate him by planting a country-made pistol. "He (father of victim) was paraded naked, he sustained injuries in 18 places and the PM report mentioned 14 injuries. The father succumbed to his injuries and you all committed an offence under section 302 of IPC," the judge said.

Pune realtor's brother held at Mumbai airport

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MAKARAND KULKARNI (66), the brother of Pune-based real estate developer D S Kulkarni, was detained at Mumbai airport Tuesday while he was allegedly trying to flee the country. He was later put under arrest and brought to Pune.

D S Kulkarni, also known as DSK, is facing allegations of cheating thousands of investors of the DSK Group of over Rs 2,000 crore. He and his wife Himati were arrested last year and are lodged in Yerawada central jail.

A Look out circular had been issued for Makarand, one of the five family members of Kulkarni who were named as accused in the case but had evaded arrest. Makarand was on the run and was trying to flee to Dubai, said police.

"Because of the Look out circular, he was detained at Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport in Mumbai by the immigration staff on Tuesday. After we were intimated, a team was dispatched to put him under arrest. He was placed under arrest around 5 pm. We have reasons to believe that he was trying to flee the country," said DCP (cyber crime and economic offences), Pune Police, Sambhaji Kadam.

Asked about Makarand's role in the alleged fraud, DCP Kadam said, "He is one of the key accused in the case and has been a partner and promoter of various companies of the group."

UP: 1 injured in clash of villagers and kanwariyas

AVANEESH MISHRA
LUCKNOW, AUGUST 13

A CLASH between a group of kanwariyas and villagers in Sitapur district of Uttar Pradesh on Monday left a kanwariya injured, police said.

Police said the clash broke out when the kanwariyas, who were playing music on a loudspeaker in their vehicle, passed by a spot where the body of a boy from another community was being buried. Both groups threw bricks at each others.

Both sides have registered complaints with the police.

Five policemen, including SHO of the police station concerned and a sub-inspector, have been sent to police lines. Police said the injured is out of danger and has been referred to the KGMU trauma centre in Lucknow.

TN govt to crack down on schools making students wear caste wristbands

Chennai: The Tamil Nadu School Education Department has asked its officers to identify and crackdown on schools where children were allegedly being made to wear coloured wristbands to identify their caste.

The Director of School Education has directed officials to identify schools in their districts where such discrimination is practised and initiate severe action.

"...in some schools in TN, students were made to wear colour-coded wrist bands. These (bands) which come in shades of red, yellow, green and saffron indicate whether they belong to a 'lower' or 'upper" caste'," a circular issued by Director of School Education S Kannappan said. The officer said such practices were supposedly being used for sports team selection, reassembling during class and lunch intervals.

"Allegedly, these practices are enforced by students themselves and supported by influential caste persons and teachers," the circular read. **PTI**

NOTICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS (INDIA)

The Corporate Members (Fellow/ Member/Associate Member) of The Institution of Engineers (India) whose mobile number/email id is not registered are requested to communicate the same, mentioning membership number to **datamemb@ieindia.org** by **10 September 2019**. This is necessary for elections at Council/ Centre level which would be held online in future.

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NOTICE
Form No. INC-26
[Pursuant to Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014]

Before the Central Government (regional Director), Northern Region, Delhi and in the Matter of Sub Section (4) of Section 13 of Companies Act, 2013 And Clause (a) of Sub Rule (5) of Rule 30 of The Companies (incorporation) Rules, 2014 And in The Matter of Phonepe Private Limited Having its Registered Office At A 41, Mohan Cooperative 2nd Floor, Main Mathura Road, New Delhi, South Delhi, Delhi – 110044 India. : Petitioner

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make application to the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on Monday, the 29th day of July, 2019 to enable the company to change its Registered office from the "National Capital, Delhi" to "State of Maharashtra".

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver either on the MCA-21 portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing investor complaint form or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director, Northern Region at the address B-2 Wing, 2nd Floor, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi – 110003 within 14 (fourteen) days of the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office situated at A 41, Mohan Cooperative 2nd Floor, Main Mathura Road, New Delhi South Delhi, Delhi – 110044 India

For and on Behalf of the Petitioner
For Phonepe Private Limited
Sd/-
Rahul Chari Vardha
Wholetime Director
Date: 13th August 2019 **DIN: 03052804**
Place: New Delhi

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction sale notice for sale of Immovable assets under the securitisation and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of security Act,2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, secured creditor, will be sold on "As is where is, As is what is", and whatever there is " on 17.09.2019, for recovery of **Rs. 30,49,095/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Ninety Five Only)** as on 06.08.2019 with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon from 07.08.2019 due to the secured creditor, from M/s. Renu Traders, Prop. Mr. Ram Sajivan Sahni (Borrower), S/o Late Mr. Baldev Sahni, Village- Korbadha, P.O.-Lagunia Suryakanth, District Samastipur PIN-848101. with our St. Kabir College branch. The reserve price will be **Rs.40,03,000/-** (Rupees Forty Lakhs Three Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposit will be **Rs.4,00,300/-** (Rupees Four Lakhs Three Hundred only).

SCHEDULE

The specific details of the assets which are intended to be brought to sale are enumerated hereunder:

Mortgaged assets item-wise	Detail description to be given	Reserve Price	EMD	Date, time & place of Sale	Prior Encumbrance
As per the details given below.		₹ 40.03 Lakhs	₹ 4,00,300/- Lakhs	17.09.2019 Time 11.00 A.M. to 12.00 Noon Bid incremental amount is Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) https://www.bankeauctions.com (Digital signature certificate of bidders is necessary for participation in bidding process)	Nil
Mortgaged assets	Property Land & Building belongs to Mr. Ramsajivan Sahni S/o Late Mr. Baldev Sahni at Mauza-Korbadha, Lagunia Suryakanth, Thana no. 197, Anchal Samastipur, Khata No: 483 (O) – 681 (N) Khesra No: 2880(Old), 2881(Old), 2882(Old), 4006(New) Area B.K. Dh 0-7-0, Boundary: North-Subba Lal Mahto, South-Road, East-Baldeo Sahani, West-Ghina Sahani.				
****Last date and time for submission of tender form for e-auction.**	16.09.2019 by 04.00 PM.				

Bidders are advised to visit the website (https://www.bankeauctions.com) of our e auction service provider C1 INDIA PVT LTD, Udyog Vihar Phase II, Gulf Petrochem Building, Building No. 301, Gurugram, Haryana-122015 for auction bid form and detailed terms and conditions which are annexed to the bid form. The helpline No. to get assistance during the entire process is 0124-44302000/20/21/22/24, Mr. Mithalesh Kumar and Mob. No. 7080804466, **Help Line Mail ID:** support@bankeauctions.com, mithalesh.kumar@c1india.com

Date : 08.08.2019 **AUTHORISED OFFICER**
Place : Patna **INDIAN BANK**

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction sale notice for sale of Immovable assets under the securitisation and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of security Act,2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, secured creditor, will be sold on "As is where is, As is what is", and whatever there is " on 17.09.2019, for recovery of **Rs. 31,47,233/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Forty Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Three Only)** as on 07.08.2019 with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon from 08.08.2019 due to the secured creditor, from Mr. Ram Sajivan Sahni (Borrower), S/o Late Mr. Baldev Sahni, Village-Korbadha, P.O.-Lagunia Suryakanth, District Samastipur PIN-848101. with our St. Kabir College branch. The reserve price will be **Rs.25,82,000/-** (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposit will be **Rs.2,58,200/-** (Rupees Two Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand Two Hundred only).

SCHEDULE

The specific details of the assets which are intended to be brought to sale are enumerated hereunder:

Mortgaged assets item-wise	Detail description to be given	Reserve Price	EMD	Date, time & place of Sale	Prior Encumbrance
As per the details given below.		₹ 25.82 Lakhs	₹ 2,58,200/- Lakhs	17.09.2019 Time 11.00 A.M. to 12.00 Noon Bid incremental amount is Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) https://www.bankeauctions.com (Digital signature certificate of bidders is necessary for participation in bidding process)	Nil
Mortgaged assets	All that part and parcel of the Property Land & Building belongs to Mr. Ramsajivan Sahni S/o Mr. Baldev Sahni at Mauza- Korbadha, Lagunia Suryakanth, Thana no. 197, Anchal Samastipur. Khata No.–245 (o), Khersra No – 2927(old) 4050(New), Area- 2 Katha 6 dhur and 10.043 Decimal. Boundary. North- Baldeo Sahni, South- Road Pakki, East- Heirs of Late Chhotelal Sahni, West–Shatrughan Sahni & Ram Dayal Sahni.				
****Last date and time for submission of tender form for e-auction.**	16.09.2019 by 04.00 PM.				

Bidders are advised to visit the website (https://www.bankeauctions.com) of our e auction service provider C1 INDIA PVT LTD, Udyog Vihar Phase II, Gulf Petrochem Building, Building No. 301, Gurugram, Haryana-122015 for auction bid form and detailed terms and conditions which are annexed to the bid form. The helpline No. to get assistance during the entire process is 0124-44302000/20/21/22/24, Mr. Mithalesh Kumar and Mob. No. 7080804466, **Help Line Mail ID:** support@bankeauctions.com, mithalesh.kumar@c1india.com

Date : 08.08.2019 **AUTHORISED OFFICER**
Place : Patna **INDIAN BANK**

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES [Under Proviso to Rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Indian Overseas Bank,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is"** on Dates as mentioned below (date of the sale) for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder due to the Secured Creditor from the below mentioned Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s).

Name of the Borrower/Guarantor & Branch	Description of the Immovable Property	Reserve Price / EMD of the Property / Bid Increase Amount	Amount mentioned in the notice (Plus future interest & expenses to be calculated further)	E-auction Date / Timing of E-auction / Bid submission last date
Borrower: M/s Om Shiv Store, Prop. & Mortgagor: Mr.Bindeshwari Lal Mahto, S/o Late Shanti Lal Mahto, At-Naya Tola, Near Mahavir Mandir, Katihar-854105, **Guarantor:** Mr. Pritam Kumar, S/o Bindeshwari Lal Mahto, At-Naya Tola, Near Mahavir Mandir, Katihar, Pin-854105. **B/o:** Katihar (BIHAR)	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Residential land & building (Residential double storey building constructed over the land in the name of Bindeswari Lal Mahto, S/o Late Shanti Lal Mahto) situated at Naya Tola, Near Mahavir Mandir, Katihar, Mouza-Deheria, Khata No.-113, Khesra No.-166 ka, kha, ga, Ward No.-25/34, Thana No.-98, Tauji-1172, Dist.-Katihar, Extent of the site: as per Regd. Gift Deed-6674 dt.06.05.1986 is 7 Decimal 725 Kari. Bounded: North-Mohan Manjhi, South-Municipal Rd, East-Municipal Rd, West-Kaleshwar Sah.	₹1,16,18,800/- ₹11,61,880/- ₹1,00,000/-	₹45,05,510.88* and interest thereon	16.09.2019 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM 13.09.2019
Borrower: M/s Hajipur Beej Bhandar, Prop.: Ram Iqbal Singh, At-New Market, Near Hotel Deluxe, Post+PS-Katihar, Dist.-Katihar-854105. **Guarantor & Mortgagor:** Mr. Arun Kumar Singh S/o Ram Iqbal Singh, Amla Tola, New Market, Katihar, Dist.-Katihar-854105. **B/o:** Katihar (BIHAR)	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Residential land & building (Residential land & G+3 Floor building in the name of Arun Kumar Singh, S/o Ram Ikbal Singh) situated at Amla Tola, Mouza-Durgapur, Khata No.-38, Khesra No.-137, Ward No.08/10/30, Thana-104, Tauzi-08/05, Katihar, Dist. Katihar. Extent of the site: As per Sale Deed-4672 dt 27.04.2005 is 01 Decimal. Bounded: North-Bindeswar Singh, South-Municipal Road, East-Municipal Road, West-Jailal Singh	₹29,07,000/- ₹2,90,700/- ₹25,000/-	₹31,31,790.89* and interest thereon	16.09.2019 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM 13.09.2019
Borrower: Md. Naeemuddin S/o Md. Gayasuddin R/o Vill.-Chakla, P.S.-Goasi, K. Nagar, Purnea. **B/o:** Purnia (BIHAR)	Property on the name of Md. Naeemuddin S/o Gayasuddin, Khata No.-50, Khesra No.-4360, Thana No.-121, Touzi No.-1/1309, **Deed No.10499** Dated 20.10.1997, Area of land-9.75 Nine Decimal, 0.75 Kari. **Deed No.3104** Dated 21.04.1998, Area of Land-10.2 Ten Decimal Two Kari Land Devided by Partition Deed 4821//13-14, Md. Naeemudden and Md. Nassemuddin share of Land-9.697.5 Nine Decimal Six Hundred Ninety Seven and five Squre Kari Bounded: North-Pakki Sadak, South-Noman, East-Nasimuddin, West-Kalimuddin.	₹19,98,000/- ₹1,99,800/- ₹10,000/-	₹11,72,175.00* and interest thereon	16.09.2019 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon 13.09.2019
Borrower: M/s Karbla Steel Enterprises, Prop.: Md. Aakif at-Gangawara, Darbhanga. **Guarantor:** Shahnaz Rabbani, W/o-Gulab Rabbani, at-Bharwara, Anchal-Singhwara, Darbhanga- 847104 **B/o:** Kathalbari Darbhanga (BIHAR)	Equitable mortgage of all parts and parcel of the property consisting of land situated at Mauza-Sara Mohammad, PS & Anchal-Sadar, Thana No.-507, Sub Registry and District-Darbhanga bearing Khata No.-158, Khesra No.-07(O) 10(N) admeasuring 4.15 dicimal wide sale deed no. 10567 dated 26.06.2013 in the name of Shahnaz Rabbani, W/o Gulab Rabbani. Bounded: North-Nij Manmokir, South-Najmul Hussain, East-Rasta, West-Nij Manmokir.	₹5,91,000/- ₹59,100/- ₹5,000/-	₹51,03,117.08* and interest thereon	30.08.2019 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM 28.08.2019
Borrower: M/s H Handloom Fabrics, Prop.: Md. Hafizuddin) Resident of Kilaghat Sarai, Tatarpur, Bhagalpur-812001) **Guarantor:** Mrs. Rozi Khatoon (Kilaghat, Sarai, Tatarpur, Bhagalpur-812001) **B/o:** Tilkamanjhi (BIHAR)	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Mouza-Pista, Thana-Jagdishpur, District-Bhagalpur, extent of 16 decimal of homestead land together with pucca single storied house standing thereon, sale deed no.346, dated 08.01.2013, Khata No.169, Khesra No.01, Halka No.-02, Jamabandi No.-311, Thana No.204, Within the registration sub district Bhagalpur & District-Bhagalpur in the name of Md Hafizuddin S/o Lt. Md. Aziz. Bounded as per deed: North-Md. Unush & others, South-Jiyauddin, East-Md. Safik & others, West-Road	₹1,23,16,200/- ₹12,31,620/- ₹1,00,000/-	₹19,84,771.32* and interest thereon	16.09.2019 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM 13.09.2019
Borrower: Md. Khurshid and Mrs. Kahkasa Ajmi. Mortgagor: Mrs. Kahkasa Ajmi, Badidargah, PO-Nawada, Dist.-Nawada-805110 **B/o:** Nawada (BIHAR)	All part and parcel of the building spread into 2¼ decimal, situated at Khata No.-267(New), 92(Old), Plot No.-732(New) 451(Old), Mauza-Gandapur, PS and Dist.-Nawada standing in the name of Mrs. Kahkasa Ajmi whose Sale deed No.3209 dated 21.03.2012. As per Sale Deed the area is 2.25 decimal but as per valueation the actua area is 2.15 decimal. Bounded: North-Ishrat Perween, South-Musafir Chaudhary, East-Khuri River, West-Nuraisha Khatoon.	₹8,21,000/- ₹82,100/- ₹10,000/-	₹10,48,245.00* and interest thereon	16.09.2019 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM 13.09.2019
Borrower: Mr. Naresh Yadav S/o Rameshwar Yadav, Address: Moh.-Sartakiya, PO/PS-Hisua, District-Nawada, Nawada-805103 **B/o:** Nawada (BIHAR)	All part and parcel of the building spread into 5¼ decimal, situated at Khata No.-630(New), 118(Old), Plot No.-165(New), 96(Old), Mauza-Hisua, Pargana-Narhat, PS and District-Nawada standing in the name of Mr. Naresh Yadav Sale Deed No.-3450 dated 09.03.1994. As per Sale Deed the area is 5.25 Decimal, but since some extent of land left for rasta, hence actual area is 4.62 decimal. Bounded: North-Land of Thakurbari, South-Smt. Zira Devi, East-Monu Prakash Lal, West-Power House.	₹39,10,000/- ₹3,91,000/- ₹20,000/-	₹21,37,731.00* and interest thereon	16.09.2019 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM 13.09.2019
Borrower: Mr. Sushil Kumar Prince and Mrs. Shashi Kala Kumari, Address: Line Par, Mirzapur, Nawada, District-Nawada-805110.**B/o:** Nawada (BIHAR)	All the part and parcel of land and building measuring area 1¾ decimal whose Sale Deed No.4018 Dated 30.03.2012 in the name of Mrs. Sashi Kala Kumari W/o Sanjay Kumar Sinha and Mr. Sushil Kumar Prince S/o Late Awdhesh Kumar Sinha Under Khata No.24(New) 26(Old), Plot No.477(New) 700(Old), Mauza-Mirzapur Line par, P.S & Dist.-Nawada, Nawada. Bounded: North Smt. Pushpa Devi, South-Yadunandan Prasad, East-10ft General Rasta, West-Niz.	₹19,19,000/- ₹1,91,900/- ₹10,000/-	₹6,16,897.00* and interest thereon	16.09.2019 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM 13.09.2019
Borrower: Mr. Apin Kumar and Mrs. Asha Devi Guarantor: Mr. Amrendra Narayan Singh, New Area, Nawada, District-Nawada-805110 **B/o:** Nawada (BIHAR)	All the part and parcel of land and building measuring area 5½ decimal whose Sale Deed No.15322 Dated 30.08.1986 in the Name of Mrs. Asha Devi W/o Sri Amrendra Narayan Singh, under Khata No.322, Plot No.2209(New), 3745(Old), Mauza-New Area, P.S & Dist.-Nawada, Nawada-805110, Bounded: North-Janardan Singh, South-Birendra Singh, East-Kanti Sinha, West-Noor Khan.	₹31,22,000/- ₹3,12,200/- ₹10,000/-	₹4,11,953.00* and interest thereon	16.09.2019 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM 13.09.2019
Borrower: M/s R.K. Furniture Prop. & Mortgagor: Rakesh Kumar, Roh Bazar, Dist.-Nawada, Nawada-805107 **B/o:** Nawada (BIHAR)	**1.** All part and parcel of the building area 2 decimal whose sale deed no.-14900 dated 27.11.2012 situated at Khata No.-793, Plot No.5985, Mauza-Musepur, PS-Roh, District-Nawada-805107, standing in the name of Mr. Rakesh Kumar S/o Ramchandar Prasad. Bounded: North-Dharam Deo Yadav, South-Md. Kamal, East-Gayatri Devi, West-Moti Bhuiyan **2.** All part and parcel of the building area 2 decimal whose sale deed no.15552 dated 10.12.2012 situated at Khata No.-793, Plot No.-5985, Mauza-Musepur, PS-Roh, District-Nawada, Nawada-805107 standing in the name of Mr. Rakesh Kumar S/o Ramchandar Prasad. Bounded: North-Dharam Deo Yadav, South-Md. Kamal, East-Rakesh Kumar, West-Moti Bhuiyan.	₹12,23,000/- ₹1,22,300/- ₹10,000/-	₹4,25,076.00* and interest thereon	16.09.2019 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM 13.09.2019
Borrower: Mr. Rajiv Kumar S/o Late Ramakant Singh, Diwani Takia, P.O-Lalbagh, Kathalbari, Darbhanga. **Guarantor: Smt. Anita Devi,** W/o Late Bimal Kant Singh, At-Diwani Takia, P.O.-Lalbagh Kathalbari, Darbhanga and Smt. Shivkala Devi, w/o Late Ramakant Sinha at, Diwanit Takia, P.O.-Lalbagh, Kathalbari, Darbhanga. **B/o:** Kathalbari Darbhanga (BIHAR)	Land and building situated at Mouza: Chaknargauna, Diwani Takia Mohalla, Laxmisagar, Pergana Haveli, Darbhanga, Bearing Original Registered Sale Deed No.7700 dt. 13.05.2000 having Khata No.122(O), 485(N), Khesra No.422(O), 75Ka, 75Kha, (N), admeasuring 12 dhoor and Bearing Original Registered Sale Deed No.2786 dt. 26.02.2010 having Khata No.122(O), 485(N), Khesra No.422(O), 75Ka, 75kha, 71p(N), admeasuring 5 dhoor. Land Bounded (Sale Deed No.2785 dt. 26.02.2010) North-Sadak, South-NC Mishra, East-Anita Devi, West-Ramchandra Thakur & Wachani Devi, Sale Deed No.7700 dt. 13.05.2000 North-Main Road, South-NC Mishra, East-Self Vendor, West-Mos Pancha Devi.	₹29,35,500/- ₹2,93,550/- ₹1,00,000/-	₹33,62,083.00* and interest thereon	16.09.2019 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM 13.09.2019
Borrower: Mr. Gopal Jee Jha S/o Sri Ram Narayan Jha, Raj Kumarganj, P.S.-Town, Darbhanga. **Guarantor: Mr. Rakesh Kumar** S/o Shree Avadhkant Bhagat at-Gathulli, P.O.-Samela Lalganj, P.S.-Keoti, Darbhanga. **B/o:** Kathalbari Darbhanga (BIHAR)	All that part and parcel of the land in the name of Shri Rakesh Kumar bearing Sale Deed No.11254 dt. 12.08.1991 bearing Kheshra No.158, Ward No.15, Touzi No.3331, Naka No.4, Admeasuring 6½ Dhoor with Building situated at Mohalla-Lalbagh, PS-Sadar under town sub registry and district Darbhanga, Bihar. Land Bounded: North-Mahabir Sah, South-Mansoor Miyan, East-Sarak, West-Nij Mokir.	₹14,82,000/- ₹1,48.200/- ₹25,000/-	₹52,28,497.00* and interest thereon	16.09.2019 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM 13.09.2019

For Detailed terms and conditions of the sale, Please refer to the link provided in secured creditor's website **i.e. www.iob.in, https://www.publishtenders.gov.in, www.bankauctions.in.**

Date : 13.08.2019 **Authorized Officer**
Place : Patna **Indian Overseas Bank**

Appeal For Identification

General public is hereby informed that this person **Name :** Pawan **S/o :** Unknown, **R/o :** Unknown, **Age :** 45 Years, **Sex :** Male, **Height :** 5 Ft. 7 Inch, **Complexion :** Wheatish, **Face :** Oval, **Built :** Thin, **Wearing :** Black Colour Pant, has been found dead on 28.07.2019 at Kikar Wala Chowk, Karol Bagh, Delhi and dead body preserved in Maulana Azad Medical College's mortuary house. In this regard a DD No. 19-A Dated 28.07.2019 has been lodged at PS. Prasad Nagar, 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
PS. Prasad Nagar, Delhi
Ph.: 011-25725652, 25751048

DP/6496/CD/19.

SEARCH FOR MISSING BOY

Mohd. Sharukh

General public is hereby informed that one boy namely Mohd. Sharukh, S/o Shri Babu Khan, R/o B-125, Sector-25, Rohini, Delhi, Age 21 years, Height 5'2", Complexion Shallow, Long Face, Wearing White & black colour shirt, black colour pant and chappal in feet has been missing/kidnapped from the area of PS Shahbad Dairy, Delhi since 18.07.19. In this regard a vide DD No. 61-A dated 20.07.19 has been lodged at PS Shahbad Dairy, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing/kidnapped boy may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail ID:cic@cbi.gov.in **SHO**
Tele: 011-24368638, 24368641 **PS: Shahbad Dairy, Delhi**
Fax: 011-24368639 **Ph.: 27821047, 27822207**

DP/502/ON/19

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND CONSOLIDATION
(Govt. of Haryana)
New Secretariat Building Haryana, Sector-17, Chandigarh-160017

HARYANA GOVERNMENT
REVENUE & DISASTER MANAGEMENT & CONSOLIDATION DEPARTMENT

NOTICE

Dated: 09.08.2019

No. 1527-ARS-1-2019/8267: The State of Haryana has framed the draft of the amendment in the East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) Rules, 1949. The said draft Rules (in Hindi and English) have been published in Haryana Government Gazette (Extra Ordinary) on dated 19th June, 2019 and uploaded on the website of Revenue & Disaster Management & consolidation Department i.e. www.revenueharyana.gov.in and the same can be downloaded from the said website.

Notice is hereby given for the information of general public/persons likely to be affected thereby to submit the objections/suggestions against the provisions of above draft Rules within a period of 30 days from the date of publication of the notification in the Newspaper to the Administrative Secretary to Govt., Haryana, Revenue & Disaster Management and Consolidation Department, New Haryana Secretariat Building, Sector-17, Chandigarh. The same shall be considered and will be made final thereafter.

Sd/- **Joint Secretary (ARS) to Government, Haryana, Revenue & Disaster Management & Consolidation Department.**

Bihar School Examination Board

NOTICE INVITING e-Tender
(Through e-procurement mode only over https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
Tender Notice No.:- PR 341/2019

Bihar School Examination Board, Patna invites e-tenders under two bid systems from the reputed, experienced Firms /Companies/Agencies/ Societies having Experience of handling the works of **Disposal of Used Answer Books, OMR Answer Sheet, Flying Slip, OMR Award Sheet, Marks Foil, Attendance Sheet, Absentee Sheet of Matric & Inter (Annual and Compartmental) Examination-2019 and Other Scraps Papers.**

Scope of work : Disposal of Used Answer Books, OMRAnswer Sheet, Flying Slip, OMR Award Sheet, Marks Foil, Attendance Sheet, Absentee Sheet of Matric & Inter (Annual and Compartmental) Examination-2019and Other Scraps Papers

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)	₹ 5,00,000 (Five Lakhs Rupees only)

Tender Schedule/ Programme:

Date and Time for Activity	Date/Time : Duration
Online Sale/Download date of Tender documents	**From : 14/08/2019 (11:00 Hrs.) to 04/09/2019 (13:00 Hrs.) (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)**
Pre-Bid meeting	**21/08/2019 at 12:00 Hrs.** (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)
Last Date/Time for submission / uploading of offer/Bid	**04/09/2019 upto 14:00 Hrs. (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)**
Submission of form fee & EMD in Hard copy/ Original	**04/09/2019 upto 15:00 Hrs.** (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)
Date & Time for opening of Technical Bid	**04/09/2019 at 15:30 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**
- As per Bihar Financial Rules 131(O) Bid Security (EMD) – The Bid Security (EMD) may be accepted in the form of account payee Demand Draft, Fixed deposit Receipt, Banker's Cheque or Bank Guarantee from any of the commercial banks in an acceptable form, safeguarding the purchaser's interest in all respects. The bid security is normally to remain valid for a period of forty-five days beyond the final bid validity period.
- The e-Payment or **Hard Copy of original instruments** in respect of cost of tender document, EMD and tender fee to be send to the Secretary, Bihar School Examination Board, Patna-17 on or before **bid opening date/time as mentioned in** Tender Schedule/ Programme.
- 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 the departmental website **https://www.biharboardonline.bihar.gov.in** and e-Procurement Portal, Bihar **https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in** itself
- **Contact Details** : Sh. Jai Kishore Singh, Nodal Officer- +91 9431396069, 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

COIMBATORE SMART CITY LIMITED
SMART CITIES MISSION
EXTENSION OF TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No. e-2/Smart City/19-20/SCM Date : 13.08.2019

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

Sl. No.	Name of work	Tender Value	Bid Security	Period of Completion
1	Restoration and Rejuvenation of Narasampathy Lake	Rs.9.73 Crore	Rs.9.73 Lakh	18 Months
2	Restoration and Rejuvenation of Singanallur Lake	Rs.10.64 Crore	Rs.10.64 Lakh	18 Months
3	Eco Restoration and Rejuvenation of Krishnampathy Lake	Rs.14.36 Crore	Rs.14.36 Lakh	18 Months
4	Eco Restoration and Rejuvenation of Selvampathy and Kumaraswamy Lake	Rs.23.40 Crore	Rs.23.40 Lakh	18 Months

The Coimbatore Smart City Limited has already issued a tender notification for the above mentioned work fixing the tender date on 14.08.2019, ***Due to administrative reasons, the tender date has been postponed to 28.08.2019.***

The bidding documents will be available upto **27.08.2019** and downloaded / uploaded from the website **https://tntenders.gov.in** on or before at **15.00** Hours on **27.08.2019** through online. Tender Submission will be closed at **15.00** Hours and opened at **16.00 Hours** on **28.08.2019** through offline.

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DIPR/2757/TENDER/2019

Bihar School Examination Board

CORRIGENDUM TO TENDER NOTICE NO.:- PR 308/2019

With reference to tender notice No. **PR-308/2019** issued in various newspapers on 24th July 2019 for **"Selection of Agency for TR Record Digitization as per decision of BSEB"**, the Bid submission date has been rescheduled to **21/08/2019 upto 13:00 Hrs.** The updated document is uploaded on website **eproc.bihar.gov.in.**

Secretary

Bihar School Examination Board

CORRIGENDUM TO TENDER NOTICE NO.:- PR 335/2019

With reference to tender notice No. **PR-335/2019** issued in various newspapers on 08th August 2019 for **"Selection of Agency for Conducting Pre Examination Activity of Bihar Secondary/ Senior Secondary Teacher Eligibility Test (BSITET) 2019 with biometric thumb impression and face capturing"**, there are amendments in Scope of Work. The updated document is uploaded on website **eproc.bihar.gov.in.**

Secretary

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियंता, विद्युत वितरण मण्डल, दक्षिणांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि., विद्युत कालोनी, गोविन्द नगर, कानपुर- 208006 ☎ & फैक्स 0512-2285102 ईमेलः-**seedck-np0512@gmail.com** **CIN: U31200UP2003SGC027460** ई-निविदा विस्तार सूचना ई-निवदि संख्या-01/वि.वि.मं.का./2019-20 के निर्धारित खुलने की तिथि दिनांक 10.08.2019 तक किसी भी निविदादाता द्वारा निविदा न भरे जाने के कारण उक्त ई-निविदा को पुनः आमन्त्रित किया जाता है। हस्ता/- (ए.के.शुक्ला) अधीक्षण अभियन्ता। पत्र संख्याः 2214/विविमंका/ओ-3 दिनांकः 13.08.2019

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NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY
E-TENDERING NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Electrical), North Eastern Railway, Varanasi for and on behalf of President of India, invites Online (E-Tendering) "Open Tender" for the following work.

S.No.:-1, Tender reference no.- E-Tender-L-04-19-20, Name of Work: Electrical works connection to Provision of 02 units type-IV special, 04 units type-IV and 4 units type-III Quarters for ZTS at Ghazipur City. Approx. Cost (in Rs.): ₹ 18,77,721.41, Earnest Money (In Rs.): ₹ 37,600/-, Cost of tender documents (In Rs.): ₹ 2,000/-, Completion period: 90 Days. • Date & time of Closing Tender: 18-09-2019, 15:00 Hrs. • Date & time of Opening Tender: 18-09-2019, 15:30 Hrs. **S.No.:-2,** Tender reference no.-E-Tender-L-05-19-20, Name of Work: At Ghazipur City:- Electrical works connection to Improvement of PF No. 1 & 2 and provision of Lift. Approx. Cost (in Rs.): ₹ 9,21,979.77, Earnest Money (In Rs.): ₹ 18,400/-, Cost of tender documents (In Rs.): ₹ 2,000/-, Completion period: 90 Days. • Date & time of Closing Tender: 18-09-2019, 15:00 Hrs. • Date & time of Opening Tender: 18-09-2019, 15:30 Hrs. • Full details of E-Tednering shall be seen in Website ***www.ireps.gov.in***

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer
CPRO/Vidyut-51 **General/Varanasi**

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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/EMAIL
1.	HARYANA STATE HORTICULTURE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY	EMPANELMENT OF REPUTED FIRMS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PROTECTED STRUCTURE (TUBULAR) VIZ. NATURALLY VENTILATED POLY HOUSES/NET HOUSEDS/WALK-IN-TUNNELS ON SUBSIDIZED RATES UNDER MIDH FOR THE YEAR 2019-20	09.08.2019 16.08.2019	7.50 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2587570 mdmidhharyana@gmail.com
2.	HSAMB AMBALA	CONSTRUCTION OF LINK ROAD FROM VILLAGE FAZAILPUR TO DHANYODI IN MULLANA CONSTITUENCY DISTT. AMBALA(ROAD ID - 9300) + 3 OTHER WORKS	07.08.2019 21.08.2019	1.10 CRORE	www.hsamb.org.in	0171-2530675 xenambala2018.hsamb@gmail.com
3.	HSAMB PANIPAT	WIDENING AND STRENGTHENING OF LINK ROAD FROM VILLAGE GARHI CHHAJU TO MATRAULI. ROAD ID H-3474 + 4 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING 13.08.2019	2.98 CRORE	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0180-2661236 xenpnp2019.hsamb@gmail.com
4.	HSAMB HISAR	SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING & COMMISSIONING OF DIESEL GENERATING SET (WATER COOLED) OF 82.5 KVA CAPACITY WITH ALLIED WORKS FOR THE RAIN WATER DISPOSAL IN OGM AT UCHANA (2 MONTHS) + 2 OTHER WORKS	06.08.2019 16.08.2019	64.09 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	98121-00311 xenelecthisar2018.hsamb@gmail.com
5.	HSAMB KARNAL	WIDENING AND STRENGTHENING OF LINK ROAD FROM MAIN RAOD RATTAK TO HARIZAN CHOPAL (H-4125)	09.08.2019 19.08.2019	19.62 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0184-2220964
6.	HSAMB JHAJJAR	PROVIDING INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF ONE FULLY ELECTRONIC PIT TYPE WEIGH BRIDGE CAPACITY OF 60MT, ONE POTA CABIN IN NGM AT MATANHALI + 1 OTHER WORK	CLOSING 13.08.2019	19.16 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01251-255364 xenhsamb.jhajjar@gmail.com
7.	HSAMB KAITHAL	CONSTRUCTION OF SOIL TESTING LABORATORY IN NEW GRAIN MARKET AT DHAND (M.C.DHAND) + 3 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING 22.08.2019	54.43 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01746-222374 xenkaithal1.hsamb@gmail.com
8.	HSAMB HISAR	WIDENING & STRENGTHENING OF LINK ROAD FROM KHARAR ALIPUR TO KHOKHA (ID-1400)	30.07.2019 14.08.2019	1.19 CRORE	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01662-275612 xenhsamb.hisar@gmail.com
9.	DHBVN	OUTSOURCING SERVICES FOR CLEANING & SWEEPING SERVICES IN VIDYUT NAGAR, COLONY, HISAR. NIT NO.21/EO-384/VII/2019-20 DATED 07.08.2019	07.08.2019 28.08.2019	23.19 LACS	www.dhbvn.org.in	70273-48444 estateofficerdhbvn@gmail.com
10.	DHBVN	PROVIDING OF 3 NO. VEHICLE JEEP/BOLERO UNDER (OP) DIVISION NO.1,DHBVN, HISAR(NIT NO. 01/XEN/OP/HSR/2019-20)	05.08.2019 26.08.2019	3.60 LACS	www.dhbvn.org.in	01662-237853 xen1hisar@gmail.com
11.	DHBVN	CIVIL MTC. WORKS I.E (CEMENT REPAIR WORK, DISTEMPERING & SNOWCEM ETC.) OF TRW AND M&T LAB AT VIDYUT NAGAR, HISAR NIT NO.106/XEN/CIVIL/HSR/2018-19 DATED 05.08.2019	07.08.2019 30.08.2019	9.93 LACS	www.dhbvn.org.in	8813022833 xencivilhisar@gmail.com
12.	HVPNL	CONSTRUCTION OF 220KV GIS S/STN SEC-15II GURUGRAM (UPGRADATION FROM 66 KV LEVEL) AND CONSTRUCTION OF 2 NO.220KV GIS LINE BAYS AT 220KV GIS S/STN SEC-65 GURUGRAM ON TURNKEY BASIS	CLSOING 24.09.2019	EMD-54 LACS	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
13.	HARYANA AGRO INDUSTRIES CORP. LTD	SALE OF 1677 QTL PADDY, 1652 QTL RICE AND 4437 BROKEN RICE, 560 QTL DISCOUOURED RICE AND 945 DAMAGED RICE	07.08.2019 27.08.2019	100 PER QTL	haic.co.in	0172-2560134 haicwpbr@gmail.com
14.	HPGCL	OVERHAULING OF ELECTROSTATIC PRECIPITATORS OF BOILER 250 MW UNIT-7 , PTPS, PANIPAT	31.07.2019 26.08.2019	13.50 LACS	www.hpgcl.org.in	9355869303 xenmtcplg1@gmail.com
15.	HPGCL	RADIOGRAPHY OF HP JOINT OF BOILER TUBES OF 250 MW UNIT-7, PTPS, PANIPAT	25.07.2019 26.08.2019	2.64 LACS	www.hpgcl.org.in	9355869303 xenmtcplg1@gmail.com
16.	HPGCL	OVERHAULING OF RAH OF 250 MW, UNIT-7, PTPS, PANIPAT	31.07.2019 26.08.2019	14.23 LACS	www.hpgcl.org.in	9355869303 xenmtcplg1@gmail.com
17.	HPGCL	OVERHAULING OF PA, FD & ID FANS AND FLUE GAS DUCTING OF 250 MW UNIT-7, PTPS, PANIPAT	31.07.2019 26.08.2019	18.70 LACS	www.hpgcl.org.in	9355869303 xenmtcplg1@gmail.com
18.	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SIRSA	CONST. OF 11 NOS STREET IN WARD NO. 1, M.C. SIRSA + 10 OTHER WORKS	08.08.2019 21.08.2019	648.81	etenderharyana.hry.nic.in	8053494965
19.	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE GHARAUNDA	CONSTRUCTION OF TOILET AND GATE AND PROVIDING AND LAYING 80MM THICK INTERLOCKING PAVER BLOCKS ISI IN PAL CHOUPAL IN BHATTA COLONY WARD NO. 1, GHARAUNDA. (RE-TENDER) + 24 OTHER WORKS	07.08.2019 17.08.2019	213.95 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01748-250070 secymc.gharaunda@hry.nic.in
20.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION HISAR	SPECIAL REPAIR OF ROAD IN OLD AUTO MARKET SCHEM III NEAR BARWALA CHUNGI HISAR + 4 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING 19.08.2019	1.92 CRORE	eteders.hry.nic.in	xenmchissar@gmail.com
21.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PANCHKULA	CONSTRUCTION OF NALLAH FROM THE HOUSE OF SH. PREM TO PREETA IN VILLAGE BILLA, WARD NO. 20, PANCHKULA RECALL + 4 OTHER WORKS	06.08.2019 16.08.2019	24.08 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2583695 mcpanchkula@gmail.com

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WRIT PETITION IN CHHATTISGARH HIGH COURT

Brother of cop killed in Maoist attack challenges NIA Act

DIPANKAR GHOSE
RAIPUR, AUGUST 13

A WRIT petition has been filed in the Chhattisgarh High Court by the brother of a head constable — who was killed along with BJP MLA Bhima Mandavi in the Maoist attack days before Lok Sabha elections — challenging the validity and constitutionality of the NIA Act, 2008.

In the matter which was heard on Thursday, a bench of Chief Justice P R Ramachandra Menon and Justice Parth Prateem Sahu directed that respondents file responses within three weeks, with the next hearing on September 24.

The petition challenges the Act on the ground that in its current form it is "beyond the legislative competence of Parliament" and that it is against the federal structure of the Constitution.

The petitioner, Jhumar Oyami, is the brother of Bhima Oyami, a head constable who was one of the five killed along with Mandavi in the Maoist attack in Dantewada district, and was part of his security cover. While the state police had begun investigation, on May 16 the case was taken over for investigation by the NIA.

The petition says, "Present writ petition is preferred challenging the constitutional validity of the NIA Act 2008, on the grounds that the said Act, in its present form and nature, is beyond the legislative competence of Parliament. In an alternative, the petitioner seeks to declare section, 6,7,8 and 10 of the NIA Act, 2008 as ultra vires to the Constitution of India. Further petition is against the provisions of the NIA Act 2008, more particular sections 6 to 10 whereby the state government has been debarred from making investigation of any offence committed within its jurisdiction at the whims of the central government thereby usurping the exclusive powers of the state."

Senior advocate Vivek Tankha, representing Oyami, said the police were well versed with the case and close to filing a chargesheet when the matter was handed over to the NIA, therefore impinging on justice for Oyami.

After hearing arguments, the court said, "We find it appropriate to have the matter heard elaborately and as suggested by the learned senior counsel for the petitioner, Mr Satish Chandra Verma, learned advocate general, Mr M Bopa Kumar, learned assistant solicitor general and Mr Kishore Bhaduri, learned counsel representing the National Investigation Agency, to have it listed accordingly on September 24. The returns, if any, on the part of the respondents shall be filed well in response, after serving copy to the other side, at any rate within three weeks and rejoinder, if any, shall be filed by the petitioner within one week thereafter."

Digvijaya bats for 'Insaniyat, Kashmiriyat and Jamhooriyat' for solution on J&K

MILIND GHATWAI
BHOPAL, AUGUST 13

SENIOR CONGRESS leader Digvijaya Singh on Tuesday differed with party leader P Chidambaram's assertion that the Centre would not have ended Jammu and Kashmir's special status had it been a Hindu-dominated state, but accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of jettisoning former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee's doctrine of 'Kashmiriyat, Insaniyat and Jamhooriyat'.

"The Kashmir issue should not be seen through the Hindu-Muslim prism," he said, adding that the solution could be found only by following 'Insaniyat, Kashmiriyat and Jamhooriyat', which Vajpayee wanted.

Responding to questions on Congress leaders differing on the issue of the abrogation of Article 370 by the Centre, Singh said the party was not against the move, but was against the way it was done. "Kashmir, including PoK is an integral part of India," he said.

He also said that BJP ideologue Syama Prasad Mookerjee was a member of the government that took a decision on Article 370. "He did not resign on Article 370 but on the issue of refugees from East Pakistan," Singh said.

MP minister calls Chouhan 'sycophant' over Modi, Shah remark

MILIND GHATWAI
BHOPAL, AUGUST 13

IN THE continuing war of words between the ruling Congress and the BJP over the abrogation of Article 370, Madhya Pradesh Higher Education Minister Jitu Patwari referred to former chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan as a sycophant.

"You are busy flattering the PM and Home Minister Amit Shah to protect your existence in the BJP after it was dislodged from power in MP. You should keep the state's dignity in mind. You were CM for 13 years. People knew they had elected a CM but they did not they have elected a sycophant," the minister tweeted on Tuesday.

His comment came in response to Chouhan's assertion that he used to consider Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Shah his leaders but now he has started worshipping them.

"First I used to think of them as leaders, and used to look at them with respect, but after their step (on Article 370) I have started to worship them," Chouhan had said on Monday in Odisha.

He had also justified the use of word 'criminal' for Jawaharlal Nehru, holding the former PM responsible for Pakistan occupied Kashmir and Article 370.

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD

E-Tender Notice No.: JHS-GSD-GOLIATHCRANE-19-20 **Dated:** 08.08.2019

E- TENDER NOTICE

Tender no.	Description of work	Tender Cost/Value
JHS-GSD-GOLIATH CRANE 19-20	Comprehensive AMC of 01 No. Goliath EOT Crane installed at Steel Yard of GSD/Jhansi including Preventive Check, Maintenance, and Breakdown for 01 Year.	10,56,100/- (Ten Lakh Fifty Six Thousand One Hundred Rupees Only)

Qty(Period): 01(One) Year. Completion period:12 months.Earnest money: Rs. 21,100/-. Tender doc. cost: Rs.2100/- Note:- (1)Tender will be closed at 15:00 Hrs on 12.09.2019 and is available on Indian Railway E-Tendering website www.ireps.gov.in at E-Tender Works.(2) For detailed information please visit Indian Railway E- Tendering website www.ireps.gov.in

North central railways railway northcentral@CPRONCR 1170/19 (A)

SALEM SMART CITY LIMITED

Roc. No : SSCL/13265/2018 **INVITATIONS FOR BIDS** Date : 09.08.2019

I
1. Re- Development of Bose Maidan, Stage, Toilet and Complex (ABD Area) In Salem City Municipal Corporation. Est. Amount **Rs. 1127.00 Lakhs**
2. Re- Development of V.O.C. Market , (ABD Area) In Salem City Municipal Corporation. Est. Amount **Rs. 1458.00 Lakhs**

II Bid document and other information available at **www.tntenders.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.salemcorporation.gov.in** Tender document can be downloaded from the above website.

III **Date, Time and Venue for Tender Procedures.**
Submission of bids - **17.09.2019 up to 3.00 P.M**
Opening of bids - **17.09.2019 at 3.30 P.M**

DIPR/ 2756 /TENDER/2019

Commissioner, Salem Corporation and Managing Director, Salem Smart City Limited.

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN, CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY
(DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL SECURITY)
2nd FLOOR, ENGINEERS' HOSTEL, H.E.C., SEC-III, DHURWA, RANCHI - 834004 JHARKHAND
SHORT TENDER NOTICE

Tender Ref No. : PRO- 01/2019-20 **Dated – 13/08/2019**

TENDERS ARE INVITED FROM ELIGIBLE BIDDERS THROUGH REVERSE e-AUCTION MODE ON NeML PLATFOM FOR SUPPLY AND DISTIBUTION OF WOOLEN BLANKETS IN THE STATE OF JHARKHAND.
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Important Dates:

Sl. No.	Description	
1	NAME OF PURCHASER	Director Social Security, Jharkhand.
2	DATE OF PUBLICATION OF NOTICE ON DEPARTMENTAL WEBSITE AND IN LEADING NEWSPAPER	13/08/2019
3	DATE OF PRE- BID MEETING AT THE DIRECTORATE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY, RANCHI	19/08/2019
4	LAST DATE AND TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF HARD COPY OF THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL IN A SEALED ENVELOPE BY SPEED POST/COURIER AT NeML OFFICE, RANCHI	27/08/2019 (2:00 PM)
5	LAST DATE FOR REGISTRATION OF THE TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED SUPPLIERS/BIDDERS BY NCDEX. e-Markets Limited (NeML)	28/08/2019
6	LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF EMD AT NeML ESCROW BANK ACCOUNT	29/08/2019
7	REVERSE E-AUCTION BIDDING ON NeML PLATFORM	30/08/2019

1. All eligibleManufacturers/AuthorisedDealers/Government/SemiGovernment or Government Undertaking involved in similar business should mandatorily register with NCDEX e- Markets Limited for participation in Reverse Auction.
2. The schedule of Auction to be Conducted on Dated- 30/08/2019 and 31.08.2019 will be posted on website www.socialwelfarejhar.gov.in and http://www.neml.in/circulars.html
3. Any changes/ modification in the Tender documents in the tender documents will be posted on website www.socialwelfarejhar.gov.in and http://www.neml.in/circulars.html

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At relief camp in Belagavi college, race against time to vacate campus

JOHNSON T A
GOKAK (BELAGAVI, KARNATAKA), AUGUST 13

THEIR HOMES reduced to a rubble by the swollen Malaprabha river on the night of August 5, most of the 2,160 displaced people living at the relief camp in Government Junior College, in Belagavi district's Gokak town, are racing against time.

For them, there is little to cheer even as floodwater is receding over the lost two days across Belagavi. With Independence Day around the corner, the college officials have received instructions to ask all people at the relief camp to leave by 4 pm Wednesday (August 14).

Officials also want the college to resume from August 16. College principal Arjun Hadimani said: "We have not had classes for 10 days now (due to the flood). Students are suffering. We have done our best (to provided relief); we need to take back the college (now)."

"We have used our midday meal supplies to cook meals (for camp inmates). Now we need to return to providing education," a senior college official said.

Motilal, 56, whose one-room house has collapsed, said, "We don't know where we will go if the college sends us out tomorrow. We have to rebuild it first before we can return."

According to those at the camp, at least 500 people do not have a house to return to, and the others are concerned about returning to weak structures, where mud and slush have played havoc with the interiors and electrical items.

People line up to collect supplies from a truck at a relief camp at the Government Junior College in Gokak in Karnataka's Belagavi district.. *Express*

Nagesh Lakshman, 19, a class XII dropout who works at a Big Bazaar outlet in Gokak town, said: "We spent the whole day today cleaning the house. It smells like a drain. We have to return there on Wednesday because the authorities want everyone out of the college to prepare for Independence Day."

Besides shelter, people at the relief camp are provided three meals and medical treatment, if necessary, by government doctors.

"There will be no food, no money when we return home with our children. I do not know how we are going to survive," Ningavva, a young mother of two, said.

Watching women line up behind charity trucks laden with food and clothes from a vantage point on the first floor of the college, Deepak Manohar Gowdanawar, 29, a disabled person, was anxious how to get life back on track and recoup the losses of a life-time of savings — Rs 9 lakh invested in a puffed rice-making unit. Gowdanawar and his brother set up the unit with their father's savings and some loans.

"We bought a machine for heating and making the puffed rice, a generator for power back-up. It was doing very well — we were supplying to many people. Everything is gone now. The machines were in water for six days," he said.

The BJP government of Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa has announced relief measures such as Rs 5,000 monthly compensation for people displaced by floods to live in rented homes for a while, and Rs 10,000 for repair of damaged homes. But there is confusion over how to access the money, and when it will be disbursed.

"We do not know about Rs 5,000 being given to stay temporarily in rented homes. We heard the government will give around Rs 3,500," Nagesh Lakshman, a young man at the camp, said. "Anyway, where are the homes to rent?"

As of Tuesday, 13 of 48 people who have died in the flood in Karnataka are from Belavagi, the district worst affected — 4 lakh people out of 6.77 lakh who have been evacuated across the state come from this region, Gokak and Athani taluks being the worst hit. As many as 460 of 1,224 relief camps in Karnataka are in Belagavi; 1.7 lakh people from the region are in relief camps as of August 13 out of 3.9 lakh across the state.

Gokak Assembly constituency was represented by Ramesh Jharkhiholi, among the Congress MLAs who quit and joined the BJP and were subsequently disqualified.

UP govt seeks response on 7 cases against BJP MLA Som

AMIL BHATNAGAR
NOIDA, AUGUST 13

THE UTTAR Pradesh government has sought the Muzaffarnagar administration's response on seven cases pending against BJP MLA Sangeet Som, a move that comes "usually" before withdrawing cases, according to a senior district official.

These include two cases related to 2013 Muzaffarnagar riots, which had left 62 people dead and more than 60,000 displaced.

Sangeet Som

A letter has been sent to the Muzaffarnagar administration seeking a response on status quo of the cases filed against Som, the legislator from Meerut's Sardhana constituency.

Muzaffarnagar Sub-Divisional Magistrate Amit Kumar Singh said, "We have received letters from the government regarding certain cases. One of the cases goes back to 2009, and one is from 2013. A response has been sought on 13 points, which is usually done in matters of withdrawal of cases."

He said the government has sought information on court proceedings and witnesses, among other aspects of the case. "The administration and the police will prepare and furnish the report," he said.

Sources said one case relates to circulation of a fake video during the riots, and another involves alleged violation of prohibitory orders on public gatherings.

Kerala: IMD sounds red alert in 2 districts as toll climbs to 92

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUGUST 13

THE IMD on Tuesday sounded a red alert in the Kerala districts of Kozhikode and Malappuram for the next 24 hours even as the toll in the week-long rain rose to 92.

Rescue and relief operations continued at the landslide sites in Malappuram and Wayanad districts, but at least 40 people remained buried in the debris, official sources said.

After the IMD sounded alert for extremely heavy rain in the two districts and heavy rain in six other districts, the state announced a holiday for all educational institutions in these areas.

At Puthumala in Wayanad, where seven people are still missing, Tuesday's search yielded no results. However, at Kavalapara in Malappuram, where 30-odd people are missing, four bodies were retrieved. As many as 59 people were feared dead in Kavalapara, but only 23 bodies have been traced.

According to the state disaster management authority, 59 people are missing across Kerala.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan conducted an aerial survey of the landslide-affected areas. After visiting relief camps, he said the government was trying to give support and relief to the families of the victims.

Protest about pay, not about food, faith: Zomato founder

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, AUGUST 13

ZOMATO FOUNDER Deepinder Goyal, in an internal mail to employees, has said that the protest by a "handful" of food delivery executives in West Bengal's Howrah has nothing to do with "food or religion or beliefs", but is about the recent "rate card correction".

Since August 5, a section of Zomato delivery executives is on strike over the alleged cut in payment rate. On Sunday, their protest grabbed national headlines after the protesting staff alleged the company was forcing them to deliver food items containing beef or pork, which was against their religious beliefs.

"This 'protest', confined to a handful of delivery partners, is limited to the Howrah area... The issue was primarily related to a recent rate card correction in that area, something we routinely do," Goyal wrote.

In his letter, accessed by *The Indian Express*, Goyal added, "Occasionally, a handful of delivery riders don't understand the rate card corrections and start protesting against the change. In this case in Howrah, instead of constructive engagement with their local Zomato execs (executives), these riders approached a local politician and deliberately framed the issue incorrectly."

"We know this because we took a look in our order database and there were zero orders from local homes for any item containing pork in the last three months in that entire area. There was one order of a food item containing beef but the customer cancelled that order... There is never a moment when anyone outside of the restaurant kitchen is actually coming in contact with any food. So this alleged protest has nothing to do with food or religion or beliefs," read the letter.

Meanwhile, the delivery executives continued their strike on Tuesday after a meeting with the officials of the company failed to resolve the deadlock.

"Last night, we got a call from the company that a meeting has been organised for Tuesday. A five-member delegation of ours went to attend the meet. Senior police officers were also present. We told the company representative about our payment issue and our unwillingness to deliver pork and beef to customers. He said he can't recommend changes as it is done by senior company officials. One of the senior officials will meet us on August 16," Mohsin Akhtar, one of the protesting executives, told *The Indian Express* on Tuesday.

However, Zomato didn't issue any communication or comment about the meeting.

Jaipur clashes: 5 arrested, Internet blocked in 10 police station areas

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAIPUR, AUGUST 13

FIVE PEOPLE have been arrested in connection with a clash between two communities in Jaipur on Monday night, police said on Tuesday. Police officers said 15 people were injured in the clash and internet services continue to remain suspended in the jurisdiction area of 10 police stations in the wake of the clash.

"An FIR has been registered and we have arrested five people for yesterday night's violence. At present, the situation is peaceful and heavy police deployment has been made in the area," Deputy Commissioner of Police, North, Manoj Kumar told *The Indian Express*.

According to the police, hundreds of people blocked the Delhi highway road near Eidgah and Galta Gate areas late on Monday night. The mob blocked the road for hours and people from colonies on both sides of the highway started pelting stones at each other, police said.

"The miscreants also set fire to two vehicles and around 15 people were injured in the stone-pelting. Police personnel were also injured in the clash. We are investigating the cause behind the clash," said Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police, North, Sumit Gupta.

He added that preliminary investigation suggests that the clash was not related to the confrontation between Kanwariyas and local residents in Ramganj area on Sunday afternoon.

An uneasy calm prevailed in the area on Tuesday as personnel from several police stations were deployed to maintain the law and order situation.

Jharkhand man kills family, commits suicide

ABHISHEK ANGAD
JAMSHEDPUR, AUGUST 13

A 30-YEAR-OLD farmer allegedly murdered his wife and two daughters and then committed suicide in Jharkhand's Garhwa district on Monday.

Police said Shiv Kumar Baitha hung himself from a tree in the village. The bodies of his wife Babita Devi and two daughters aged 6 and 10 were found in a well nearby.

Garhwa SP Shivani Tewari said, "The bodies of the wife and the children were found drowned inside the well. One of daughters had injury marks on her neck. We have waiting for post mortem to give us the report. Prima facie the farmer murdered his wife."

The SP said that the reason for the suicide is not clear.

"Family members told is that the farmer remained unwell and had been under treatment...He had also developed insomnia and had not slept for the last month. It seems that it was an act was committed out of depression," she said.

Maharashtra flood toll rises to 43, govt pegs losses at Rs 6,814 crore

SANDEEP ASHAR
MUMBAI, AUGUST 13

WITH TORRENTIAL rain and subsequent flood leaving a trail of destruction in Maharashtra, the state government on Tuesday pegged the damages at Rs 6813.93 crore as the preliminary assessment, even as the toll from various flood-related incidents rose to 43.

A staggering 4.06 lakh hectare farm area under kharif cultivation has been ravaged, inflicting losses to over 8.7 lakh farmers. The government on Tuesday decided not to follow the Centre's financial assistance norms for crop losses due to natural disasters — calculated at Rs 6,800 per hectare for rain-fed crops — and will pay compensation for loss valued at Rs 50,000 per hectare. Similarly, an amount of Rs 75,000 per hectare was considered for irrigated area, though the Centre's relief norms approve of Rs 18,000 per hectare.

While Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said that "a memorandum of assistance" will be sent to the Centre, he added that till help is received, the amount will be spent from the state's exchequer.

As per the initial assessment, the flood has damaged 1.39 lakh houses. The government will pay as compensation Rs 16,602 and Rs 5,200 for pucca structures fully and partially destroyed, respectively. Those who have lost their huts, will receive Rs 4,100.

With over 400 km of road network damaged, the state has estimated Rs 876 crore will be needed for road and bridge repairs.

Fadnavis, meanwhile, has engaged an IIT team to map vulnerability of residences situated near the floodplains.

In Other States

ODISHA
AT LEAST eight people have been killed in Odisha due to heavy rain triggered by formation of two back-to-back low pressure areas, while fear of flood loomed large in several areas on Tuesday, officials said. Train services were affected also in parts of west Odisha after water submerged tracks. **PTI**

GUJARAT
As many as 16 blackbucks fleeing flooding in their habitat were hunted down near the Blackbuck National Park, Velavadar, in Bhavnagar district over the last two days, officers said on Tuesday. One more was killed in a road accident while another one drowned in floodwaters, they said. The antelope is falls under Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, and therefore enjoys the highest legal protection in the country. **ENS**

UTTAR PRADESH
Two members of a family, including a minor, were killed and three injured on Tuesday when a wall of their house collapsed in Uttar Pradesh's Mirzapur district due to heavy overnight rains, police said. The family was fast asleep when the wall collapsed, police said. **PTI**

Speciality Assam tea auctioned for Rs 75,000 per kg

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GUWAHATI, AUGUST 13

ASSAM TEA continued its spree of breaking records at auctions as 1 kg of a speciality tea named the 'Golden Butterfly' was sold for Rs 75,000 at the Guwahati Tea Auction Centre (GTAC).

Dinesh Bihani, secretary of the Guwahati Tea Auction Buyers Association, claimed that this is the highest price for the sale of tea through an auction in the country.

Produced by the Dikom Tea Estate, 'Golden Butterfly' was purchased by Assam Tea Traders, which is one of the oldest tea shops in Guwahati. According to the makers, the tea is named such because "soft golden tips go into making this exceptionally rare and special tea".

Assam accounts for nearly 55 per cent of India's tea production. The GTAC has 665 sellers, 247 buyers and nine brokers, besides 34 warehouses, registered with it. Indicators that buyers look at include appearance, quality/strength of the liquid form, aroma and "keeping quality" - that is, how well the tea will keep if stored for a long time in a shop or godown.

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FACE THE DELUGE

Floods in different states raise questions about understanding of monsoon, preparedness to deal with rivers in spate

THE SOUTHWEST MONSOON has left a trail of destruction this year. Nearly 500 people have reportedly lost their lives in Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Assam and Bihar. In Kerala, which experienced its worst deluge in a century last year, more than 80 people have lost their lives in five days since August 8. In neighbouring Karnataka, the toll stands at 48. Northern Karnataka, which was facing drought like conditions in May, is now under water. According to Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa, the state is witnessing its worst floods in 45 years. In Maharashtra, more than 40 people have lost their lives in Sangli and Kolhapur districts, while the Marathwada and Vidharbha regions are reeling under a drought.

The floods this year have drawn attention to the changing dynamics of the southwest monsoon. Take the case of Kerala. According to India Meteorological Department (IMD) data, the state recorded a more than 25 per cent deficit in rainfall between June 1 and August 7. But Kerala has nearly made up the deficit in the past five days. Palakkad district has received 80 per cent excess rainfall after August 8, Wayanad and Thrissur have also experienced sharp departures from normal rainfall, with an excess of nearly 40 per cent. Similarly, on August 8, Karnataka received nearly five times the rainfall the state receives in a day. Kodagu, the state's worst flood-hit district, received 460 per cent above normal rainfall between August 5 and 11. In fact, monsoon rains in the past five years have followed a pattern: A few days of intense rainfall sandwiched between dry spells.

The focus this year, as in the past, has been on providing relief to the flood-affected. But questions must also be asked about the ways states prepare for, and deal with, floods. The vagaries of weather, for example, demand cooperation between states that share a river basin. This year, Maharashtra and Karnataka bickered over opening the gates of the Almatti dam on the river Krishna. By the time the two states agreed over the amount of water to be discharged from the dam's reservoirs, the damage was already done. The floods also drive home the urgency of focusing on nature's mechanisms of resilience against extreme weather events. Policymakers and planners have shown little inclination to place wetlands, natural sponges that soak up the rainwaters, at the centre of flood control projects. Flood governance in the country has placed inordinate emphasis on embankments. But the floods in Bihar and Assam showed — for the umpteenth time — that these structures are no security against swollen rivers. Of course, what is true for the Western Ghats states may not hold for Assam and Bihar. But the message from the floods this year is clear: There is a need to revisit the understanding of the monsoon and find ways to deal with its fury.

IN CHINA'S COURT

How it addresses protesters' escalating demands for autonomy and democracy in Hong Kong will be a critical test

OVER NEARLY THREE months, the protests in Hong Kong have evolved from a movement with a specific thrust — against a proposed law that would allow people accused of certain crimes to be extradited to the Chinese mainland — to a wider expression of public anger at the Chinese state's curbs on democracy and the city's special status within the People's Republic. For its part, the Chinese government's patience with the financial nerve centre coming to a standstill appears to be wearing thin. Over the weekend, the spokesperson for the Chinese government's Hong Kong and Macau Affairs office said that with Hong Kong protestors turning "radical" and using "dangerous tools to attack police officers", "the first signs of terrorism were beginning to appear".

The move towards labelling pro-democracy protestors as anarchists, radicals or terrorists by the Chinese government holds, for many, a disturbing augury. Since they began in June, the protests in Hong Kong have consistently been compared to the 1989 demonstrations in mainland China, which culminated in the Tiananmen Square massacre. With the unprecedented cancellation of all flights from Hong Kong airport on Monday, the movement now threatens to bring economic activity in the global financial hub to a standstill. The protests at the airport were in response to the partial blinding of a protester by a projectile used by the police, among other incidents of alleged brutality. Carrie Lam, Hong Kong's chief executive, has warned of the protests going "down the path of no return", hinting at an imminent confrontation with the Chinese authorities.

What is at stake in Hong Kong is the adaptability of the Chinese state apart from its moral, ideological and administrative ability to keep the promise it made to Hong Kong. In 1997, it was decided that China would be "one country, with two systems", and Hong Kong would continue to enjoy its autonomy. That promise has been eroded, for example, by refusing to allow direct elections for the chief executive's post. Despite China's accession to the original demand — scrapping of the extradition law — the protests show no signs of fizzling out. With China's rise as an economic and military superpower, and with the surveillance technology at the state's disposal, repression through coercive might is certainly an option. But brutality as policy triggers retaliation: After Hong Kong police used tear gas and rubber bullets to quell the protesters, they responded by the sporadic throwing of bricks and acts of vandalism. A country with superpower ambitions, which is negotiating massive international investments through the Belt and Road Initiative, can ill-afford to look incapable of delivering on the promise of federalism and autonomy.

ONE BOTTLE VODKA

A group of Ukranian and UK researchers has spun off the spirit of Chernobyl, but Russians may have mixed feelings

IF YOU WANT to curl up with a copy of the Nobel Prize-winning Voices from Chernobyl in one hand, leaving the other free to curl itself around something refreshing, your time begins now. Atomik vodka is not on the market yet, but it will be. Only one bottle of this "artisanal moonshine" exists, and currently the only way to consume it is to admire photographs of it tastefully laid on a bed of hay in a wooden box. But the company that distilled it expects it to attract fearless drinkers everywhere, and will plough back the profits into the welfare of the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone, the circle with a radius of 30 km around the Chernobyl nuclear power plant, made off-limits after the meltdown of 1986.

Atomik vodka is distilled from grain and water sourced from the disaster zone, and strikes out beyond the brief of a British-Ukranian project to study the uptake of radioactivity by living systems from scorched earth. Actually, it pushes the principle of the experiment to the limit, because a distillate can be assumed to contain a greater concentration of radioactive material than the feedstock. But Atomik vodka is safe to drink, and has been okayed by the Ukranian authorities, in whose territory the exclusion zone falls.

The safety rating of the drink would not deter the adventurous, who are attracted by labels. Spirit-sellers cottoned on to this long ago in the age of exploration, when Caribbean rum was sold under the colourful name of "kill-devil". The world is going to love the dangerous glamour of Atomik, but what of Russia, the mother lode of vodka? Chernobyl is still in their race memory, and something atomic just went bang in the north, killing five scientists and maybe creating a mini-Chernobyl. The Russians may have mixed feelings about Atomik.

The Constitution test

India has a constitution but Centre's move on Kashmir poses questions about constitutionalism

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IN FRAMING A government which is to be administered by men over men, the greatest difficulty lies in this: You must first enable the government to control the governed, and next, oblige it to control itself. The main purpose of the constitution is constitutionalism, the concept of limited powers. Constitutions are a social compact between the state and people. We need to ensure that the exercise of governmental powers should be controlled in order that it is not destructive of the values it was intended to promote. If the last century saw the death of God, currently we are experiencing the death of constitutionalism. The sudden abrogation of Article 370, like the imposition of Emergency in 1975, is nothing short of the sad demise of constitutionalism.

All societies are by nature authoritarian, and governments even more so, particularly if they have massive majorities in Parliament. Today most western constitutions, including that of the US, are only ostensibly about rights and limitations; in fact, they are about power and control. Article 370 was a shell that had long been emptied. The successive Presidential Orders issued under Article 370, in fact, gave special status to the Centre. So, what has been gained by its abrogation is not clear.

The state is a necessary evil and an instrument of exploitation in the hands of those in power. It can be termed as the march of God on earth when it operates within its allotted sphere and upholds people's liberties.

Constitutionalism is the anti-thesis of authoritarianism. Having a constitution does not mean that we have constitutionalism as well. Several communist and Islamic countries had constitutions without constitutionalism. Hitler, too, had the Weimar Constitution. Constitutionalism tries to limit the power of constitutional authorities through doctrines such as rule of law which, as opposed to rule by law, ensures equality before law, equal protection of laws to all and non-arbitrary exercise of power. To ensure that too much power is not concentrated in one hand or organ, we have the doctrine of separation of powers between the three organs of state — the legislature, executive and judiciary. Distribution of powers ensures that the Centre does not become too powerful and power is shared with the states. Under asymmetric federalism, special status is given to some states due to peculiar historical and cultural factors to limit the power of the Centre in those states. All fundamental rights are negative restrictions on the power of the state.

> Federalism is the basic structure of the Constitution and it means sharing of power between the Centre and states. Since the Kashmir assembly would have opposed bifurcation of the state into two UTs, we did not hold assembly elections along with Lok Sabha polls. Now currently the state is under President's rule, and Parliament has exercised the powers of the assembly. This means we have gone against the spirit of the Constitution and made it a plaything.

As the state enjoys monopoly of power, the greatest danger to fundamental rights comes from the state. Kashmiris, rather than getting personal liberties and freedom under Article 21 and freedom of speech and movement under Article 19, are experiencing detention and censorship. Even the Supreme Court does not see any urgency to guarantee these fundamental freedoms and has asked to wait for two weeks. Are we back to *ADM Jabalpur* (1975)? After the 44th constitutional amendment of 1978, rights under Article 21 are non-derogable and cannot be denied even during emergencies.

The opening words of our Constitution are "we the people", not "we the government of India". As the people's representatives too may go against the Constitution, we have given the power of judicial review to constitutional courts to strike down a law if it violates the constitution and a constitutional amendment if it impinges on its "basic structure".

The Instrument of Accession signed by Raja Hari Singh on October 26, 1947 and accepted by India on October 27, 1947 with a promise of plebiscite, was an exercise of limiting powers of the central government in respect of J&K. The framers of the Constitution incorporated these restrictions on the Centre's powers in Article 370. Article 370 thus limited the power of the Centre by laying down that in extending central laws on matters provided in the Instrument of Accession, mere consultation with the government of J&K would be enough but on matters not conceded to the Centre by the Instrument of Accession, concurrence of the state government will be required. Article 370(3) further laid down that the President may, by order, modify this Article or order that it will cease to operate. But such an order could be issued only with the concurrence of the constituent assembly of J&K. After the dissolution of Kashmir's constituent assembly on January 25, 1957, this option was no more available to the president. Ideally, the matter should have first been referred to the apex court for advisory opinion.

We have now used Article 370 to insert a new clause in Article 367 and then invoked this clause to convert the constituent assembly of Kashmir into a legislative assembly of a Union Territory. This is a blot on constitutionalism. Similarly, sounding a death knell to all principles of representative democracy, we have treated the governor as the government of the state. While governments represent the popular will, it is an open secret that governors are agents of the Centre.

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The President of India, too, like Fakhruddin Ali Ahmad, has not kept in mind that he had taken an oath under Article 60 "to preserve, protect and defend the constitution". He should have at least consulted the Attorney General and other experts before signing the orders and assenting to the J&K State Reorganisation Bill. Zail Singh did not sign the Postal Bill even though Rajiv Gandhi had 400 plus MPs in Lok Sabha.

Nobody has even bothered to examine the delicate international law angle in this controversy. The right of internal self-determination cannot be claimed by a minority in a country. But the denial of internal political freedoms may lead to a claim of external self-determination by secessionist elements. The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in its 2018 and 2019 reports did recommend to us to "fully respect the right of self-determination of the people as protected under international law". Keeping the intricate international dimensions in mind, PM Modi in his address to the nation spoke like a true statesman and assured Kashmiris about their political rights in electing their representatives.

The BJP has argued that Article 370 was temporary though the Supreme Court did not say so. Unlike Article 369 and SC/ST reservation in Parliament and assemblies, it did not mention any time limit. Having abrogated Article 370, we should forcefully defend our action. Our courts can examine the constitutionality of this abrogation but we cannot permit any other country to raise this issue. Gandhiji said the ends do not justify the means. Even conceding that the time for the abrogation of Article 370 had come, it could have been done in a more democratic and humane manner.

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LAW AND INJUSTICE

Instead of a separate law on triple talaq, Centre should have framed a just law for all

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THE MUSLIM WOMEN (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill 2019, now a law, has been hailed as a victory for gender justice by Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad and other supporters of the Bill. The question is: Will this law really provide justice to Muslim women? To answer it, we need to inspect the Bill's content as well as the intention with which it has been brought in.

The issue of triple talaq is definitely real in India. For decades, many Muslim women activists have been engaged in a struggle to change discriminatory family laws. The agenda had been holistic, covering not only one form of talaq but traditions like halala and polygamy and demanding a more comprehensive "gender just law". The intention was to bring Muslim women into the gamut of secular family laws, which are applicable to all other women from all religions in India. However, the current Act is a far cry from such an objective.

The Bill has many flaws. Its first provision says: "Any pronouncement of talaq by a Muslim husband upon his wife, by words either spoken or written or in electronic form or in any other manner whatsoever shall be void and illegal." In fact, such a practice had already been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in its judgment on August 21, 2017. The SC had sought legislation in support of its judgment and the law would have been sufficient with just this one section. However, the government has included unwarranted criminal provisions in the Bill.

> A common gender-just law could be a solution, rather than separate religion-specific laws. The BJP has batted for a common civil code since decades. Ironically, when the time came, they opted for a sharia-based law.

The next provision talks about punishment of the husband with imprisonment up to three years and a fine. This is, in itself, a contradiction. If triple talaq has no legal validity (by virtue of the SC verdict), how can you punish it? Also, the personal laws of all communities are civil matters. This is the first time that criminal provisions are being laid out in matters of marriage and divorce.

The next provision talks about the husband providing a subsistence allowance. How can a jailed person provide money? Further, the woman in a case of triple talaq, will receive no support from her in-laws, since she will be seen as being responsible for putting her husband in jail.

There are existing laws which protect Hindu women and those from other communities in cases of domestic violence. Instead of this new law, in case a husband insists on triple talaq by unlawful means, he could have been booked under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act. A common gender-just law could be a solution, rather than separate religion-specific laws. The BJP has batted for a common civil code since decades. Ironically, when the time came, they opted for a sharia-based law.

Currently, there is a sense of apprehension in the Muslim community, given the backdrop of mob lynching and the talk by political leaders of imposing the National Register of Citizens not only in the Northeast but across the country. The fear is that the triple talaq law will be used as a tool to harass men from the community.

The way in which the Bill was passed in the Rajya Sabha is also a concern. Many members who opposed it in the debate helped the BJP by remaining absent during voting. This was irresponsible and shows apathy towards issues concerning Muslims.

This law will only serve the political purpose of the BJP. Affected Muslim women will continue to suffer. In fact, the law will add to their suffering.

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Morvi a city of dead: bodies lie submerged

MORVI FLOOD DEATHS

THOUSANDS ARE BELIEVED to have perished in the industrial township of Morvi and nearby villages in Rajkot district, but the state administration is uncommunicative on the situation in the disaster-hit area. Bodies of the flood victims are submerged under debris which it might take a long time to remove. Vultures were seen swarming the streets, which were littered with corpses. According to a young man returning from Morvi, a hospital with 200 patients and doctors and the police quarters were washed away. Newspapers carried reports with estimates of deaths ranging from 1,000 to 25,000, but were unable to get details about the situation as the teleprinter communication with Rajkot remained cut off.

BSF SHOOT ORDER

THE BORDER SECURITY Force, which is policing the Indo-Bangladesh border is under orders to shoot at sight if the non-Bengali Muslims from Bangladesh carry out their threatened long march and enter Indian territory tomorrow, according to reports from border areas. The BSF has made all arrangements to meet any eventuality, the reports added. The West Bengal government home secretary, Rathin Sen Gupta, told reporters that "the entry of the marchers into Indian territory will have to be stopped and the BSF will take necessary action."

NO RBI STRIKES

THE UNION CABINET decided to repeal the controversial ordinance relating to strike by Reserve Bank employees. It allowed another ordinance impounding the compulsory deposits for one year to lapse. With the prorogation of the last session of Parliament, these ordinances would have lapsed even otherwise. However, with today's decision, the new coalition government has allayed the apprehensions voiced by the leftist parties. The Cabinet has authorised Finance minister, H N Bahuguna, to discuss the CDS matter with trade union representatives.

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Indian excesses have been continuing against the Kashmiris for decades, but many economically powerful Muslim states - particularly the petrodollar-fuelled Arab sheikhdoms - have rarely shown an inclination to highlight Kashmir's plight internationally."

—DAWN

Reading the slowdown

To arrest it, a coordinated policy response, addressing both structural and cyclical factors, is needed

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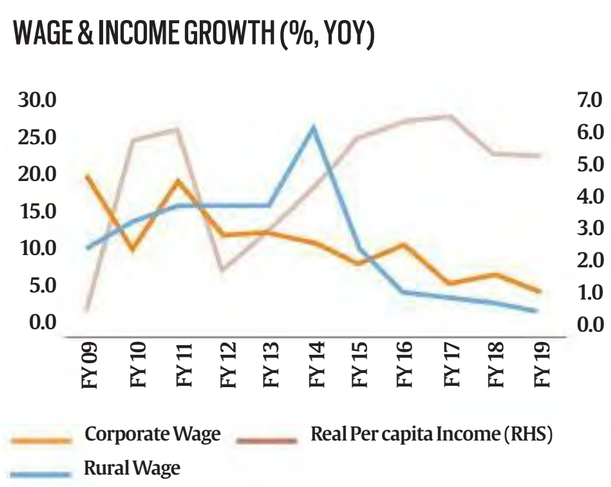

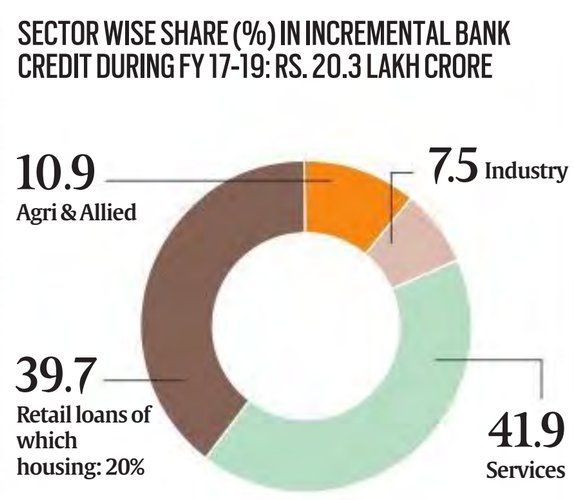

THERE ARE CURRENTLY three issues that beg answers from policy makers. First, what are the reasons for the current demand slowdown? Second, whether the current slowdown is structural or cyclical and third, whether banks have stopped lending and are causing a disruption in demand. Let us address them one by one, in the reverse order.

The slowdown in demand is a fact, but the consensus that banks are not extending enough credit to help us navigate through the current slowdown is misplaced. This is a false narrative as Economics 101 suggests a bi-directional causality between economic growth and credit off-take. Thus, a growth slowdown will percolate into a credit slowdown and not vice-versa. However, let us momentarily digress from Econ 101 and just validate whether banks are extending credit, particularly retail credit, as we are in the midst of a consumer slowdown, if we go by indicators like car sales.

Here are the numbers. For the three year period ended FY19, incremental bank credit to the economy was at Rs 20.3 lakh crore, of which agriculture received Rs 2.3 lakh crore, services Rs 8.8 lakh crore, retail/personal received Rs 8.3 lakh crore (housing was at Rs 4.1 lakh crore) and industry got Rs 1.5 lakh crore. In the comparable period, GDP expanded by Rs 36.5 lakh crore. In Q1FY20, retail loans have continued to expand at Rs 46,000 crore (bank credit, though, has shown a de-growth of Rs 1.3 lakh crore, led by industry) even though some segments of retail loans like vehicles have indeed registered a negative growth revealing lack of demand and other cyclical issues afflicting the auto sector.

What does all this imply? Incremental bank credit doubled the pace in FY19 as compared to FY17. The slowdown in bank credit, if any, is primarily the result of credit to industry, that first declined in FY17, barely managed a positive number in FY18, but has somehow picked up pace in FY19 (ten times larger vis-à-vis FY18). This is the result of several structural reforms and disruptions, apart from deleveraging and asset quality issues beginning in FY16. It is thus foolhardy to blame bank credit for the current demand disruption. It is, rather, the lack of demand for bank credit which is causing the slowdown.

This brings us to the first and second question of the reasons behind the current demand slowdown and how to label it: Structural or cyclical or both? This labeling is important, as a structural slowdown would imply macro reforms, ignoring business cycles, while a cyclical slowdown would mean unleashing counter cyclical policies. We believe the current slowdown is a combination of both structural and cyclical.

First, what are the structural factors that might have resulted in the current demand deceleration? We believe that the most crucial factor that is reinforcing the demand slowdown is slow growth of both corporate (a proxy for urban wages) and rural wages. The corporate wage (based on financial data of 4,000 to 5,000 companies) which used to grow in high double digits (peaked at 21.4 per cent in FY09) post the crisis is now down to single digit growth, as corporates are more conscious of costs in the midst of a massive deleveraging cycle. In a similar vein, rural wages have also declined from double digit growth rates (peaked at 27.7 per cent in FY14) growth till FY15 to less than five per cent in the last three fiscals. Clearly, this high growth phase was unsustainable (a deadly cocktail of wage-inflation nexus). However, the bottom line is the subsequent decline in wage growth and structural changes have resulted in stagnating per capita income growth (in real terms) and hence to keep the consumption expenditure at the same level, household savings also declined.

Of particular interest is the decline in household savings. Our research shows that this decline is attributed to current high real interest rate (RIR), stagnating per capita income (after touching a peak in FY17) and dependency ratio. In particular, the high RIR has two opposing effects on private savings. The first is the substitution effect, in which savings increase as consumption is postponed to the future, and the second is the wealth effect in which savers increase current consumption at the expense of saving. According to our results, the wealth effect in India dominates the substitution effect resulting in a savings decline. The higher real interest rate tends to increase the lifetime income of lenders and thereby encourages consumption and discourages savings. However, such an increase in consumption is being outstripped by other factors that are inhibiting its growth like per capita income.

Clearly, there are a host of structural factors that are holding back current consumption. A decline in wage growth resulting in lower savings is a result of conscious policy decisions to correct macro imbalances. But it has resulted in consumption taking a hit.

It is naïve to say that there are no cyclical factors. For example, to solve the NBFC crisis and the recent tax imbroglio, we need more confidence building counter-cyclical measures. In a similar vein, private investment is currently a significant laggard in total investment. The share of the private sector has declined from 50 per cent during the 2007-14 period to 30 per cent during 2015-19 in new projects investments (in value-terms). A possible increase in capacity utilisation (currently at 76.1 per cent) can happen only if we simultaneously address the sector-specific issues in order to boost demand of bank credit. One such sector is the MSME, where delayed payments of receivables for MSMEs need to be monitored. Similarly, to improve transmission in MCLR, both the asset and liability side of bank balance sheets need to move simultaneously, and that is already happening.

We must end on an optimistic note though. India can become a $5 trillion economy by FY25, based on an assumed 12 per cent nominal GDP growth and a five per cent depreciation in the rupee. Remember, China doubled its GDP in four years and quadrupled it in eight years. India remains a promising growth story — taking continuously shorter spans to add each subsequent trillion dollars of GDP. For this to continue, a coordinated policy response, both cyclical and structural, is a must.

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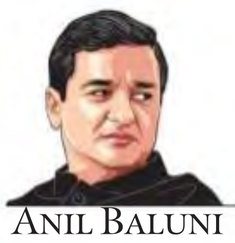
Call of the wild

PM Modi's 'Man vs Wild' appearance had a deeper plan, will benefit Uttarakhand tourism



ANIL BALUNI

THE LATEST EPISODE of Discovery's popular series *Man vs Wild*, hosted by Bear Grylls, presented an altogether unseen facet of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vivid personality. The nonchalant manner in which PM Modi enjoyed his adventurous trip sans any security cover, that too deep inside the world-famous Jim Corbett National Park, left millions of viewers of this superhit series in India — and across the world — spellbound.

But people who have had a personal acquaintance with Modi know well that the adventure show was not a regular television programme — some deep thought process must have gone behind its conceptualisation. Whatever Modi does is not without a purpose: His real plans behind this mega show will be revealed in the months to come. But one thing is obvious: When Modi decided to appear with Grylls, the idea must have been much beyond sharing his personal experiences and his brush with Mother Nature.

The timing of the show is itself significant, as the entire world today is trying to find a way to stop global warming, and save the earth's species from extinction. And we have seen how our prime minister has led the world from the front in this realm during the Paris climate change summit in 2015.

Through Grylls' show, he once again tried to underline how Indians are intertwined with nature, and are deeply in love with Mother Earth. He explained to the world the Indian philosophy of "vasudhaiva kutumbakam" (the world is one family); and, how we believe in "sarve bhavantu sukhinah, sarve santu niraamayaah, sarve bhadraanni pashyantu, maa kashchit dukhha bhagbhavet" (May all become happy, may all be free from illness/ May all see what is auspicious, may no one suffer). We all pray to Mother Nature.

Let's not forget that when the Lok Sabha polls were coming to an end, PM Modi's visit to Kedarnath, a place which is very close to his heart and which he has never missed a chance to visit year after year, was much talked about. When the holy shrine bore the brunt of devastating floods in 2013, he was shaken to the core. Since then he has made every effort to ensure that Kedarnath's glory is restored. Today, the entire Kedarnath valley, particularly the shrine, has virtually risen from the ashes due to the determined efforts of Modi.

The regular visits Modi has made have not only speeded up the restoration and rebuilding of Kedarnath, but have also restored the faith of the masses. Gradually, the entire shrine complex has regained its grandeur under the guidance of the prime minister. This has also led to an influx of visitors to Kedarnath and other old shrines in Uttarakhand. This year a record 11 lakh visitors are likely to pay their obeisance at Kedarnath before the holy shrine closes for winter. This number — it used to be around seven lakh in earlier years — has seen a remarkable increase. Faith has prevailed against all odds.

One interesting aspect related to Modi's visit to Kedarnath is about his stay at a stone cave where he meditated. Today, I am flooded with queries from across India, and also abroad, from people showing keen desire to stay in the "Modi cave" — the name it has got after the prime minister's stay — for meditation. And all this is due to Modi's charisma.

A similar effect is likely to be witnessed in Jim Corbett after the airing of the *Man vs Wild* episode. The transformation of Uttarakhand from the land of religious tourism into a haven for adventure and nature tourism is inevitable. Uttarakhand will soon become the most sought-after destination for adventure and wildlife. We will see, in the months to come, Jim Corbett National Park taking a big leap in the tourism sector in India and abroad.

Modi has a unique way of making things work. One of the shining examples of it is the world's tallest statue, "Statue of Unity", dedicated to the "Iron Man of India", Bharat Ratna Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, which has come up at a remote location in Gujarat. Now, every month, lakhs of visitors are travelling to this place which has led to a complete transformation of the region: This has given a fillip to the local economy and created new avenues for jobs.

It is with this extraordinary vision that Modi works towards the development of society. So, when he set a target of developing all-weather roads in the difficult terrains of the Uttarakhand Himalayas in record time, and decided to invest Rs10,000 crore to construct 570 km of roads under the Bharatmala project connecting bordering and remote areas of Uttarakhand to the national mainstream, his vision to ensure speedy development of Uttarakhand was crystal clear. Today, the Uttarakhand hills are being connected through the rail network also.

Since I belong to Uttarakhand, I have been witness to the transformation that the state is undergoing under the direct supervision of Modi: You have to visit the state to experience these changes. For Uttarakhand and its people, Modi is a true "vikas purush", a "karamyogi". I firmly believe that what is true for Uttarakhand is true for the rest of the country. Since 2014, India has been undergoing social and economic transformation. Time and again Modi has broken myths, walked on the path his predecessors shunned, and taken decisions which were considered impossible. India, and the world, are fast realising the mettle Modi is made of.

The writer is head, BJP media cell, and Rajya Sabha MP

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IN DEFENCE OF 370

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Creation of order' (IE, August 12). The Constitution (Application to Jammu and Kashmir) Order, 1954 has been amended multiple times. The spirit of Article 370 was more honoured in the breach than in observance. The mainstream leadership in the state did cultivate a psychological barrier in the mind of the people, but similar emotive appeals have been made by other regional parties as well to foster their political space vis-a-vis national politics.

Sudip Kumar Dey, *Kolkata*

HARD TEST AHEAD

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The external test' (IE, August 13). New Delhi has to plan an effective strategy to counter all the allegations of Pakistan on Kashmir. It has to firmly convince international organisations that all allegations of Pakistan on Kashmir are baseless. The external test is a tough challenge for the government. It will require the overnment to pursue a firm stand regarding the integrity of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sanjay Chawla, *Amritsar*

THIS REFERS TO the editorial 'The External test' (August 13). With Pakistan upping the ante and threatening to move UNSC, India cannot afford to dismiss the issue without complete damage control exercise. Article 370 at best was a temporary provision and the government has every right to change it. India must understand that the task of maintaining peace in Kashmir and bringing the average Kashmiri into mainstream India will be a challenge. The success of the abrogation of the Article will hinge over it.

Bholey Bhardwaj, *Mumbai*

LETTER OF THE WEEK AWARD

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CONG RESET BUTTON

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Ringing in the old' (IE, August 13). When Rahul Gandhi declared that none of the Nehru-Gandhi family members would take up his role after his resignation, we thought that at last there would be a change of guard: A non-Gandhi would be at the helm. However, once more, after being at the helm for 19 years, Sonia Gandhi was given this responsibility. Politically and otherwise, things have changed drastically in the last few years. It will be a litmus test for Sonia Gandhi, especially in the forthcoming state elections. Whether she would be able to hold her workers and leaders together would be keenly watched.

Bal Govind, *Noida*

VIEW FROM THE RIGHT

REMEMBERING SUSHMA

ORGANISER AND *Panchajanya* remember senior BJP leader and former foreign minister Sushma Swaraj, who died on August 6. Both the publications have multiple pieces on her. In *Organiser*, editor Prafulla Ketkar writes that Swaraj was "not just in appearance, but even in qualities she was was Bhartiya womanhood personified". He writes: "A typical saree wearing, relatively short with big Bindi and strong Sindoor, (Swaraj) proudly carried her Bhartiya identity at global stage."

In *Panchajanya*, editor Hitesh Shankar writes that she was "undefeated". In the backdrop of her death on the same day as the government read down Article 370, Shankar says that Swaraj's "life journey came to an end as the promise was fulfilled". He mentions that the promise of abrogating Article 370 was "in the hearts of its cadre, in the roots of the party" since the days of Jana Sangh.

SETTLING KASHMIR

THE EDITORIAL in *Organiser* on the reorganisaton of the the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir state says that though the RSS and BJP "since Jana Sangh days", and "many nationalists were clear that Article 370 and its misuse in the form of 35A... are at the root of most of the problems in J&K, larger social awareness was not there". "Multiple frauds at electoral and Constitutional level were incurred in the name of the 'special status' given by the temporary provision" and that "barring a few familes", the abrogation is the "real swaraj" from the "72 years of misgovernance; the freedom from election rigging, discrimination, infiltration and underdevelopment". It adds that the work of "giving a greater touch" to all the people of the two new UTs is the "real task at hand".

Another article says the "onus is on the government to 'win the hearts and minds of all Kashmir Muslims'". The article addresses Kashmir's Muslims. It says: "Wake up, oh the blind men of Hindostan! Particularly those cronies belonging to the Congress Party Dynasty! Deradicalisation (sic) of Kashmiri Muslims is a Himalayan challenge. No one can deny the mood of the nation and also those in the Jammu and Ladakh regions, applauding the bold decision by Modi-led NDA government." It says Kashmiri Muslims must "understand that they should not allow Srinagar and other towns and villages (from Paradise to Hell) to undergo the same fate as infrastructure damage in 16 towns and cities across Syria". It also adds: "At the same time, Kashmiri Muslims must also realise that India is unlike the US, Kashmir is also unlike Afghanistan. Indian troops are not aliens like the US troops in the Middle East. India's patience, punishment withstanding capability and resilience is far greater than Pakistan and its cronies in India."

Panchajanya claims that "removal of Article 370 was the demand of the times" and the Modi government has made the "impossible possible" and "fulfilled the expectations of crores of Indians".

REDEFINING SWARAJ

THE ORGANISER Independence Day special issue has an essay by RSS General Secretary Manmohan Vaidya on the organisation being "nothing but the execution of the visions for revitalising spirituality and society before political change exhibited in the writing of Swami Vivekanand, Rabindranath Tagore and B R Ambedkar". This has been the "soul of Bhartiya nationalism" and the reason why "RSS finds resonance across the regions". Vaidya writes that RSS founder K B Hedgewar believed that "for freedom to be realised it was essential that mental, spiritual and social awakening needs to take place alongside". Tagore, he says, wrote in "Swadeshi Samaj" that a "welfare state is not our Bhartiya tradition". Vaidya blames the welfare state for the spread of Christianity and Islam during the crusades to lands where people were dependent on the state.

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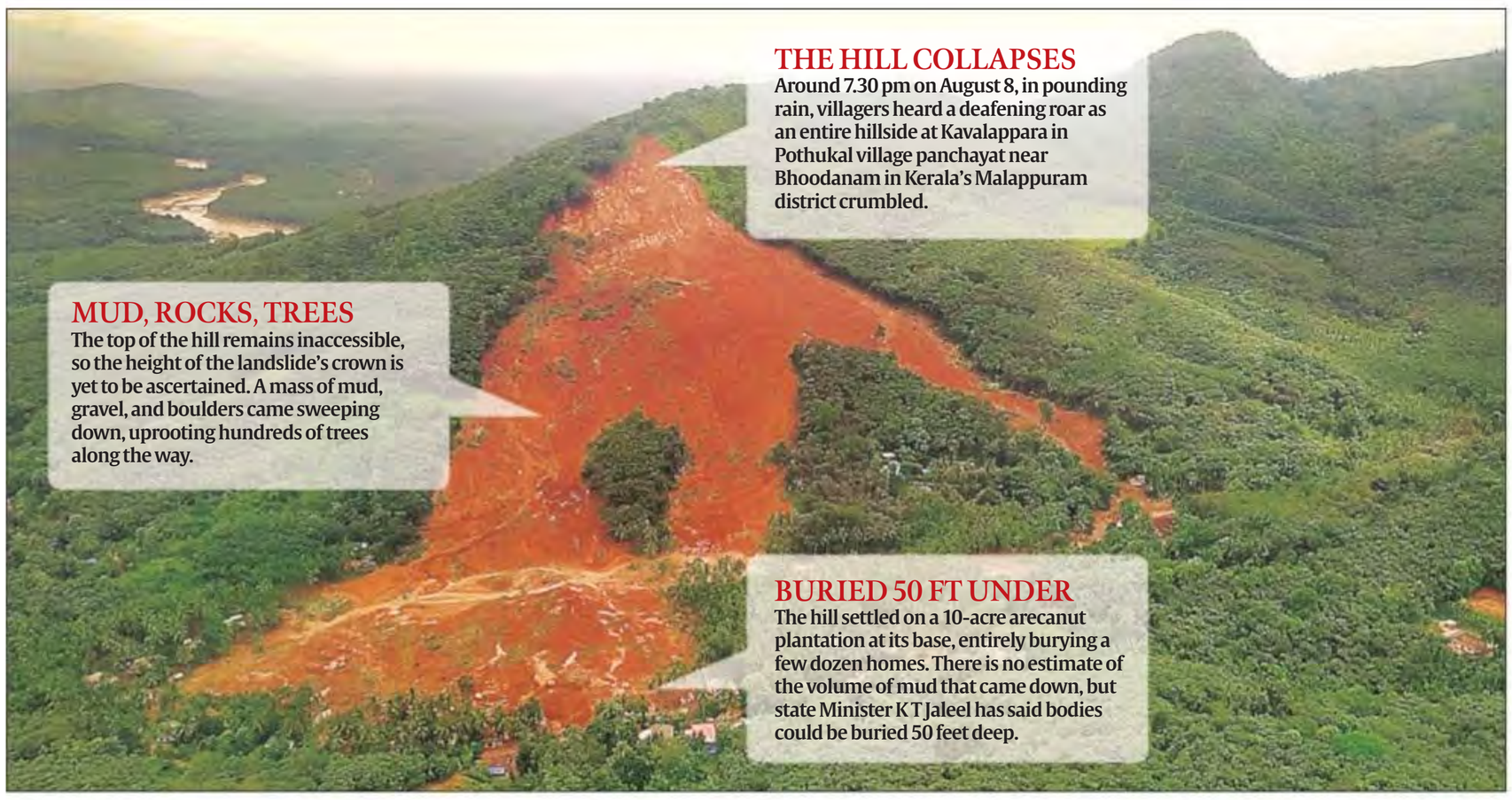
How a hill in the Western Ghats buried a part of a village in Kerala

Almost 60 people are feared dead in Kavalappara, buried alive under layers of mud and rocks. It is the worst tragedy in Kerala's devastating monsoon so far this year

THE AREA

The landslide at Kavalappara occurred a couple of hours after another in Puthumala in neighbouring Wayanad district. The two landslide sites are on either side of a section of the ecologically sensitive Western Ghats, close to Tamil Nadu's Nilgiri district. Water coming down the hills at Puthumala becomes the Chulika stream, which meanders through gorges and valleys to emerge as the bigger Chaliyar river, which flows by Kavalappara. On August 8-9, the Chaliyar inundated several towns along its banks.



THE HILL COLLAPSES

Around 7.30 pm on August 8, in pounding rain, villagers heard a deafening roar as an entire hillside at Kavalappara in Pothukal village panchayat near Bhoodanam in Kerala's Malappuram district crumbled.

MUD, ROCKS, TREES

The top of the hill remains inaccessible, so the height of the landslide's crown is yet to be ascertained. A mass of mud, gravel, and boulders came sweeping down, uprooting hundreds of trees along the way.

BURIED 50 FT UNDER

The hill settled on a 10-acre arecanut plantation at its base, entirely burying a few dozen homes. There is no estimate of the volume of mud that came down, but state Minister K T Jaleel has said bodies could be buried 50 feet deep.

RAINING DEATH

Malappuram meteorological subdivision got 189.4 mm rain from August 1 to August 7, 66% more than the normal 114.3 mm. On August 8, the Nilambur rain gauge station, the one nearest to Kavalappara, recorded the highest rainfall of that day in Kerala.

At least 59 people from 43 families are feared dead. 23 bodies had been recovered until Tuesday evening

HOURS EARLIER

17 people from 7 families died after a landslide washed away 10 acres of land in a private tea estate in Puthumala in Meppadi village panchayat of Wayanad district. 53 houses, a mosque, a temple, a shop and two estate-quarters vanished under mud and rocks. The crown of the landslide was 800 ft high. Wayanad meteorological subdivision got 252.3 mm rain from August 1-7 — the most in Kerala during this period, and a 37% departure from the 184.5 mm normal.

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SIMPLY PUT

West well stocked with water, South is short

Reservoirs exceed normal levels for this stage of the year after heavy rain in Maharashtra and Gujarat, way below normal in rain-hit Kerala and Karnataka

The Koyneshwar temple on the bank of the swollen Koyna river, in Karad, Maharashtra, on Tuesday,. *PTI*

ANJALI MARAR
PUNE, AUGUST 13

AMONG THE four states that have experienced extremely heavy rainfall this month, the status of water stored in their reservoirs is vastly different. Nationwide, the 103 reservoirs monitored by the Central Water Commission (CWC) had stored 76.845 billion cubic metres (BCM) by August 8, or 47 per cent of their live storage capacity. This was below last year's storage at this stage (97 per cent) as well as the 10-year average (97 per cent).

In Gujarat and Maharashtra, storage in the 35 reservoirs has surpassed the 10-year average (considered normal), following incessant rainfall over the Western region since the start of August, according to the latest live storage report issued by the CWC, with figures updated until August 8. On the other hand, although coastal Karnataka and north Kerala too have had heavy rainfall over the last fortnight, the water stock in reservoirs in both two Southern states is still below normal for this time of the year.

Southern Gujarat, and western and southern Maharashtra have had heavy rainfall, which has led to floods in Kolhapur, Sangli, Satara districts of southern Maharashtra. The Western region has 35 reservoirs, in Maharashtra and Gujarat. The current live storage in the 35 reservoirs is 17.40 billion cubic metres (BCM), which is 54 per cent of their live storage capacity of 32.31 BCM. Last year, the live storage during this period was 35 per cent, the CWC report said. The 54 per cent also surpasses the 10-year average storage of 46 per cent.

In the Southern region are 32 reservoirs under CWC monitoring, with a total live storage capacity of 52.10 BCM. As of August 8, the total live storage available in these reservoirs is 21.83 BCM, which is 42% of total live storage capacity. This is below the storage during the corresponding period of last year (62 per cent) as well as the 10-year average for the corresponding period (50 per cent).

Of the two Southern states that have witnessed very heavy rainfall, the storage in the 14 reservoirs of Karnataka is 6 per cent below normal. In the six reservoirs of Kerala, storage is as much as 49 per cent below normal for this time of the year. Of the 32 reservoirs in the entire Southern region, as many as 19 have reserves that are below 40 per cent of full level. The lowest deficit is in Telangana, where the two reservoirs (not counting combined projects with Andhra Pradesh) are 62 per cent below normal. Tamil Nadu's six reservoirs are 55 per cent below normal.

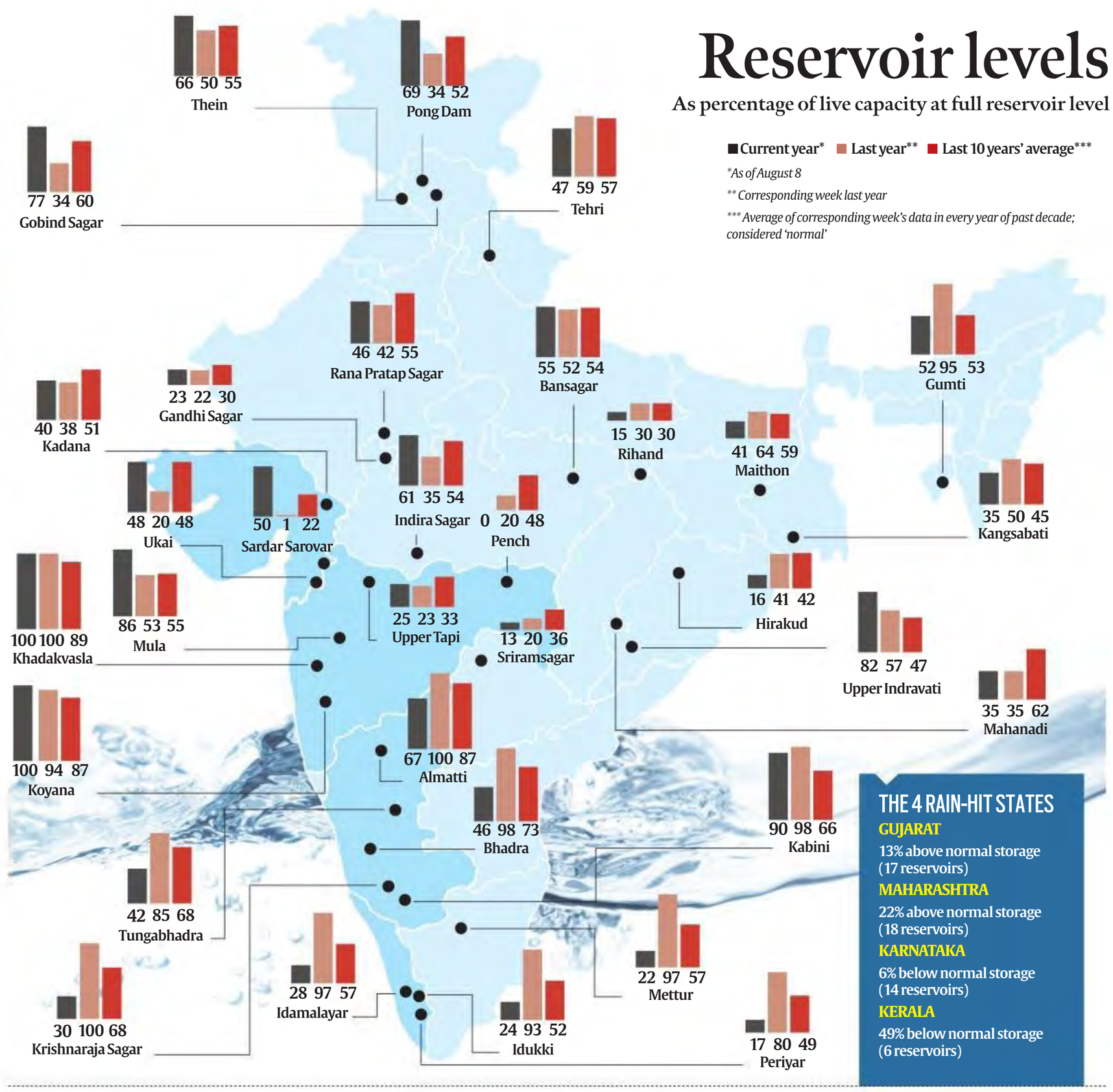
As in the Western region, Northern India's six reservoirs, at 69 per cent of their total live storage capacity (12.4 BCM of 18.01 BCM), too, have exceeded the corresponding storage at this time last year (39 per cent) as well as the 10-year average for this stage of the monsoon (56 per cent).

In Central India, the 14 reservoirs are at 19.13 BCM, or 44 per cent of total live capacity (43.11 BCM), which is better than last year's corresponding status (42 per cent) but lower than the 10-year average for this period (49 per cent). With less than two months of the monsoon season remaining, Uttar Pradesh's reservoirs are at 54 per cent below normal.

In the Eastern region, the 16 reservoirs are at 6.09 BCM, or 32 per cent of total live capacity (18.83 BCM), which is lower than last year's corresponding status (47 per cent) as well as the 10-year average for this period (39 per cent).

Reservoir levels

As percentage of live capacity at full reservoir level



REGION BY REGION: HOW FULL ARE RESERVOIRS

The 3 figures, in order, are current status, last year's, and 10-year average

ALL INDIA
47% 99% 97%

EASTERN REGION
Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal, Tripura (15 reservoirs)
32% 47% 39%

CENTRAL REGION
UP, Uttarakhand, MP, Chhattisgarh (12 reservoirs)
44% 42% 49%

NORTHERN REGION
Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan (6 reservoirs)
69% 39% 56%

WESTERN REGION
Gujarat, Maharashtra (27 reservoirs)
54% 35% 46%

SOUTHERN REGION
Andhra, Telangana, Kerala, Karnataka, TN (31 reservoirs)
42% 62% 50%

REGION-WISE FILLING POSITION AS PERCENTAGE OF FRL

	100%	81-99%	51-80%	41-50%	40% & below
North	–	–	4	2	–
East	–	1	2	6	7
West	2	8	4	4	17
Central	–	–	5	1	8
South	–	3	7	3	19
Total	2	12	22	16	51

BASIN WISE STORAGE POSITION

BETTER THAN NORMAL (average storage of last 10 years): Indus, Narmada, Tapi, Godavari and West Flowing Rivers of South

CLOSE TO NORMAL: Mahi and Krishna

DEFICIENT: Ganga, Mahanadi & Neighbouring East Flowing Rivers (EFRs) and Cauvery & neighbouring EFRs.

HIGHLY DEFICIENT: Sabarmati and Rivers of Kutch

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MEANWHILE

GABBARD TO TRAIN WITH US ARMY IN INDONESIA

Tulsi Gabbard, the first Hindu member of the US Congress and a Democratic presidential hopeful, has announced that she will leave the campaign trail for two weeks of training exercises in Indonesia that include counter-terrorism. Gabbard had been deployed to West Asia twice in her time in the Army National Guard.

TOP OF THE WORLD

Chris Cuomo

USA

CNN backs top anchor after confrontation

New York: CNN says it completely supports anchor Chris Cuomo after he was seen on video threatening to push a man down some stairs during a confrontation after the man called him "Fredo", in a seeming reference to the *Godfather* movies. The video appeared Monday on a conservative YouTube channel. Host Brandon Recor said the exchange happened Sunday at a bar in New York, after a man approached Cuomo for a picture. The video depicts Cuomo's profanity-laced reaction as he characterises the comment as an anti-Italian slur. US President Donald Trump added his voice to the fray, tweeting, "I thought Chris was Fredo also. The truth hurts. Totally lost it! Low ratings @CNN."

KYRGYZSTAN

Ex-president accused of coup plot

Bishkek: Kyrgyzstan's ex-president Almazbek Atambayev was plotting to overthrow the government before he was detained in raids on his compound, the country's security services said on Tuesday. Last week's arrest of Atambayev, who was president from 2011 to 2017, has raised fears of new political turmoil in the Central Asian nation. He was seized in a massive security operation on Thursday after an attempt to detain him the day before sparked lethal clashes between his supporters and law enforcement.

BANGLADESH

40 die in nation's worst-ever dengue outbreak

Dhaka: At least 40 people have died in Bangladesh's worst-ever outbreak of dengue, officials said Tuesday, as overburdened hospitals struggled to treat thousands of patients. Outbreaks of the mosquito-borne viral infection, which causes flu-like symptoms but can be deadly if it develops into a haemorrhagic fever, usually occur in the South Asian nation during the monsoon season — but this year the disease has reached epidemic proportions.

U.N. RIGHTS BODY CALLS FOR RESTRAINT

Hong Kong protesters clash with police at airport, flights disrupted

TOM WESTBROOK & CLARE JIM
HONG KONG, AUGUST 13

PROTESTERS CLASHED with police at Hong Kong's international airport on Tuesday evening after flights were disrupted for a second day, plunging the former British colony deeper into turmoil.

The scuffles broke out in the evening between police and protesters, after an injured person was taken out of the main terminal by medics.

Several police vehicles were blocked by protesters, and riot police moved in, pushing some protesters back and using pepper spray at times amid heated scenes.

Protesters also barricaded some passageways in the airport with trolleys and other objects.

Hong Kong's Airport Authority said operations at the airport had been "seriously disrupted" and that departing passengers had been unable to reach immigration counters.

Hong Kong's stockmarket fell to a seven-month low.

Ten weeks of increasingly violent clashes between police and protesters have roiled the Asian financial hub as thousands of residents chafe at a perceived erosion of freedoms and autonomy under Chinese rule.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights urged Hong Kong to exercise restraint and investigate evidence of its forces firing tear gas at protesters in ways banned under international law.

"Take a minute to look at our city, our home," Chief Executive Carrie Lam said, her voice cracking, at a news conference in the government headquarters complex, which is fortified behind 6-foot-high water-filled barricades.

"Can we bear to push it into the abyss and see it smashed to pieces?"

China this week condemned some protesters for using dangerous tools to attack police, calling the clashes "sprouts of terrorism". They present President Xi Jinping with one of his biggest challenges since he came to power in 2012. **REUTERS**

EXPLAINED

Chief Executive Carrie Lam strikes helpless tone

CHIEF EXECUTIVE Carrie Lam, the leader of Hong Kong, struck an even more exasperated and helpless tone in her latest interaction with the media, which came on the second day of flight cancellations in the financial hub. Even as she urged protesters not to push the city into the "abyss", she refused to give straight answers to repeated questions regarding alleged police excesses during protests. Towards the end of the press briefing, she said she did not have control over police operations, which is likely to be viewed as an admission that Beijing wielded more power in the city than the Chief Executive. Her repeated refusal to answer another question, whether she had the power to kill the extradition Bill, also underlines her helplessness at a time when China is using more confrontational language in addressing the protests.

A member of the airport staff tries to stop anti-government protesters during a demonstration at Hong Kong Airport on Tuesday. *Reuters*

Stranded passengers voice support for pro-democracy demonstrators

AGENCIES
HONG KONG, AUGUST 13

TRAVELLERS IN Hong Kong's airport voiced support for pro-democracy demonstrators on Tuesday, despite an overnight occupation of the international transit hub that saw tens of thousands of passengers stranded.

The airport, one of the busiest in the world, had reopened on Tuesday morning, check-in facilities were soon shut down.

Monday's abrupt closure came 10 weeks into a crisis that has seen millions of people take to Hong Kong's streets.

"It may affect me, but I still know what they are doing and I support them so it doesn't matter, said 27-year-old advertising worker Mag Mak, whose flight back home to Hong Kong from Dubai was delayed by five hours.

Frank Filser, 53, was struggling to reschedule a flight back to Germany to visit his father who has terminal cancer.

But he said he sympathised with the protesters despite the disruption.

"They fight for Hong Kong and that's their view," he said.

Passengers at the airport in Hong Kong on Tuesday. *Reuters*

Grace 1 was seized on July 4 by authorities in the British Mediterranean territory Gibraltar. *Reuters file*

Iran says Britain might free oil tanker soon

While reports in Iran claimed the tanker may be released as soon as Tuesday, a British official denied this

REUTERS
DUBAI, AUGUST 13

IRAN SAID on Tuesday that Britain might free its oil tanker *Grace 1* soon in a maritime saga that has exacerbated frictions between Tehran and the West.

But a source for the government of British Mediterranean territory Gibraltar, where marines seized the tanker on July 4 on suspicion of violating European sanctions by taking oil to Syria, denied an Iranian report that could happen on Tuesday.

Tehran has denied its vessel was doing anything improper and in retaliation its Revolutionary Guards seized the British-flagged *Stena Impero* tanker in the Strait of Hormuz waterway on July 19 for alleged marine violations.

The deputy head of Iran's Ports and Maritime Organisation, Jalil Eslami, said in remarks reported by state news agency IRNA that Britain was thinking of freeing the *Grace 1* following an exchange of documents.

"The vessel was seized based on false allegations... it has not been freed yet," Eslami said.

"We hope the release will take place soon."

Iran's semi-official Fars news agency, quoting unidentified Gibraltar authorities, said the tanker would be freed by Tuesday evening. A senior Gibraltarian government source said that was not correct, though earlier the territory had said it was seeking the de-escalate the situation.

The tankers' affair has added to worsening hostilities since Washington pulled out of an international agreement curbing Iran's nuclear programme and reimposed economic sanctions.

Tanker probe a matter for Gibraltar: Britain

Meanwhile, Britain said on Tuesday that investigations into the Iranian oil tanker *Grace 1* were a matter for Gibraltar.

"The investigations being conducted around the *Grace 1* are a matter for the government of Gibraltar," a Foreign Office spokesman said. "As this is an ongoing investigation, we are unable to comment further."

Man goes on stabbing spree in Sydney, 1 killed

Suspect held; not terrorism, say police

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SYDNEY, AUGUST 13

A MAN went on a stabbing rampage in downtown Sydney on Tuesday, killing one woman and wounding another before he was restrained by members of the public, police said, adding they were not treating it as a terrorist incident.

The 21-year-old man, who police did not name, was carrying a knife and a computer thumb drive containing information about deadly attacks in North America and New Zealand, police said.

But he did not appear to be acting for any terrorist groups and the attack was not being treated as terrorism, police added.

"At the end of the day, it's a horrendous crime and he should pay for that," New South Wales state police commissioner Mick Fuller told reporters.

A 21-year-old woman was found dead in an apartment building and a second woman, 41, was taken to hospital with a stab wound to her back. She was in stable condition, police said.

They did not say how the first woman died but said the man was responsible for both attacks. There was no apparent link between the two women.

Police were investigating a home about 32 km west of the city where the young man lived with his parents. The man was in custody and expected to be charged with homicide, assault and, depending on the outcome of the investigation, potential terrorism offences, Fuller said. **REUTERS**

An injured woman was taken to hospital. *AP*

AFTER EXPLOSION AT RUSSIAN MISSILE TESTING SITE

5 engineers buried; radiation '16 times' normal

AGENCIES
MOSCOW, AUGUST 13

THOUSANDS OF people attended the funerals Monday of five Russian nuclear engineers killed by an explosion as they tested a new rocket engine, a tragedy that fuelled radiation fears and raised questions about a secretive weapons programme.

The engineers, who died Thursday, were laid to rest Monday in Sarov, which hosts Russia's main nuclear weapons research centre, where they worked. Flags flew at half-staff in the city 370 km east of Moscow that has been a base for Russia's nuclear weapons programme since the late 1940s. The coffins were displayed at Sarov's main square before being driven to a cemetery.

The Defence Ministry initially reported the explosion at the navy's testing range near the village of Nyonoksa in the northwestern Arkhangelsk region killed two people and injured six others. The state-controlled Rosatom nuclear corporation then said over the weekend that the blast also killed five of its workers and injured three others. It's not clear what the final toll is.

On Tuesday, Rosgidromet, Russia's national weather monitoring service, said its sensors in Severodvinsk, a town about 30 km from the Nyonoksa test site, registered gamma radiation exceeding background levels by up to 16 times. Rosgidromet said the levels returned to normal after 2.5 hours.

US experts have linked the incident to the 9M730 Burevestnik nuclear-powered cruise missile touted by President Vladimir Putin earlier this year.

Irish teen missing in Malaysia: Police find body

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SEREMBAN (MALAYSIA), AUGUST 13

POLICE ON Tuesday found the body of an Irish teenager who went missing from a jungle resort in Malaysia 10 days ago, though it was not yet clear what caused her death.

Fifteen-year-old Nora Anne Quoirin, who had suffered learning difficulties, was reported missing on August 4 after her family arrived at the Dusun rainforest resort in Seremban, about 70 km south of the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur.

"The family has been brought in to identify the body found today and they have confirmed that the body is indeed Nora Anne," said state police chief Mohamad Mat Yusof.

An autopsy will be carried out on Wednesday morning, he said.

The body, found near a stream about 2.5 km from the resort, was winched up and then flown by helicopter to a nearby hospital, police said.

Authorities had begun a criminal investigation into the disappearance, according to Malaysia's deputy police chief, Mazlan Mansor, although an initial investigation revealed no evidence of criminal behaviour.

Nora had been vulnerable since birth, never went out alone and had limited verbal communication skills, her family had said. She had visited many countries in Asia and Europe but had never wandered off, they said. **REUTERS**

Nora Anne Quoirin

The 78-year-old is a multiple Grammy winner. *AP*

Celebrated opera singer Domingo accused of sexual harassment by multiple women

JOCELYN GECKER
AUGUST 13

FOR DECADES, Placido Domingo, one of the most celebrated and powerful men in opera, has tried to pressure women into sexual relationships by dangling jobs and then sometimes punishing the women professionally when they refused his advances, numerous accusers told *The Associated Press*.

Regarded as one of the greatest opera singers of all time, Domingo also is a prolific conductor and the director of the Los Angeles Opera. The multiple Grammy winner is an immensely respected figure in his rarefied world, described by colleagues as a man of prodigious charm and energy who works tirelessly to promote his art form.

At 78, Domingo still attracts sellout crowds around the globe and continues adding to the 150 roles he has sung in 4,000-plus performances, more than any opera singer in history.

But his accusers and others in the industry say there is a troubling side to Domingo — one they say has long been an open secret in the opera world.

Eight singers and a dancer have told the *AP* that they were sexually harassed by the long-married, Spanish-born superstar in encounters that took place over three decades beginning in the late 1980s.

Domingo issued a statement calling the allegations "deeply troubling" and "inaccurate". **AP**

AN OUTBREAK THAT BEGAN IN CONGO IN AUGUST 2018 HAS CLAIMED 1,800 LIVES SO FAR

Ebola 'no longer incurable' as Congo trial finds drugs boost survival

KATE KELLAND
LONDON, AUGUST 13

SCIENTISTS ARE a step closer to being able to cure the deadly Ebola haemorrhagic fever after two experimental drugs showed survival rates of as much as 90 per cent in a clinical trial in Congo.

Two experimental drugs — an antibody cocktail called REGN-EB3 developed by Regeneron and a monoclonal antibody called mAb114 — will now be offered to all patients infected with the viral disease in an ongoing outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

The drugs showed "clearly better" results, according to US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), in a trial of four potential treatments being conducted during the second-largest Ebola outbreak in history, now entering its second year in DRC.

The drugs improved survival rates from the disease more than two other treatments being tested — ZMapp, made by Mapp Biopharmaceutical, and Remdesivir, made by Gilead Sciences — and those products will be now dropped, said Anthony Fauci, one of the researchers co-leading the trial.

The agency said 49 per cent of the patients on ZMapp and 53 per cent on Remdesivir died in the study. In comparison, 29 per cent of the patients on REGN-EB3 and 34 per cent on mAb114 died.

Two experimental drugs showed survival rates of as much as 90 per cent in a clinical trial in Congo. *Reuters file*

Jean-Jacques Muyembe, director general of Congo's Institut National de Recherche Biomédicale in DRC, who co-led the trial, said the results meant that "from now on, we will no longer say that Ebola is incurable".

"These advances will help save thousands of lives," he told reporters.

Anthony Fauci, NIAID's director, also said the results were "very good news" for the fight against Ebola.

The agency said that of the patients who were brought into treatment centres with low levels of virus detected in their blood, 94 per cent who got REGN-EB3 and 89 per cent on mAb114 survived.

In comparison, two-thirds of the patients who got Remdesivir and nearly three-quarters on ZMapp survived.

Ebola has been spreading in eastern Congo since August 2018 in an outbreak that has now killed at least 1,800 people. Efforts to control it have been hampered by militia violence and some local resistance to outside help.

A vast Ebola outbreak in West Africa from 2013 to 2016 became the world's largest ever when it spread through Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone and killed more than 11,300 people.

The Congo treatment trial, which began in November last year, is being carried out by an international research group coordinated by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Mike Ryan, head of the WHO's emergencies programme, said the trial's positive findings were encouraging but would not be enough on their own to bring the epidemic to an end.

"The news today is fantastic. It gives us a new tool in our toolbox against Ebola, but it will not in itself stop Ebola," he told reporters.

Jeremy Farrar, director of the Wellcome Trust global health charity, also hailed the success of the trial's findings, saying they would "undoubtedly save lives".

"The more we learn about these two treatments... the closer we can get to turning Ebola from a terrifying disease to one that is preventable and treatable," he said in a statement.

"We won't ever get rid of Ebola but we should be able to stop these outbreaks from turning into major national and regional epidemics."

Some 681 patients at four separate treatment centres in Congo have already been enrolled in the Congo treatment clinical trial, Fauci said. The study aims to enrol a total of 725. **REUTERS**

LIFE AFTER COAL

Comin' round the bend

America's coal capital knows it must rethink its future

The Eagle Butte mine in Gillette, Wyoming, following the closure of the Blackjewel mines on July 2. Blackjewel declared bankruptcy, chained its gates and sent home over 1,700 workers nationally, including 580 in Wyoming. *AP*

RUSTY BELL climbs a roadside platform and gazes at the sweeping, flower-strewn landscape of northern Wyoming. Immediately before him is a vast hole. Eagle Butte, a canyon of grey and brown rock, is one of the largest coal mines in America. The commissioner of Campbell County calls it a mainstay of the economy. Nearby Gillette, for example, has a swanky recreation centre, decent public-health services, a community college and more, all thanks to coal revenues, he says.

Mr Bell's problem is that nothing moves in the hole. Yellow lorries on the valley floor look tiny and toylike in the distance. Each is really a giant able to haul a payload of 400 tons. The tyres on each one are more than twice the height of a tall man. But where a shift of 75 workers usually toils, all is still. Where trains 1.5 miles (2.4km) long used to leave from the mine's edge, their 140 cars brimming with low-sulphur coal, nothing stirs. Buses that bring 8,000 tourists a year to the mine are also locked out.

The operator, Blackjewel, last year shipped 34m tons from Eagle Butte and a sister mine. About 165bn tons of recoverable coal remain under the prairie grass of the wider Powder River basin. In theory that means hundreds of years of digging yet. But in July Blackjewel declared bankruptcy, chained its gates and sent home over 1,700 workers nationally, including 580 in Wyoming. Officials and residents in Gillette lament "horrible" incompetence by its boss. The mayor, Louise Carter-King, blames "complete mismanagement", vowing that "these mines will reopen".

In reality Blackjewel's troubles reflect industry-wide woes. Cloud Peak Energy runs three mines nearby and declared bankruptcy in May. Six Wyoming operators have done so since 2015. Some are consolidating, others have restructured and reopened. Nonetheless, production is slumping. America consumes 40% less coal than at its peak in 2005. Just over a decade ago, thermal coal produced half the nation's electricity; today it accounts for little more than a quarter. Many investors are abandoning coal. The only real uncertainty is when digging it will cease to be a significant business. The mayor, gamely, says that "for 10 to 20 years the nation will still need coal in the mix." Others say longer. The overall trend, either way, is downwards as steeply as the edges of Eagle Butte.

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Almost a century ago 860,000 coal miners toiled in America; by January just 53,000 did. Roughly 17,000 — including those employed indirectly — are in Wyoming, many in Campbell County. They are highly skilled and typically earn almost $90,000 a year, double the state average. But power utilities increasingly shun what they produce. The Sierra Club estimates that 239 coal-fired plants survive, down from 600 in 2007. Around the corner from Eagle Butte is Dry Fork, one of the newest coal-fired stations. It cost $1.3bn and opened in 2011. Talk of a second plant came to nothing. Utilities prefer cheaper and cleaner natural gas, solar or wind power.

Academics from Columbia University forecast coal consumption crumbling by another 25% in the coming decade. For Campbell County, which digs two-fifths of America's coal, that may be the best it can hope for. Many power plants now mix gas with coal, cutting demand. If other energy sources get cheaper, or if congressional Democrats succeed in passing laws designed to limit carbon emissions, demand will fall faster.

Some in Wyoming — which overwhelmingly backed Donald Trump in 2016 — see a liberal conspiracy against coal workers and their hardscrabble way of life. One Gillette resident says proponents of clean energy are set on "direct attacks on the good people" who work there. Many scoff at curbing carbon emissions. "I'm not sold that the ice caps are melting, most people aren't persuaded by climate change," says Phil Christopherson, boss of a group trying to diversify Gillette's economy.

Such denial helps nobody. Jim Ford, another local who works on diversifying the local economy away from mining, concedes there is "widespread distaste for carbon-flavoured kilowatts, [so] it doesn't matter what we think." Locals also know that exports alone won't save the county. Governors of western coastal states refuse to let their ports be used — or a new one be built — for shipping Wyoming coal.

Michael Von Flatern, a state senator, expects "we'll be headed for bust more often than boom" as the industry slows. He praises efforts to test how to burn coal cleanly, by catching emissions, but says "we're 20 years too late" in starting such experiments. Mr Ford describes a $20m international effort at Dry Fork to extract carbon from flue gases while producing marketable products from it. Some local firms hope to use coal to make asphalt, carbon fibre or water filters.

It never will again

Such activities, so far, are small-bore. Mr Von Flatern thus expects tighter belts and rising property taxes to come, because residents cannot expect taxes on minerals (oil, gas and some uranium are also extracted) to keep paying for 58% of all the county's bills. Wyoming gets an estimated $900m a year in royalties and fees from coal miners. That sum is starting to fall.

The mayor talks of luring firearm-makers or other industries to use Gillette's railway, roads, airport, energy, skilled labour and water. She notes how trade shows, tourism and conferences are growing. "We know we need to diversify, but it takes time," she says. And time is short.

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JAPAN'S CONSTITUTION

What grandfather left undone

Can Shinzo Abe change Japan's basic law?

IN THE 1950s Nobusuke Kishi, then Japan's prime minister, tried to change the constitution that America had imposed on the country in the aftermath of the second world war. He failed. Now his grandson, Shinzo Abe, Japan's current prime minister, is trying to do the same before he leaves office by the autumn of 2021.

Mr Abe's personal history is not the only reason he is so set on this. For his vocal nationalistic base, it is a passionately held cause. And as one of Japan's longest-serving prime ministers (the longest, if he remains in power until mid-November) he thinks he has the political clout to do it.

There are good reasons to try — despite China's mutterings. (Its state news-agency once said that doing so would be like "releasing the shackles of the nation's legally tethered military.") The constitution is out of step with reality. Article 9 commits Japan to pacifism and to abjuring the maintenance of armed forces — which the existence of the country's Self-Defence Forces (SDF) clearly breaches. This is the most controversial of four areas that Mr Abe's Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) addressed in recent proposals, even though the recommendation to recognise the existence of the SDF (rather than, say, allow Japan to wage war) is a watered-down version of what many in the LDP would like. The other three areas are upper-house electoral districts, the right to free education and emergency powers for the cabinet.

If the Japanese want to change their constitution, there is no reason why they shouldn't. America's has been altered 27 times since its promulgation in 1788. But Japanese people are proud of their pacifism and keen to stay out of other countries' affairs. A poll in July by NHK, the national broadcaster, found 29% of people supported any revision compared to 32% opposed to it (the rest were undecided or failed to respond). The numbers diverge when the question focuses on Article 9: an Asahi poll found 33% favourable to amending it and 59% against.

The opposition is resistant, too. It has talked about the need to revise parts to improve governance, such as the prime minister's right to dissolve the lower house, or to explicitly add new ideas such as a citizen's "right to know". But no major party bar the LDP unreservedly backs changing Article 9. Even Komeito, the LDP's coalition partner, suggests debate is needed first.

That makes it hard to see how Mr Abe is to get this done. Changing the constitution requires two-thirds of both the upper and lower houses of the Diet, followed by a majority in a referendum. And Mr Abe lost his coalition's two-thirds majority in the upper house in elections last month.

The political calendar is tight, with the change of emperor this year and the Olympics in 2020, and the geopolitical environment is not propitious. America's calls for allies to help prevent further seizures of ships in the Strait of Hormuz are providing the Japanese with a concrete example of the sorts of conflicts into which their country could be dragged should Article 9 be changed. "The numbers don't align, voter interest doesn't align, and the situation in the Middle East doesn't help," says Yuki Tatsumi of the Stimson Centre, a think-tank in Washington.

Mr Abe is moderating his approach. He may shift the emphasis from Article 9 to rights and governance issues that appeal to the opposition, reckons Ms Tatsumi. Yuichiro Tamaki, the head of the Democratic Party for the People, the second-biggest opposition group, agrees that there needs to be a debate. Speaking after the elections, Mr Abe said he hoped for "active discussions", and emphasised that "constitutional revision is not up to the government, but the Diet".

He is pragmatic, but he wants a legacy. Efforts to resolve diplomatic problems left over from the war, such as with Russia, have stalled. The economy, which he pledged to revive, is spluttering. Changing the constitution is a challenge—but no tougher than the others he faces.

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One of Japan's longest-serving prime ministers, Shinzo Abe, is trying to change the constitution that America had imposed on the country in the aftermath of the Second World War. *Reuters*

GOLD	RUPEE	OIL	SILVER
₹38,370	₹71.40	$56.93	₹45,000

Indian basket as on August 8, 2019; due to holiday in Singapore on August 9 and 12

SENSEX: 36,958.16 ▼ 623.75 **NIFTY:** 10,925.85 ▼ 183.80 **NIKKEI:** 20,455.44 ▼ 229.38 **HANG SENG:** 25,281.30 ▼ 543.42 **FTSE:** 7,181.13 ▼ 45.59 **DAX:** 11,572.96 ▼ 106.72

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SECTOR SCAN
ENTERTAINMENT

PVR, Inox keep faith in theatre biz, even as shares dive on RJio's home release plan

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From mid-2020, Jio Fibre customers will be able to watch movies at home on the release day itself, RIL chairman has said

RELIANCE INDUSTRIES chairman Mukesh Ambani's Monday announcement of releasing new films on the home platform along with theaters caused panic in the movie theatre business, with the two listed firms in the sector — PVR and Inox Leisure — responding to their shares tanking on the development by issuing statements expressing confidence in the theatrical exhibition segment in the country.

RIL-owned Reliance Jio (RJio) disrupted the mobile services market two years ago with cheap data offerings, and Ambani said that premium customers of the firm's home broadband service Jio Fibre, will be able to watch movies in their living rooms the same day these movies are released in theatres starting mid-2020.

On Tuesday, shares of Inox Leisure ended trading at Rs 288.05, down 4.2 per cent from its previous close on the BSE, while those of PVR, India's largest multiplex chain, fell 4.1 per cent to end at Rs 1,406.15.

Inox Leisure pointed out that producers, distributors and multiplex owners in India have mutually agreed to an exclusive theatrical window of eight weeks between the theatrical release of a movie and release on any other platform.

"This exclusive theatrical window is a model that is followed internationally, in order to ensure the robust financial viability of all the segments of the sector, and has been replicated in India," said Inox Leisure, which operates about 600 screens across in India.

The producer of the film is the owner of the creative content, and is, therefore, entitled to choose the platform for distribution and consumption of his content, Inox Leisure added in its regulatory filing.

"However, in view of this mutually-agreed exclusive theatrical window, he (the producer) would have to choose between theatrical exhibition or release on any other platform, since release on both simultaneously would breach the mutually-agreed exclusive theatrical window," the filing added.

"Both these experiences have co-existed and prospered for decades and will continue to do so in future," PVR, which operates 800 screens across the country, said in a filing to BSE. PVR added that it is extremely buoyant about cinema exhibition's growth prospects, further pointing out that the cinema exhibition business will continue to expand its footprint over the next multiple years given India's low-screen density and the growth potential it offers.

"For decades, theatrical release window has been a valuable model for exhibitors and producers alike. In India and globally, producers have respected the release windows and kept a sacrosanct gap between the theatrical release date and the date of release on all other platforms, i.e. DVD, DTH, TV, OTT etc. Cinemas continue bringing people together to share a communal experience. This irreplaceable element which is at the core of theatrical experience continues to deliver a robust box office performance not just in growing market such as India but also in the more matured markets such as USA, China, Europe etc, where cinemas have regularly competed with many similar initiatives, e.g. Netflix original movies etc," PVR said in its statement.

After its launch in September 2016, RJio offered lowest-priced data and voice packs in India, leading to a financial crisis for incumbent telecom operators. This set into effect a series of mergers and acquisitions in the country and the consolidation concluded with only three private players in the sector.

SECTOR HIT BY LIQUIDITY CRUNCH, HIGH COST OF BORROWINGS

Boost for NBFCs: Eased bank lending norms, credit guarantee plan get nod

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TWO MAJOR schemes — credit guarantee scheme proposed in the Union Budget and priority sector status for bank lending to NBFCs for on-lending to agriculture, small units and housing mooted by the Reserve Bank of India in the monetary policy statement — were notified on Tuesday to bail out the struggling financial sector hit by a series of defaults and liquidity crunch.

Under the credit guarantee scheme, the Finance Ministry said banks can purchase rated pooled assets of financially sound NBFCs/HFCs and get a credit guarantee from the government for first loss up to 10 per cent. The scheme will be open for six months or till the time banks purchase Rs 1 lakh crore of assets from NBFCs, whichever is earlier.

As per the guidelines, banks can purchase rated assets of NBFCs at fair value. The government guarantee will be valid for 24 months and can be revoked on default. "The guarantee shall cease earlier if the purchasing bank sells the pooled assets to the originating NBFC/HFC or any other entity, before the validity of the guarantee period," the government said.

Only better performing NBFCs and HFCs can avail this facility. NBFCs/HFCs having capital adequacy ratio above the regulatory minimum levels, net NPA below 6 per cent as on March 31, and having made a net profit in at least one of the last two preceding financial years, can avail this facility. Further, NBFCs/HFCs should not have been reported under SMA (Special Mention Accounts) category by any bank for their borrowings during last one year prior to July 1, 2018.

Pooled assets having minimum rating of AA or equivalent and standard in the books of companies as on date of sale will be covered under the facility. "Each account under the pooled assets should have been fully disbursed and security charge should have been created in favour of the originating NBFCs/ HFCs," the government said.

NBFCs and HFCs can sell up to a maximum of 20 per cent of their standard assets as on March 31, 2019 subject to a cap of Rs 5,000 crore at fair value. "The underlying assets should represent the debt obligations of a homogeneous pool of obligors and individual asset size in the pool is capped at Rs. 5 crore," it said.

NBFCs/HFCs will pay a fee equivalent to 0.25 per cent per annum of the fair value of assets being purchased by the bank under this scheme to the government. The scheme will be monitored by the Department of Financial Services.

To improve fund availability to NBFCs/HFCs, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced the credit guarantee proposal in Union Budget 2019-20.

On the other hand, in a bid to boost "credit to the needy segment of borrowers", the RBI has decided to allow bank lending to registered NBFCs (other than MFIs) for on-lending to agriculture (investment credit) up to Rs 10 lakh, micro and small enterprises up to Rs 20 lakh and housing up to Rs 20 lakh per borrower (up from Rs 10 lakh at present) to be classified as priority sector lending.

"Under this on-lending model, banks can classify only the fresh loans sanctioned by NBFCs out of bank borrowings, on or after the date of issue of this circular. However, loans given by HFCs under the existing on-lending guidelines will continue to be classified under priority sector by banks," the RBI said in a notification to CEOs of banks.

The RBI said bank credit to NBFCs for on-lending will be allowed up to a limit of five per cent of individual bank's total priority sector lending on an ongoing basis. The new on-lending limits will be valid for the current financial year up to March 31, 2020 and will be reviewed thereafter. However, loans disbursed under the on-lending model will continue to be classified under priority sector till the date of repayment/maturity, the RBI said.

The priority sector tag will provide benefits to NBFCs in terms of interest rate and other conditions for the loans. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das announced the scheme in the monetary policy statement on August 7.

Hit by liquidity crunch and high cost of borrowings, NBFCs had sought short-term and long-term measures from the government and the Reserve Bank for survival. The financial sector had gone into a tailspin after IL&FS group defaulted last year, leading to a liquidity crunch in the sector.

HFCs to be treated as NBFCs

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Tuesday said housing finance companies (HFCs) will be treated as a category of non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and a revised regulatory framework for these entities will be unveiled soon. The RBI move comes after the Finance Act, 2019 amended the National Housing Bank Act, 1987, giving certain powers for regulation of HFCs with the Reserve Bank of India. **ENS**

'Banks report reduction in NPA; seek resolution of NBFC stress'

More than half of the bankers have reported reduction in bad loans, and sought capital infusion in public sector lenders as well as steps to address stress in the NBFC segment, a Ficci-IBA survey from January to June said

23 Number of banks, including public sector, private sector, foreign and small finance banks, representing over 67 per cent of the industry, that took part in survey

52% Proportion of respondent banks that cited reduction in non-performing assets (NPAs), as against 43 per cent in previous round

55% Proportion of PSBs that cited a reduction in NPA levels

63% Proportion of banks who reported decline in NPA in infrastructure segment

57% Proportion of banks who cited fall in NPA in engineering goods segment

92%: Proportion of respondents who indicated decline in NPAs metals/iron and steel segment

48%: Proportion of banks that reported tightening of credit standards for large enterprises, as against 64 per cent in last round

48% Proportion of banks whose credit standards have remained, as against 36 per cent in last round

TAX COMPLIANCE MEASURES:
Surveyed banks suggested that government should
- Simplify Goods and Services Tax (GST) framework
- Lower GST rates

KEY SECTORS EXPECTED TO SEE HIGHER CREDIT:
- Infrastructure
- Metals
- Real estate
- Automobile and auto components
- Pharmaceuticals
- Food processing

Expert panel on CSR: Make non-compliance civil offence; spending must be tax deductible

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A GOVERNMENT-CONSTITUTED high-level committee on Tuesday recommended making expenditure on CSR tax deductible as well as treating non-compliance with CSR requirements a civil offence under the companies law.

Under the Companies Act, 2013, certain classes of profitable entities are required to spend at least two per cent of their three-year annual average net profit towards Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in a particular financial year.

The high-level panel, headed by Corporate Affairs Secretary Injeti Srinivas, has stressed that CSR expenditure should not be treated as a means of resource gap funding for government schemes. It suggested that unspent CSR balance should be allowed to be carried forward for three-five years.

On Tuesday, Srinivas presented the report to Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

The panel recommended introduction of "impact assessment studies for CSR obligation of Rs 5 crore or more, and registration of implementation agencies" on the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) portal.

According to a Finance Ministry statement, the other recommendations include developing a CSR exchange portal to connect contributors, beneficiaries and agencies; allowing CSR in social benefit bonds; promoting social impact companies; and third party assessment of major CSR projects.

Companies having CSR prescribed amount below Rs 50 lakh can be exempted from the need of constituting a CSR committee, the committee has suggested.

"The committee discourages passive contribution of CSR into different funds included in Schedule VII of the Act. It has emphasised on CSR spending as a board driven process to provide innovative technology-based solutions for social problems," it said.

The panel was set up in October 2018 under the chairmanship of Srinivas to review the existing CSR framework and make recommendations on strengthening the CSR ecosystem, including monitoring implementation and evaluation of outcomes.

Tata Sons chairman N Chandrasekaran, Bain Capital Private Equity managing director Amit Chandra, former Additional Solicitor General of India BS Narasimha, and Apollo Group executive vice chairperson Shobana Kamineni were among the panel's members.

The panel's recommendations come even as Parliament last month amended the Companies Act, specifying among other provisions that unspent CSR funds by companies should be transferred into an escrow account called the Unspent Corporate Social Responsibility Account, with the corpus to be utilised within three years of transfer.

The changes to the law also said that any unspent annual CSR funds must be transferred to one of the funds under Schedule 7 of the Companies Act such as the Prime Minister's Relief Fund, within six months of the financial-year end.

For companies failing to meet CSR norms, the changes to the law also provide for a fine of Rs 50,000 to Rs 25 lakh and a jail term of up to three years for defaulting officials of companies.

'CSR NOT TO FUND GOVT SCHEMES'

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Sensex falls 624 pts on global sell-off, domestic macro woes; Re down 62p

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MUMBAI, AUGUST 13

STOCK MARKET benchmark Sensex on Tuesday plunged nearly 624 points and the rupee plummeted by 62 paise to close at a near six-month low of 71.40 against the US dollar as trade war worries, Hong Kong protests and Argentine currency crash spooked financial markets. The sentiment was further dampened by domestic macro challenges, especially slowing economy and falling consumer demand in various sectors.

However, weathering the overall weak sentiment, shares of Reliance Industries (RIL) rallied nearly 10 per cent, thereby capping the Sensex loss to a large extent, analysts said.

The forex market, which was already battling against foreign fund outflows for some time, came under more pressure due to currency crisis in Argentina and global trade war concerns. Argentina's peso plunged on Monday after the country's centre-right leader Mauricio Macri performed poorly in primary elections. Continuing their bearish outlook, foreign investors sold Indian equities worth Rs 638.28 crore on a net basis on Tuesday, as per exchange data.

After plunging nearly 700 points in the fag-end of the session, the 30-share Sensex settled at 623.75 points, or 1.66 per cent, lower at 36,958.16. It hit an intraday low of 36,888.49 and a high of 37,755.16. The 50-share Nifty fell 183.80 points to settle below the key 11,000-level at 10,925.85.

Jagannadham Thunuguntla, head of research, Centrum Broking, said, "Indian markets have been tagging along global markets in palpable risk-off sentiment due to multiple challenges of intensification of US-China trade war, sell-off in Argentina and Hong Kong markets. Despite good performance by Reliance stock on the back of pro-investor statements at its AGM, it couldn't save the day for Indian markets. Sell-off was all pervasive across the sectors fuelled by less-than-inspiring Indian corporate results and weakening rupee."

"Market participants are eagerly awaiting any pro-market measures by Indian government post their extensive consultations with various stakeholders over previous week," he added.

"Global crackdown due to political uncertainty in Argentina and Italy impacted our market. Domestic market is floating on a hope that government will come out with supportive measures as indicated in the meeting with FM. FPIs remained sellers as there were no reports on tax sops suggested during the meeting," said Vinod Nair, head of research, Geojit Financial Services.

Investor wealth, or market capitalisation, fell by over Rs 2.21 lakh crore Monday. Top losers in the Sensex pack included Yes Bank, M&M, Bajaj Finance, Bharti Airtel, HDFC, Maruti, Tata Steel and L&T, which fell up to 10.35 per cent. However, RIL rallied 9.72 per cent to become the biggest gainer, after Mukesh Ambani on Monday announced plans to sell stakes in the firm's oil and chemicals business to Saudi oil giant Aramco and in fuel retail network to BP plc for Rs 1.15 lakh crore, and said its telecom unit Reliance Jio will begin offering fibre-based broadband services from next month.

MARKETS WORRIED ON HONG KONG, ARGENTINA

GLOBAL TRADE war worries, Hong Kong protests and Argentine currency crash spook markets. Sentiment was further dampened by domestic macro challenges

EXPLAINED

Markets eyeing govt steps for revival in economy

FINANCIAL MARKETS were once again spooked by global and domestic woes. While trade war worries, Hong Kong protests and Argentine currency crash put pressure on the markets, investors remained jittery over domestic macro challenges, especially the slowdown in economy and falling consumer demand in various sectors like automobiles.

Adding to the woes, foreign fund outflows continue as the government is yet to come out with any relief package for foreign investors. Markets are likely to witness further pressure unless the government comes out with strong measures and the economy shows signs of a revival.

Silver price jumps ₹2K to ₹45K/kg; gold falls

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PRICE OF silver on Tuesday rose by Rs 2,000 to Rs 45,000 per kilogram while gold price declined by Rs 100 to Rs 38,370 per 10 gram in the national capital, according to the All India Sarafa Association.

Increased offtake by industrial units and coin makers and robust global trend pushed the silver price higher, traders said. The association's vice president Surendra Jain was quoted by *PTI* as saying that strong overseas trend led to the increase in silver price.

While this is the highest level in the last few months, the silver price had crossed Rs 70,000 per kilogram in 2011. In the national capital, gold of 99.9 per cent and 99.5 per cent purity declined by Rs 100 to Rs 38,370 and Rs 38,200 per 10 gram, respectively. On Monday, gold regained its all-time high mark of Rs 38,470 per 10 gram. On Tuesday, silver ready soared by Rs 2,000 to Rs 45,000 per kilogram while weekly-based delivery price surged by Rs 956 at Rs 44,280 per kg. Meanwhile, globally gold fell 2 per cent on Tuesday, reversing course from earlier in the session when it scaled a 6-year peak, after the US said it would delay tariffs on some Chinese items and on news that both sides agreed to continue talks, according to a *Reuters* report. **WITH PTI & REUTERS**

DELAYED UNTIL DECEMBER 15

US to delay China tariffs on some products, including laptops & mobiles

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, AUGUST 13

THE TRUMP administration on Tuesday delayed imposing a 10 per cent import tariff on laptops, cell phones, video game consoles and a wide range of other products made in China, in an abrupt pull-back from a hardline stance on Chinese trade.

The US Trade Representative's Office action was published just minutes after China's Ministry of Commerce said Vice Premier Liu He conducted a phone call with US trade officials. The delay in the tariffs that had been scheduled to start next month provides some relief to retailers. Although most stores would have stocked their holiday merchandise before the earlier September deadline, some might have faced the tariffs for fill-in orders late in the holiday shopping season.

"We're doing this for the Christmas season, just in case some of the tariffs would have an impact on US customers" US President Donald Trump told reporters. The decision came less than two weeks after Trump said on August 1 he would impose a 10 per cent tariff on $300 billion of Chinese goods, blaming China for not following through on promises to buy more American agricultural products.

The administration is still moving forward with 10 per cent tariffs on much of the $300 billion of imports first disclosed in May, publishing a 122-page list of products that will face tariffs beginning September 1, including smartwatches. Since Trump's August 1 tweets threatening the new tariffs, the US benchmark S&P stock index has dropped over 4 per cent.

Chinese magazines with front covers featuring Chinese President Xi Jinping and US President Donald Trump on trade war on sale in Hong Kong. *AP File Photo*

On Tuesday, technology investors welcomed news of the exemptions, pushing an index of chip stocks up 3.1 per cent, while shares of Apple surged more than 5 per cent and the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose more than 500 points. In a sign the administration may be expecting something in return, Trump tweeted on Tuesday: "As usual, China said they were going to be buying "big" from our great American Farmers. So far they have not done what they said. Maybe this will be different!" Trump tweeted.

Other products that will have tariffs delayed until December 15 include "computers, video game consoles, certain toys, computer monitors, and certain items of footwear and clothing," the USTR said in a statement. USTR is still moving forward with tariffs on September 1 on many products such as live animals, dairy products, skis, golf balls, contact lenses, motorcycle engines, lithium ion batteries, snowblowers and various types of steel. A separate group of products will also be exempt altogether, "based on health, safety, national security and other factors," it added.

RBI proposes easing of rules for sandbox model

Entity should have a minimum net worth of ₹25 lakh

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THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) has said it may consider relaxing, if warranted, some of the regulatory requirements for applicants for the duration of the regulatory sandbox on a case-to-case basis.

Regulatory sandbox is an infrastructure that helps financial technology (FinTech) players live test their products or solutions, before getting the necessary regulatory approvals for a mass launch, saving start-ups time and cost. In its final 'Enabling Framework for Regulatory Sandbox', RBI said the examples of regulatory relaxation which may be granted are: liquidity requirements, board composition, management experience, financial soundness and track record.

However, it added that the requirements that should mandatorily be complied with by the applicants are: customer privacy and data protection, secure storage of and access to payment data of stakeholders, security of transactions, KYC/AML/CFT requirements and statutory restrictions.

The banking regulator said the entity should have a minimum net worth of Rs 25 lakh as per its latest audited balance sheet. The promoters/ directors of the entity should be fit and proper and the conduct of the bank accounts of the entity as well its promoters/directors should be satisfactory.

Regulatory sandbox is an infrastructure that helps FinTech players live test products

The RBI added the proposed FinTech solution should highlight an existing gap in the financial ecosystem and the proposal should demonstrate how it would address the problem, and bring benefits to consumers or the industry and/or perform the same work more efficiently. "Alternatively, the applicants should demonstrate that there is a relevant regulatory barrier that prevents deployment of the product/service at scale, or a genuinely innovative and significantly important product/service/solution is proposed for which relevant regulation is necessary but absent," it said.

The test scenarios and expected outcomes of the RS experimentation should be clearly defined, and the sandbox entity should report to the RBI on the test progress, based on an agreed schedule, it said. The appropriate boundary conditions should be clearly defined for the RS to be meaningfully executed while sufficiently protecting consumers' privacy, the RBI said.

The target applicants for entry to the RS, are FinTech companies including startups, banks, financial institutions and any other company partnering with or providing support to financial services businesses, subject to the sandbox criteria laid down in these guidelines, the RBI said. The focus of the RS will be to encourage innovations intended for use in the Indian market. "The entities may not be suitable for the RS if the proposed financial service is similar to those that are already being offered in India unless the applicants can show that either a different technology is being gainfully applied or the same technology is being applied in a more efficient and effective manner," the RBI said.

According to the RBI, an indicative negative list of products, services and technology which may not be accepted for testing are credit registry, credit information, crypto currency/crypto assets services, trading/investing /settling in crypto assets, etc.

INDUSTRY HAD DEMANDED RAISING PRICES BY 20%

NPPA allows firms to hike prices of knee implants by up to 10%

Comes two years after regulator slashed MRPs of the devices by up to 69%

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

INDIA'S DRUG pricing regulator has decided to allow knee implant companies to increase the maximum retail prices (MRP) of their products by not more than 10 per cent this year, the central government stated in a release on Tuesday.

The development comes around two years after the regulator first slashed MRPs of knee implants by up to 69 per cent, using extraordinary powers granted under the country's drug pricing regulations.

Since then, the government claims that there has been "increased access" due to these medical devices becoming more affordable to patients.

Knee implants are devices used to replace parts of damaged knee joints in patients.

In a release on Tuesday, the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers stated, "As per the data submitted by manufacturers and importers, an increase of 30 per cent in the sales of knee implants has been reported during the period of July 2018 to June 2019."

CEILING PRICE CAP WAS EXTENDED LAST AUG

- **Following a review of the move in August last year, the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), India's drug pricing regulator, had decided to extend the capped ceiling price for another year**
- **The extension was granted despite knee implants being classified as a non-scheduled medical device, for which the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013, permits an annual price increase of up to 10 per cent**

Following a review of the move in August 2018, the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) — India's drug pricing regulator — had decided to extend the capped ceiling price for another year.

The extension was granted despite knee implants being classified as a non-scheduled medical device, for which the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013, permits an annual price increase of up to 10 per cent.

NPPA's allowed price increase is less than what the industry had requested it during its latest review of knee implant prices this year.

"Though the industry has requested for a 20 per cent (10 per cent for the year 2018 and 10 per cent for the year 2019) increase in the price of knee implants, it was decided to further monitor the price increase of knee implants as per para 20 of the DPCO (Drug Price Control Order), 2013 that restricts price increase beyond 10 per cent in a given year," stated the Ministry release.

It further said that the decision shall be subject to a review after one year.

In 2017, NPPA capped prices of widely used cobalt chromium total knee implants at Rs 54,720, bringing its average MRP down 65 per cent from Rs 1.58 lakh, according to previous data available with the Ministry.

Prices of total knee implants made from special metals, such as titanium and oxidized zirconium, were slashed 69 per cent to Rs 76,600.

Prices of revision implants, which are used in repeat implant procedures when the first implant has failed, were slashed 59 per cent to Rs 1.14 lakh.

NPPA did so even though the Health Ministry did not notify these products in the country's National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM), even while the Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP) did not notify them for price control.

According to the regulator, only one lakh out of 1.5-2 crore patients requiring arthroplasty interventions are in a position to pay for the procedure every year.

BRIEFLY

Andhra Bank cuts MCLR by 25 basis points

New Delhi: Andhra Bank on Tuesday said that the marginal cost of funds based lending rate (MCLR), effective from Friday, will be reduced by 25 basis points across all five tenors. MCLR for these tenors are 7.95 per cent for overnight, 8.00 per cent for one month, 8.20 per cent for three months, 8.35 per cent for six months and 8.45 per cent for 1 year. **ENS**

15 bps cut in Corporation Bank's MCLR

New Delhi: Corporation Bank Tuesday reduced its MCLRs, days after a 35 bps cut in the repo rate by the RBI at its August policy. The one-year and six-month MCLR at the bank will come down 15 bps each to 8.70 per cent and 8.65 per cent per annum, respectively, with effect from August 15. **FE**

Adfactors inks MoU upGrad for staff training

Mumbai: Public relations firm Adfactors PR and education company upGrad have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to train 300 of the former's client-servicing employees in a post-graduate certification program on digital marketing and communications. **ENS**

Renault to introduce EVs, SUV in India

Chennai: Renault India said it has lined up launching a sports utility model and an electric vehicle by 2022, to double market share. **PTI**

Damodaran on BBB: 'Abdication of responsibility'

Mumbai: Former Sebi chairman M Damodaran Tuesday came down heavily on the Banks Board Bureau (BBB) saying its existence shows the government's "abdication of responsibility". **PTI**

AI startup Pikup.ai 'acquihired' by Ola

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BENGALURU, AUGUST 13

INDIAN RIDE hailing giant Ola has 'acquihired' Pikup.ai, an artificial intelligence start-up from Bengaluru, for an undisclosed amount. As part of the deal, Ola will hire Pickup.ai's team following the acquisition.

Pickup.ai is co-founded by Inder Singh and Ritwik Saikia. The start-up uses autonomous technologies like artificial intelligence, computer vision and sensor fusion to provide seamless AI-powered solutions for businesses.

Earlier this year, Ola announced its intent to set up an Advanced Technology Centre in the San Francisco Bay area, to focus on developing next-generation technologies in mobility like Electric, Connected and Autonomous Vehicles. Ola expects this acquisition to deliver innovations that continue to improve safety and transform customer experience.

Talking about the deal, Ankit Bhati, co-founder and CTO, Ola, said: "As we advance on our mission to build mobility for a billion people, we are investing in futuristic technology solutions that will shape the future of mobility in India and the world".

Ola has said that it is increasing its focus on using advanced analytics and deep technology to build futuristic mobility solutions for India and other markets. The cab aggregator aims to use the rich data it has and its expertise in technologies like machine learning and artificial intelligence to identify deep insights that can lead to improved mobility outcomes. This will include investments in early-stage businesses, acquisitions as well as acquihires across AI, machine learning, computer vision and other areas. **FE**

July retail inflation eases to 3.15%; leaves room for another rate cut

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

Retail inflation eased marginally to 3.15 per cent in July on the back of softening fuel and light prices even as overall food prices moved up, showed government data on Tuesday, leaving room for the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to go for another round of rate cut in October. Retail inflation was 3.18 per cent in June 2019, while it stood at 4.17 per cent in year-ago period (July 2018).

The overall food inflation, measured on Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI), moved up to 2.36 per cent during July from the revised 2.25 per cent print for June 2019, as per data released by the Central Statistics Office (CSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

Central Statistics Office data showed that the rate of price rise in vegetables softened to 2.82% during the latest month as against a rise of 4.66% in June

While lowering the key interest rate for the fourth time in a row earlier this month, the RBI had maintained its "accommodative" stance that meant an increase is off the table. The central bank, which had reduced the rate unconventionally by 35 basis points this month, mainly factors in retail inflation in its bi-monthly monetary policy.

The CSO data showed that the rate of price rise in vegetables softened to 2.82 per cent during the latest month as against a rise of 4.66 per cent in June, while prices of 'pulses and products' went up to 6.82 per cent from 5.68 per cent.

In case of fruits, the price trend showed upside movement with an inflation print of (-) 0.86 per cent as against (-) 4.18 per cent a month earlier.

Prices of protein rich 'meat and fish' rose at nearly the same level at 9.05 per cent (from 9.01 per cent in June), however, inflation in eggs eased to 0.57 per cent (against 1.62 per cent).

In fuel and light category, deflation was witnessed with a print at 0.36 per cent, as against a rise of 2.32 per cent a month ago.

"The marginal dip in the CPI inflation in July 2019 was led by fuel and light, which recorded a disinflation in that month, even as food and core inflation inched up. The incoming trends in food prices need to be cautiously watched, following the recent flooding in some states, rising vegetable prices and continued lag in kharif sowing. Moreover, an unfavourable base effect is likely to contribute to a hardening of food inflation in the ongoing quarter," said Aditi Nayar, principal economist, Icra.

Oil soars 5% on easing US-China trade tensions

SCOTT DISAVINO
NEW YORK, AUGUST 13

OIL PRICES rose almost 5 per cent on Tuesday after the United States said it would delay imposing a 10 per cent tariff on certain Chinese products, easing concerns over a global trade war that has pummelled the market in recent months. The Chinese products include laptops and cellphones. The tariffs had been scheduled to start next month.

"The US-China trade war has caused energy demand growth to take a big hit. Any glimmer of hope revives the prospects for a more positive demand landscape," said John Kilduff, partner at energy hedge fund Again Capital Management in New York.

Brent futures were up $2.69, or 4.6 per cent, at $61.26 a barrel by 1:33 p.m. EDT (1733 GMT), while US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude was up $2.07, or 3.8 per cent, at $57.00.

That put Brent futures on track for their biggest daily percentage gain since December.

The Chinese Ministry of Commerce said in a statement on Tuesday that US and Chinese trade officials spoke on the phone and agreed to talk again within two weeks.

"The possibility that the United States and China can get the trade talks on track ... is raising hopes that they might actually get some type of deal," said Phil Flynn, analyst at Price Futures Group.

Before the US announcement about the tariff delay, Brent futures were still trading about 20% below the 2019 high they hit in April. Oil prices seesawed earlier in the day, caught between demand worries and rising global supplies and expectations for deeper production cuts from leading producers. **REUTERS**

RITES Q1 net profit up 11.3% at ₹102 crore

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STATE-RUN TRANSPORT infrastructure consultancy and engineering firm RITES on Tuesday posted 11.3 per cent rise in consolidated net profit at Rs 102 crore in June quarter. The company's consolidated net profit stood at Rs 92 crore in June quarter last year, a BSE filing said.

The company's total consolidated revenue rose 46.8 per cent to Rs 573 crore in June quarter this year from Rs 390 crore in corresponding quarter last year, RITES said. The company said that its earning per share increased 12.6 per cent to Rs 4.90 in June quarter as compared to Rs 4.35 a year ago. The consultancy business continued to provide highest revenue of Rs 233 crore with a growth of 11 per cent in June quarter compared to year ago.

Leasing business grew 24.4 per cent with revenue of Rs 29 crore in June quarter compared with Rs 23 crore a year ago.

ONGC Q1 net dips 3.9% on lower oil price, production

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STATE-OWNED OIL and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) on Tuesday reported a 3.9 per cent decline in net profit for June quarter as it faced a double whammy of falling oil prices and declining production.

Net profit during April-June stood at Rs 5,904 crore, 3.9 per cent lower than Rs 6,144 crore in the year-ago period, the company said in a statement. Revenue fell 2.4 per cent to Rs 26,555 crore.

ONGC got $66.30 for every barrel of crude oil produced and sold, down 7.3 per cent from $71.49 a barrel net realisation in April-June 2018. However, natural gas price realisation was up by a fifth to $3.69 per million British thermal unit. The oil marketing firm said oil production dropped 4.7 per cent to 4.8 million tonnes.

Coal India Q1 consolidated profit up 22% to ₹4,630 cr

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CIL on Tuesday reported a 22.2 per cent increase in consolidated profit at Rs 4,629.87 crore for the quarter ended June 30, mainly on higher income. The state-owned company had posted a consolidated profit of Rs 3,786.44 crore in the year-ago period, Coal India Ltd (CIL) said in a filing to the BSE.

CIL's consolidated income increased to Rs 26,089.20 crore from Rs 25,359.30 crore in the year-ago period. Total expenses stood at Rs 19,077.44 crore in quarter under review as against Rs 19,272.43 crore in the year-ago quarter.

Coal production in April-June quarter stood at 136.94 million tonnes (MT) as compared with 136.85 MT in the year-ago period.

PFC Q1 net rises 1.24% to ₹2,899 crore

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POWER FINANCE Corporation (PFC) on Tuesday reported a marginal rise of 1.24 per cent in consolidated net profit at Rs 2,899.74 crore for June quarter despite higher revenues.

The state-run firm had posted a net profit of Rs 2,864.07 crore in the year-ago quarter, the company said in a filing to the BSE. PFC's total income increased to Rs 14,607.86 crore as against Rs 13,345.55 crore in the year-ago period. The company had posted a consolidated net profit of Rs 12,640.27 crore in 2018-19.

Agri exports: Online system set for claiming benefits under TMA scheme

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 13

THE COMMERCE Ministry has laid out an online system for claiming benefits under Transport and Marketing Assistance (TMA) scheme, aimed at promoting exports of agri goods. "...exporters can now file applications online to avail assistance under the scheme on E-COM module," the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) said in a trade notice.

In March, the Centre announced this scheme to provide financial support for transport and marketing of agriculture products to boost exports of such commodities to certain nations.

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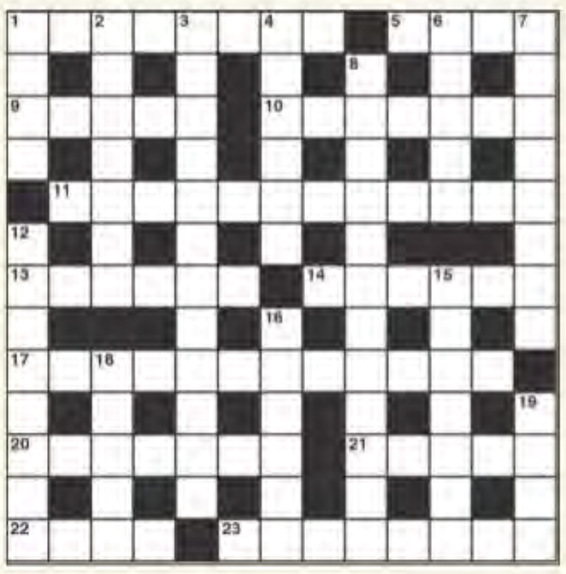
भारत सरकार / GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, अंतरिक्ष विभाग / DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
निर्माण एवं अनुरक्षण ग्रुप / CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP,
इसरो नोदन कॉम्प्लेक्स / ISRO PROPULSION COMPLEX
महेंद्रगिरि / MAHENDRAGIRI-627 133, फोन / Ph:04637 281582, 281672, फैक्स / Fax:04637 281681
ई- निविदा सूचना / E-TENDER NOTICE दिनांक / Date: 09.08.2019
भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से, निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा द्वारा मद-दर निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती है।
On behalf of the President of India, item-rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for the following work:

क्र. सं. Sl. No.	कार्य का नाम (वातानुकूलन के कार्य) NAME OF WORK (AC WORK)	प्राक्कलित लागत Estimated Cost (₹)	कार्य पूरा होने की अवधि Period of Completion	ईएमडी EMD (₹)
1.	आईपीआरसी / सीएमजी / टीएस / ई-50 / एमडब्ल्यु / एसी-03 / 2019-20 / NIT no: IPRC/CMG/TS/e-50/MW/AC-03/2019-20			
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के प्रस्तावित सी-25 चरण एकीकरण कॉम्प्लेक्स हेतु केंद्रीकृत वातानुकूलन प्रदान करना। / Providing centralized Air conditioning for proposed C-25 stage integration complex at IPRC, Mahendragiri.	1095.91 (लाख / Lakh)	18 (अठारह महीने / Eighteen Months)	20,96,000/-

ऑन-लाइन निवेदन करने की तिथि / Dates for Online Request: From: 14.08.2019 (10.00 बजे/Hrs) से/to 04.09.2019 (18.00 बजे/Hrs) तक।
नियत समय व ऑन-लाइन प्रस्तुतीकरण की तिथि / Due Time & Date of Submission: 18.09.2019 को / upto 18.00 बजे/ Hrs तक।
अधिक जानकारी / भविष्य शुद्धिपत्र के लिए देखें / For further details / future corrigenda, visit : www.isro.gov.in/tenders (या/or) www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO
ग्रुप प्रधान, सीएमजी, आईपीआरसी / Group Head, CMG, IPRC

CROSSWORD 3883



ACROSS
1 He could be in Madrid and Paris at the same time (8)
5 French for rain heavily (4)
9 Exult with a number in the throng (5)
10 The things they're told are incredible (7)
11 All alone, as Nelson became (6-6)
13 An impressive time of year? (6)
14 Musical effort (6)
17 Removed all the crooks? (12)
20 Decide to separate (7)
21 Saw notice on time (5)
22 Cart backed three feet (4)
23 Irresolution is a failing (8)

DOWN
1 Container for wine (4)
2 Worshipping a barbaric rain god (7)
3 Such a course is impossible to assimilate (12)
4 Having the edge? (6)
6 Acknowledged some well-known Edwardians (5)
7 Occupier who pays neither top nor bottom in rent (8)
8 Ruin the riverside, as out betters keep trying to do (5,3,4)
12 Casual observer turned out to be a Serb spy (6-2)
15 The usual hailstorm? (7)
16 What one may say when being shot (6)
18 A revolting individual seen in flight (5)
19 Smaller boy absent from lessons (4)

Solutions Crossword 3882: Across: 1 Side issue, 8 Mined, 9 Hateful, 10 Brogue, 11 Ceding, 12 Lemonade, 15 Colossal, 18 Equals, 20 Engulf, 21 Stipend, 22 Idaho, 23 Migrating. **Down:** 2 Irate, 3 Eyelid, 4 Snuggles, 5 Embryo, 6 Enigmas, 7 Adherents, 11 Clocked in, 13 Molester, 14 Elegiac, 16 Seldom, 17 Pulpit, 19 Linen.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis

CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson

MARVIN by Tom Armstrong

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Erratic and argumentative alignments are replaced by greater certainty, represented by the restraining grip of Saturn, the celestial school master. You may therefore be subject to a major dose of reality, forcing you to reconsider a number of recent arrangements.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
Travel plans should now move along a little more easily. Perhaps it is thanks to Mercury's changing location that you now appear able to make your voice heard above the general din that seems to surround you. You might even come across a cache of secret cash.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Money matters are still to the fore, but now is the time to recognise that enough is enough. Get a grip on your affairs and realise that tradition is more important than strange modern ways of doing things. Also, necessities are a better buy than luxuries.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
In many ways it's still a stable, sensible sort of a time. Everything that is most conservative about your character should stand you in good stead today. Emphasise practical solutions and don't give way to anger or resentment over any recent hurts or slights.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
The Sun is still in an intense mood, and could encourage an indication of simmering family tensions. But your first step is to get on and finish worthwhile activities, rather than complaining about why nothing ever seems to work out. Optimistic Leos should set about domestic repairs without delay.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
Social contacts should again be emphasised today, but with a difference. The significant relationships will be those with people who are older, more experienced or more secure than you. Wild spending and extravagance will solve nothing, unless having too much money is a problem.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
The costs of a recent responsibility, perhaps a social obligation, may have alarmed you. However, it looks as if you may have very little alternative but to smile and settle up. But perhaps what's really important is the emotional cost, and all that's needed are a few soothing words.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
Even though your life recently has been all about maintaining balance and following the middle way, you may now feel able to swing to extremes. If you take a risk and abandon your normal belief in harmony, then you'll soon see what happens to your chosen long-term plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)
Today's intriguing developments favour a solution to your business cares and financial woes. The answer lies in long-term investments and savings, not in making a fast buck, going for a quick fix or indulging in any risky enterprise. An older acquaintance could have the best advice.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
Even those of you whose life is moving at break-neck speed should slow down today, or at least consolidate the gains you've made so far. Anything that is not secure may be swept away by the long-running dispute between macho Mars and electrifying Uranus.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
Risk a confrontation only if you are perfectly happy to incur certain losses. These may be financial or professional but are more likely to relate to a family partnership. Otherwise keep your head down and avoid trouble, while people around you calm down.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
You're in exactly the right mood to take up the cudgels on behalf of some noble or idealistic cause. I have two words of advice, though: get your facts straight and don't go behind anybody's back. If you jump in without due consideration, you'll risk massive embarrassment.

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.

Love is when he gives you a _____, that you never knew was missing. – Torquato Tasso (5,2,4,4)

DEEOR

DVIOO

EFLSUU

AICFPY

SOLUTION: ERODE, OVOID, USEFUL, PACIFY
Answer: Love is when he gives you a **piece of your soul**, that you never knew was missing. - Torquato Tasso

SUDOKU 3938

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

	2		6		8		4	
			2	3	4			
		3				2		
6	8						9	3
		2				8		
3	5						2	1
		1				5		
			4	9	5			
	4		3		6		8	

SOLUTION SUDOKU 3937

5	2	8	4	9	7	1	3	6
7	4	6	3	5	1	2	9	8
3	9	1	2	6	8	5	4	7
9	3	5	6	8	4	7	2	1
6	7	4	5	1	2	3	8	9
1	8	2	7	3	9	4	6	5
4	6	9	1	2	5	8	7	3
2	5	3	8	7	6	9	1	4
8	1	7	9	4	3	6	5	2

NORTHERN RAILWAY
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Name of work and its location: 30-Elect-38-T-2019-20-E3. Electrical work in connection with Provision of escalators at New Delhi (06 Nos.), HNZM (05 Nos.), ANVT (05 Nos.), DSA (04 Nos.) and DEE (06 Nos) Over Delhi Division (Total 26 Nos.). **Approx cost of the work:** Rs. 60.67 lacs. **Address of the office:** Sr. Divil Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi. **Earnest Money:** Rs. 1,21,400/-. **Date & time of submission of tender:** 05.09.2019, 15:00 Hrs. **Opening of tender:** 05.09.2019, 15:15 Hrs. **Website & notice board:** www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi. **2593/2019**
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CENTRAL WAREHOUSING CORPORATION
(A Government of India Undertaking)
Regional Office: "Warehousing Bhawan",
Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow- 226010, Ph.: 0522-2720685
Fax: 2720686, **Web.:** www.cewacor.nic.in, **E-mail:** rmlko.cewacor@nic.in
No. CWC/RO-LKO/TQC-DDVP/2019-20/ **Dated: 13.08.2019**
E-TENDER
e-tenders are invited from the reputed manufacturers/suppliers for one time supply/ARC of 2000 Litres of DDVP 76%EC in the Central Warehouses of Lucknow region located in state of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. The details of terms and condition in notice inviting tender may be seen and downloaded from the website www.cewacor.nic.in and www.tenderwizard.com/CWC. Last date for submission of tender is 13.09.2019 upto 1500 HRS **REGIONAL MANAGER**

भारतीय कंटेनर निगम लिमिटेड
CONTAINER CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD.
एक नवरत्न कंपनी (भारत सरकार का उपक्रम)
(A Govt. of India Navratna Undertaking)
Regd. Office : CONCOR Bhawan, C-3, Mathura Road, Opp. Apollo Hospital, New Delhi-110076.
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
CONCOR invites E-Tender in Two packets system of tendering for the following work:-

Tender No.	CON/EP/MMLP-Paradip/IFFCO/2019
Name of Work	Construction of handling platforms, Railway track, truck parking area, buildings and other ancillary facilities for IFFCO at MMLP Paradip, Odisha.
Estimated Tender Cost	₹. 7712.56 Lakhs
Completion Period	24 (Twenty Four) Months
Earnest Money Deposit	₹. 40,06,280/- (through e-payment)
Cost of Tender Document (Non-refundable)	₹. 1,000/- (inclusive all taxes & duties) through e-payment).
Tender Processing Fee (Non-refundable)	₹. 5,310/- (inclusive all taxes & duties through e-payment.)
Date of sale of Tender (online)	14.08.2019 (11:00hrs) to 03.09.2019 (17:00 hrs)
Date & Time of submission of Tender	04.09.2019 upto 17.00 hrs
Date & Time of Opening of Tender	06.09.2019 at 11.30 hrs.

For **Financial Eligibility Criteria,** experience with respect to similar nature of work, etc, please refer to detailed tender notice available on website www.concorindia.com, but the complete tender document can be downloaded from website www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL only". Further, Corrigendum / Addendum to this Tender, if any, will be published on website www.concorindia.com, www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL and Central Public Procurement Portal (CPP) only. Newspaper press advertisement shall not be issued for the same. **Group General Manager (EC)** **Phone No.: 011-41673093-96**

POOMPUHAR SHIPPING CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Tamilnadu Enterprise)
692, (Old No. 473), Anna Salai, IV Floor, Nandanam, Chennai - 600 035.
Ph: 2433 0505, 2433 0807; Fax: 2434 4593, 2433 5706
E-mail : pscship@gmail.com
GLOBAL TENDER **TENDER NO.H/OP/LTPG/151/004/19-20**
NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR TIME CHARTERING OF ONE SELF TRIMMING PANAMAX GEARLESS / GEARED (OFFERED AS GEARLESS) BULK CARRIER OF 70000 - 78000 DWT
Sealed tenders are invited from the owners / disponent owners of Indian / Foreign flag vessel or through their authorized brokers for time chartering of one self trimming panamax gearless / geared (offered as gearless) bulk carrier with a minimum loading rate of 3500 MTs per hour and TBN vessels can also be considered for a period of 9 months + 3 months +/- 10 days choption with the lay days from 05.09.19 to 20.09.19 for coastal transportation of thermal coal in East Coast of India (Paradip / Dhamra / and Kakinada Ports to Ennore), for NTECL's Vallur Thermal Power Station, North Chennai.
One Self Trimming Panamax gearless / geared (offered as gearless) with the lay days from 05.09.2019 to 20.09.2019.
TENDER NO.H/OP/LTPG/151/004/19-20
Period - 9 months + 3 months +/ - 10 days choption
Tender box to be closed at - on 28.08.2019 at 15:00 hours
Tender box to be opened at - on 28.08.2019 at 15:30 hours
Cost of tender document - Rs.5,000/- each for Indian flag vessel - USD 100/- each for Foreign flag vessel
EMD - Rs. 10,00,000/- for Indian flag vessel - USD 17,000/- for Foreign flag vessel
Tender document is available in our website: **www.tamilship.com** / **www.tntenders.gov.in** from 14.08.2019 & the same may be downloaded free of cost.
For more details visit our website **www.tamilship.com** / **www.tntenders.gov.in**
DIPR/2747/Tender/2019 **GENERAL MANAGER (OPS)**

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
Executive Engineer, Central Mumbai Electrical Division,
P. W. D. Sawali Building, Ganpat Jadhav Marg, Worli, Mumbai-18.
e-mail : elcentralmumbai.ee@mahapwd.com, **Tel.** No. 022-24924349
E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 06/2019-20
ONLINE item rates tenders form are invited by the Executive Engineer, Central Mumbai Electrical Division, Worli Mumbai for the following works from Electrical Licence Holder Contractor. B-1 e-Tender document can be downloaded from the e-Tendering portal of P. W. D., Government of Maharashtra **http://mahatenders.gov.in** The Executive Engineer, CMED, Worli, Mumbai reserves right to accept or reject any tender. The conditional tender will not be accepted.

Sr. No	Name Of Work	Amount
1	Est. No. 6075/2019-20 Providing Repairs to lift No. 01 at Resident quarters at Sir J J Group of Hospitals, Mumbai.	Rs. 498938/-
2	Est. No. 5017/2019-20 : Providing and Replacement of DG Cable with cable tray at new and old GST Bhavan, Mazgaon, Mumbai.	Rs. 474110/-
3	Est. No. 1273/2018-19 : Providing Repairs to Lift No. 4 at 300 Doctors Quarters at Sir J J Group of Hospitals, Mumbai.	Rs. 482920/-
4	Est. No. 3317/2018-19 : Providing Energy efficient Split Air conditioning units for all Suits at the Visava Guest House Bldg, Dr. Jayavant Palkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai.	Rs. 1671372/-
5	Est. No. 5015/2019-20 : Providing lift operator for period of 6 months (180 Days) at Parijat & Gulmohar Judges Residential Building, Mazgaon, Mumbai.	Rs. 419760/-

1 Contractor Should Quote Price Excluding G. S. T., G. S. T. upto 12% will be paid Extra.
2 Download/ Sale Period : Date : 13.08.2019 to 27.08.2019 up to 05.30 pm.
3. Bid Opening Date : 30.08.2019 after 10 AM. As Possible Time.
4 All information about E-Tender is available on following website **http://mahatenders.gov.in**
5 (If there will be change in E-Tender Notice, it will be informed on above website).
6 Executive Engineer, Central Mumbai Electrical Division, Worli, Mumbai for office Notice Board.
EE/CMED/TC/2678/2019 Sd/-
Date : 07.08.2019 **Executive Engineer**
Central Mumbai Electrical Division
DGIPR/2019-20/1923 P.W.D. Worli Mumbai

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
ATOMIC MINERALS DIRECTORATE FOR EXPLORATION AND RESEARCH
No. 1-10-153-156, AMD COMPLEX, BEGUMPET, HYDERABAD - 500016
BRIEF TENDER NOTICE
NIT No. AMD/CD/NR/CORE/2018-19/T-(165-167) **DATE : 07.08.2019**
The Director, (AMD), Begumpet, Hyderabad invites for and on behalf of the President of India, sealed tenders in two parts (TECHNICAL and COMMERCIAL) from eligible Core Drilling contractors, for the following Drilling works in the parts of Himachal Pradesh.

Item No.	TENDER NO. & SCOPE OF WORK	Estimated job Value (In Lakhs INR)	Earnest Money (In INR)	Last Date of Submission	Date and Time of Opening of Part I	Period of completion in Months
1	**AMD/CD/NR/BADOH-GAGRET/CORE/2018-19/T-165** 5,000 metre core drilling in Badoh-Gagret-Kalapang and adjoining areas, Una District, Himachal Pradesh with borehole depth varying from 250 to 360 metre.	208.00	4,16,000/-	05.09.2019 Up to 13.00 hrs	05.09.2019 at 15.00 hrs	14 (Fourteen)
2	**AMD/CD/NR/ RAJPURA-NARI/ CORE/2018-19/T-166** 8,000 metre core drilling in Rajpura-Nari-Maslana-Parah tract, Una District, Himachal Pradesh with borehole depth varying from 350 to 570 metre.	343.00	6,86,000/-	05.09.2019 Up to 13.00 hrs	05.09.2019 at 15.30 hrs	18 (Eighteen)
3	**AMD/CD/NR/LHRKR-SIBAL/CORE/2018-19/T-167** 8,000 metre core drilling in Loharkar-Sibal-Andalada-Galot sector, Hamirpur District, Himachal Pradesh with borehole depth varying from 350 to 560 metre.	345.00	6,90,000/-	05.09.2019 Up to 13.00 hrs	05.09.2019 at 16.00 hrs	18 (Eighteen)

1. Sale of Tenders : **14.08.2019 to 29.08.2019** on working days only up to 1600 hrs.
2. Dates for site visit : **14.08.2019 to 29.08.2019** (Please note that site visit is mandatory)
Cost of Tender documents : Rs. 1500/- for work-1 i.e. Tender No. T-165, Work-2 i.e. Tender No T-166 and work-3 i.e. Tender No. T-167 (Postal charges Rs. 100/- extra for wach item of work separately). Cost of tender document is non-refundable. For further details and eligibility criteria, please refer to the Notice Inviting Tender and **"Important specifications, information and eligibility conditions" and " General guidelines for the tenderers"** available in AMD's website **https://www.amd.gov.in**. Tender Documents will also be available for downloading from the website from **14.08.2019 to 29.08.2019**. For any clarification please contact on 040-27776342/27776387.

RAMAGUNDAM FERTILIZERS AND CHEMICALS LIMITED
(A Joint Venture Company)
Fertilizer City, Ramagundam, Dist.: Peddapalli, TELANGANA-505210
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Sealed Tenders are invited from eligible parties, in TWO Part Bid System for the following Annual Rate of contracts (ARC) at RFCL, Ramagundam.
(1) ARC for providing Fire Fighting Services, tender Cost is Rs.1,000/-, EMD amount Rs. 1,00,000/- & The Estimated Value of contract is Rs. 91.00 Lakhs.,
(2) ARC for providing Vehicle on Hiring for office use, tender Cost is Rs.1,000/-, EMD amount is Rs. 1,00,000/- & The Estimated Value of contract is Rs. 86.56 Lakhs.
Interested parties can obtain tender documents from the office of **Sh. V.K. Bangar, DGM (Mech), Mob. 8919446567** RFCL site Ramagundam by **04/09/2019** up to 12.30 PM by paying tender cost in the form of Demand Draft. The DD shall be in favor of **Ramagundam Fertilizers And Chemicals Limited** payable at New Delhi. Alternatively, parties may also download the tender documents from website: http://www.rfcl.co.in. in tender section.The last date for submission of tender offer is **04/09/2019** up to 3.00 PM in office of DGM(Mech), Any amendment to the above tenders shall be displayed on the above website only.

WESTERN RAILWAY-BHAVNAGAR DIVISION
ELECTRIC WORK
No. DRM/EL/ET/BVP/2019-20/19 Date: 07.08.2019, The Divisional Railway Manager (Elect.), Western Railway, Bhavnagar Para invites E-tender on behalf of President of India for the following work. **Tender No.14-2019-20; Name of Work**: Electric work related to Bhavnagar Division: Provision of High level 2nd Platform at 10 Station of PRCL section (Alampar, Damnagar, Savarkundla, Gadhakda,Wadhwan City, Limbdi, Jaliya, Kundli, Chuda, Ningala) **Contract value :** Rs. 5497244/-, **Tender fee:** Rs. 5000/-, **EMD Amount:** 110000/-, **Address:** DRM (EL), BVP, DRM Office, Bhavnagar Para-364003. The bidders have to apply online through link i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in** only. For further details please visit website **www.ireps.gov.in**. Last date to apply online will be 04.09.2019 up to 15.00hrs. for above mentioned tenders. 69
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MAHARASHTRA FILM, STAGE & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.
(A Government of Maharashtra Undertaking)
DADASAHEB PHALKE CHITRANAGRI, GOREGAON (EAST), MUMBAI - 400 065, India.
Telephone number: 022 28497540 **Website:** www.filmcitymumbai.org
E-Tender Portal: https://mahatenders.gov.in
Re- E- Tender Notice No. 5 of 2019-20
Subject: Selection of concessionaire for development of Dadasaheb Phalke Chitranagari (Film City) on design, build, finance, operate and transfer (DBFOT) basis.
Maharashtra Film, Stage & Cultural Development Corporation Ltd. (MFSCDC) invites bids for selection of concessionaire for development of Dadasaheb Phalke Chitranagari (Film City) on a design, build, finance, operate and transfer (DBFOT) basis through an International Competitive Bidding (ICB). The scope of work includes developing infrastructure facilities for cine industry and to promote cine tourism which shall have state-of-the-art sound stages, outdoor locations, Monumental avenue comprising of Bollywood based theme park, Post-production facilities, Hospitality facilities etc. The tender will be available from 14.08.2019 at 10.00am to 21.11.2019 upto 5.00pm. The tender document fee will be Rs. 2,00,000/-.
For Further details, please visit **www.filmcitymumbai.org**, interested bidders can see Tender Notice and submit the Bid Document on E-tendering portal **https://mahatenders.gov.in**
Sd/-
Managing Director

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
Cantonment Board Bareilly invites e-tenders/bids through Central Public Procurement Portal of Govt. of India(**www.eprocure.gov.in**) under two bids/cover system i.e. Technical Bid (Cover-1) and Financial Bid (Cover-2) for Stitching of uniforms for Cantt Board employees.

Sl. No.	E-Tender Notice No.	Description	Tender Fee/Cost (Non refundable)	Earnest money deposit (EMD)	Period of Tender/Contract
01	CBB/Store/E-6	Stitching of uniforms for Cantt Board employees.	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 25000/-	Upto 31.03.2020

The schedule of Dates for E-Tendering is as follow :

S.No.	Activity	Date	Time
1.	Publishing date of E-Tender	14.08.2019	1000 hours
2.	Document Download start date (sale of Tender)	14.08.2019	1000 hours
3.	Document Download (sale of Tender) end date	04.09.2019	1400 hours
4.	Bid submission start date (cover-1 & 2)	14.08.2019	1000 hours
5.	Bid submission end date (cover —1 & 2)	04.09.2019	1600 hours
6.	Technical bid opening date & time (cover -1)	05.09.2019	1630 hours
7.	Financial bid opening date & time (cover-2)	After evaluation of the technical bids	

Note :-
1. Tender applications not accompanied by requisite cost of tender will be treated as rejected.
2. Date of opening of Cover-2 (Financial Bid) will be informed online and the same will be opened only in respect of qualified and eligible Individuals/contractors/firms/company who fulfill eligibility criteria according to their bid submitted in Cover-1 (Technical Bid).
3. Uploading of bid does not constitute any guarantee for opening of Financial Bid (cover-2) of the tenderer.
4. Any change/modification in the tender inquiry/NIT will be intimated by suitable corrigendum(s) through. **www.eprocure.gov.in** only. Bidders are requested to visit the website regularly to keep themselves updated.
Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer
Bareilly cantt
(Dr. ANUPAM TALWAR)

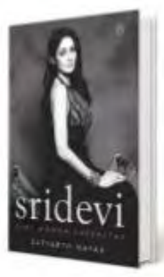
PRINCESS DIARIES

A musical, titled *Diana*, based on the life of the Princess of Wales will make its Broadway debut in April next year. Directed by Christopher Ashley, actor Jeanna de Waal *(pictured)* will play the titular role, while Roe Hartrampf will essay the part of Charles.

SNAP SHOTS

French Twist

PRIYAM CHATTERJEE *(pictured)* has become the first Indian chef to be awarded the 'Chevalier de l'Ordre du Mérite Agricoleto' by the government of France to recognise his contribution towards reinventing the gastronomic scene in India. The chef is best known for revisiting traditional dishes from his native state of West Bengal and giving it a French twist. Chatterjee is currently the head chef at Jaan Restaurant Yacht in France. Previously, he was head chef of Rooh and Qla, both located in Mehrauli, Delhi. The award, instituted in 1883, is a distinction given by the French Republic for outstanding contributions, among others, to agriculture, agro-food industry and gastronomy.



Screen Goddess

PENGUIN RANDOM House India will publish the book *Sridevi: Girl Woman Superstar* under their Ebury Press imprint in October. Written by author and screenwriter Satyarth Nayak, the book recounts the life and times of the actor who changed how women stars were perceived in a patriarchal film industry. Sridevi, who passed away last year, embarked on her career in the movies at the age of four years and went on to become a superstar in Hindi, Tamil and Telugu cinema. "This book gave me the opportunity to celebrate the journey of India's beloved screen goddess. It was wonderful interacting with various film personalities whom she had worked with, and to put together their stories into a narrative that charts her saga, from a child artiste to India's first female superstar," said Nayak, in a statement.

Rest in Peace

AMERICAN AUTHOR-POET Lee Bennett Hopkins, who has written over 100 books for children and used poetry as a tool to fire the imaginations of young readers, died on August 8 at the age of 81, his husband, Charles Egita, confirmed yesterday, due to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Since the late 1960s, he published volumes on subjects such as animals, space, inventions, art, punctuation, and his poetry made books, including *City I Love* (2009) and *Been to Yesterdays* (1995). Last year, he published *World Make Way: New Poems Inspired by Art From the Metropolitan Museum of Art*, featuring 18 poets. Hopkins has won a number of awards and has also created two, including the Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award.

Cycle of Life

VETERAN AMERICAN actor Robert De Niro *(pictured)* and Shia LaBeouf will star as father and son in an upcoming independent crime drama *After Exile*. LaBeouf will essay the role of an ex-con, who is trying to get back to his old life with his father so that they can save his younger brother from a life of drugs and crime. De Niro will also play an ex-con suffering from alcoholism and guilt. While Joshua Michael Stern will direct the movie, the script will be written by Anthony Thorne and Michael Tovo.

The Game Unravels

As the series *Sacred Games* returns this week, its makers talk about its broad canvas and intense drama

ALAKA SAHANI

FILMMAKER ANURAG KASHYAP has once again helmed the segment with Nawazuddin Siddiqui (who plays gangster Ganesh Gaitonde) and director Neeraj Ghaywan has filmed the story of Saif Ali Khan (who plays cop Sartaj Singh). Ahead of *Sacred Games* Season II launch, they along with screenwriter Varun Grover and showrunner Vikramaditya Motwane give us a lowdown on the high-budget crime thriller, which this time has chunk of its action set on foreign shores.

(Top from left) Anurag Kashyap; Vikramaditya Motwane; Varun Grover; Neeraj Ghaywan; a still from the series

After the success of the first season of *Sacred Games*, was there a pressure on you while working on the second season?

NEERAJ GHAYWAN: There were multiple pressures — from the pressure of working with the people whose work you look up to; not failing them since you admire them and working with a star, Saif Ali Khan. However, he was a sweetheart.

VARUN GROVER: During the first season, we didn't know how big this will get. The Season I trailer still has got around one million hits while the second season's trailer has touched 12 million within two weeks of its release.

VIKRAMADITYA MOTWANE: The pressure was mainly in terms of time. We had more than a year to write Season I. We had to deliver this season within a year. This involved writing prep, shoot and post-production. We had to strive for better quality in less time.

The dialogues of last season had a life of their own as they became fodder for memes. Will this season be generating that too?

NG: Sadly, my world does not have much humour. How much ever I tried, I couldn't have it as Sartaj is in the middle of a serious investigation.

ANURAG KASHYAP: Neeraj's world is emotionally so potent. He had it harder. His one day is my one year. Voice-over helps my narrative and I keep finding humour as I have more freedom. I love to find humour in any kind of space.

VG: The popularity of these lines was surprising. Some stand-up comedians even asked me if we wrote them keeping memes in mind. Some random lines too became memes. For instance, Radhika Apte's character screaming at Sartaj over the phone: "*Tum mordon ko aisa kyun lagta hai ki har aurat ko bachana hai* (Why do men believe that they have to save every woman)".

Some characters who had died in the previous season are back.

AK: Every character died at the right time — just when you were falling in love with them. Some of them are alive in Gaitonde's timeline, which is in the past, and not in Sartaj's timeline.

VG: Whichever characters are required for the plot, are there. Otherwise, they are not coming back. Those who are crucial to Gaitonde's journey will be there.

The killing of Anjali Mathur (played by Radhika Apte) was unfair and abrupt.

NG: I agree. However, the unannounced killing of her was the whole point that the writer wanted to show.

VG: We had a split verdict over her death, otherwise we were on the same page. Till the time we edited the scene, I argued with Vikramaditya to save her. But the bullet was in her head not hand, leg or tummy that we could show she had a surgery. With the story of 12 days remaining, we could not have shown her up and solving the case after being shot in the head.

VM: We wanted Sartaj to be on his own, without any support system, as much as possible. Also, when you are working on a tight schedule, you have to take such calls. We didn't have the luxury of mulling over it and we couldn't work out a middle ground.

In this season, the sociopolitical narrative gets more intense. Is it intentional?

AK: We obviously have to put the show and time in context. It's built around how power has always used religion; the role of religion in a whole lot of things and how it gets misused.

VM: Now you understand a bit more of what's sacred in the game. Understand various links. It's opening up a bit more. In the season one, we had to hold back a few things. The novel on which the series is based has a similar narrative.

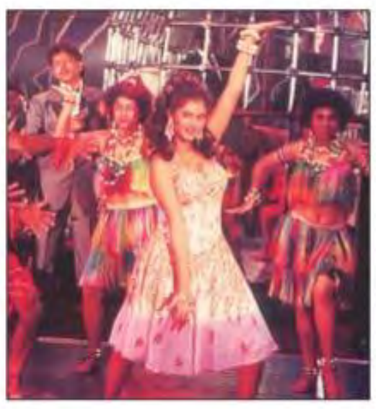
VG: The same thing if you had watched 10 months earlier, probably wouldn't have had the same impact. Things have changed too.

NG: The timelines are merging. The story is coming to a point where the resonance becomes stronger. What you see gets amplified because it is more contemporary.

There are some interesting scenes. How did you shoot the scenes showing Saif Ali Khan running up to the terrace of a four-storied building and having a fight in one take, or Nawazuddin Siddiqui swimming in the ocean?

NG: We had five takes of the scene with Saif and we ended up using the first one. The idea was to make a double to run half the way up the building. But Saif ran all the way up himself.

AK: The scene with Nawaz was shot at the sea near South Africa. At seven degrees, the water was freezing. I knew if Nawaz touches water, he won't do it. We almost threw him into the sea and told him that to get the towel he has to swim to the shore.



Sadhana Sargam (below) sang *Pehla nasha* (left) and *Saat samundar paar*

I'll Follow the Sun

Playback singer Sadhana Sargam on changes in the music scene and why she doesn't succumb to its pressures

> **I have changed with the times too but have made sure to stick to songs which are melodious, have good lyrics and make me happy**
>
> SADHANA SARGAM

SUANSHU KHURANA

THERE ARE very few love songs that have stood the test of time. *Pehla nasha* (*Jo Jeeta Wohi Sikandar*, 1992), the tender ode to first love, is one of the few musical mementos that has always loomed large from the '90s. This was a decade that remains the epitome of disappointment in terms of Bollywood music, barring a few exceptions by AR Rahman and Jatin-Lalit. The song, however, has remained etched in the memory for breaking the mould of the tedious and same-sounding harmonium and dholak pieces. The soft ditty also put its singer Sadhana Sargam on the map of playback singing, which at that time was dominated by Alka Yagnik, Kavita Krishnamurthy and the song's other singer, Udit Narayan. "I had already sung *Saat samundar paar* for *Vishwatma* (1992). That has also remained popular till today apart from a variety of songs in the '80s. But *Pehla nasha* gave me the recognition that I had never thought of," says 45-year-old Sargam in a telephone conversation from Mumbai.

But in all these years, Sargam, a reticent playback singer with a formidable discography, has sung almost 2,000 Hindi songs in 1,546 films and more than 5,000 songs in regional cinema. But Sargam has mostly remained behind the scenes, coming to the fore with her soft, melodious voice. Be it the age-old *Teri umeed (Deewana*, 1992), *Chanda re* (*Sapnay*, 1997) *Chupke se* (*Saathiya*, 2002), *Jhin min jhini* (*Maqbool*, 2003) or *Aao na* (*Kyun Ho Gaya Na*, 2004). She turned to regional cinema after her collaboration with Rahman and has recorded steadily there. While her last song was in the Ayushmann Khurrana and Bhumi Pednekar-starrer *Dum Laga Ke Haisha* (2015), Sargam, is a part of Bandish, a project which will take place at Mumbai's National Centre for Performing Arts (NCPA), where her performance will be an ode to yesteryear composers Roshan, SD Burman and Madan Mohan.

"I have sung a bit here and there in the last couple of years. But music itself has changed so much. As and when the colour of the music changes, the requirement changes too. Technology is so different. There are hardly any live recordings. Now a song is straightaway recorded in the studio, without many rehearsals with the composers. The same song is recorded by many singers and one version is kept. I have changed with the times too but have made sure to stick to songs which are melodious, have good lyrics and make me happy," says Sargam, whose track record is that of a seasoned singer who has delivered sumptuous ballads time and again. But one rarely sees her talk about her music or concepts of success.

Sargam grew up in Dabhol, Ratnagiri, Maharashtra, and began learning music at an early age from her mother, music teacher and classical singer Neela Ghanekar. When she was 10, she won a central government scholarship that led her to learn Hindustani classical music from the scion of Mewat gharana, Pt Jasraj. She extensively worked with composer Vasant Desai, remembered for his score in *Do Aankhen Barah Haath* (1957) and Hrishikesh Mukherjee's *Guddi* (1971), among others. She recorded for the popular animation film *Ek Anek Aur Ekta* (1974), popularly known as *Ek chidiya, anek chidiya*, a seven-minute-long film produced by the Centre for Education Technology (CET), that taught virtues of teamwork to children and young adults. "My parents took me for that recording. I don't remember much of it. It feels quite surreal when I hear it now," says Sargam.

Sargam debuted in playback singing with *Kanku Pagli*, a Gujarati film. Her first Hindi song was in *Rustom* (1985), but *Vidhaata* (1982) released first, followed by songs in *Khoon Bhari Maang* (1988) and *Tridev* (1989), among others. She recorded with Kishore Kumar and veteran musicians like Kalyanji-Anandji and Laxmikant-Pyarelal. Her work with Rahman also earned her much praise, as did her regional work with Ilayaraja. She won a National Award for singing the latter's composition in *Azhagi* (2002). Sargam also sang a number of popular television title songs including that of *SaReGaMa*. "Things are moving slowly on the recording front. There are live shows and my devotional recordings now," says Sargam.

Layer by Layer

Chennai-based Kumaresan Selvaraj's latest solo is a satirical take on memories and the environment

PALLAVI CHATTOPADHYAY

WHENEVER HUNGER pangs come knocking, Chennai-based artist Kumaresan Selvaraj arms himself with two utensils and heads to his favourite food joints. He packs his food not in plastic containers but in the bowls he's brought with him. It comes as no surprise then to see how this environmentally conscious artist finds delight in making his artworks with paper sourced from waste paper markets. Take for instance, his series *Number of Layers on My Surface*, where thousands of colourful papers stacked together, have been sliced into two large circular discs, much like two co-joined planets.

Selvaraj uses portions of invitation cards that are discarded, which end up in waste paper markets. It helps him buy paper cheap for his colourful sculptural artworks. Bearing satirical overtones through such simple forms and harnessing a unique visual vocabulary, over 30 works by Selvaraj find their way into the show titled "Lines of Sight", at Delhi's Exhibit 320 gallery. The title draws inspiration from his childhood memories. "From happy ones to not so happy ones, that are present in my conscious and subconscious mind, " says 36-year-old Selvaraj.

In *One Above the Other*, two tall pillars, carved from wood, iron, brass and thousands of sheets of paper pasted together, reveal how important memory is for an individual, much like the foundation poles of a building. "Memories remind me of how I didn't enjoy an activity in college, which I have grown fond of now. As a child, I didn't want to go to school and mostly wanted to stay at home. On the contrary, I just want to keep roaming outside or travelling now, as compared to staying indoors. I can't simply enjoy at home," says Selvaraj, who is armed with a fine arts degree from Government College of Fine Arts, Chennai, and has held solos like "Visible-Invisible" at Gallery Veda, Chennai, in the past.

Containers has three rusted iron boxes pasted on another wall, with some parts open in one and some shut in another, to draw a comparison to our sensory organs. "There are times we shut certain senses, like the eyes if we do not wish to see something or the ears if we do not wish to hear, or even our mouth if one doesn't wish to speak," says Selvaraj.

An elaborate wall installation as part of his series *Number of Layers on My Surface* has clusters of paper, broken into fragments and pointing in a particular direction, in autumn hues of brown and yellow. Selvaraj hints at the direction everyone is heading towards, where the journey becomes more important than the final destination. "In our everyday life, we seem to be going towards a destination. We do not know about that place yet we are on our path. Human beings are travelling all the time."

The exhibition is at F-320, Old MB Road, Lado Sarai, till September 12

Kumaresan Selvaraj works with paper sold as waste

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All about Steve

England set to field paceman Archer, left-arm spinner Leach at Lord's, but the question remains: Can they stop Smith?

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ENGLAND ARE set to field a revamped attack featuring fast bowler Jofra Archer as they try to finally get Australia's batting star Steve Smith out cheaply and level the Ashes in the second Test at Lord's. Holders Australia, bidding to win their first away Ashes series for 18 years, humbled England last time out thanks in large part to Smith, who returned to this level following a 12-month ban for his involvement in a ball-tampering scandal with two centuries as they cruised to a 251-run first Test win at Edgbaston.

England have only twice won the Ashes after losing the opener -- when all-rounder Ian Botham turned the 1981 series on its head with several superb solo efforts, and in the thrilling 2005 contest which they edged 2-1. Defeat at Edgbaston was made worse for England by the fact that James Anderson, their all-time leading wicket-taker, broke down after bowling just four overs with a calf injury that has ruled the 37-year-old swing specialist out of a Lord's encounter starting Wednesday.

"We are very aware that England played without James Anderson, one of their best players and we got lucky," said Australia coach Justin Langer.

"That's the truth of it, with him not playing. He's a brilliant fast bowler, one of the all-time greats, so if he only bowls four overs for the match then we got lucky there. Here at Lord's there's different conditions and different pressures so we just have to make sure we're right for this Test match," added the former Australia opener, who played at the 'home of cricket' for English county Middlesex.

Anderson's absence means England are set to give a Test debut to Archer, who will be returning to the ground where he bowled the dramatic Super Over that sealed a thrilling World Cup final win over New Zealand last month. But the 24-year-old, coached at Sussex by former Australia paceman Jason Gillespie, has played just 28 first-class matches and Langer was looking to his batsmen to wear Archer down in a way that's not possible in a one-day international, where bowlers are restricted to a maximum of 10 overs.

"It's the same for everyone in Test cricket, get them into their second, third and fourth spells," Langer said.

'More ready than ever'

But a defiant Archer insisted he was ready for the challenge, having proved his fitness for Sussex in a 2nd XI match against Gloucestershire during which he took 6-27 in the first innings and then scored 108 after a side strain ruled him out of contention at Edgbaston.

"I've played a lot more red-ball cricket and it's my preferred format," Archer said. "I'm more ready than I've ever been. I bowled 50 overs in one game for Sussex and am the one usually bowling at the end.

England are also set to field left-arm spinner Jack Leach, who scored a career-best 92 in the one-off Test win over Ireland at Lord's last month, after Moeen Ali was dropped following the off-spinner's lacklustre display at Edgbaston. Analysis by CricViz shows Smith averages a modest 34.90 against left-arm spin compared to a superb overall Test mark of nearly 63.

Pattinson out, Hazlewood in

Australia have dropped fast bowler James Pattinson from a 12-man squad for the Lord's game, with Josh Hazlewood coming in as likely replacement. Fellow quick Mitchell Starc, the left armer who was also overlooked for the first Test, also made the squad but could end up carrying the drinks once the playing lineup is named at the toss. Spearhead Pat Cummins and Peter Siddle, who made up the pace trio with Pattinson in the 251-run opening victory, retained their places.

AUSTRALIA (12-MAN SQUAD): David Warner, Cameron Bancroft, Usman Khawaja, Steve Smith, Travis Head, Matthew Wade, Tim Paine (captain, wicket keeper), Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc, Peter Siddle, Nathan Lyon, Josh Hazlewood.

A young spectator watches Australia's Steve Smith during a practice session at Lord's on Tuesday. *Reuters*

Faf misses out, De Kock to lead SA in T20s against India

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QUINTON DE Kock was on Tuesday named South Africa's T20 skipper for the three-match series against India in September, which will not feature former captain Faf Du Plessis. However, du Plessis will continue to lead South Africa in the three-Test series that follows the T20s, with Temba Bavuma named vice-captain, Cricket South Africa announced.

"I would like to stress that Faf du Plessis remains an important part of our plans for white-ball cricket," said CSA Acting Director Corrie van Zyl. Rassie van Der Dussen will play deputy to de Kock in the T20 squad.

Veteran fast bowler Dale Steyn, who recently retired from Test cricket, was overlooked for the T20 series. Pacer Anrich Nortje features in both squads, while batsman Bavuma and spin bowling all-rounder Bjorn Fortuin will feature in the T20 squad. Wicketkeeper Rudi Second and spin-bowling all-rounder Senuran Muthusamy were handed Test caps.

South Africa will travel to India for a three-match T20 series starting on September 15. The two sides will then compete in a three-match Test series.

TEST SQUAD: Faf du Plessis (c), Temba Bavuma, Theunis de Bruyn, Quinton de Kock, Dean Elgar, Zubayr Hamza, Keshav Maharaj, Aiden Markram, Senuran Muthusamy, Lungi Ngidi, Anrich Nortje, Vernon Philander, Dane Piedt, Kagiso Rabada, Rudi Second.

T20I SQUAD: Quinton de Kock (c), Rassie van der Dussen, Temba Bavuma, Junior Dala, Bjorn Fortuin, Beuran Hendricks, Reeza Hendricks, David Miller, Anrich Nortje, Andile Phehlukwayo, Dwaine Pretorius, Kagiso Rabada, Tabraiz Shamsi, Jon-Jon Smuts.

England throw a feeble 'left' at quick-hands Smith

TUSHAR BHADURI
AUGUST 13

FIVE TESTS and 20 wickets at an average of 26.20 should be considered too small a sample size to anoint someone as a saviour. But after the Edgbaston debacle, England are on the lookout for one – anyone, who will slay the beast who fidgets, Steve Smith - at Lord's.

Innings of 144 and 142, both when Australia were under pressure, coupled with the stranglehold Smith has had on England in Ashes past, has intensified the search for an antidote.

Bowling finger spin in England is often a thankless job, and that should put Jack Leach's lack of pedigree in perspective. But so traumatised and out of answers is the English think tank when it comes to Smith that they are willing to punt on any plan to get one back on their tormentor.

Leach's most recent contribution for England was an invaluable innings of 92 in the four-day Test against Ireland at the Home of Cricket three weeks ago, but even though that helped the World Cup winners avoid embarrassment, the left-armer still found himself out of the squad for the first Ashes Test as the predominantly swing-and-seam-friendly conditions allowed Leach only three overs, which went for almost nine runs an over. A return to the hallowed turf for the Somerset man may bring back good memories, but they will not be about his bowling.

A journeyman pro

The reason why the 28-year-old Leach has played only five Tests till date is that the England selectors are not yet convinced about what he brings at the highest level. A first-class record of 270 wickets in 81 matches at 25.29 over seven seasons also doesn't jump up at the reader. He made his debut in New Zealand in early 2018 when the wise men were looking for spin options after Moeen Ali's horror Ashes tour, ironically the scenario again this time.

Returns of 0/52 and 2/61 in Christchurch suggest Leach didn't exactly make the most of his opportunity. The best that can be said about him is that he tied up an end and conceded less than three runs an over in both innings. He saw no action during the home series against Pakistan and India later that year.

Jofra Archer and left-arm spinner Jack Leach are set to make their Ashes debut on Wednesday. Analysis by CricViz shows Smith averages a modest 34.90 against left-arm spin compared to a superb overall Test mark of nearly 63. *Reuters*

He came back for the winter tour to Sri Lanka, where the nature of the pitches on offer dictated that Leach be part of a three-pronged spin attack alongside Moeen and Adil Rashid.

The left-arm tweaker came back with 18 wickets at 21.38 from the 3-0 sweep in the Emerald Island, all but two of his overall Test scalps till date coming in that series. He bowled England to victory with rich hauls in the fourth innings of every Test. But despite being – statistically, at least – the best of the troika in Sri Lanka, he was found surplus to requirements in the West Indies before reappearing when several first-choice players skipped the Ireland match after the successful World Cup campaign.

Probably, the spin-friendly conditions in Sri Lanka and the hosts' not-too-strong batting prompted Ed Smith & Co. to take a judgment call.

Can he be Smith's kryptonite?

A batting average of nearly 63 over 65 Tests attest to the fact that Smith has very few chinks in his armour, if any. And to think that he started his career in 2010 as a leg-spinner and batted at No. 8. All his 25 hundreds have come over the last six years, one of which he spent in suspension.

But if one can nit-pick, the one possible weakness that can be unearthed in against left-arm spin, which is where Leach come into the picture.

While the former Aussie skipper has been imperious against pace over the last few years, the team has often come a cropper in subcontinental outposts like Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

Smith's average against quality orthodox left-arm spin, since January 2016, is a mere 23.14. Shakib Al Hasan and Taijul Islam had his number in 2017, and Rangana Herath dismissed him five times in six innings a year earlier.

And even though Smith scored a mountain of runs in India in early 2017, it was Ravindra Jadeja who gave him the most trouble, getting him out three times out of seven completed innings. Keshav Maharaj (and even Dean Elgar) got the better of him more than once on that ill-fated tour of South Africa last year.

On most occasions, the natural variation of a left-arm spinner – some balls turning away from the right-hander, and some coming in with the arm without any discernible change in the action – has been Smith' downfall as he is beaten on both edges of the bat. Also, bowlers who are quicker in the air gave him problems as he misreads length once in a while, going back when he should be forward.

Smith going for the cut when the ball is too close to him for the shot, getting castled or feathering a thin edge to the wicketkeeper, weren't uncommon sights in the subcontinent.

If one sees a trend in these dismissals, one must remember that most of them came on spin-friendly subcontinental tracks, where the ball that doesn't turn often becomes almost more dangerous than the one that does. Jadeja and Herath have made a living out of such scalps. And, more importantly, Leach hasn't shown anything yet that puts him in that class.

And the determination, focus and discipline Smith showed at Edgbaston can only be an ominous sign for England.

A dearth of options

His exploits in Sri Lanka show that Leach can do a job if conditions are in his favour. But unless one has the quality of Graeme Swann or Nathan Lyon, the Ashes are frequently decided by pace bowlers, more so at Lord's where the last few Tests have had them drooling. Remember the pitch and overhead conditions against India last year, when James Anderson swung the visitors out in two sessions for a little over 100?

It needs a special spinner to thrive in such an environment and if Leach was one, he would have played more for England at home instead of Moeen who, to give him his due, had more Test wickets than anyone over the last 12 months (48 in 10 matches).

But when Lyon outclassed him on the Edgbaston turner, almost to the point of embarrassment, bowling Australia to victory on the final day with figures of 6-49, it forced the selectors' hand, especially as the off-spinner was hardly scoring a run either.

So they went for a player who turned out for Taunton Deane Cricket Club against North Perrott in the West of England League, while Smith was reeling off his two hundreds. It would be quite an experience for him to return to Lord's after just over a fortnight, but it doesn't say much for his pedigree and the options at England's disposal.

Realistically speaking...

What skipper Joe Root can, however, expect from Leach is to hold an end up if Smith, or the other Aussie batsmen, stitch a partnership, as accuracy and economy seem to be his strengths. But going by recent history, patience has never been in short supply for Smith, who forces opposition captains to go for Plan B, C, D, and son on.

"I feel like I have nothing to lose and a lot to gain. I'm going in with the attitude that I will do what I do, try to do it really well and see where that takes me," the spinner said. "There has been a focus on his supposed weakness against left-arm spin. I suppose those stats are there, but I just have to do my thing."

Australia head coach Justin Langer, for one, isn't too worried about the next trick up England's sleeve. "No, I don't buy into it," the former opener said when asked whether Smith has a problem against left-arm spin. "He has got this incredible ability to solve problems."

The desperation in the move is reflected in the fact that England have gone for Leach despite Australia having four left-handers in their top six who, in theory, should have an easier time against a left-arm tweaker.

It shows that the England think tank is not thinking beyond Smith when it comes to the Aussie batting. They have put all their eggs in one basket. It remains to be seen whether that will be the destination of this plan after the Lord's game.

But the hosts don't seem to have much confidence in their new tactic against the Aussie run machine. As Leach put it: "Yes, there's Steve Smith but there's 10 other guys as well."

New chapter for Uttarakhand cricket; gets full membership in BCCI

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
KOLKATA, AUGUST 13

THE COMMITTEE of Administrators (CoA) on Tuesday handed the Cricket Association of Uttarakhand (CAU) full BCCI membership. The decision brought an end to a longstanding dispute over which body from the state would be part of Indian cricket's mainstream.

"(The) Committee of Administrators hereby grants full membership of BCCI to CAU from the state of Uttarakhand," said the CoA statement. The CAU has been asked to comply with the Supreme Court's August 9, 2018 judgment and file a compliance certificate. The association has also been asked to appoint an electoral officer and conduct elections "in accordance with the approved constitution" by September 14.

It was a four-way fight in Uttarakhand, with Uttarakhand Cricket Association (UKCA), United Cricket Association (UTCA), Uttaranchal Cricket Association (UCA) and CAU vying for BCCI affiliation. In the end, following a visit from the cricket board's Affiliation Committee, comprising Anshuman Gaekwad and Saba Karim, and submission of the report, it became a two-horse race, in which CAU trumped UCA on revenue generation.

CAU's aggregate revenue over the years from financial year 2005-06 to 2017-18 amounted to a little over Rs 2.59 crore compared to the UCA's Rs 10.84 lakh.

"As is apparent, the disparity between the quantum of aggregate revenues of CAU and UCA is enormous. This is relevant as it is indicative of the significantly superior financial capacity/ability of CAU to carry out cricketing activities in the state of Uttarakhand," the CoA document stated, adding: "It is also indicative of the fact that the CAU has been carrying out cricketing activities at a much wider scale than the UCA."

Dhawan under pressure as India eye series

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OPENER SHIKHAR Dhawan would be desperate for a big knock after four consecutive failures as India eye another series victory when they clash with the West Indies in the third and final ODI here on Wednesday. With scores of 1, 23, 3 in the T20 series and single-digit score of 2 in the second ODI, Dhawan's comeback post injury has been far from ideal. Troubled by in-coming deliveries, twice Dhawan lost his wicket to pacer Sheldon Cottrell. Since Dhawan is not part of the Test squad, the Delhi left-hander would like to finish the Caribbean assignment on a high.

There is another mini-battle brewing in the Indian batting line up for the number four slot with Shreyas Iyer putting tremendous pressure on Rishabh Pant. Pant has enjoyed the backing of the team management, especially skipper Virat Kohli but his repeated failures and Iyer's 68-ball 71-run knock in the second ODI has made things different.

Shikhar Dhawan has been in dismal form in the limited-overs leg.

Pant's temperament is cause of concern as he threw away his wicket on numerous occasions. Any team would prefer a level-headed batsman for that crucial position and by his knock on Sunday, Iyer has made a strong case for himself. Even legendary Sunil Gavaskar has vouched for Iyer for the number flour slot. He wants Pant to drop down to number five as he feels the wicketkeeper batsman is best suited to provide the late impetus.

Elsewhere on the batting front, Kohli would look to carry on with his good batting form after hitting a brilliant 120 off 125 balls in the second ODI. Kohli anchored India's innings in Iyer's company after openers Dhawan and Rohit Sharma were dismissed cheaply.

Bhuvneshwar Kumar was the star for India with the ball in the last match with impressive figures of 4 for 31 from eight overs and the pacer would look to carry on his fine form in the coming matches of the tour. Bhuvneshwar's pace colleague Mohammed Shami (2/39) and Kuldeep Yadav (2/59) also chipped in wickets but the left-arm spinner went for some runs and he would be hoping for better display in terms of economy rate.

Although teams don't prefer changing their winning combinations, Kohli might give Navdeep Saini a run in the last ODI by resting Shami.

3RD ODI: LIVE ON TEN 1 & TEN 3, 7 PM ONWARDS

ODI heartbreak behind them, New Zealand set sights on Test top spot

Galle: New Zealand have a chance of securing the top spot in Test cricket when they take on Sri Lanka in a two-match series from Wednesday, exactly a month after their cruel World Cup defeat to England. New Zealand, with 109 points in Test cricket, are ranked behind India on 113 points, but a 2-0 series win in Sri Lanka will see the Kiwis leapfrog the Asian heavyweights. Test rankings have added relevance with the new, two-year ICC World Test Championship now under way, culminating in a 2021 final at Lord's between the top two teams. Crisis-ridden Sri Lanka will be wary of providing a rank turning wicket in the first Test in Galle after being outsmarted by England in the most recent encounter at the venue.

The Kiwis are carrying plenty of spin options and are likely to play two of them. Mumbai-born left-arm spinner Ajaz Patel is likely to be the second spinner to leggie Todd Astle. **AFP**

Five Russian lifters face new wave of doping charges

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
LAUSANNE, AUGUST 13

FIVE RUSSIAN weightlifters, including a 2012 Olympic bronze medallist, have been provisionally suspended after doping tests on samples recovered from the Moscow lab, the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) said. Ruslan Albegov, 31, who took a London Games bronze in the +105 kilo category and won back-to-back world titles in the next two years, was suspended along with women's -63 kilo 2013 world champ Tima Turieva.

Also provisionally banned were 2013 -105 kilo silver medal winner David Bedzhanyan, 30, Oleg Chen, also 30 and twice a -69 kilo worlds runner-up and Egor Klimanov, 26, who won a -69 kilo European silver this year. The suspensions come after the analysis of samples from Moscow's doping lab. The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) said in April it had retrieved 2,262 samples from Moscow's former drug-testing laboratory. Last month, WADA said that some 300 Russian athletes suspected of doping had been identified and added that the data of 43 had been sent to the relevant federations.

To date, only two federations — the International Biathlon Federation and the IWF — have suspended athletes on the basis of that data.

The IWF said on Tuesday that the athletes had been suspended "on the evidence arising from the investigations conducted by Prof. McLaren and the WADA Intelligence & Investigations department (WADA I&I) into the Russian doping scheme."

The IWF said it had decided to act "in view of the severity of the asserted anti-doping rule violations and compelling nature of the evidence." It added that there could be other suspensions after follow-up investigations by the IWF and the Lausanne-based International Testing Agency which was created last year. In a statement, IWF President Tamas Ajan said: "The IWF regrets these additional cases of doping in our sport from some years ago. We note without any satisfaction that weightlifting was far from the only sport to have been affected by the extensive and historical Russian doping revealed by whistleblowers, the media and WADA."

But he stressed the IWF was determined "to protect clean sport" and had not shown "any hesitation in taking the right decisions."

After the International Olympic Committee placed the weightlifting under surveillance in March following a slew of doping cases, the IWF stepped up its anti-doping efforts, the federation received the green light for participation in the 2024 Paris Games.

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'ITF unable to understand risk'

AITA secretary says tennis body is refusing to acknowledge the Indo-Pak ground reality for Davis Cup tie

SHAHID JUDGE
MUMBAI, AUGUST 13

QUESTIONING THE International Tennis Federation (ITF) for not considering "ground realities" while refusing to move next month's India-Pakistan Davis Cup tie in Islamabad to a neutral venue, the All India Tennis Association (AITA) has asked the world body for a meeting to force a rethink.

The move comes on a day when India's non-playing captain Mahesh Bhupathi said that the players were "not comfortable" in crossing the border at a time when bilateral relations have deteriorated after India's decision to revoke special status for Jammu and Kashmir.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, AITA secretary general Hironmoy Chatterjee said: "The ITF is just not able to understand the risk involved and the tensions that are there between the two countries. There is a problem with air space, railway lines have been blocked and roadways have been snapped, we have no ambassador in Pakistan. And now, the Prime Minister of Pakistan has likened the Prime Minister of India to (Adolf) Hitler. How can the ITF not take these into consideration? In no condition is it safe for the team to travel."

Chatterjee was referring to comments posted by Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan onTwitter.

The Indian players, meanwhile, have refrained from speaking on the issue. Asked about travel plans for the Davis Cup, Bhupathi was cryptic: "Is anyone from India allowed to travel to Pakistan?" Later, PTI quoted him as saying: "We have asked AITA to request for a neutral venue."

AITA secretary Chatterjee said the national body was behind the players. "We are on the same page as our players and under no circumstance do we want to risk their lives. We have told the ITF that their agency has checked the security only at the venue. They have not understood the ground realities. We have asked for a meeting with them to explain the situation and ask for a neutral venue... or postpone the tie by two months," he said.

At the same time, Union Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju's stand of leaving the decision to travel to Pakistan to AITA hasn't gone down well with the tennis fraternity. On Monday, the Minister had said that since Davis Cup was an event hosted by ITF, the government can't stop players from travelling to Pakistan.

"How can the AITA take such a call, only the government knows what the exact situation is in Pakistan. They should decide, and they are responsible for players' safety" said a former player, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

The Pakistan Tennis Federation, meanwhile, said they are putting in place tight security measures for the Indian team.

"When we hosted Iran, South Korea, Thailand and Uzbekistan, the security we put in place was not much compared to what we have organised for the Indian team. We have got the military involved and we have left no stone unturned in these arrangements. Islamabad is anyway a safe city, it's our capital, but we have put in a lot more measures than what we had before," PTF vice-president and former Davis Cup player Rashid Malik told *The Indian Express*.

Reuters adds: Tennis chiefs are satisfied with the current safety plan in place for next month's Davis Cup tie between Pakistan and India in Islamabad even after the latter asked for another round of security assessment.

"Safety and security are the ITF's highest priority," the International Tennis Federation (ITF) said in a statement to *Reuters*. "We are working closely with the host nation and independent expert security advisors - the ITF is satisfied with their current security assessment of the site and the security plan in place. The overall security risk rating for Pakistan has not changed, however, we will continue to monitor the situation closely with our advisors."

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HIRONMOY CHATTERJEE
AITA SECRETARY GENERAL

Players have grave concerns about going to Pak: Former AITA prez Karti

SHAHID JUDGE
MUMBAI, AUGUST 13

FORMER ALL India Tennis Association (AITA) vice-president Karti Chidambaram on Tuesday slammed all concerned authorities for the chaos that surrounds India's Davis Cup tie in Pakistan, scheduled next month. Karti, a Member of Parliament, accused AITA, the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and the Indian government for putting the players at risk by even considering sending a team to Pakistan.

"I'm completely baffled by the AITA's decision of asking the ITF to do another security review, instead of vehemently asking for a neutral venue," Karti told *The Indian Express*. "I'm glad that the players have spoken up now. I've been speaking with them privately before. They've all had grave concerns about going to Pakistan. And it's natural. I cannot think of a single international team going there, for any sport. So why is the Indian Davis Cup team being exposed to this?"

On Monday, Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju said that the decision on sending the Indian team for the tie lay solely with the AITA, and that the government will not be involved since it is not a "bilateral series."

"The government doesn't want to give any direction. I understand that this is not a bilateral event, this is an international event. But still the government is obligated to give some sort of advisory. How can they say they will not give any advisory?" Karti questioned.

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Relations between the two countries have soured in the past 10 days over the Kashmir issue. Even the Indian high commissioner to Pakistan was sent back, as Pakistan downgraded diplomatic ties. Despite such an atmosphere existing between the two countries, the ITF is adamant that the tie should continue in Islamabad as scheduled.

"There is absolutely no question of the Indian team going to Pakistan now. When the situation is under boil, you've downgraded diplomatic relationships, even in normal circumstances it's a very difficult country to go because nobody goes to Pakistan - they've always played in neutral venues."

BRIEFLY

Neymar's Barca move gains traction

Barcelona officials headed to France on Tuesday for talks with Paris Saint-Germain to seal a return to the Spanish club for Brazilian star Neymar, reports said. The club's director for football, retired French international Eric Abidal, and two other top club officials few to Paris to meet with their Paris Saint-Germain counterparts, Catalan radio Rac1 and Catalan television TV3 reported. "The breakthrough is significant as PSG had up until now refused to meet with Barcelona emissaries but it does not mean that the deal is close," Rac1 said. The deal which the Barcelona officials will propose could include other players such as Philippe Coutinho or Ivan Rakitic, it added. PSG revealed on Saturday that Neymar transfer talks are "more advanced than before" after the Brazilian was dropped for the French champions' opening Ligue 1 match.

Usha is athletes commission member

P T Usha has been made a member of the Athletes Commission of the Asian Athletics Association in recognition of her stellar achievements at the continental stage. The 55-year-old Usha, who was the leading sprinter of her time in Asia, will be one of the six members of the AAA Athletes Commission, to be headed by 1992 Olympics gold medallist hammer thrower Andrey Abduvaliyev of Uzbekistan. "I have accepted the appointment as a member of the AAA Athletes Commission. It is a great honour for me and for the country," Usha told PTI.

Tsitsipas, Kyrgios to play in Laver Cup

World number seven Stefanos Tsitsipas is set to make his debut at the Laver Cup in Geneva in September for Team Europe while Australia's Nick Kyrgios was also named in Team World, the organisers said on Tuesday. The Laver Cup, a three-day team event between Europe and the rest of the world, became an official part of the ATP Tour in May this year following its runaway success in its first two editions in Prague and Chicago. The event, named after Australian great Rod Laver, who won 11 Grand Slams between 1960 and 1969, drew sellout crowds last year as a number of top-ranked players such as Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic took part with the Europeans winning 13-8. "It's like a dream come true to be part of this incredible team, with Roger and Rafa (Nadal), who I've looked up to since I was a little kid, along with Dominic (Thiem), Sascha (Alexander Zverev) and Fabio (Fognini)," Tsitsipas said. "In tennis we are always out on the court alone, it's such an individual sport. It's going to be a new experience for me."

AGENCIES

Cricket set to return to CWG via women's T20

REUTERS
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Cricket is set to return to the Commonwealth Games after a 24-year absence with organisers confirming on Tuesday that the programme for Birmingham 2022 would include a women's Twenty20 tournament.

The T20 event is one of three new events added to the next edition of the Games, alongside Beach Volleyball and Para Table Tennis, but there was no room on the schedule for shooting. Eight teams will take part in the game's shortest format, which will be held at Edgbaston, boosting the total number of medal events for women at Birmingham 2022 to 135 - two more than men in a first for a major multi-sport event.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) said in a statement the sport's return to the Games was "a truly historic moment for women's cricket and for the global cricket community".

"Cricket's inclusion in an event with such a large global reach aligns perfectly with our plan to enable more women and girls to be inspired to get involved in cricket," England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) Chief Executive Tom Harrison said.

Commonwealth Games Federation President Louise Martin welcomed the addition of all three sports to the 2022 programme. "We are passionate advocates of women's sport and para-sport so I am thrilled we are able to make this special announcement today," she said.

The additions were also welcomed by Britain's sports minister Nigel Adams.

"It is the first time any major multi-sport competition has more medal events for women than men, and builds on the incredible growth of women's sport," Adams said.

"These additions are also a fantastic opportunity to increase the profile of para sport, and to showcase the city of Birmingham to a global audience."

Cricket's last appearance at the Games was at Kuala Lumpur in 1998, when a South African team featuring Jacques Kallis won the men's 50-over competition.

The next edition of the women's Cricket World Cup will be held in New Zealand in 2021 and the country's captain Amy Satterthwaite described the inclusion of the sport in the Birmingham programme as "a huge boost".

"Having the opportunity to play against countries we currently don't usually compete with will be unique and only a good thing for the growth of the game," Satterthwaite said.

The 2022 Games will take place from July 27 to Aug. 7 and involve 4,500 athletes competing across 19 sports.

No space for shooting

Unfazed by India's boycott threat, Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) chief Martin said that shooting will not be a part of the 2022 Birmingham edition. For the first time since 1974, shooting has been excluded from the Games roster due to logistical issues but the CGF president maintained that shooting has never been a compulsory sport in the Games. "A sport has to earn the right to be in the Games," Martin told Britain's 'Daily Telegraph.'

"Shooting has never been a compulsory sport. We have to work through it but shooting will not be in the Games. We have no space anymore."

Shooting has always been one of India's strong points in the Commonwealth Games with the discipline yielding seven gold medals including 16 podium finishes at the last edition in Gold Coast. Protesting the move, India has threatened to boycott the 2022 Games. The country's Olympic body (IOA) president Narinder Batra has sought approval from Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju in this regard. shooting.

According to the report, Birmingham had offered to hold two shooting events but the offer was rejected by International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), which wanted a full programme. CGF CEO David Grevemberg said the exclusion of shooting was not against the constitution of the Games' governing body.

Reddy-Shetty have made their mark... would need to get tactically better: Vimal Kumar

NITIN SHARMA
PANCHKULA, AUGUST 13

AT THE Yonex Sunrise 28th Smt. Krishna Khaitan Memorial All India Junior Ranking Prize Money Selection Badminton Tournament at Tau Devi Lal Stadium, former chief national coach and current Badminton Association of India selector U Vimal Kumar urges the most important trait for junior shuttlers, patience. He also talks of the urgency that seniors need to show in the lead-up to Tokyo Olympics and predicts Sindhu could win the World Championship this year. Excerpts:

What do you make of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty's success?

They are here to stay for the next 7-8 years. And it's not that they have started playing good suddenly. For the last three years, they were playing lot of tournaments on the International circuit and were getting into quarters or final stages of such tournaments. And that's what has made the difference for them. It's only that when you win, you are noticed. Satwik is a powerful player and his smashes are very good and he likes to attack. Chirag is the one who controls the game and the combination has worked. Both of them also have developed soft skills and that's the reason they are able to control. The game is also about power and if we see players from China, Indonesia and Malaysia, the players are very attacking and they also have the soft skills to take the pace out of the opposition. With this win and among the top ten now, they will be analysed and they would need to get better tactically. They have made their mark and they will learn with more exposure and planning for the tournaments.

Do you believe that there should be specialised focus on doubles right from the beginning at the junior level?

Yes, it will make a difference to the mindset of the Indian players as well the junior players too. I believe it's at the age of 15-16 years that you decide about playing doubles seriously and that's the decision which the players and coaches are required to make. At 11-12, you normally start playing singles and that should be the way. At that age, youngsters need to play singles, doubles or mixed doubles. And the decision to opt for doubles will depend on the skills aspect of the players.

Talking of doubles, it is also completely different from singles but it helps a doubles player if he is a singles player in his career and vice versa. One needs to take responsibility and sense of supporting the partner. And one needs to have good serving skills.

How do you see women's singles shaping up in next few years?

Both Saina and Sindhu are special as they had the strength needed to compete at the international level from a young age. It came naturally to them as compared to other players and they could absorb the physical load of training sessions and practise better. And they had the ability to focus among all those training sessions and long hours of training. In the current junior batch, I see Ashmita Chaliha has the right approach to get far. She has the required skill level to excel and she needs to be stronger. Apart from her, Gopi's daughter Gayatri also has the required skill set but she needs to also become physically stronger.

Has women's singles changed in style in recent years?

In women's badminton, they are now playing with lot more slower shuttles. It's not that you have to hit thorough somebody to score points but you have to create chances with patience. In singles, it's all about creating opportunities and now patience is very important. No players is just coming and hitting through. There are so many rallies and one has to play patiently at a fast pace. 15-20 shots mixed with good net play and good rallies are like Pythagoras theorem in badminton. Their importance cannot be changed. Badminton at international level is played in big halls and with the shuttle being slower, one needs to be deceptive. Skills like half smashes, clicks from back and deceptive shots near the net are still very important.

PV Sindhu and Kidambi Srikanth have been going through a rough patch this year. How do you rate Indian players' chances in upcoming world championships and the challenge from countries like China, Japan and Indonesia in women's singles?

At the moment, both Saina and Sindhu are going through a low phase. It happens and it can be changed. Srikanth too has not achieved anything since past 8-10 months. But the most important part is that they have proven themselves with wins over best players of the world and they are capable. Hopefully, they can achieve in this month's world championships. I believe Sindhu is playing lot better than others.

In Rio, she was unknown and played freely. Now she has the pressure of expectations. She also has been trying different skills, which is very important for a players like her. Japanese Akane Yagamuchi is the best player in the world right now. She is moving a lot better and attacking too. Earlier she relied on being a runner but now she attacks a lot. She has a small frame but she plays attacking and also makes strong back of the court returns. Tai Tzu Zing has dropped a level and Nozomi Okuhara was playing well till All England but her form has dipped a level. Carolina Marin is injured right now. If Sindhu can play to her potential, she can win the title in World championships.

BAI selector Vimal Kumar talks to budding shuttlers on the sidelines of the Smt. Krishna Khaitan Memorial All India Junior Ranking tournament. *Jaipal Singh*

Liverpool return to Istanbul

Face Chelsea for Super Cup in the city of their most dramatic European win

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AUGUST 13

LIVERPOOL RETURNS to the scene of its most dramatic European triumph when it faces Chelsea in Istanbul for the Super Cup on Wednesday, the first major men's European final to be refereed by a woman.

For any Liverpool fan, Istanbul brings back memories of the thrilling comeback from 3-0 down to win the Champions League final against AC Milan in 2005. The Super Cup is little more than a ceremonial opener for the new European season, but a win could give Champions League winner Liverpool and already struggling Europa League winner Chelsea some valuable early-season momentum.

For Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool, it's a chance to continue a strong start to the season after their 4-1 thrashing of Norwich on the opening day of the Premier League on Friday. New manager Frank Lampard and Chelsea must bounce back from a 4-0 loss to Manchester United.

Liverpool is unbeaten against English teams in Europe over six games stretching back to 2009, when it lost a Champions League quarterfinal to Chelsea.

Stephanie Frappart will be the first woman to officiate in a major men's European match on Wednesday.

Breaking new ground

Fresh off refereeing the Women's World Cup final, France's Stephanie Frappart will be in the spotlight when she controls Wednesday's game.

Frappart is no stranger to men's games after making her debut in the French league in April. She was calm under pressure when the United States beat the Netherlands in July's Women's World Cup final, using the video assistant referee system to award the penalty for the U.S. to take the lead.

"Stephanie has proved over a number of years that she is one of the best female referees, not just in Europe but across the world," UEFA refereeing chief Roberto Rosetti said this month. "She has the ability to officiate on the biggest stage."

Frappart is not quite the first woman to referee European men's games, Swiss referee Nicole Petignat handled three UEFA Cup qualifiers over a decade ago. Frappart is by far the most high profile.

No Alisson

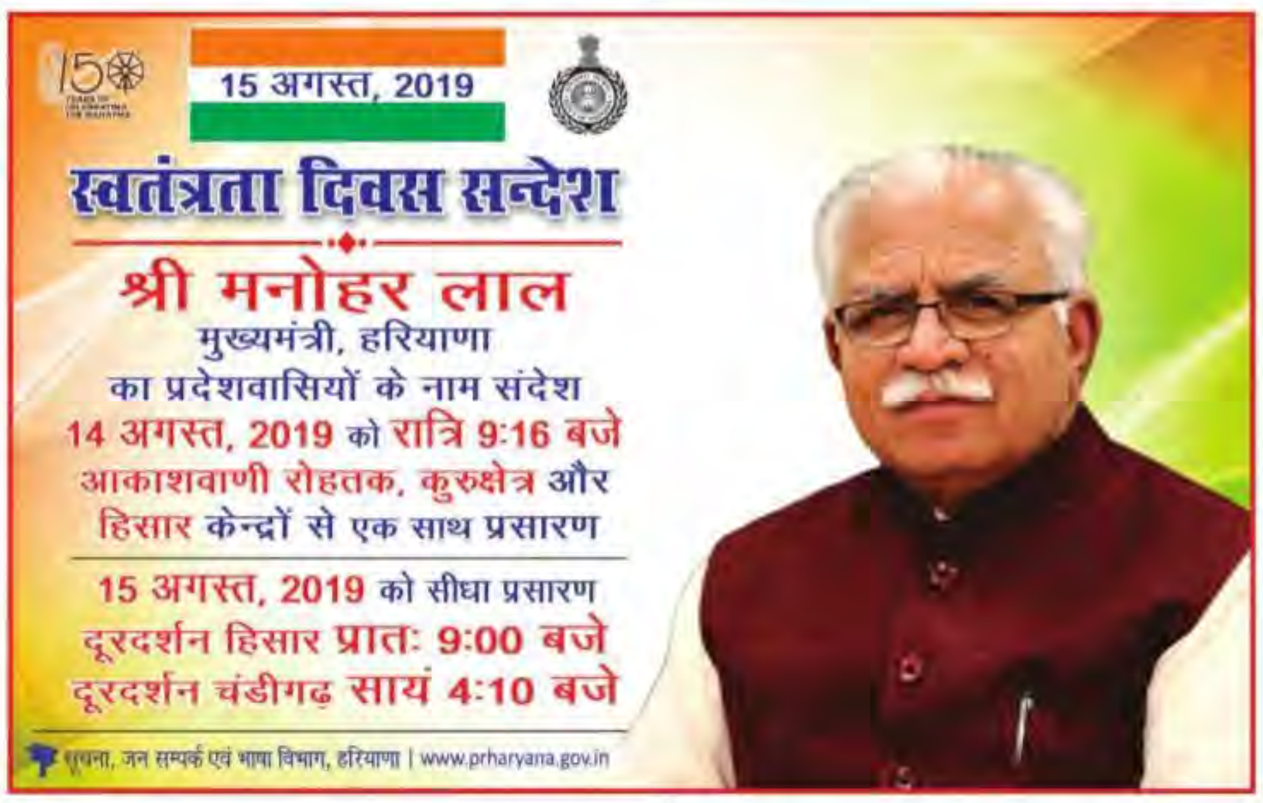
One game into the season is a bit early for an injury crisis. However, after first-choice goalkeeper Alisson hurt his calf on Friday, Klopp was left with new signing Adrian as his only fit 'keeper. Two other backup options have injuries too, forcing Liverpool into the emergency signing of 35-year-old former Middlesbrough goalkeeper Andy Lonergan.

Lonergan spent time with Liverpool in pre-season and will be on the bench behind Adrian for the Super Cup despite never having played in the Premier League or any European competition before. He's on a short-term contract and is likely to leave Liverpool once Alisson's calf injury clears up, expected in the next few weeks, Klopp says, Or when 20-year-old Irish reserve Caoimhin Kelleher regains fitness. In attack, Sadio Mane could make his first start this season after coming on as a substitute against Norwich.

The Super Cup is a chance for Turkey to re-establish its reputation as a host for major sports events despite persistent security problems in recent years.

The Vodafone Park where Wednesday's game will be played was the site of a deadly car bombing in 2016 which targeted police and was blamed on Kurdish separatists.

Turkish media reports, citing the Istanbul governor's office, say Liverpool and Chelsea fans will be encouraged to gather in two separate neighborhoods. Roads leading to the stadium will be closed to traffic. Police squads from Turkey's emergency, special operations, anti-terror, nautical and aerial departments will be on duty.



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The Central GST, Delhi North Commissionerate is holding a Pension Adalat pertaining to CGST Delhi North/Delhi East/Delhi Audit-I/Delhi Appeal-I including all subordinate offices of the said Commissionerates for taking on-spot decision for prompt resolution of pensioner's grievances at C.R. Building, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110 109 on 23.08.2019 from 11:00 AM onwards. All the pensioners/family pensioners, whose pension cases are pending for settlement/decision, may send their grievances to this office before 21.8.2019 in the prescribed format. The format is available on **www.gstdelhizone.gov.in**

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Addl. Commissioner (P & E)
Central GST, Delhi North

FORM NO.-15
BEFORE, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BIHAR AT-PATNA
O.A. No. : 311 / 2019

HDFC Bank Limited ..... **Applicant**
Vs.
M/s Malik Food Industries and Ors, a proprietorship concern
..... **Defendants / Respondents.**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF RECOVERY OF DEBTS AND BANKRUPTCY (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

1. **M/s. Malik Food Industries,** a proprietorship concern, through its Proprietor Mr. Abdul Rahman, son of Mr. Mohammad Mustafa, having its unit at-Mirzapur Bardha, P.O.-Dariyapur, District-Munger, Pin Code-811201, Bihar.
2. **Mr. Abdul Rahman,** son of Mr. Mohammad Mustafa, Residing at-Mirzapur Bardha, P.O.-Dariyapur, P.S.-Muffasil, District-Munger, Pin Code-811201, Bihar.
3. **Md. Zubair Alam (Guarantor / Mortgagor),** Son of Md. Mustafa, Residing At -Mirzapur Bardha, P.O. - Dariyapur, P.S.-Muffasil, District-Munger, Pin Code-811201, Bihar.

Whereas the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of the Bankruptcy Act 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.11,96,671.99p (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Six Hundred Seventy One and Ninety Nine Paisa Only),** together with current and future interest, costs and for other relief.

The above mentioned defendants is/are therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of his / their defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on 23rd day of September 2019 at 10.30 A.M. (forenoon) as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS TRIBUNAL ON THIS **6TH DAY OF AUGUST 2019.**

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STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2019 (₹ in Lakhs)

PARTICULARS	Standalone				Consolidated			
	For the Three Months Ended			For the Year Ended	For the Three Months Ended			For the Year Ended
	30-Jun- 2019	31-Mar- 2019	30-Jun- 2018	31-Mar- 2019	30-Jun- 2019	31-Mar- 2019	30-Jun- 2018	31-Mar- 2019
	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited
1. Total Income	32030.09	33767.43	34205.34	138391.25	32347.52	34644.36	34788.28	140951.90
2. Earnings before Interest, Depreciation and Amortisation Expense	2516.82	3121.27	2966.54	10218.97	2597.41	2755.11	3151.02	10321.77
3. Depreciation and Amortisation Expense	2277.53	2113.79	1902.00	8019.74	2319.59	2174.62	1956.59	8237.98
4. Finance Costs	679.47	515.51	396.44	1808.74	741.13	595.16	444.18	2046.99
5. Net Profit / (Loss) before Exceptional items & Tax [2 - 3 - 4]	(440.18)	491.97	668.10	390.49	(463.31)	(14.67)	750.25	36.80
6. Exceptional Items (Refer Note No. 2)	(1492.21)	(23197.75)	-	(23197.75)	-	-	-	-
7. Net Profit / (Loss) before tax (after Exceptional items) [5 + 6]	(1932.39)	(22705.78)	668.10	(22807.26)	(463.31)	(14.67)	750.25	36.80
8. Tax Expense - Net	(25.16)	(434.64)	181.37	(14.31)	(11.29)	(358.79)	200.73	94.97
9. Net Profit / (Loss) after tax from Continuing Operations (after Exceptional items) [7 - 8]	(1907.23)	(22271.14)	486.73	(22792.95)	(452.02)	344.12	549.52	(58.17)
10. Profit / (Loss) from Discontinued Operations (Net of Tax Expense)	-	-	-	-	(2161.72)	(9056.92)	(2563.20)	(17327.83)
11. Net Profit / (Loss) after tax from Continuing and Discontinued Operations (after Exceptional items) [9 + 10]	(1907.23)	(22271.14)	486.73	(22792.95)	(2613.74)	(8712.80)	(2013.68)	(17386.00)
12. Other Comprehensive Income (Net of Tax Expense)	8.39	132.97	(19.02)	31.09	0.80	1517.05	(25.12)	1472.26
13. Total Comprehensive Income for the period [11 + 12]	(1898.84)	(22138.17)	467.71	(22761.86)	(2612.94)	(7195.75)	(2038.80)	(15913.74)
14. Paid-up-Equity Share Capital (Face Value of ₹ 1/- each)	947.97	947.97	947.97	947.97	947.97	947.97	947.97	947.97
15. Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves as shown in the balance sheet of previous year)	-	-	-	63074.38	-	-	-	48993.08
16. Earnings per Equity Share for profit / (loss) from continuing operations (Face Value of ₹ 1/- each) in Rupees								
(a) Basic	(2.01)	(23.49)	0.51	(24.04)	(0.48)	0.36	0.58	(0.06)
(b) Diluted	(2.01)	(23.49)	0.51	(24.04)	(0.48)	0.36	0.58	(0.06)
17. Earnings per Equity Share for profit / (loss) from Discontinued operations (Face Value of ₹ 1/- each) in Rupees								
(a) Basic	-	-	-	-	(2.28)	(9.55)	(2.70)	(18.28)
(b) Diluted	-	-	-	-	(2.28)	(9.55)	(2.70)	(18.28)
18. Earnings per Equity Share for profit / (loss) from Continuing and Discontinued operations (Face Value of ₹ 1/- each) in Rupees								
(a) Basic	(2.01)	(23.49)	0.51	(24.04)	(2.76)	(9.19)	(2.12)	(18.34)
(b) Diluted	(2.01)	(23.49)	0.51	(24.04)	(2.76)	(9.19)	(2.12)	(18.34)

Notes:

1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock Exchange websites www.bseindia.com, www.nseindia.com and Company's website www.pricol.com.
2. The Board had, subject to shareholders, lenders, regulatory approvals and due diligence by the prospective buyer, entered into a Share Purchase Agreement for hiving off 80.50% of its investment in its wholly owned subsidiary, Pricol Espana S.L., Spain, along with its Step-down subsidiaries and 74% of its Investment in Pricol Wiping Systems India Limited. During the current quarter, the Company has made an additional investment of ₹ 1,492.21 Lakhs which has been provided, on the same basis as was done for the quarter ended 31st March 2019, as an exceptional item. Any excess or short provision towards impairment will be appropriately dealt with in the period in which the transaction reaches finality. The transaction is currently under due diligence by the prospective buyer.
3. Consequent to the disposal of the above investments, which significantly represents a separate geographical area of operations, these have been classified as assets held for sale - Discontinued Operation (Disposal group) as required under Ind AS 105 - Non Current Assets held for sale and Discontinued Operations. Discontinued operation are excluded from the results of continuing operation and have been presented as a single amount of Profit / (Loss) from discontinued operation in consolidated results.

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