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Kulbhushan Jadhav is on death row in Pakistan

Pakistan offers consular access to Jadhav, MEA says evaluating proposal

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

TWO WEEKS after the International Court of Justice (ICJ) ruled that Pakistan must review Kulbhushan Jadhav's death sentence and affirmed his right to consular access, Islamabad on Thursday said it has "offered" India "consular access on this Friday".

India said it was "evaluating" the proposal and would respond through diplomatic channels.

"We have offered the Indian High Commission to avail consular access on this Friday. The reply from the Indian side is awaited," Pakistan's foreign ministry spokesperson Mohammad Faisal said. Pakistan said it would grant consular access "according to Pakistani laws", for which the modalities were being discussed.

Asked about Pakistan's offer, the Ministry of External Affairs' official spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said: "We have received a proposal from Pakistan. We are, right now, evaluating the proposal, in view of the ICJ judgment. We will reply to Pakistan through diplomatic channels."

On July 17, the Hague-based ICJ ordered Pakistan to undertake an "effective review and reconsideration" of Jadhav's conviction and death sentence and asked it to grant consular access without further delay. The ICJ upheld India's stand that Pakistan is in egregious violation of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, 1963 on several counts in the case.

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Flying in SC face, Assam releases list of how many out of NRC in each district

Exclusion low in border districts, says BJP, to argue that entire process flawed

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, AUGUST 1

FLYING IN the face of the Supreme Court's directions to the State NRC Coordinator almost a year ago, the Assam government Thursday revealed district-wise figures of people left out from the National Register of Citizens. And said that in districts close to the Bangladesh border — where the share of Muslims in the population is high — the exclusion percentage was lower, while in other districts it was comparatively higher.

The government used this data to argue that the process was flawed and several BJP MLAs slammed the court-mandated coordinator Prateek Hajela.

On August 16 last year, the Supreme Court had asked Hajela "to file in Court, in a sealed cover, the percentage of the population in each district (district-wise) who have been left out of the final draft NRC."

Responding to a Zero Hour notice in the Assembly, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary said in a written statement, "According to data, 12.15% applicants' names were excluded from the final draft. In districts close to the Bangladesh border, like South Salmara, 7.22% applicants were excluded from the draft NRC. This figure in Dhubri is 8.26% and in Karimganj 7.67%. But districts where indigenous people live, like Karbi Anglong, the figure is 14.31% and in upper Assam's Tinsukia, where sons of the soil have been living for ages, this figure is 13.25%."

The percentage of Muslim population in Dhubri was 79.67%, and in Karimganj was 56.36%, according to Census 2011. South Salmara was carved out of Dhubri in 2016.

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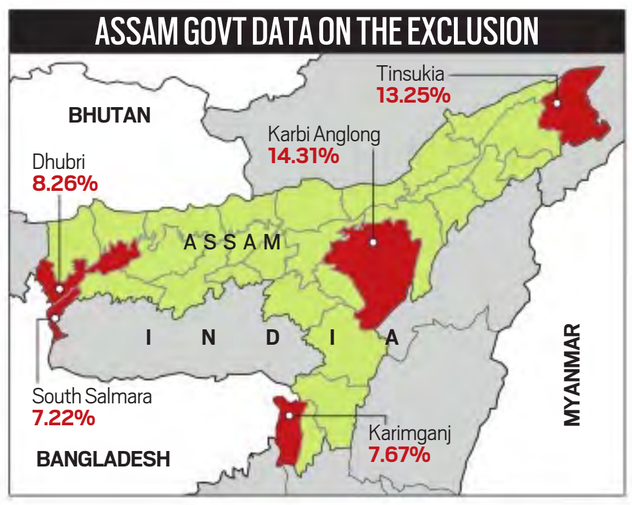

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Inconvenient data, pressure tactic by Govt

AFTER THE Supreme Court insisted that the NRC be ready by the end of this month, the Assam government's release of this data ratchets up political pressure for re-verification. The data that shows low exclusion in Muslim-dominated areas doesn't fit with the BJP's narrative. All eyes are on the court now.

CRPF SECURITY FOR FAMILY

SC on Unnao: pay relief, move case to Delhi, trial in 45 days

UP gives Rs 25 lakh to family; SC asks if victim can be moved out of Lucknow

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G & MAULSHREE SETH
NEW DELHI, LUCKNOW, AUGUST 1

EXPRESSING STRONG displeasure over the handling of the Unnao rape case and a road accident last Sunday which left the 19-year-old victim and her lawyer critically injured and her two aunts dead, the Supreme Court Thursday transferred all cases related to the matter from Uttar Pradesh to Delhi, while ordering interim compensation of Rs 25 lakh for the victim and CRPF security cover for her, the family and their lawyer.

BJP MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar, who represents Bangarmau in the UP Assembly, is the accused in the rape case and has been booked for murder in the accident case.

The bench of Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, Justices Deepak Gupta and Aniruddha Bose transferred the cases to the court of Tis Hazari district judge

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CBI officials after meeting victim's family in Lucknow on Thursday. *Vishal Srivastav*

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Citing rich-poor 'divide,' AAP announces free power for half of Delhi

MALLICA JOSHI & SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

IN A move that will touch 26 lakh of Delhi's 49 lakh households with an electricity connection, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced Thursday that free power will be extended to those who use less than 200 units per month.

Another 14 lakh, who use between 201 and 400 units per month, will benefit from a 50 per cent subsidy. In all, this means that around 40 lakh, or 81 per cent, of households with a power connection stand to benefit from the decision.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government's move comes just months before the Assembly polls are expected to be held in Delhi.

The relief will be in place only

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In run-up to polls: Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday. *Express*

49 lakh domestic power consumers in city

26 lakh use 0-200 units

14 lakh use 201-400 units

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499 MM IN VADODARA

An IAF plane at the airport in Vadodara on Thursday. The city received 499 mm of rainfall in 24 hours till 8 am Thursday. *Bhupendra Rana* REPORT, PAGE 9

After outrage mounts, pushed to the wall, BJP finally expels Sengar

LIZ MATHEW & MAULSHREE SETH
NEW DELHI, LUCKNOW, AUGUST 1

HOURS AFTER its government in Uttar Pradesh was hauled over the coals by the Supreme Court which shifted the Unnao rape case to Delhi and ordered speedy trial, the BJP Thursday expelled its Bangarmau MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar, the rape case accused who has also been booked for murder on a complaint from the victim's family.

UP BJP president Swatantra Dev Singh told reporters in Lucknow: "The state leadership had already suspended him, the central leadership has expelled him. It comes under the purview of the central leadership... Kuldeep Sengar has been expelled from the party."

"The BJP government stands by the victim, and will not be with anyone who is guilty. The CBI inquiry has been recommended and both the government as well as the organisation are with her... prompt decision has been taken," he said.

Two days ago, the BJP said

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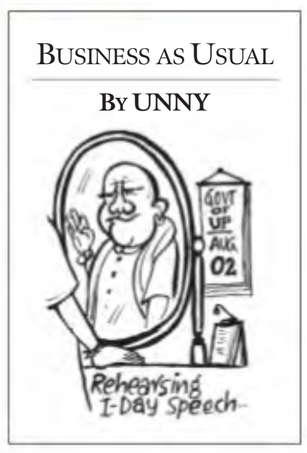
MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar



Ex-Maldives Vice-President reaches TN port, MEA says not allowed entry

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, AUGUST 1

FORMER MALDIVES Vice-President Ahmed Adeeb Abdul Ghafoor (37) was detained off the coast of Thoothukudi on Thursday, after he reached the southern port on board a tug vessel. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said he was denied entry as he did not possess "valid travel documents".

Police sources said he was being questioned by Central government agencies including the Coast Guard, Customs and intelligence agencies. Official sources said they were unable to ascertain if his intention was to seek asylum in India.

The ship, Virgo 9, was initially denied clearance to berth at the Thoothukudi old port. Official sources said the ship with nine crew members — an Indian and eight Indonesians — had left for Indonesia on July 11. After unloading its cargo, it started the return journey on July 27.

"We are yet to ascertain whether he boarded the vessel from the coast or mid-sea, from some other boat or vessel. It was the Indian crew member who informed the ship agent in Thoothukudi about the Maldivian who had joined them on the return journey," said a police officer.

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Ahmed Adeeb reached Thoothukudi on a tug

Ayodhya mediation panel submits report, SC to take call today

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THE THREE-MEMBER mediation panel appointed by the Supreme Court to find an amicable solution to the Ayodhya issue submitted its report to the court Registry Thursday.

A five-judge Constitution Bench will review the report Friday to take a call whether to continue with the mediation effort or commence daily hearing of the appeals against the September 30, 2010 verdict of the Allahabad High Court on the disputed Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid site.

On July 18, the Constitution Bench, comprising Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, Justices S A Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and Abdul Nazeer, had asked the mediation panel led by retired Supreme Court judge Justice F M Ibrahim Kalifulla to inform it on the status of the process by August 1.

That direction came when the bench was hearing a plea by Rajendra Singh, son of Gopal Singh Visharad who was one of the plaintiffs in the original civil suit in the Ayodhya land matter.

A resident of Ayodhya, Gopal Singh Visharad had moved the court of the Faizabad civil judge in 1950, claiming that his right to

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Mediation panel member Sri Sri Ravi Shankar in New Delhi on Thursday. *PTI*

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Auto sales keep sliding downhill, big three manufacturers hit roadblock

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HIT BY a dip in consumer sentiment and liquidity crunch for non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), car manufacturers witnessed a sharp decline in demand last month.

Maruti Suzuki saw its domestic passenger car sales decline 36 per cent and Honda Cars India witnessed a 48.7 per cent fall in sales in July 2019 over the corresponding period last year. Toyota Kirloskar announced a 24 per cent dip and Hyundai Motor India announced a 10 per cent drop.

Maruti Suzuki, which has over 50 per cent market share, saw its domestic sales fall from 154,150 units in July 2018 to 98,210 units in July 2019. In fact, July unit sales for the company were the lowest since June 2017, when it sold 93,263 units.

The July numbers are in line with the industry trend over the last 12 months, with manufacturers facing the heat and taking measures like cutting production.

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July 2019: Maruti dips 36%, Honda 48.7%, Hyundai 10%

Retrograde, harsh: Voices in India Inc slam 3-year jail term for CSR default

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
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DESCRIBING THE government's decision to impose a monetary penalty and prison sentence of up to three years on executives of companies that fail to comply with the mandated corporate social responsibility (CSR) expenditure as "retrograde", sections of India Inc are learnt to have communicated their concerns to decision-makers in the government.

In amendments moved to the Companies Act, the Rajya Sabha Tuesday passed the Bill that specified, among other provisions, that unspent CSR funds by companies should be transferred into an escrow account called Unspent Corporate Social Responsibility Account, with the corpus to be utilised within three years of transfer. It also said that any unspent annual CSR fund 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.

However, the provision in the legislation that has raised concerns among corporates is the stipulation of penal provisions for firms that are not able to meet the requirements.

The amendment to Section 135 of the Companies Act now states, "If a company contravenes the provisions of

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Families help police pull young men back from brink

Family first responders, confidentiality key to deradicalisation: Police

SAGAR RAJPUT
MUMBAI, AUGUST 1

IT WAS a Friday nearly two years ago, the start of the weekend in Saudi Arabia, and the expat Indian engineer was catching up on Facebook. Within minutes, he froze. On his nephew's page were pro-Islamic State photos and videos of the war in Syria.

The engineer quickly shut down his computer fearing Saudi trackers, and picked up the phone to dial Mumbai.

"The moment I answered the phone, he started yelling at me," recalled the nephew, the son of the engineer's sister, speaking to *The Indian Express* on the condition that he not be named. "My uncle wanted to know how I had fallen for all this. 'Why are you taking this path? You are not going anywhere, okay?' he screamed."

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The next phone call from Saudi Arabia was to his mother.

And within days, the nephew, then a 21-year-old pursuing a Bachelor in Business Administration (BBA), found the Maharashtra Anti Terrorism Squad (ATS) at his doorstep. Someone from the family had sought their intervention.

On Thursday, *The Indian Express* reported on how 120 youth, including six women, have undergone the ATS's deradicalisation programme to pull them back from the brink of jihadi recruitment. And how Maharashtra's programme — the only one in India to be run by a state police force — is being looked at closely by police from J&K, Punjab, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat.

In Mumbai, ATS officers say a large part of their success is because of alert family members, or persons close to them, who make that crucial decision to call the police before it is too late. "The popular perception is that we reach these individuals though our own investigation. In reality, in more than a dozen cases, we got to them because their own family members tipped us off before their son or nephew or, in some cases, daughter got into bigger trouble," said a police officer closely involved with the programme.

That's why the Saudi-Mumbai case, officers say, is a textbook example of how families have been proactive in being the first responders. This also brings the family on board right from the beginning, say officers, and helps build trust.

Today, the BBA student has completed the deradicalisation programme and is looking for a job. "He has many uncles. I don't know which one made that call. But whoever did, I am eternally indebted to him," his father, who runs a leather business in the western suburbs of Mumbai, told *The Indian Express*.

Looking back on the day police showed up at his home in November 2017, the youth said, "My mother was traumatised and my father was very angry at me. I was worried that if people came to know I had been arrested in such a case, my family would have to bear the consequences." To his surprise, he said, the police too did not make a show of it. "They told me, 'If you want it to remain a secret, come with us quietly'," he said.

At the ATS office, there was

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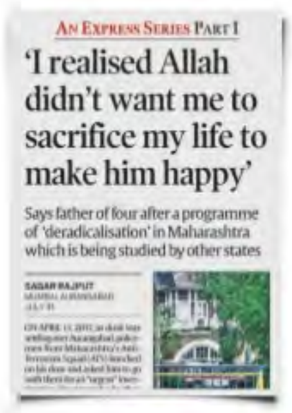
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'I realised Allah didn't want me to sacrifice my life to make him happy'
Says father of four after a programme of 'deradicalisation' in Maharashtra which is being studied by other states

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In today's episode of the 3 Things, we look at the Supreme Court's orders in the Unnao cases and it has ordered the cases to be transferred from UP to Delhi

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Assam NRC list

The government highlighted that reports "suggested wrongful inclusions and exclusions in the NRC". This was the reason the state demanded a 20% re-verification in districts closer to the Bangladesh border and 10% re-verification in others, it said.

The Supreme Court, however, had rejected the request by the state and the Centre to order a sample verification on July 23 this year. Hajela had said that in the course of consideration/ adjudication of the claims, the SNRC had already undertaken re-verification to the extent of 27%, the Court noted.

The overall data provided by the government in the Assembly places Hojai district at the top with an exclusion rate with 32.99%, followed by Darrang at 30.9% (Muslim population 64.34%, according to 2011 Census). Hojai was carved out of Nagaon in 2015, and apart from Muslims, it is home to large numbers of indigenous tribes and Bengali-speaking Hindus.

The exclusion rate in Nagaon (Muslim population 55.36%) was 14.12%. Other Muslim-majority districts like Morigaon (52.56% Muslims)and Barpeta (70.74% Muslims) left out 15.04% and 13.4% of the population, respectively.

The famed river island of Majuli had the lowest exclusion rate of 1.62% followed by that of the upper Assam district of Charaideo at 2.88%.

When contacted, Patowary told The Indian Express, "We had presented the same data and arguments to the Supreme Court earlier but the court had not taken cognisance. When members of the Assembly were discussing the issue today during Zero Hour, I presented before the Assembly the data and the arguments. Areas close to the borders have registered high inclusion rates whereas certain areas where indigenous communities live have registered high exclusion."

Citing the example of his colleague, BJP MLA Rama Kanta Dewri, from the Tiwa community, Patowary said, "She has been excluded from the NRC draft. We demand a re-verification because we want our NRC to be absolutely error-free."

Three BJP MLAs, participating in the Zero Hour discussion, too, demanded re-verification and criticised Hajela for his comment that 27% re-verification had being already done. They raised questions regarding the supposed inclusion of allegedly illegal Bangladeshi citizens in the NRC.

"The entire process is left in the hands and mercy of one person who is the state coordinator of the NRC. Nobody is to be heard on it. The Home Ministry in Centre, the Chief Minister of the state - nobody.. On the one hand, the Centre and state government want at least 20% re-verification in the districts of Assam bordering Bangladesh but State Coordinator says he has already done 27%. This proves there is no coordination between the government and the NRC work, which is dangerous for our democracy," said BJP MLA Shiladitya Dev.

BJP MLAs Debananda Hazarika and Numal Momin questioned the re-verification claimed to have been already undertaken by Hajela and reiterated the issues raised by the government in its response during Zero Hour notice.

"In areas close to international border, 5-6% names were not included. Whereas, areas where indigenous people including tribals reside up to 18% names have not been included. People started questioning NRC itself. NRC has to be correct, with 0% error. No foreigner's name can be included," said Momin.

Hazarika questioned whether the NRC would be a correct one, "free from any single foreigner". "If correct, then it will be a Magna Carta or else it will be a threat to stability, sovereignty, national integrity and unity of our country," he said.

Free power

for this financial year as the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC), the quasi-judicial body that fixes power tariffs in the city, releases a new rate each year. Officials said the subsidy for the next financial year will depend on the tariff that is fixed then. The announcement caps the July 31 reduction in tariffs across slabs by the DERC.

According to Kejriwal, close to 17 lakh people (35 per cent of users) will not have to pay for electricity usage during the summer under the new tariff. In winter, the number of people falling under the 0-200 unit category goes up to 67 per cent, officials said.

Kejriwal described the 200-unit limit as a "basic lifeline commitment" and a move towards bridging the divide between the privileged and the masses. He said the move will cost the government between Rs 1,800 crore and Rs 2,000 crore.

"The government is giving a basic commitment of power through this, like we did in the case of water. Many people had argued that if we make water of up to 20,000 litres free monthly, there will be wastage. But we have seen that instead of waste, people have started saving more to avail the subsidy. Likewise, this step will encourage power savings. It will also act as a controlling factor in terms of arresting the growing power load," Kejriwal said.

Crediting the decision to the work done in the power sector over the last four years, Kejriwal said: "The power infrastructure had collapsed due to lack of investments. There has been all-round improvement in these areas... and discoms are financially healthy today. Their regulatory gaps are coming down substantially."

Pointing out that power cuts have become a "thing of the past", Kejriwal said: "We managed steady supply even when peak load was 7,400 MW. There has been a reduction of 85 per cent in terms of power cuts."

Kejriwal said the subsidy was made possible because of an "honest government". "If power infrastructure sees such development, if the financial health of discoms improve, if revenue sees an uptick, if people get 24-hour power supply — it is possible because people chose an honest government. If I am trying to extend facilities available to khaas aadmis to the aam aadmi, how am I wrong?" he said.

Ex-Maldives V-P

In New Delhi, the Ministry of External Affairs' official spokesperson, Raveesh Kumar, said: "There are designated entry points through which foreigners are allowed entry into India. The entry is facilitated on the basis of appropriate valid travel documents. In the instant case, since he was not entering India through a designated entry point and did not possess the valid document, he has not been permitted entry into India".

In 2016, Adeeb, one of the richest and influential politicians of Maldives who was the Vice-President from July 22 to November 5, 2015, was sentenced to 15 years in jail for allegedly plotting to assassinate the then President Abdulla Yameen. He was also convicted of corruption and terrorism and faced a total sentence of 33 years. This year, a court ordered a fresh trial on the same charges after cancelling his convictions, citing undue political interference.

Adeeb is a key witness in a money laundering case against Yameen, who lost the presidential election to Ibrahim Mohamed Solih in September. A senior Maldivian official said Adeeb was supposed to appear before investigators on Wednesday or Thursday. About two months ago, Adeeb had visited Pune for medical reasons.

"He had promised that he would appear before them, but did not turn up. He was among the political prisoners who were released by the Supreme Court last year. When the court decided to re-investigate some of those cases, there were cases linked to Adeeb too, and he was not supposed to leave Maldives. These cases, related to terror, money laundering and corruption, are currently being probed by multiple agencies, including police, office of the prosecutor general, as well as two independent presidential commissions," said the official from Male.

"The current regime used him against President Yameen in the last elections and now they want to use him to jail Yameen. Adeeb was possibly trying to escape, fearing that he would face trouble later even if he gave statements against Yameen now," said an official linked to the previous Yameen dispensation. "

Ayodhya panel

worship had been impeded by the state government which disallowed him from going near the idol. He had sought an injunction against the removal of idols.

Claiming that there had not been much progress in the mediation, Rajendra Singh urged the court to declare the mediation proceedings concluded so that hearing on the appeals can commence. He said "despite initial reluctance in the process of mediation, the applicant herein wholeheartedly participated in the mediation proceedings conducted by three eminent persons appointed by the court. However, in three meetings participated during five months, neither any concrete proposal has come from anyone nor any headway is likely to be made in the process of mediation".

Hearing Singh's application first on July 11, the court had called for a status report from the panel which also has Art of Living founder Sri Sri Ravi Shankar and senior advocate Sriram Panchu as its members. After considering the status report on July 18, the court called for another status report by August 1.

The High Court had divided the 2.7-acre disputed land at the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid site equally among the three parties — the idol Ramlalla, Nirmohi Akhara and the Sunni Wakf Board.

Auto sales

Industry insiders say the sector is witnessing a drop in headcount across the value chain, and the trend may result in job losses in automobile companies.

Industry players say there is pressure on NBFCs on account of a liquidity squeeze since the fallout of the IL&FS crisis in September 2018, and that has led to customers finding it difficult to fund their purchase. The overall decline in consumer confidence has also contributed to the continued slide in industry sales.

N Raja, deputy managing director, Toyota Kirloskar Motor, said, "The industry is deeply concerned with the increasing pressure of low customer sentiment faced by the sector. The high insurance costs, rise in taxes and liquidity crunch across the non-banking finance segment, and tightening of lending norms, have significantly affected domestic sales in the last few months."

Experts say customers are also postponing their purchase in the hope that the industry's transition from BS-IV to BS-VI may lead to big discounts from manufacturers between January and March 2020. Manufacturers can only sell BS-VI compliant cars beginning April 1, 2020.

According to data released by Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), passenger car sales fell 24.97 per cent in June 2019, and two-wheeler sales by 11.69 per cent. Commercial vehicle sales too fell 12.3 per cent in June.

CSR default

sub-section (5) or sub-section (6), the company shall be punishable with fine which shall not be less than Rs 50,000 but which may extend to Rs 25 lakh and every officer of such company who is in default shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years or with fine which shall not be less than Rs 50,000 but which may extend to Rs 5 lakh, or with both."

Until now, the Bill required that "if the company fails to spend such amount, the Board shall, in its report (annual report). specify the reasons for not spending the amount."

An industry source confirmed that the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has taken up this amendment with the government and has requested it to have a relook. Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Naushad Forbes, co-chairman of Forbes Marshall, termed the move "retrograde" and said that "it violates the principle of minimum government and maximum governance."

Sandeep Parekh, founder of Finsec Law Advisors, said that with this move, "It (CSR spend) has become a tax and is no longer good behaviour and CSR."

Forbes added that when the move was brought in, it was a sensible decision and was well thought-out law that provided a guideline to companies on social commitment. However, "introduction of penal provisions makes no sense. You can't punish the entire industry for a few bad eggs," he said, as he called India Inc to come out strongly and publicly.

Families help

no FIR, no lock-up, just a lot of questions, conversations, and long counselling sessions over the multiple days he was asked to visit. Confidentiality is "sacred to the programme", said officers. "Even today our neighbours are not aware that my son went through a counselling session for a month. It was that secret," said his father.

The student's case, say officers, was relatively easy. "Before we took him in, he already seemed to know he was getting into something wrong," said an officer. Psychometric tests established that he shared a special emotional bond with his father, prompting the ATS to set up a face-to-face meeting in their office. The father was clear: if his son goes against the country, he needs to be in jail.

Soon, the youth broke down and promised that he would never get involved in anything that made his father ashamed of him.

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Consular access

The terms and conditions of the proposed consular access are not clear. According to sources, there are a number of issues on which discussions are being held between Indian diplomats in Islamabad and Pakistani government officials: how many Indian officials will conduct Jadhav's interview; what will be the duration of their meeting; will officials from Pakistan, other than security personnel, be present; will there be a glass partition between them.

According to Pakistan foreign ministry's statement, Jadhav has been informed of his rights under Article 36, Paragraph 1(b) of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations (VCCR), which states that "authorities shall inform the person concerned without delay of his rights..."

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SC on Unnao: pay relief, move case to Delhi

Dharmesh Sharma. The bench directed that "the trial judge...will commence the trial forthwith on a day-to-day basis and will ensure completion of trial of all the five cases within 45 days from commencement of the trial".

It asked the CBI to "expedite" the probe into the accident case and complete it "preferably" within seven days and not later than 14 days.

In line with the court direction, the Lucknow District Magistrate and SSP handed a cheque of Rs 25 lakh to the victim's mother Thursday night.

The judges also sought the views of the victim's family to decide whether she should be moved from the Lucknow hospital where she is admitted to some other hospital in the country for advanced treatment.

In Lucknow, a cousin of the rape victim told The Indian Express the family would want her treated in Delhi. "It has been four days and she has not opened her eyes. She has not gained consciousness even once."

Maintaining that the family has full faith in the CBI, the cousin said they had been demanding that the cases be transferred to Delhi. "We welcome the decision and thank the Supreme Court. We will accept all the instructions because we do not feel safe in Uttar Pradesh. We don't think we will get justice here after what our family and the lawyer have been through. This is the first step towards our victory," the cousin said.

The Supreme Court directions came two days after it emerged that the victim's family had written to the CJI on July 12, seeking the court's intervention and complaining about the threats being issued to them.

Directing the UP government to pay the interim compensation to the victim, the CJI made evident his displeasure at the state of affairs. When a court official sought to draw the bench's attention to what the statute says on award of compensation, the CJI Gogoi asked if what had happened was as per law. "What is happening in this country? And you want the court to follow the letter of the law?... What is this? We will be failing in our duty if we don't award compensation."

The cases ordered to be transferred include four cases pending trial before the CBI Special Court in Lucknow and last Sunday's road accident case.

Appearing for the CBI, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta sought a month's time to complete the investigation, saying scientific examination may take time. But the bench was unwilling to grant the request. It said it would give the agency seven days. "Whatever you have to do, complete within that time," the CJI remarked. Later, while dictating the order, the bench said if there is any difficulty, the agency may avail one week extra but no more.

Senior advocate V Giri, assisting the bench as amicus curiae in a pending matter of expediting POCSO cases, told the bench that the family apprehended danger to their lives and should be provided protection. Almost in tears, he also sought security for their lawyer, and suggested protection by central forces. The bench agreed and ordered CRPF cover.

Advocate Ramkrishna Reddy, appearing for the family, urged the court to also transfer the woman's uncle from a jail in Rae Bareli to Tihar jail in Delhi, saying he feared for his life — his wife died in the Sunday road accident. On this, the bench sought a report from the UP government and said it will consider it Friday.

Earlier in the day, the bench sought to know the medical status of the woman to decide if she should be moved to Delhi in an air ambulance. Breaking for lunch, the bench asked the Solicitor General to inform it about her status once it reassembles.

Mehta later told the bench that the victim was at King George's Medical University hospital and was medically fit to be moved if she and the family agreed. He said it may not be necessary as the Lucknow hospital has all facilities.

The bench then asked advocates Reddy and Giri to take instructions from the family. When Reddy said she should be shifted, the CJI told him: "Don't take a call on you own. Consult family."

On the family's July 12 letter to the CJI — it was received by the Supreme Court Registry on July 17 — the CJI sought a report from Secretary General Sanjeev S Kalgaonkar on why the letter was "lying unattended" until July 30.

The bench asked the Secretary General to hold an inquiry if there was any lapse by a Registry official in processing the letter and placing it before the CJI.

After indictment in SC, BJP finally expels Sengar

Sengar had been suspended in April 2018 when a CBI probe was ordered into the Unnao rape case. Singh said he had spoken to his predecessor, Mahendra Nath Pandey, who told him that Sengar had already been suspended from the party. But Satyadev Singh, who became the state disciplinary committee chief when Pandey was heading the state unit, said the matter never came to him, and the "state president directly looked into that matter".

If there was hesitation in the BJP on Sengar's expulsion, the reason was political, and a divide within its state unit over caste affiliations. Sengar is a Thakur, a community to which Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath too belongs.

Of seven BJP MPs from Uttar Pradesh whom *The Indian Express* spoke to, five were of the view that the party should not take any action against Sengar because he was "trapped" in the case. All five belong to the Thakur community.

The remaining two MPs — one a Scheduled Caste and the other a Brahmin — said the party "cannot afford to let Sengar continue" in the BJP given the "heinous crimes" he is accused of. "After Sunday's road accident for which the victim's family blamed Sengar and his people, the party has no reason to let him continue. Pressure is mounting on the party," one of the two said.

"He should be expelled from the party. The state unit in Uttarakhand was quick in taking action against an MLA for a lesser offence. So, there can be no excuse to delay it. It is affecting the party adversely," the other MP said.

Sources in the UP BJP also said top leaders in the government are "upset" and there is "palpable discomfort" among a section of MLAs over the party's hesitation in moving against Sengar.

BJP MP from Domariyaganj Jagdambika Pal attributed Sengar's arrest to "media pressure and the hype over the case".

"Kuldeep Singh and his brother have been in jail and they are far from Unnao. It is unfortunate that such an accident took place... the BJP had no role to play in it. The Chief Minister has already recommended that the case be referred to the CBI, even the accident. The CBI has already taken up the case," Pal said.

"The accused is in jail, the matter is in court. The court will take a decision. But the allegation that the accused tried to eliminate the victim's family is not believable... It was an accident. But it has been made into a murder case," he said.

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FREE ELECTRICITY FOR 0-200 UNIT HOUSEHOLDS

Kejriwal flexes subsidy muscle for power move

Capital's power subsidy could touch Rs 1,800-2,000 crore for this year

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

SINCE TAKING office in 2015, the AAP government's annual average allotment for its power subsidy scheme has been around Rs 1,574 crore, which may rise by at least Rs 300 crore with Thursday's decision.

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal estimated that August may see around 35% out of Delhi's 49 lakh power consumers falling in the 0-200 consumption category, but the annual average, going by estimates of discoms, could touch 60%.

Over 26 lakh consumers in Delhi fall in the 0-200 units consumption bracket in terms of annual average, while around 14 lakh consume between 201-400 units, and will get a 50% rebate on their bills. "The number of consumers in each slab vary depending on seasons. Naturally, the 0-200 category shrinks during summer and peaks during winter," a power department official said.

Asked about the potential rise in the subsidy bill, Kejriwal said the government was allocating Rs 1,800 to Rs 2,000 crore annually, which is not likely to see any change as the new tariff structure announced by DERC has significantly brought down fixed charges, which has left the government with enough spare money to absorb the new scheme.

So far, the government provided a 50% rebate to those consuming 0-400 units, and about 81% of consumers benefitted.

In 2015-16, the first year of the scheme, the government had allocated Rs 1,690 crore for the water and power subsidy scheme collectively. Out of this, the power subsidy bill was around Rs 1,200 crore.

CM announces the subsidy, Thursday. *Express*

The following year saw the power subsidy outlay rise to Rs 1,577 crore; which further rose to Rs 1,676 crore in 2017-18. In 2018-19, Rs 1,699 crore was set aside for the scheme and in the budget for 2019-20, an allocation of Rs 1,720 has been made.

It is likely that, if needed, the government will get a revised amount sanctioned during the upcoming monsoon session of assembly.

Meanwhile, the government had allocated Rs 320 crore for the water subsidy scheme — under which those consuming up to 20,000 litres don't have to pay any bill — in 2016-17, which rose to Rs 396 crore in 2017-18 and Rs 452 crore in 2018-19.

The power scheme will benefit those consuming 0-200 units irrespective of their sanctioned load.

Around 26 lakh domestic consumers have sanctioned loads up to 2 KW and 16.5 lakh have sanctioned capacities between 2 and 5 KW.

The scheme, its reach

49 LAKH DOMESTIC CONNECTIONS IN THE CAPITAL

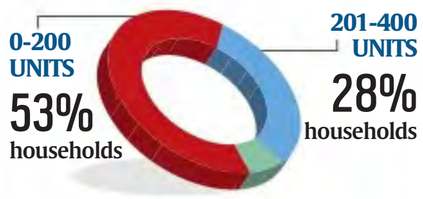
81% OF CONSUMERS EXPECTED TO BENEFIT

SIZE OF THE SUBSIDY
₹1,800–₹2,000 CRORE

0-200: WHAT ONE CAN USE
1 TV, 1 fridge, 1 washing machine, 3 fans, 3 LED bulbs, 1 geyser (1 hr/day). With fixed charges dipping, almost everyone benefits

LOAD	UNITS	EXISTING BILL	NEW BILL (IN ₹)
1 kw	200	477	0
2 kw	300	971	526
2 kw	350	1,145	801
3 kw	400	1,517	1,203
4 kw	400	1,680	1,261

POWER CONSUMPTION AVERAGE IN DELHI (2018-19)



35% HOUSEHOLDS CONSUMING 0-200 UNITS IN SUMMER

67% HOUSEHOLDS CONSUMING 0-200 UNITS IN WINTER

BJP says it's timed with polls, Cong claims CM looted people

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

A "POLL-STUNT" and a "gimmick" is what the opposition in Delhi has called the AAP government's decision to waive power bills of households consuming less than 200 units of power per month.

Delhi BJP president Manoj Tiwari called the move a poll stunt, but said he welcomed the move. "Kejriwal is announcing freebies in view of the assembly elections," he said.

BJP's Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly Vijender Gupta said that Kejriwal had claimed that Delhi's power discoms were looting people when AAP came to power in 2015.

"He is the man who had demanded an audit of discoms by CAG, charging them of looting people. Now, he is saying the discoms were bankrupt, which exposes him," Gupta claimed.

The Congress, meanwhile, demanded that the fixed power charges raised in 2017 be returned to the people of Delhi.

Delhi Congress working president Haroon Yusuf said the move was Kejriwal's "gimmick" ahead of assembly polls: "One can learn to make big announcement concerning a small thing from Arvind Kejriwal. Delhi people were being looted for the past 16 months in the name of fixed charges."

Senior AAP leader Atishi, meanwhile, hit out at BJP saying that Delhi has a chief minister who understands policy.

"If Manoj Tiwari *ji* is so opposed to free electricity, then he should give up free electricity given to him as an MP. I want to tell him that the AAP-led government is able to provide electricity at such a price because it has an honest and IIT-educated chief minister who understands policies," she said.

AAP has claimed several times that power in Delhi is the cheapest out of all states.

Decision to touch over 90% homes once winter arrives

MALLICA JOSHI
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

SEASONAL VARIABILITY in power consumption means the Delhi government's enhanced power sops could extend to 91% of the population during the winter, government officials said.

According to those familiar with the plan, the percentage of consumers who fall under the 0-200 units category in winter is around 67% — up from 35% in summers.

"For the 201- 400 unit category, where the government will give a 50% subsidy on tariff, the number is 24% in winters, taking the total number of beneficiaries to 91%. The subsidy bill in winters will be significantly higher than in summers and monsoons as the only high-power consuming appliance people use then is a geyser," an official said.

When the government had announced free "lifeline" water of up to 20,000 litres per household per month in 2013, it had come under criticism for encouraging people to "waste" water.

After water subsidy was announced, water consumption came down in the city

Data released by the Delhi Jal Board, however, suggests the number of people whose water consumption decreased after the policy was announced went up considerably.

In his budget speech this year, Deputy CM Manish Sisodia said that before implementation of the plan, 5 lakh households were using less than 20,000 litres of water per month. The number went up to 13.67 lakh in 2018, he said.

According to senior government officials, though, the behaviour of a consumer differs when it comes to power.

"With water, we realised a lot was being wasted because it was a much cheaper commodity. In addition to that, even if people did not pay water bills, their connections were not terminated. But with power, since privatisation, this opportunity did not exist. We don't expect as many people to move into the 0-200 unit bracket as we saw in the water policy," said a senior government official.

"But because the base (number of connections) is so large, even if a small number lowers consumption, there will be considerable power saving," another official said.

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BRIEFLY

Labourer injured in fall

New Delhi: A 24-year-old labourer received severe head injuries after he slipped and fell from the terrace of a building in New Delhi's North Avenue Wednesday. Police said the contractor has been booked for not providing safety equipment.

Wanted in several cases, man arrested

Gurgaon: A 34-year-old man, with seven cases of theft and possession of illegal arms against him, was nabbed Thursday following an exchange of fire with police that left him with two bullet injuries.

2 held for smuggling sandalwood

New Delhi: Two men were arrested for allegedly smuggling sandalwood in North East Delhi's Welcome on Wednesday, police said. Sandalwood logs weighing up to 1,340 kg were recovered from them.

L-G secretary alleges fraud

New Delhi: The private secretary to the Lieutenant Governor at Raj Niwas has claimed he was cheated of Rs 1,31,000 from his credit card account, police said. **ENS**

Fake call centre busted

Noida: Five people, including two women, were arrested for running a fake call centre and allegedly duping hundreds of people, police said. **PTI**

NMC BILL PASSED IN RAJYA SABHA

20,000 resident docs skip work & hit streets, patients bear brunt

(Left) Doctors march outside AIIMS; (above) a long queue at the cardiothoracic & neuroscience centre. *Tashi Tobgyal*

Strike to be felt at Delhi govt hospitals, AIIMS today as well

ASTHA SAXENA & ASHNA BUTANI
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

Lok Nayak and GTB hospitals saw zero OPD attendance and routine surgeries were cancelled

HOLDING HER two-and-a-half year old son in arms, Ishrat, a resident of Mangolpuri, headed back home. Standing inside the AIIMS Cardiothoracic Sciences Centre, she was turned away, as resident doctors were not available. Her son, Mehboob, cannot move his left hand after he was diagnosed with jaundice.

"We were referred by a private hospital to AIIMS a few months ago. Last week, we came to the hospital. Today, the doctor was supposed to see our child. It takes months to take an appointment from a doctor here," she said.

Like her, hundreds of patients across Delhi faced a tough time, as more than 20,000 resident doctors from government hospitals went on strike and refrained from attending OPDs and other routine services. Medical practitioners were protesting against the National Medical Commission (NMC) Bill passed in the Rajya Sabha with some amendments Thursday.

The Bill aims to replace the graft-tainted Medical Council of India, and proposes a common final-year MBBS examination—the National Exit Test (NEXT) — for admission to post-graduate medical courses and to obtain a licence to practise medicine.

Sleeping on a mat outside G B Pant hospital's OPD was Sushila Prasad, crying because of a stomach ache. "She's been in tremendous pain for the last few months. Doctors in Lucknow said she has stomach cancer in February and we came to Delhi to verify. Doctors are supposed to check and tell us whether we need surgery or not," said her husband Bindra Prasad, who has been unemployed since his wife fell sick six months ago.

Resident doctors from AIIMS, RML and Safdarjung held marches and raised slogans as the bill was passed in the Rajya Sabha. Doctors marched from Safdarjung to the AIIMS flyover, and later to the Parliament, where they were detained.

Another group of doctors, associated with the Federation of Resident Doctors' Association (FORDA), who had planned to march to the Parliament from RML Hospital, were prevented from venturing out, said Dr Sunil Arora, the body's general secretary.

The Delhi government-run Lok Nayak and GTB hospitals saw zero OPD attendance. Both hospitals attended emergency cases while routine surgeries were cancelled. "In the absence of doctors, we are managing the patient load. We ensured no emergency case is turned away," Dr Kishore Singh, medical director of Lok Nayak hospital, said.

Resident doctors from Delhi government hospitals and AIIMS will be on strike today as well.

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Bill has advantages but why hurry, ask experts

ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

AMID PROTESTS by the medical fraternity across the country, the National Medical Commission Bill was passed by Rajya Sabha Thursday, with Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan calling it a 'golden day' in the history of medical education.

However, a certain section of the fraternity is demanding amendments to the Bill, particularly to Sections 32(1),(2) and (3), saying it will encourage quackery by providing licences to those not holding MBBS degrees to practice modern medicine as community health providers.

"The Bill was conceived by the previous UPA government, when the MCI was put in suspended animation. The attempt was to replace MCI, because there were allegations of corruption. The new government wanted to transform medical education and that is why they wanted to continue with the NMC Bill. But there are still many questions which will be left unanswered, since it is an experiment," Dr M C Mishra, former director of AIIMS, told *The Indian Express*.

The Bill proposes a common final-year MBBS examination, National Exit Test (NEXT), for admission to post-graduate medical courses and for obtaining a licence to practise medicine. It would also act as a screening test for foreign medical graduates, official sources said.

Dr Anant Bhan, researcher, Bioethics, Global Health and Health Policy, said: "There was an urgent need for regulatory reform in the health sector, and bringing in the NMC has been a good approach... Not every medical student has the skills... This is where a good quality exit exam can help. But a hurried implementation will create a huge mess. The government should go through similar models adopted in other countries and modify it accordingly."

No objection in public, why oppose CCTVs in classrooms, says HC

PRITAM PAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

The CM had inaugurated the scheme at a Lajpat Nagar school in July

"WHEN PEOPLE do not have objections to CCTVs in public places, parks or school corridors, then why are they opposed to having cameras in classrooms," the Delhi High Court said Thursday, setting aside claims that children's right to privacy would be affected if cameras are installed inside classrooms in Delhi government schools.

A bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice C Hari Shankar sought to know what is "so special about classrooms", when photos and videos of students and individuals are captured through CCTVs in public places. The court was hearing a petition urging the court to issue an interim direction to stall procurement of cameras to be installed in classrooms.

The court also refused to stall the ongoing process of installing CCTVs in classrooms, which is being done as per the Delhi government's proposal last year to install over 1.4 lakh CCTV cameras in its schools.

Last month, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal inaugurated the installation of 210 CCTV cameras at Shaheed Hemu Kalani Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya in Lajpat Nagar. He had also said that over 1,000 Delhi government schools will be equipped with CCTV cameras by November this year.

Hinting that there was nothing wrong with having CCTV cameras in classrooms, the bench said "every privacy is gone by" while walking on roads having closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras.

It said the objection on cameras should have been from the beginning of its installation.

"There is special privacy in classrooms. What is that?," the bench asked the petitioner's advocate, Jai Dehadrai.

Dehadrai argued it was not healthy to have cameras inside classrooms where "children, including girls, often discuss personal things". To which, Delhi government's additional standing counsel Sanjoy Ghose contended that the feed from the cameras would be password protected and accessible to only the parents of the kids.

The petition contended that installing cameras without any regulatory mechanism on access to its footage could lead to incidents of stalking and molestation.

The petitioner also sought a feasibility test amongst the target population of students and teachers, to understand the issues they face when it comes to surveillance.

Girl's suicide: Family says another student's kin lied about brawl

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THE FAMILY of a Class XII student, who allegedly committed suicide at her South Delhi home on Wednesday, alleged she was "driven to take the extreme step" by another schoolgirl's family, who had allegedly accused her of bullying. The victim's family has claimed "she had no prior altercation with the other girl and was not under any apparent stress".

DCP (South) Vijay Kumar had told *The Indian Express* that parents of another school student had complained to the school principal against the victim for allegedly beating their child.

"She was very bold. If she was driven to take her own life, she must have been really harassed. School authorities must answer and tell us what happened... The girl's mother and other family members repeatedly provoked us by suggesting a public brawl to decide who's stronger, but we resisted," alleged the girl's paternal aunt.

"Both girls were not friends, but they did not have any history of altercation either. Our girl was very chirpy and happy. She never seemed depressed or had any kind of mental stress," she said.

DCP Kumar said: "A Class XI student alleged the victim thrashed her and two boys on Monday at 12.30 pm after school was over. The parents of both the students were asked to come to school. By the time the victim's parents reached school, the teacher had left. The girl went home and was found hanging in her room in the evening." He added that the family has not filed a complaint against anyone so far.

He said no foul play is suspected and no suicide note has been recovered.

The victim's family claimed the girl got home, changed her clothes and locked her younger sister inside another room.

School officials did not respond to attempts seeking a comment on the suicide.

Beer firm may face heartburn over 5-star hotel party

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

AB InBev has just been hit by a three-year ban in Delhi for alleged evasion of taxes

MORE TROUBLE may be brewing for beer giant AB InBev, which has just been hit by a three-year ban in Delhi for alleged evasion of taxes, sources have said.

According to officials, who did not wish to be identified, Budweiser — one of the company's most popular brands — was being promoted at a 'Boiler Room Party' on June 23 at a popular city hotel, which was raided by the Excise Department.

The department claims to have found multiple licence-related violations at the party, which was attended by over 5,000 people. "The beer brand was the sponsor of the event, where it was being exclusively served," an official claimed.

"It is likely that another inquiry will be initiated against the company over alleged violations. It will not just be against Ab InBev but all stakeholders of the event," the official added.

The Boiler Room, founded in London, is an online music broadcasting platform which commissions streaming music sessions around the world.

The ongoing ban on Ab InBev pertains to a case of alleged evasion of taxes in 2016 involving liquor firm SABMiller — acquired by AB InBev in 2016 for around $100 billion — using duplicate barcodes allegedly on bottles of Haywards 5000 and Fosters in a popular pub in the city with similar barcodes. The presence of identical barcodes on different bottles, an official claimed, means that the company paid excise duty once for the sale of multiple bottles.

A spokesperson for AB InBev India, however, said: "We work to meet the highest standard of compliance across our markets. We deny the allegations set out in this order and look forward to presenting our views in full cooperation with the excise appellate process. This order relates to operations of SABMiller dating back to 2016, prior to our takeover. Specifically it concerns an alleged mismatch in barcode status of 11 bottles of Fosters and 1 bottle of Haywards 5000 found at a single retail outlet in Delhi. After we took control, we have discontinued our relationship with the vendor that managed the relevant Delhi warehouse and are taking steps to enhance our systems. We look forward to receiving a fair hearing on this matter."

In the latest instance, excise officials claimed, the event organisers had applied for P-13 permits, which come at a cost of Rs 5,000. However, for a party of this scale, they needed P-10 permits that cost Rs 1 lakh.

"Apart from that, entry to the event was through tickets, and liquor was being sold in the basement, for which they had no permission either from the excise or from other law enforcement authorities. The alleged tax evasion was done in multiple ways," the official claimed.

The state government collects excise duty on alcohol, which acts as a source of tax revenue. For now, the warehouses of the company's vendor have been sealed in the national capital, where the demand for beer eclipses hard liquor during summer months.

However, the department has allowed the company to extinguish its stocks that are in vends or in various stages of transit.

AB InBev brands have a share of around 20 per cent in the Indian market, according to industry estimates.

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3	Date of Publication of Tenders on website	26th July 2019
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5	Date / time for receipt of bids	08.08.2019 to 13.08.2019 up to 3 P.M
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Last Date & Time for Downloading of Tender	19.08.2019 upto 11.00 A.M.
Last Date & Time for Receipt of Tender	19.08.2019 upto 11.00 A.M.
Date & Time for Opening of Tender	22.08.2019 at 11.00 A.M.

Detailed NIT/specification may be downloaded from PSTCL e-Tendering Website **eproc.punjab.gov.in**. Corrigendum, if any, will not be published in Newspapers. As such the website may be visited regularly for update.

C-6272/Pb — Dy. CE/TS (Design), PSTCL, Patiala.

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- Cost of Tender Form: For S.N. 1 & 2: ₹ 2,000/- + 5% Sale tax = ₹ 2,100/-.
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1	2	3	4	5
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HEADMASTER SAYS ALLEGATIONS FALSE, BASELESS

Jamia school teacher alleges casteism, court says file FIR

ARANYA SHANKAR & ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

A DELHI court has ordered Delhi Police to register an FIR after a Dalit guest teacher who used to teach at Jamia Middle School approached the court claiming he was "insulted and humiliated" by the headmaster, who "addressed him by his caste" in front of many teachers last year.

Metropolitan Magistrate Rajat Goyal, in his order dated July 30, said that "on the basis of the allegations levelled, commission of cognizable offences under section 3 and 4 of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 appears to have been committed" and thus it was "obligatory for the police to register an FIR in the matter".

When contacted, Additional DCP (South East) Kumar Gyanesh said: "We are registering an FIR under court instructions. It will be registered under the SC/ST Act."

The complainant, when contacted, claimed casteist slurs were used by the headmaster several times, and he was made to do work outside his "protocol".

The complainant had to seek the court's help to register the FIR since the complaint had been filed a year ago in May, shortly after he was disengaged from service. His counsel Sanjay Kumar Singh moved an application under Section156 of CrPC and submitted before court that the complaint was made on May 8, 2018, to SHO, Jamia Nagar and a month later to the DCP (South East). However, no action was taken.

The Metropolitan Magistrate had directed police to produce an action taken report, which showed that an enquiry was in fact conducted and staff members were examined.

Harendra Kumar, the complainant, also approached the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and the Jamia Millia Islamia Vice-Chancellor, as the school is affiliated to the university. "I was appointed as a guest teacher in 2017, and was removed from my post in March 2018 without any reason. During my tenure, the headmaster humiliated me continuously by making me do all kinds of work including making tea, washing utensils, hanging curtains in the lab, etc. On more than one occasion, the headmaster used casteist slurs to address me," Kumar claimed. "I was told that if I do all this, I will be made permanent..."

However, Headmaster (Officiating) Mohammad Mursaleen said the allegations were "false and baseless" and that Kumar was "using his SC identity" to take "revenge": "None of what he has alleged is true. The DCP has already conducted an enquiry and found that it is all false."

While Registrar A P Siddiqui did not respond to calls and texts, Jamia PRO Ahmed Azeem said he needed time till tomorrow to respond to the matter.

Fate of 30 plots in Kant Enclave hangs in balance

Gurgaon: Four months after 14 structures in Faridabad's Kant Enclave were demolished in compliance with orders of the Supreme Court, the remaining establishments built there after 1992 are likely to meet the same fate in the coming days, with the final deadline given to residents coming to an end at midnight on Wednesday.

"The court had extended the deadline for vacating the properties to midnight of July 31 for those willing to submit undertakings stating they would vacate their establishments by then," said Sanjeev Mann, Senior Town Planner. Owners of 30 of 44 plots had promised to do the same, said officials.

"We will conduct an inspection to determine to what extent this order has been met, and then will submit a report to the Chief Secretary," he said.

In September 2018, the SC recognised that the land on which Faridabad's Kant Enclave stands as 'forest', and called for the demolition of all structures constructed there after 1992. **ENS**

Parvesh's mosque claims false: Minorities body

ASHNA BUTANI
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

THE DELHI Minorities Commission has said that it undertook a one-month investigation to look into BJP MP Parvesh Sahib Singh's claim that 54 mosques in the capital were illegal, and found that not a single one had been constructed on government land illegally.

"There is sufficient ground to initiate legal proceedings against MP Parvesh Sahib Singh for making false claims and spreading rumours to target a particular community. We may even file an FIR against him," Owais Sultan Khan, the DMC chairperson, said.

A fact-finding committee was formed by the DMC on June 24, six days after Singh wrote to the Lieutenant Governor about alleged "mushrooming of mosques on government land".

In a letter to the L-G, Singh had written: "I would like to apprise you regarding a peculiar type of trend... prevailing in whole Delhi, of mushrooming of mosques on government land, roads and secluded places".

However, Khan denied the claim, saying: "A 400-year-old mosque in Najafgarh has come under this list. The committee visited 58 masjids, 3 madrasas, 3 mazaars, 3 graveyards and one Immabada, including all those on Singh's list...."

Apart from photos, addresses and ownership details of places in the list, the DMC report also comprises photos of a number of temples that were allegedly constructed illegally. "We do not want to release a list as they have done. But there were some obvious sightings," said Khan.

When contacted, Singh said: "The Minority Commission is not a government body and has merely taken suo motu cognizance of the issue. Even though most of its members are AAP members, they do not have any right to investigate ownership of government land..."

Tihar Jail opposes plea seeking conjugal visits

PRITAM PAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

A PIL in the Delhi High Court seeking to uphold conjugal visits to jails as a fundamental right of prisoners and their spouses was opposed by Tihar Jail Thursday.

Jail authorities said no such programme was offered in any closed jail in India, and "instead, an opportunity to preserve family ties and marital stability is ensured through regular releases on parole/furlough/interim bail".

Director-General of Tihar did not agree that "conjugal visits can help curb the menace of sexual crimes in city". "How do sexual crimes committed outside prison have any relation with conjugal visits to prison as a solution to the menace," the jail said in an affidavit before a bench headed by Chief Justice D N Patel. It added: "Allowing conjugal visits in prisons... may not be feasible in light of the limited infrastructure, security concerns of visitors..."

The PIL by lawyer-social activist Amit Sahni claimed conjugal visitation rights were not provided at prisons in the state.

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FROM THE GALLERY

FROM THE CHAIR

RAJYA SABHA

"I will take into consideration your line, his line and the line which has been the previous line. All lines will be considered. Don't worry."

VENKAIAH NAIDU, Chairman, when RJD's Manoj Kumar Jha raised a point of order that BJP's Bhupendra Yadav had not read a clause in full while raising a point of order earlier.

LOK SABHA

"Today, whatever the Speaker wants will happen."

OM BIRLA, Speaker, when Opposition members asked what would happen "today" after Birla assured the House that he would ensure the list of business is given to the Opposition at least a day in advance.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"This Bill seems to be of the ambiguous, for the ambiguous and by the ambiguous."

DR SANTANU SEN, Trinamool Congress member, on the National Medical Commission Bill in Rajya Sabha.

ROLL CALL

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

5 QUESTIONS

BSP'S JAUNPUR MP **SHYAM SINGH YADAV** SPOKE ABOUT THE DETERIORATING LAW AND ORDER IN UTTAR PRADESH. HE SPOKE TO **DEEPTIMAN TIWARY** ABOUT THE UNNAO CASE AND RISE IN CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN AND DALITS.

What was the issue?
The law and order situation in UP is deteriorating... After elections, atrocities on Dalits and backwards have increased. Most of these attacks have been revengeful, perpetrated by people associated with the BJP because they did not vote for the party. Even after so many years of Independence, SCs are threatened not to vote. When they do, those who intimidated them followed up on the threat. The police is with the oppressor. SCs go to register FIR, but it is not registered. Rather they are booked on false charges.

You also spoke about the overall law and order situation in UP.
According to media reports, rapes have increased by 24 per cent in UP compared to last year. Eight women are raped every day. An MLA of the party in power had allegedly raped a minor but the FIR was initially not registered despite so many dharnas and rallies. When it was finally reported, her father was tortured and killed in police custody... People do not believe that she (Unnao rape victim) will get justice under the BJP government.

Do you think BJP should have distanced itself from the MLA?
He should have been expelled long ago... They (BJP) are fools. They are not good administrators. They are losing the trust of the people by continuing to support the member...

You said under Mayawati there was better law and order in the state.
Everyone believes that Mayawati's regime gave the best law and order situation to the state. Yogi-ji (Adityanath) does not have administrative experience. He is good at talking. He talks about finishing corruption. But it has only gone up. There is income tax terrorism in the state. These agencies have been given so much power that the officers have begun to also look after their own interests.

What should be done?
I do not think (PM) Modi is capable of correcting this. The Centre and the state government are so busy hiding their own follies that they are not able to concentrate on the job at hand.

Amid AIADMK walkout, RS nod to medical commission Bill

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

RAJYA SABHA on Thursday passed the National Medical Commission Bill to replace the "corruption-plagued" MCI with a new body. The Bill, which seeks to repeal the Indian Medical Council Act 1956, was passed by a voice vote amid a walkout by AIADMK.

The Lok Sabha had passed the Bill on July 29.

"I can say with utmost confidence and utmost sincerity at my command that this Bill... is the biggest reform of recent times in the field of medical education," Harsh Vardhan said. He said the Bill seeks to "put in place a new structure to tackle the challenges in medical education effectively".

In 2016, the Bill was referred to a Standing Committee, the minister said, and out of its 56 recommendations "40 have been fully accepted, seven partially accepted and nine not been accepted".

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh, who was part of the Standing Committee in 2016, said, "Seven have been partially accepted, that is the problem." By partially accepting them, he said, "the government has destroyed the spirit of the Standing Committee and is in danger of destroying the constitutional scheme of things by which health is a state subject and medical education is a concurrent subject". He proposed that at least 14 members of the Commission be nominated by states instead of six, as the Bill stated.

Former Union minister Suresh Prabhu said the country's medical education standards need to be uniform. "It might be state responsibility, but it is a national duty," he said.

In his reply, Harsh Vardhan said that NEET is an institutionalised body conducting examinations in 13 languages. "Once NMC Bill is approved, exit examination will be implemented in three years," he said, thanking senior Congress leader Ghulab Nabi Azad for his suggestions.

Health Minister Harsh Vardhan in Rajya Sabha on Thursday. *PTI*

The Bill proposes bringing uniformity in national standards in medical education by proposing that the final-year MBBS exam be treated as an entrance test for postgraduation and a screening test for students who graduate in medicine from foreign countries. This exam, called National Exit Test (NEXT), would ensure that the proposed National Medical Commission (NMC) moves away from a system of repeated inspection of infrastructure and focuses on outcome rather than processes, Vardhan said.

AIADMK's Vijila Sathyananth said the medical entrance examination was a burning issue in Tamil Nadu. "Bring a common syllabus for whole of India and then have a common entrance examination," she said. NEET and NEXT should not be enforced in the country, she added.

In his maiden speech in Rajya Sabha, TMC's Santanu Sen said the medical fraternity was against the "draconian" Bill. He said its provisions would lead to corporatisation of medical education and corruption, and was against federalism.

Supporting the Bill, JDU's Ram Nath Thakur said medical colleges should be increased. His party colleague Manoj Kumar Jha said that concerns of protesting doctors should be looked into.

DMK's Tiruchi Siva demanded that every state have representation in the Commission.

Congress's Ghulam Nabi Azad strongly opposed the provision that aims to provide licence to 3.5 lakh unqualified non-medical persons to practise modern medicine. "Are we making 70 per cent of population guinea pigs?" he asked.

Earlier, the Congress and SP urged the government to withdraw this provision, saying it will "institutionalise quackery".

EXPLAINED

Overhaul on cards as docs protest

FOR THE first time since establishment of Medical Council of India in 1956, the structure of medical education regulation in India is set for an overhaul with National Medical Commission. Doctors, however, have been protesting against a clause about a limited practice licence, which they say would encourage quackery, as well as a provision for making the final MBBS exam an entrance test for PG education. All the teething troubles for NEET PG, they say, would be in vain if ultimately a university examination is all it would take to decide who can enter a PG programme.

Oppn: Govt bringing in Bills without informing, can't take us for granted

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

THE OPPOSITION on Thursday accused the government of pushing through Bills in the Lok Sabha in a hurry and changing the list of business late in the night giving little time to members to prepare for discussions. The Opposition has warned the government not to take members for granted.

Speaker Om Birla assured the Opposition that he would ensure members are aware of the Bills to be taken up for discussion at least a day in advance.

When proceedings began on Thursday, Congress leader of the House Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury raised the issue of the list of business having been changed late on Wednesday night. "Sir, these people are bringing Bills without informing us. At 10 pm we are informed that such and such Bill is going to be discussed. How will I prepare my members? How will I prepare the list of speakers? We should at least get two days notice."

Chowdhury was supported by TMC MP Saugata Roy, who raised a point of order citing rules which call for a copy of list of business to be distributed among members in advance. "In yesterday's list of business, three Bills were listed... The first one was Inter-State River Water Dispute (Amendment) Bill, second one was the Dam Safety Bill. So, members prepared for the Dam Safety Bill knowing that the Bill would be taken up for discussion today. Suddenly, this morning we find that the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill has been listed in today's list... The Bill on POCSO has been listed and also the Arbitration and Conciliation Bill... Parliament cannot function at the whims and fancies of anyone," Roy said.

However, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Prahlad Joshi said that every member had been given a copy of the Bills a fortnight ago and that the list of business was changed because the Opposition objected to a discussion on Dam Safety Bill.

Speaker Om Birla: Will make sure members are informed at least a day in advance

"The Business Advisory Committee has allotted time. The Bills have been circulated. What's the problem in that... As far as Dam Safety Bill is concerned, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury requested me not to take it up and thus we have postponed it. We have talked to the Leader of the largest Opposition Party. What wrong has the government done?" Joshi said.

Chowdhury said he had only objected to Inter-State River Water Dispute (Amendment) Bill and Dam Safety Bill being clubbed together.

DMK MP Kanimozhi too expressed displeasure at the state of affairs. "The practice is that if the Bill is not taken up on the given day, it will be taken up the next day. But suddenly, a new practice has come up that till 9 o' clock, 10 o' clock or 11 o' clock, we have to wait for the revised list of business, and completely new Bills are brought in...There is a decorum to be followed in this House...You wanted to extend the House. We are cooperating with you but you cannot take us for granted to this extent."

After TMC MP Sudeep Bandyopadhyay and Congress MP Shashi Tharoor made similar arguments, Speaker Om Birla said, "I will discuss the issue again in BAC. I will make sure that before the Bills are listed, the information is circulated among members at least a day in advance. Members will also be informed by the office of the Speaker."

Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad with his brother-in-law and Congress leader Rajeev Shukla at Parliament House. *Renuka Puri*

Parliament approves changes in insolvency and bankruptcy code

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

PARLIAMENT ON Thursday approved changes in the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), providing greater clarity over the distribution of proceeds of the auction of loan defaulting companies, with the Lok Sabha passing the Bill with voice vote. Seven sections of the code are being amended.

The Bill was passed by Rajya Sabha on Monday.

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2019, gives the committee of creditors of a loan defaulting company explicit authority over the distribution of proceeds in the resolution process, and fixes a firm timeline of 330 days for resolving cases referred to the IBC.

The amendments would also bring in more clarity on various provisions, including the time-bound disposal for resolution plan at the application stage, as well as the treatment of financial creditors, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said.

"Once the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) begins, it has to be completed in 330 days, including litigation stages and judicial process," Sitharaman said, citing the proposed amendments.

The approved resolution plan would be binding on Central and state governments as well as various statutory authorities.

Sitharaman said the proposed amendments also respond to issues pertaining to financial creditors in the wake of a recent ruling with respect to financial and operational creditors.

Recently, the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) had ruled in the Essar Steel Ltd's case that the Committee of Creditors (CoC) had no role in the distribution of claims, and brought lenders (financial creditors) and vendors (operational creditors) on par.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Lok Sabha on Thursday. *PTI*

Sitharaman quoted a Supreme Court judgment to say that there is no longer a "defaulter's paradise" with implementation of the code. She also said the provisions of the Bill empower home buyers. "The government will endeavour to do full justice to them," she said, adding that the government was also looking at ways to resolve the issue concerning buyers of flats from JP Group of companies.

On issues concerning Jet Airways, the minister said that the stakeholders were free to work out a resolution plan and they were not obliged to use the IBC, which is optional.

Earlier, participating in the debate, Gaurav Gogoi of the Congress said the performance of the IBC has been a mixed bag. He also raised concerns about the liquidation of companies, especially firms in the real estate sector, that put home buyers' life savings at risk.

M Srinivasulu Reddy of the YSRCP referred to the death of Cafe Coffee Day founder V G Siddhartha and said industries are sick because of business failures. "The government is working towards 'ease of doing business', whereas there is an increase in 'difficulties in doing business'," he said.

POCSO amendments passed in Lok Sabha

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

THE PROTECTION of Children from Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill, 2019, which provides the death penalty for aggravated sexual assault on children, was passed in Lok Sabha on Thursday. It was passed by Rajya Sabha on July 29.

Replying to the debate on the Bill, Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani said there are 6.2 lakh names on the National Registry of Sex Offenders launched by the Centre last year, and 1,023 fast-track courts to try child sexual abuse cases are being set up across India under the Nirbhaya Fund.

She said fast-track courts would be set up in the next two years. "Eighteen states have already come forward to join hands with the Centre to set up these courts. Each court will be given Rs 75 lakh as administrative expenses," she said.

The Bill was unanimously passed in the Lok Sabha in a rare show of consensus with the only exception being AIMIM's Asaduddin Owaisi, who opposed the death penalty clause. "Since in most of the cases child sexual assault is done by someone from within the family, the death penalty will make it very difficult for the victim to actually report the case. She will be under pressure from the family to not report it. I oppose the Bill," he said.

WCD Minister Smriti Irani at Parliament House on Thursday. *PTI*

When Ramya Haridas, Congress MP from Kerala, brought up the Unnao rape case, the treasury benches said the Congress was trying to score political points over a Bill that was being passed to protect children of the country.

Irani said that she has held meetings with several ministries over the issue of protection of children against sexual abuse. The Home Ministry will set up an online dashboard for monitoring sexual abuse cases, while the HRD Ministry will introducing teaching of "good touch, bad touch" in schools, she said.

Irani said the Bill aims at making offences against children gender-neutral. She said the Bill defines child pornography so that sexual predators indulging in such heinous crimes could be punished.

Participating in the debate, Thirunavukkarasar of the Congress suggested that since the Bill has a provision for the death penalty, it should be sent to a Parliamentary committee for further scrutiny.

DMK member Kanimozhi said the Bill should be sent to a select committee or standing committee as harsher punishment could deter people from reporting the crime.

Ambiguity in UAPA Bill, send it to House panel: Oppn in RS

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THE OPPOSITION on Thursday criticised the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Bill 2019 in Rajya Sabha, saying it does not clearly state as to how a person would be labelled a terrorist and that the provision could be misused.

The Congress-led Opposition demanded the Bill be sent to a select committee for further discussion, as in the current form it could be struck down by the court.

Speaking during the debate on the Bill, Congress leader Kapil Sibal said it could be misused to label anyone as a terrorist. "I support this Bill if you agree to send this to a select committee. Otherwise I oppose it," Sibal said. He said every member in the House is against terrorism but at the same time it was the responsibility of all parties to see that the law is not misused.

Citing previous anti-terror laws like TADA and POTA, Sibal said there were several instances where such laws were misused in the country. "Misuse happens... We want to fight terrorism but we should also know what is happening on the ground... the Bill will be challenged in the Court and struck down... then again it will have to be brought to Parliament... it is endless process," Sibal said. "We are not against the Bill but how will you label a person terrorist? It is not clear in the Bill."

Sibal said it is the prerogative of the Opposition to protest against certain provisions of the Bill which they think are not right. "We have lost two Prime Ministers, one Chief Minister to terrorism. Nobody has suffered more than us. Still we know that we should not misuse such laws," he said.

'Bill will be challenged in court and struck down... then again it will have to be brought to Parliament.'

Opposing the Bill, TMC's Sukhendu Sekhar Ray said there was no need to bring the legislation when the UAPA Act was already there. He said the Bill would be used to target people who are critical of the government. People would be labelled as "urban Naxals" and part of "tukde-tukde gang" and brought under the purview of this Bill, he said.

SP's Ram Gopal Yadav said there should be no ambiguity in the Bill.

Intervening in the debate, Minister of State for Home Affairs G Kishan Reddy said the government has brought the Bill to designate individuals engaged in terror activities as terrorists. The minister said those like Masood Azhar have been designated as international terrorists and the Bill would help the government to label such individuals as terrorists.

AIADMK member S Muthukaruppan supported the Bill, saying it is essential to counter terrorism inside and outside the country.

BJD's Prasanna Acharya also backed the legislation and said it has been brought at very appropriate time. However, he said the government should learn from history and "never try to misuse this law".

Supporting the Bill, JD(U)'s Ramnath Thakur suggested that the NIA be made powerful as the FBI of the US.

In his maiden speech in Rajya Sabha, MDMK leader Vaiko vehemently opposed the Bill, saying it would strangle the voice of minorities and all those who love freedom. He said that laws like POTA, TADA and sedition have been misused by various governments in the past. Vaiko said the amendment Bill is highly "undemocratic", "unconstitutional" and "unwarranted". He said that the legislation usurps the power of states and said the country should be called "United States of India".

The debate will continue on Friday.

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A DIFFERENT CONCERN

LOK SABHA members frequently flag issues concerning their constituents, but rarely find an opportunity to articulate their own problems. As the Lower House debated the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Amendment Bill 2019 on Wednesday, Congress floor leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury revealed how he was first allotted a bungalow that had been already given to a senior officer, only to be followed by the offer of a dilapidated house. Meanwhile, he was threatened with eviction from the place where he was living. As he fought a court battle, he ended up giving the impression that he was hankering after a bungalow. Chowdhury's demand: A robust law, but also a redressal mechanism.

APT CHOICE

THE DELHI trial court judge who will now hear the Unnao case has played a pivotal role in introduction of vulnerable witness courtrooms in the national capital. The Unnao case has again highlighted the lack of protection for witnesses, victims and their relatives in sensitive criminal trials. It came as no surprise when Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, after detailed discussion in his chambers, decided that Tis Hazari district judge Dharmesh Sharma would hear the Unnao case. District judge Sharma has also worked extensively on witness protection programme in the national capital when he was secretary of Delhi Legal Services Authority.

EMOTIONAL ADDRESS

WHILE ADDRESSING the Indian community in Gambia's Banjul on July 31, President Ram Nath Kovind became emotional. This, he said, was due to the energy displayed by the community on his arrival. Kovind largely spoke extempore, and many in the audience were almost in tears due to the emotions evoked by his speech. Kovind is on a three-nation visit to Benin, The Gambia and Guinea.

Bihar to allot plots in Patna to legislators to build houses

Allotment to be through society, rates likely to be one-sixth of market price

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, AUGUST 1

AFTER HIKING the salary of legislators by about 30 per cent last November, the Bihar government has now decided to allot 2,650 sqft land in Patna to each serving legislator to build a house.

The government has decided to allot, through a society, the plots at "minimum rate", which should be Rs 15-Rs 20 lakh per katha (1,325 sqft) as compared to circle rate of Rs 65-70 lakh and market rate of Rs 1-1.25 crore. There are 243 MLAs and 75 MLCs in the state.

Bihar State Awas Board, which already has 32 bighas in its possession along Ashiana Nagar-Digha Road in the state capital, will distribute the 2,650 sqft land to each legislator through Navvihar Vidan Mandal Sadasaya Grih Nirman Swablambi Sahkari Samiti Limited Patna. The society is likely to start functioning from August-end or September. The Bihar State Cooperative Federation and Bihar Land Development Bank will be the nodal bodies to allot land.

A cooperative department official said: "Bihar legislature recently endorsed formation of the society. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shravan Kumar will be its chairman, Cooperative Minister Rana Randhir Singh its secretary and BJP legislator Sachindra Prasad Singh its treasurer. The three will be collectively responsible for land allotment." The state housing board has enough land to accommodate 318 legislators, the official added.

Asked about the need for allotment of land to legislators at "highly subsidised rates", Kumar said: "Let the society be registered first. There will be rules and bylaws."

A cooperative department source, however, said the the state housing board had been lying idle and grappling with problems of land encroachment. "The government has decided to get every legislator a home of his/her own in Patna," said the source, adding that many legislators had to stay on rent to attend House sessions.

An RJD leader said: "The government's decision will be a bounty for legislators before 2020 Assembly elections. We too are finding it difficult to criticise it, as 81 of our MLAs are likely to benefit."

For Ashiana road area, the current circle rates are: price of land per decimal (435.5 sqft) on principal road is Rs 30 lakh, principal road (residential/ commercial) is Rs 25.5 lakh, Rs 22.5 lakh on main road and Rs 20 lakh on inner road.

A city builder said: "Market rate of land in this area is between Rs 1 crore and Rs 1.25 crore. A legislator getting it at one-third of circle rate and one-sixth of market rate is largesse."

A residential colony of Bihar legislators already exists near the veterinary college, where leaders like former Speaker Radhanandan Jha and RJD leaders Lalu Prasad and Rabri Devi have houses. Besides, the government has been constructing duplex bungalows for sitting legislators for about Rs 600 crore.

Last November, the Bihar government gave 30 per cent salary hike to its legislators. The cumulative salary with sundry allowances and house rent of a legislator has gone up from Rs 1,57,500 to Rs 2,00,000 a month now.

EXPLAINED

Eye on polls, largesse continues

THE GOVERNMENT bid to allot land to legislators for houses in Patna seems to be a continuation of its please-all policy to reach out to them before 2020 Assembly elections. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, in particular, looks to reach out to the RJD, which has 81 MLAs. With leaders already beginning to cross over, the largesse may help the JD(U) president win over some more MLAs before the next election.

For CM's personal trip security, Andhra govt to pay Israeli firm Rs 22.5 lakh

SREENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, AUGUST 1

THE ANDHRA Pradesh government has sanctioned Rs 22.5 lakh to be paid to an Israeli firm to arrange security for Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy during his four-day "personal" trip to Jerusalem starting Thursday, according to an official order.

The expenditure comes at a time when the YSRCP leader, who stormed to power in the Assembly elections two months ago, has been advocating austerity measures in the cash-strapped state.

On July 31, the state's General Administration Department (GAD) issued an order to release Rs 22,52,500 for the Chief Minister's security for his visit from August 1 to 4. The order states that the amount is to be paid to Rehovot-based Triple S Tours and Travels through Airtravel Enterprises India Ltd.

"Tour of Sri Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, to Jerusalem, Israel from 01-08-2019 to 04-08-2019 on personal reasons — Sanction of an amount of Rs 22,52,500 towards security arrangements to Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh in Israel," the order states.

It states that the amount has been sanctioned on an "invoice from Triple S Tours and Travels, 96, Herzel, St, Rehovot, Israel for an amount of US$ 30,591 for making security arrangements".

The latest order follows a set of three separate government orders issued over the last two months that earmarked funds for domestic logistics and security for the Chief Minister.

On June 26, a Government Order (No.133) sanctioned Rs 1.89 crore to strengthen his security, including Rs 75 lakh for permanent barricading and Rs 40 lakh for a helipad, fencing and approach road near his residence at Tadepalli in Guntur.

On June 25, through another order (GO No. 132), Rs 5 crore was sanctioned to widen a 1.30-km road connecting Jagan's residence with NH 16. Opposition TDP leaders, including Nara Lokesh, had termed this expense as "a burden on the exchequer".

On July 22, through GO No. 160, the government sanctioned Rs 24.5 lakh to provide security at Jagan's Lotus Pond residence in Hyderabad's Banjara Hills. Jagan shifted to his new residence at Tadepalli on June 22, but stays at the Lotus Pond address when he visits Hyderabad.

Visiting Jerusalem from August 1-4

When contacted, Andhra Chief Secretary L V Subramanyam said the state paying for a CM's security arrangements abroad is "not new". "Our security officers, even if they accompany the CM, are not allowed to carry firearms, or undertake surveillance. For this reason, the arrangements have to be assigned to an agency at the place visited by the CM," he said.

On the other expenditure, Subramanyam said they were part of the development master plan for Tadepalli village.

Jagan is visiting Israel after a gap of three years, and the latest visit will be his first trip abroad after becoming Chief Minister. Jagan's father and former Chief Minister, the late Y S Rajashekar Reddy, used to be a regular visitor to Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

According to officials, the Andhra CM is expected to make another personal trip this month — to the US to admit his daughter to a university. Jagan and his wife Bharathi are likely to visit the US from August 16, they said.

On July 30, the CBI Special Court granted permission to Jagan to go abroad from August 1 to 25. Jagan is out on bail in a disproportionate assets case that is being heard in the CBI court, and the bail condition requires him to take permission before travelling abroad.

On Thursday, Jagan arrived in Hyderabad from Vijayawada on a special flight on his way to Israel. Before catching a flight to Tel Aviv, he met Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao to discuss the agenda for a meeting with the Centre over the Godavari water-sharing issue. After returning from Israel, Jagan is scheduled to visit New Delhi to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Home Minister Amit Shah to seek funds and aid for Andhra Pradesh.

NC delegation meets PM, cautions against any 'precipitous step'

NAVEED IQBAL
SRINAGAR, AUGUST 1

A NATIONAL Conference delegation led by party president Dr Farooq Abdullah met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday and urged him not to take any "precipitous steps" that may lead to a deterioration in the law and order situation of Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by NC vice-president Omar Abdullah and Anantnag MP Justice (retired) Hasnain Masoodi. The party delegation also sought Assembly elections "before the onset of winter."

The party said in a statement that the Prime Minister was apprised of "the panic and the anxiety that has gripped Kashmir following undue rumour-mongering. The delegation acquainted the PM about the anxiousness that has beset the state in wake of deployment of troops and undue tinkering with the states special status. They urged the PM that no pronouncement that might vitiate the peaceful atmosphere of the state should be made."

After the meeting, former chief minister Omar Abdullah tweeted, "We requested him that no precipitous steps of any sort should be taken that may result in situation in the state, particularly the valley, worsening. We specifically asked him to let sub-judice matters be settled by the courts & other matters be settled by an elected government."

Omar said the meeting took place in a cordial atmosphere.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Masoodi said, "We have recommended to the PM not to consider any political, legal or administrative move at the moment since the Amarnath Yatra is on and there is good tourist inflow to the Valley. Orders regarding troop movement or stocking rations create panic, even though the Governor's statements have eased things relatively."

Masoodi said that through the course of the meeting, the Prime Minister was "receptive and positive".

The National Conference political affairs committee is set to meet on Sunday to discuss the further course of action.

"Having received a number of requests especially from @MehboobaMufti Sahiba & as a follow up to today's meeting with @PMOIndia, @JKNC_President Dr Farooq Abdullah Sb will be reaching out to political leaders of the state to meet on Sunday to discuss the prevailing situation," Omar tweeted on Thursday night. PDP president Mehbooba Mufti had earlier requested Farooq Abdullah to convene an all-party meeting.

Meanwhile, People's Conference chairman Sajad Lone has questioned the NC's decision to unilaterally meet the Prime Minister. "What on earth happened to the supposed collective action. Is it a rush for brownie points or mercy petition for economic crimes. The innocent people of Kashmir will never know," he tweeted.

National Conference chief Farooq Abdullah, former J&K CM Omar Abdullah and party MP Justice (retd.) Hasnain Masoodi with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Delhi on Thursday. *PTI*

Karnataka: Nine more MLAs move SC against disqualification

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NINE MORE disqualified MLAs from Karnataka approached the Supreme Court on Thursday, challenging the Speaker's July 28 decision to reject their resignations and disqualify them. Those who have approached the court are A H Vishwanath, K Gopalaiah, K C Narayana Gowda, Pratapgouda Patil, B C Patil, Arbail Shivaram Hebbar, S T Somashekhar, B A Basavaraj and Munirathna.

Three other disqualified MLAs, Ramesh Jharkiholi, Mahesh Kumathalli and R Shankar moved the court earlier this week against the Speaker's order to disqualify them.

In the fresh plea, the applicants said their they have a fundamental right under Article 19 to carry on any trade, business and profession. "Their right to resign from the post of MLA and carry on any vocation of their choice including public service cannot be denied by the...Speaker by a completely illegal and unconstitutional order," the plea said and added that the action of the Speaker violated the fundamental rights of the petitioners under Articles 19 and 21.

The Speaker, they contended, has grossly erred in holding that the resignations of the petitioners was not "voluntary and genuine". Under Article 190 of the Constitution read with Rule 202 of the Karnataka Assembly, a member can deliver resignation signed in his own hand and the Speaker is only to satisfy himself about genuineness and voluntariness of the resignation, the plea said. They "stated that there is no doubt that the resignations are voluntary and genuine".

LEADERSHIP CRISIS

CWC meet after Parliament session, Cong may buy time

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THE LEADERSHIP crisis in the Congress triggered by the resignation of Rahul Gandhi as party chief is showing no signs of an end. The top leadership of the party is yet to arrive at a consensus on his successor and all indications are that the Congress Working Committee, which will meet after the Parliament session, could buy more time by either appointing a provisional president or entrusting a group of leaders the task of finding a new president.

With the party gearing up to celebrate the 75th birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi on August 20 in a big way, there is an element of urgency to address the leadership vacuum before this and the CWC would meet after August 7 to put in place an alternative arrangement. The delay in the convening of the meeting of the CWC came up for mention at a meeting — of Congress general secretaries and in-charges of states — convened to chalk out programmes for celebrating Rajiv's birth anniversary and Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary.

Sources said veteran leader Ghulam Nabi Azad and AICC in-charge of Jharkhand R P N Singh told the meeting that the CWC should be convened soon to address the situation triggered by Rahul's resignation. AICC treasurer Ahmed Patel told the gathering that the Committee would meet after the Parliament session comes to an end, taking into account the availability of Rahul and Sonia Gandhi.

After the meeting, a top leader said there could be two-three scenarios — the CWC could either appoint a provisional president, task a group of leaders with the job of finding a new president, or it could announce a timeline for holding of elections for the post of Congress president.

AICC communication department in-charge Randeep Surjewala said the date for the CWC meeting has not been finalised yet, but asserted that Rahul would attend the meeting since he is an integral part of the Working Committee. On May 28, three days after the results of the Lok Sabha polls, Rahul had conveyed to the Committee his decision to step down taking responsibility for the party's rout. He made his decision public a month later. But even after two months, the Congress has not been able to appoint his successor or put in place an alternative arrangement.

While a section of leaders want Priyanka Gandhi Vadra to take over, leaders close to the Nehru-Gandhi family claim she is not interested. Many senior leaders, however, believe Priyanka would eventually take over as the Congress president. They say the argument that she is not interested in the top job is largely because the timing now is not right.

AHEAD OF POLLS, CM BEGINS MAHAJANADESH YATRA

Fadnavis: Will make Maharashtra drought-free in next five years

SHUBHANGI KHAPRE
GURUKUNJ MORJARI (AMRAVATI), AUGUST 1

PROMISING TO make Maharashtra drought-free in the next five years, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Thursday embarked on the 'Mahajanadesh Yatra', seeking absolute majority in the upcoming state polls.

Speaking at a rally in Amravati district's Gurukunj Morjari, in the presence of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Fadnavis said: "My biggest concern is drought. Even after ushering in sweeping reforms in multiple sectors, drought-free Maharashtra is yet to be accomplished."

"In the next five years, we will make Maharashtra drought free. I promise the people that we will not allow the next generation to go through hardships that come with drought. This is my resolve and commitment to the people and farmers," he added.

Taking on the Opposition, Fadnavis said that in the last five years, his government has spent Rs 50,000 crore for farmer welfare, compared to less than Rs 20,000 crore allocated during the 15 years of Congress-NCP rule.

He added that the yatra is aimed at giving an account to the people what the BJP-led government had done in the last five years. "I am confident of getting absolute majority in the elections. There is no ambiguity about our return to power," the CM said.

Speaking on the occasion, Rajnath described Fadnavis as a charismatic leader. "At the young age of 44, when he took over the reins of Maharashtra, many had wondered if he would be able to rule such a complex state. But he has proved his mettle... Five years ago, he had succeeded in winning the confidence of the people. Now, in the next five years, I am confident that he will live in the heart of every individual through his good governance."

In the first phase of yatra, which will continue till August 9, Fadnavis will visit Vidarbha and parts of north Maharashtra.

Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh during the yatra on Thursday. *Express*

AGUSTAWESTLAND CHOPPER SCAM

Kamal Nath nephew's counsel: ED made contradictory statements

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

THE COUNSEL of Ratul Puri, who is under the scanner for allegedly receiving kickbacks in the AgustaWestland chopper scam, on Thursday told a Delhi court that the Enforcement Directorate had made "contradictory statements" pertaining to a "missing witness" and added that the agency had made an attempt to "prejudice the judge".

The statement by the counsel of Puri — the nephew of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath — came after the ED on Tuesday had told the court that a witness in the AgustaWestland case, whose identity was disclosed as K K Khosla, "must have been killed". The agency said that "his family was too scared to register an FIR".

However, on Wednesday, ED special prosecutor D P Singh told the judge, "A little birdie tells us that we might have Khosla today or tomorrow somewhere."

On Thursday, Senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for Puri, told Special Judge Arvind Kumar that the ED's case was "prejudiced", and that it was the "utter irresponsibility of the prosecution" to claim that "Khosla not only vanished but might have been killed".

"If you want to prejudice the judge then don't do it clumsily. This imaginary murder... that I (Puri) am so influential that I got him killed, and his family does not file an FIR? The ED is terrified of filing an FIR? What will happen if he (Khosla) suddenly appears? Then the ED will say I used the word murder and in my dictionary murder and kidnapping are the same."

He said, "This is not responsible prosecuting, this is not even persecuting. Paint the man black...give the dog a bad name and hang him," Singhvi told the court.

Advocate Vijay Aggarwal, also appearing for Puri, told the court that the ED made contradicting statements. "One day they say he may have been killed, then the next day there is some other statement. There was a mention of a birdie." To this, Singh replied, "I had said that. There is a buzz that in one hour's notice... he will re-emerge. I still do not know whether he is alive or not or whether is absconding or not."

Aggarwal replied, "Will the court decide the matter on the basis of a buzz?"

Puri's counsel also told the court that the ED showed the judge a mobile phone and some statements, but they were not provided with the same for a fair chance to rebut. His counsel further submitted that Puri was not a flight risk and was willing to provide them with documents and meet with the officials at any given time.

Aggarwal asked if they could be provided with the case files, to which the judge said, "We will decide." Aggarwal then claimed that the ED during their arguments said that "Puri is guilty of money laundering and is tampering beyond reasonable doubt". "This shows that I will not be given a fair trial. Prosecution is the judge," Aggarwal said. The arguments in the case remained inconclusive, and will continue on Friday.

Based on land-grab FIRs, ED books Azam for money laundering

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate has booked Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan for alleged money laundering in connection with a case of alleged land grabbing in Uttar Pradesh.

The ED case against the Rampur MP, sources said, is based on more than two dozen FIRs registered by the Uttar Pradesh police in this matter.

An agency official said the ED has taken cognizance of at least 26 UP Police FIRs against Khan in which he is alleged to have grabbed land in different villages by threatening and extortion.

Notably, Khan's name was added to the state government's anti-land mafia website after its launch in June 2017. Khan has earlier denied the allegations and said he was being targeted because he had defeated the BJP in Rampur. **ENS**

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Karti challenges ED eviction notice

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

Karti Chidambaram

A DAY after the Enforcement Directorate (ED) served an eviction notice to Karti Chidambaram, son of former Finance Minister P Chidambaram, with regard to his Jor Bagh residence, Karti challenged the notice, saying it was in violation of the law.

The house, in the name of Karti and his mother Nalini, had been attached by the ED last year in connection with its money-laundering probe into the INX Media case. The attachment was subsequently confirmed by the Adjudicating Authority under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), following which the ED asked Karti to vacate his bungalow on Wednesday.

Challenging the notice in the Authority on Thursday, Karti said it was in violation of the law and alleged that "political vendetta" was behind the move. "The central government has been pursuing a politically motivated vendetta against the family of P Chidambaram, especially his son Karti and all persons even remotely connected to the appellant including his mother Nalini," PTI quoted his plea as saying.

The petition contended that the order and the entire attachment proceedings in the case are "bad in law" and the notice under Section 8(4) PMLA is purely a "mala fide" exercise of power to "prejudice" him. The plea requested that the operation of the notice be stayed.

The property was attached by the ED on October 10 last year, and confirmed by the authority on March 29, following which the directions were given, the notice said. In response to the developments then, Karti had called the order "bizarre and outlandish" and based on "crazy conjectures".

"This is meant only to grab headlines. The order will not withstand judicial scrutiny, review or appeal. Will approach the appropriate legal forum," Karti had tweeted.

In May 2017, the CBI filed an FIR naming, among others, Karti and INX Media for alleged irregularities in clearance from the FIPB to the media group for receiving overseas funds in 2007 when Chidambaram was Finance Minister. The CBI alleged that INX Media's FDI proposal was "deceitful and fallacious" but was still granted approval "by virtue of influence exercised over them (FIPB) by Karti P Chidambaram".

AIRCEL-MAXIS CASE

Court extends interim protection from arrest to Chidambaram, son

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

A DELHI court on Thursday extended till August 9 the interim protection from arrest to former Union minister P Chidambaram and his son Karti Chidambaram in the Aircel-Maxis cases filed by the CBI and the ED.

Special Judge O P Saini extended the relief after the argument on their anticipatory bail plea remained inconclusive as both the agencies sought time to argue the matter further.

In his order, judge Saini said, "Special Public Prosecutor Sonia Mathur, Advocate for ED, prays for adjournment on the ground that Solicitor General Tushar Mehta is not available today, which is strongly opposed by learned counsel for the accused. Reluctantly allowed."

During the hearing, Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal, who appeared for the Chidambarams, told the court that none of the accused have been arrested in the Aircel-Maxis case and that the investigation against them was already complete in both the matters and no purpose will be served by taking them in custody. "There is no allegation of tampering. It is not that I will flee. Both are Members of Parliament. Entire record is documentary. No allegation so far that I approached any witness or tried to influence the probe."

In Bangkok, Jaishankar holds bilateral meets with 8 counterparts

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BANGKOK, AUGUST 1

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS Minister S Jaishankar on Thursday held a series of bilateral meetings with his counterparts from China, Japan, Britain, New Zealand and other countries during which he discussed a host of key issues, including Indo-Pacific and maritime partnership.

Jaishankar is here to attend a number of conferences, including the ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting, the 9th East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers' Meeting, the 26th ASEAN Regional Forum and the 10th Mekong Ganga Cooperation Ministerial Meeting.

He held a "comprehensive discussion" with his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi and also met newly appointed British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab. "Looking forward to continuing it in Beijing," Jaishankar said, referring to his upcoming trip to China to finalise preparations for President Xi Jinping's visit to India later this year for the second informal summit with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He also held talks with his Japanese counterpart Taro Kono and discussed a range of issues. "Carrying on from the Osaka #G20 meeting. Good exchange of views with Japanese FM," he tweeted.

Earlier, Jaishankar discussed issues related to Indo-Pacific region with New Zealand Foreign Minister Winston Peters. "Very cordial meeting with Deputy PM & Foreign Minister of New Zealand @winstonpeters. Good conversation on our shared Indo-Pacific approach. Agreed to upgrade economic and political ties," he tweeted after the meeting.

He also met Federica Mogherini, the High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs.

"Couldn't resist a selfie at the end of the day. Nice evening with @MarisePayne. We only discussed cricket."

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar tweeted this picture with his Australian counterpart Marise Payne

NOTICE BOARD

CORPORATE ASSOCIATE DIARY — APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, HONOURS

INTERACTION-NHPC

CMD, NHPC alongwith Director (Projects) called upon CM Sikkim, PS Tamang (Golay), at Gangtok recently. On this occasion Chief Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim, AK Srivastava and Secretary to CM, Shankar Dev Dhakal were also present.

AWARD-EIL

EIL has been conferred with the Special Commendation Award for "R&D Company of the Year" at the Downstream India Excellence Awards 2019 presented during Global Refining & Petrochemicals Congress (GRPC) 2019.

TRIBUTE-CRPF

CRPF paid rich tributes to those who laid down their lives for the cause of the Nation at the National Police Memorial, New Delhi on the occasion of its 81st Raising Day. MoS for Home Affairs Nityananda Rai graced the event.

FOUNDATION DAY-REC

REC Ltd. celebrated its 50th Foundation Day on 25th July 2019 at an event held in New Delhi. The company has funded projects across the power sector value chain to the tune of nearly Rs. 10,00,000 Cr. The company with a vision of a greener future has already funded nearly 5 GW of Renewable Energy projects and was the first Indian PSU corporate to raise money through green bonds in International Markets. Today, REC boasts a loan book of over Rs. 2.80 lac crores. The Chief Guest of the evening R K Singh, MoS (IC) for Power and NRE in his address called REC 'a friend, philosopher & guide of the power utilities of state' and revisited his memories of engaging with REC during the early phase of his career.

ROAD SHOW-SYNDICATE BANK

On 24th July Syndicate Bank organised a Road Show under "MSME Loan" & "Home Loan Takeover Dhamaka" program, in the leadership of BS Mohanti DZM & Sunil Kumar Sobti RM Regional Office 1 Delhi at Okhla Industrial Area.

MEET-PNB

Punjab National Bank, Managing Director and CEO Sunil Mehta called on Finance Minister of India Nirmala Sitharaman on 26 July 2019 and apprised her on banks progress on various areas.

SEMINAR-UCO BANK

A seminar of MSME Entrepreneurs was organized by UCO Bank, Zonal Office, New Delhi recently which was chaired by GM & Zonal Head A Kumar. HD Papne, Asst. Dir, MSME, GOI & R Prasad, AGM, RBI addressed the gathering.

MEET-NTPC

NTPC held its "Fuel Management Meet 2019" at Shillong. Prakash Tiwari, Dir (Operations), NTPC, inagurated the meet, Senior officials from Indian Railways, CIMFR and eminent consultants were present on the occasion.

APPOINTMENT

IGL Amit Garg has taken over as Dir. (Commercial) of IGL. A post grad in Electronics & Management, Garg is a senior leader in Oil & Gas space having a rich & varied experience of over 32 years across multiple regions in the country in various roles in BPCL. Having worked across the entire value chain in the industry including sourcing, storage, logistics & sales across India, he is aptly skilled in the areas of B2C & B2B sales & marketing, business strategy, business planning, team building & operations.

COMMENCEMENT-BEML

BEML commenced production of Metro Cars at its Bangalore facility, for MMRDA for its MRS1 Project. The production of Metro Cars for MMRDA commenced ceremoniously at BEML Bangalore Complex.

MEET-NTPC

NTPC MSME Cell organised a Special vendor meet, exclusively for "MSEs owned by SC/ST & Women Entrepreneurs". The Vendor meet provided an effective confluence for the sellers (MSEs), buyer (NTPC Limited) & Policy makers.

CAMP-AAI

AAI's Women Welfare Association, Kalyanmayee, added another feather to its cap by hosting yet another astounding artist's camp "PRERNA -3". The 3 day camp was organized at AAI Officers Institute premises in association with AAIAF.

INDIANOIL The price of Non-Subsidised LPG at Delhi will decrease by Rs 62.50/14.2 Kg cylinder w.e.f. 1st August 2019 based on LPG prices in international market and US$-₹ exchange rate. Accordingly, the upfront cash payment by the consumers of domestic LPG will also reduce by Rs 62.50/cylinder. Domestic LPG consumers will now be required to make upfront cash payment of Rs 574.50/- only per 14.2 Kg cylinder in August, 2019 in place of Rs 637.00/- per cylinder for July, 2019.

NHPC National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), Hyderabad bench on 26.07.2019 approved state run hydropower major NHPC's bid for the debt-ridden Lanco Teesta Hydro Power Ltd (LTHPL) for an amount of Rs. 897.50 Crs under Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process. NHPC Limited is a mini-ratna company under Ministry of Power & this is the first time that a state run company has bagged a project under IBC. The Original bid of Rs 907 cr was initially approved by the CoC of Lanco Teesta Hydro Power .

EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, LAUNCHES, CSR INITIATIVES, APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

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NORTH

4 AMU students held for creating ruckus on campus

Lucknow: Four former students' union office-bearers of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) were arrested on Thursday in connection with the violent protest at the vice-chancellor's (VC) office and residence over various pending demands. One of them was also rusticated from the university. Aligarh SSP Akash Kulhary said that the four were booked under CrPC Section 151. The Station House Officer (SHO) of Civil Line, Amit Kumar, told *The Indian Express* that they were produced before the district court, which remanded two of the students to judicial custody, while the other two were granted bail. **ENS**

Vehicles stranded on the highway after a landslide due to heavy rainfall near Ramban area, on the outskirts of Jammu, on Thursday. *PTI*

WEST

16-year-old boy convicted of rape of 5-year-old sister

Surat: The Juvenile Justice Board of Surat on Thursday convicted a 16-year-old boy of the rape of his 5-year-old sister. The order, pronounced keeping in mind the reformation of the minor convict, sentenced him to 10 months' stay in a special juvenile home. The boy has also been ordered to work three hours daily for four months at an old age home and must enrol in an employment-oriented one-year vocational training course. The parents have been ordered to pay bail of Rs 15,000. Special Public Prosecutor Nayan Sukhadwala said, "We are satisfied with the judgment as it is reformative, taking into account the age of the teenager..." **ENS**

EAST

Bengal woman found dead one day after given triple talaq

Kolkata: A woman was found dead in West Bengal's Uttar Dinajpur district on Thursday, a day after she was given an instant triple talaq by her husband. According to police, the victim has been identified as Noor Banu, a resident of Dakshin Bishnupur village. Her husband Mohammed Sunderlal and his parents are absconding after the incident. Uttar Dinajpur SP Sumit Kumar said they had started an investigation. "We are looking into all angles. We have booked the husband and in-laws who are absconding. Search is on," said Kumar. Sources said Banu and Sunderlal had frequent altercations over his gambling. **ENS**

SOUTH

HC orders second autopsy of Maoist killed in encounter

Hyderabad: The Telangana High Court Thursday directed the government to conduct a second autopsy on the body of a Maoist who was killed in an exchange of fire with police in Bhadradri-Kothagudem district. The deceased was identified as 40-year-old Linganna, state secretary of the CPI (ML) New Democracy and the "commander" of the Linganna Dalam, the underground group formed by him. The court order came on a PIL filed by the Civil Liberties Committee, which alleged it was a fake encounter and moved the court over the encounter seeking registration of a criminal case against the police and to conduct a second autopsy. The court posted the matter to August 5. **PTI**

Nearly 90 per cent of Vadodara was left inundated Thursday. *Bhupendra Rana*

Vadodara: 499 mm rainfall over 24 hrs wreaks havoc

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
VADODARA, GANDHINAGAR, AUGUST 1

A STAGGERING 499 mm of rainfall in 24 hours till 8 am Thursday and a swollen Vishwamitri river left nearly 90 per cent of Vadodara inundated. The city was marooned as flight operations were suspended, railway tracks flooded and highway entry points into the city became inaccessible due to waterlogging. Flight operations, however, resumed in the evening.

The Vishwamitri river, which crossed the danger mark of 26 feet within three hours of downpour on Wednesday evening, began flowing above 34 feet on Thursday morning.

Four persons died in a wall collapse in Bajwa area late on Wednesday, and Vadodara district collector Shalini Agarwal told PTI that the body of an unknown man was recovered from Khodiyarnagar area Thursday. "The administration has shifted more than 4,500 people to safer places and evacuated 1,200 persons who were stranded in houses due to water-logging," she said.

Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani held a meeting in state capital Gandhinagar to take stock of the situation. He said that 75,000 food packets were prepared for distribution to people stranded in the waterlogged areas.

Rupani said that the Prime Minister's Office was constantly in touch with the state government over the situation in Vadodara and five additional teams of NDRF were flown in from Pune. Four NDRF teams are already in Vadodara, he added. Four teams of SDRF, two teams of Army and two companies of State Reserve Police were also deployed for rescue operations.

Two columns of the Army comprising 140 men were assisting the local administration, while two additional columns were kept on stand-by. The Indian Air Force (IAF) stationed two medium lift M-17 helicopters at Vadodara.

A videograb of a crocodile just before it attacks a dog on a flooded street in Vadodara. *Express*

3 crocodiles rescued from flood waters

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
VADODARA, AUGUST 1

THE FOREST Department of Vadodara has so far rescued three crocodiles which had swum to residential areas after water from the Vishwamitri river flooded the city. However, the officials warned that more crocodiles will surface when the water starts receding.

"So far, we have rescued three crocodiles — one of them from a society on Rajmahal road, and two from societies in Nizampura area of the city," Assistant Conservator of Forests Vinod Damor said.

"The crocodile rescued from Rajmahal road was four feet long and nearly six years old while the others were baby crocodiles of about two years of age. They have been moved to our rescue centre for now."

Saying that it was likely that more crocodiles would be spotted once the water starts receding, Damor added, "The actual challenge is then. We have circulated our helpline numbers but there have been no more calls so far. We had also rescued a big tortoise from Fatehgunj area of the city. The forest department has circulated contact details of officials concerned and volunteers to be approached in each area in case of any emergency related to wildlife.

Speaking to the media, Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani said teams of Forest Department officials and voluntary organisations were keeping watch on the situation to catch any crocodile that is found from the waterlogged Vadodara city.

In a video that went viral of the crocodile rescued from Rajmahal road, the reptile is seen creeping up to two dogs stranded in the flooded waters and attacking one of them. Residents of the society could do nothing but watch. In the video, the dog is seen yelping and freeing itself from the jaws of the small crocodile.

The Vishwamitri river is home to nearly 300 crocodiles, as per the last census. Sighting a crocodile in residential areas close to the river is not uncommon but with the river water entering the city, the number of sightings is likely to rise.

UNNAO RAPE VICTIM INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Among the accused: UP minister's son-in-law, Sengar brother, aides

AVANEESH MISHRA
LUCKNOW, AUGUST 1

UNNAO'S NAWABGANJ block pramukh Arun Singh, who has been booked in connection with the accident in which the Unnao rape victim was critically injured, is the son-in-law of Uttar Pradesh Minister of State for Agriculture, Agriculture Education and Agriculture Research, Ranvendra Pratap Singh aka Dhunni Singh.

Dhunni (55) is a second-time MLA from Hussainganj constituency in Fatehpur. According to Dhunni's personal secretary Mohammad Saleem, he won the seat on a BJP ticket in 2007 and then in 2017, after which he was given a ministerial post.

BJP sources said that Dhunni joined the party in 2006. In 2012 he was made its Fatehpur district president. His affidavit for the 2017 Assembly elections shows that he runs a brick kiln and is in the dairy business. He does not have any pending criminal cases against him.

Dhunni's son-in-law Arun Singh (34) has been named in the FIR registered for murder, attempt to murder, criminal intimidation and criminal conspiracy in connection with Sunday's accident in Rae Bareli.

Arun told *The Indian Express* he joined the BJP in 2003 and was later made Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha district vice-president. He was made Nawabganj block pramukh in 2016. He married Dhunni's daughter in 2009 and resides in Nawabganj town.

Arun Singh

Denying all the allegations against him, Arun claimed he was booked as part of a political conspiracy by someone who has been misguiding the victim's family.

"This person, who has his name mentioned in the FIR complaint as an acquaintance, made his wife contest the block pramukh election against me. Since she lost the election, he is using the victim's family's grief to take revenge on me. I want justice for the victim's family and for myself. I want the CBI to do a narco test on me and everything will be clear," he said, claiming he was on the Amarnath Yatra when the accident took place.

Arun claimed he had no connection with the victim's family and did not even go to her village. "I did not even know who they were. I came to know about the victim's uncle (complainant of the FIR) and others after the case was highlighted by the media," he said.

In addition to MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar and Arun Singh, there are eight others named in the FIR. One of them, Manoj Singh Sengar, is the younger brother of Kuldeep. Sources said he was living in Unnao city area and his family residence in the village was locked since the rape case issue hit the headlines.

The FIR also names Vinod Mishra who, according to village sources, is a close aide of Kuldeep, lives in the same village and runs a transport business. Mishra used to manage Kuldeep's finances.

Husband of Shashi Singh, Haripal Singh has also been named in the FIR. Haripal is the father of gangrape accused Shubham Singh, and was the complainant in the case registered against the victim's family members for allegedly forging documents to prove that the victim was a minor at the time of the alleged sexual assault by Kuldeep.

The son of Haripal and Shashi, Naveen Singh is another accused. A close aide of Kuldeep and a contractor by profession, Komal Singh is the sixth accused.

While Arun is number seven, Gyanendra Singh, who calls himself the brother of Kuldeep and earlier worked as a journalist in a Hindi news daily, has been named in the FIR. Rinku Singh, a close aide of Kuldeep, and Awadhesh Singh, a lawyer and close associate of Kuldeep, have also been named.

Apart from these 10, 15-20 unidentified people are mentioned in the FIR.

Three cops in victim's security team suspended

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, AUGUST 1

FOUR DAYS after the Unnao rape victim and her lawyer were critically injured after the car in which they were travelling to Rae Bareli was hit by a speeding truck head-on, three police personnel tasked with protecting her were suspended on Thursday for alleged dereliction of duty.

Unnao SP Madhawa Prasad Verma said that he has suspended two women constables — Ruby Patel and Sunita Devi — and gunner Sudesh Kumar, who were deployed for the security of the rape victim, for not accompanying her when she had left for Rae Bareli with her two aunts and the lawyer on Sunday.

The victim's two aunts were killed in the accident, while her condition and that of her lawyer continues to be critical at the KGMU Trauma Centre in Lucknow.

SP Verma said that the three police personnel also did not inform their immediate superiors when the victim had reportedly asked them to stay back.

Nine police personnel were deployed for her security and three of them were to travel with her at all times. Earlier, the SP had said that the woman had asked her security escort not to accompany as there "was no space in the vehicle".

The woman's uncle has also alleged that his wife, who died in the accident, and others had told him that BJP MLA Kuldeep Sengar, accused of rape, and his associates regularly pressured them to change their statements in court.

The uncle claimed that Sengar's associates also threatened to kill his family in a road accident if they failed to strike a compromise with him.

Victim, lawyer still critical but stable: doctors

Lucknow: The condition of the Unnao rape victim and her lawyer remained critical, but stable, doctors at King George Medical University Trauma Centre said on Thursday. However, they added that the lawyer is showing signs of improvement and he was being put out of ventilator for some time.

"The condition of both the patients... remains critical but stable. While the lawyer is being taken out of ventilator for trial from time to time, the woman is constantly on a ventilator. Both the patients are being looked after by a team of expert doctors," said Sandeep Tiwari, in-charge of the Trauma Centre.

Meanwhile, the CBI team investigating the accident case visited the Trauma Centre twice and talked to the family members of the victim and lawyer. They also spoke to doctors and sought their opinion if she could be airlifted to Delhi. **ENS**

August, September rainfall likely to be normal: IMD

ANJALI MARAR
PUNE, AUGUST 1

RAINFALL DURING August and September and the countrywide monsoon are likely to be normal, according to the latest forecast issued by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) for the second half of monsoon.

As per the forecast released on Thursday, August rainfall is expected to be 100 per cent of the Long Period Average (LPA) this year. This will be a continuing trend to the July rainfall, when the country received over 104 per cent of the LPA, bringing down the June deficiency of 33 per cent to 9 per cent below normal.

According to IMD, the country's LPA of the monsoon season is 89 cm, based on the average rainfall for the 1951-2000 period. Similarly, IMD maintains monthly-LPA figures — for August it is 26.13 cm and for September 17.34 cm.

"This year, rainfall during August will be 99 per cent of LPA and the season is expected to receive rainfall up to 96 per cent of LPA," the latest forecast suggested.

With the effect of El Nino fading away, other atmospheric factors that positively influence the Southwest monsoon are in the positive phase.

"The positive Indian Ocean Dipole conditions, which currently persist, will continue throughout this monsoon season," the forecast suggested.

With a fresh low pressure system set to form over Bay of Bengal around August 4 and expected to move northward, the IMD has indicated at rainfall intensifying over Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, west Uttar Pradesh and Himalayan regions in the remaining days of this week. Since July 30, many areas in Jammu and Kashmir have been experiencing heavy spells of rainfall and this is expected to prevail till the weekend.

Some areas in Gujarat and southeast Rajasthan, too, received extremely heavy rainfall on July 31 and this will continue till the weekend, Met officials noted.

Rainfall will be back over Kerala, Karnataka and regions in the west coast.

"There will be rainfall throughout the country till August 8, only after which weather models indicate of some reduction in the activity," IMD's Extended Range Forecasts suggested.

EXPLAINED

Deficit likely to be wiped out

JULY AND August together contribute about 70 per cent of the total monsoon rainfall. With IMD predicting good rainfall for August as well, the deficiency in rainfall early in the monsoon season, mainly due to late arrival, is expected to be wiped out. With the weakening El Nino posing no threat during the latter half of the season, the cumulative rainfall at the end of the season is likely to remain close to normal.

VIRAL VIDEO

Schoolgirl speaks up on Unnao, family scared

MAULSHREE SETH
LUCKNOW, AUGUST 1

A DAY after a video of a girl student in Barabanki questioning a senior UP Police officer over women's security in the wake of Unnao rape victim's accident went viral, the parents of the girl did not send her to school, fearing for her safety.

The parents of the Class XI girl said that they will meet the school principal on Monday, and only after that, they will decide on when to send her to school again.

"She is naive and young. Whatever she reads in newspapers and watches on television, she said it. She speaks well and the rest of the school children prodded her," said the girl's father.

In the viral video, Additional Superintendent of Police (North) Ram Sewak Gautam is heard telling girl students attending a Balika Suraksha Jaagruktaa Abhiyaan programme at a school to stay alert and immediately call up the toll-free number if they feel anything wrong is being done to them. To this, the student stands up and asks the officer in Hindi, "If the person is a common citizen, then we can protest. But if he is a political leader, a powerful person, then how can we protest against him? When we know that even if we protest against such a high-profile person, still no action will be taken against him. We saw that Unnao girl is in hospital. So if we protest, what is the guarantee that we will get justice? What is the guarantee that we will be safe? What is the guarantee that nothing will happen to us?"

As she questions the police officer, students are seen applauding her.

Stunned by the girl's question, the officer is heard saying, "All complainants to toll-free number would be provided help."

As the video went viral, Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra posted a news clip of it and hit out at the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh. "If some influential person does something wrong, then will our voices against him would be heard? This is the question raised by a student during girl'; awareness rally in Barabanki. This question is in the minds of every woman and girl in Uttar Pradesh. Answer BJP?) tweeted Priyanka in Hindi.

Expressing concern for her safety now, the girl's father said that they were not informed about any such event in the school.

"First of all, parents were not informed about any such event in the school. Even if there was something of that sort, then the privacy of the child should have been respected..." her father told *The Indian Express*.

"We have not sent her to school today and would not send her to school on Friday as well. I would first speak to the Principal on Monday. I have only one daughter and do not want her to land in any trouble for speaking her mind out in open," he added.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Additional SP Gautam said that the girl had asked him a "hypothetical question". "She is a student and had put up a hypothetical question, but we still tried to assure her that police are committed to protecting people..."

The school principal, however, could not be contacted despite several attempts.

What compulsion behind changing currency notes, Bombay HC asks RBI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, AUGUST 1

THE BOMBAY High Court on Thursday directed the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to file an affidavit stating reasons behind changing the features and size of currency notes from time to time.

A bench of Chief Justice Pradeep Nandrajog and Justice N M Jamdar was hearing a petition filed by the National Association of the Blind (NAB), seeking directions to include distinctive features in new coins and notes for easier identification by the visually impaired.

Chief Justice Nandrajog asked the counsel appearing for RBI why was there a complusion to change the notes. "You (government) keep saying it is because of fake currency. I doubt that reason. Demonetisation showed that it was a myth that Rs 10,000 crore were taken away by Pakistan," he said.

"What is the compulsion of RBI to change features of notes from time to time? What is the compulsion of RBI to change the size of the notes," the court asked while directing the RBI to file an affidavit.

In the previous hearing, RBI had told court that a committee of experts was set up to explore the possibilities of developing a device to aid the visually impaired in identifying bank notes. The committee has recommended a mobile-based application, which will identify the notes and inform the person orally.

Tamil farmer commits suicide in front of bank over loan repayment

Coimbatore: A 60-year-old farmer committed suicide in front of a bank here on Thursday after he was informed that the property documents pledged by him for a group loan can be returned only on repayment of the entire loan, and not a part amount that he was willing to make, police said.

Bhoopathi, hailing from Konganapuram in Sankagiri in Salem district, came out of the nationalised bank branch here, consumed some poison he was carrying and collapsed, police said.

He was rushed to a government hospital, where doctors declared him brought dead. **PTI**

NORTHERN RAILWAY

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Name of work and its location	30-Elect-20-T-2019-20-E3 Electrical work in connection with provision of LED Station Name Board at DLI, ANVT, HNZM, DEC, KDE, GZB, MTC and other A-1/A station over Delhi Division.
Approx. cost of the works in	Rs. 205.57 lacs
Address of the office	Sr. Divil. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.
Earnest Money	Rs. 252900.00
Date & time of submission of tender	22.08.2019, 15.00 Hrs.
Opening of tender	22.08.2019, 15.15 Hrs.
Website & notice board	www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/ General, New Delhi.

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

कार्यालय प्रबन्ध निदेशक
पश्चिमांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि.
विक्टोरिया पार्क, मेरठ

अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना

निविदा विशिष्टीकरण संख्याः पविविनिलि/मे/मु./05/वाहन (कार)/2019-20 के अन्तर्गत पश्चिमांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि., मुख्यालय मेरठ पर तैनात अपर पुलिस अधीक्षक (विजिलेन्स) हेतु 01 (एक) नग वातानुकूलित सिडॉन (इंडिगो/डिजायर) डीजल चालित वाहन (मॉडल चार वर्ष से अधिक पुराना न हो), वाणिज्यिक पंजीकरण, वाहन चालक सहित बाह्य एजेन्सी के माध्यम से किराये पर रखने के लिये ई-टेन्डरिंग के माध्यम से दिनांक 09.08.2019 अपराह्न 14.00 बजे तक अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदायें आमंत्रित हैं। निविदा से संबंधित विस्तार में सभी जानकारी, विवरण/डाउनलोड तथा अन्य किसी भी प्रकार के संशोधन/विस्तार वेबसाईट www.pvvnl.org, एवं www.etender.up.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है।

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राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचायें "बिजली चोरी की सूचना हेल्पलाईन नम्बर पर दें 1800-180-8752 (लखनऊ)"

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WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY

CHIEF PROJECT DIRECTOR, RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION, JABALPUR (ENGINEERING BRANCH) NIT

E-Tenders are invited on behalf of the President of India acting through Executive Engineer, Railway Electrification Jabalpur for the following work. **(1) E-Tender Notice No.:** REJBPENGG852201902R, Date: 30.07.2019. **(2) Name of Work with location:** Provision of supporting arrangement for erection of bridge mast on the piers of the up & down on Bridge no. 1136 between Satna-Katni in connection with RE work in Gr. 174 in WCR. **(3) Approximate cost of the work:** ₹ 81,23,367.37 (Rs. Eighty one lakhs twenty three thousand three hundred sixty seven point three seven only) **(4) Earnest Money:** ₹ 1,62,500.00/- (Rs. One Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Five Hundred Only) **(5) Closing date & time:** 23.08.2019 upto 15.00 Hrs. & Date of Opening: 23.08.2019 at 16.00 Hrs. **Completion period:** 03 Months. The complete information of the above E-Tender is available on website "https://ireps.gov.in" and also placed on the notice board of the Chief Project Director, Railway Electrification, Jabalpur. Tenders other than in the form of E-bids shall not be accepted against above tenders.

Executive Engineer
Railway Electrification, West Central Railway, Jabalpur

During Rail Journey, Dial 138 for general complaints & Dial 182 for security complaints

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 Supply of Manpower for Miscellaneous jobs of Urea & Off-Site Plants, tender Cost is Rs. 750/-, EMD amount Rs. 50,000 /- & The Estimated Value of contract is Rs. 45.33 Lakhs.,
(2) ARC for Supply of Manpower for Miscellaneous Jobs of Ammonia & CPP Plants, tender Cost is Rs. 750/-, EMD amount is Rs. 50,000/- & The Estimated Value of contract is Rs. 36.26 Lakhs.
(3) ARC for Instrument Control Valve Maintenance & Pressure Testing, tender Cost Rs. 750/-, EMD amount Rs. 50,000/- & The Estimated Value of contract is Rs. 45.91 Lakhs.

Interested parties can obtain tender documents from the office of **Sh. S.K. Jha, DGM (Prod.), Mob. 9780088318** RFCL site Ramagundam by 02/09/2019 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 **02/09/2019** up to 3.00 PM in office of DGM (Prod.), Any amendment to the above tenders shall be displayed on the above website only.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

		S.N.	
1.	Name of work with its location	1	Execution of Civil Engg. Works for Provision of Escalators and Lifts on various stations of Delhi Division (DLI, NZM, NDLS, GZB, MTC, SNP, JHI, FDB, PWL, KKDE, MNTB and SS etc.) under Sr. DEN/Works.
2.	Approx. Cost of work	1	Rs. 89889036/-
3.	Earnest Money		(It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. **Note:-** FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 2015//CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016).
		1	Rs. 599500/-
4.	Cost of Tender		(It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. **Note:-** FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 2015//CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016).
		1	Rs. 11800/-
5.	Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender		Upto 15.00 hrs on 03.09.2019 Opening of tender at 15.00 hrs. On 03.09.2019
6.	Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased		Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

128-W/280/e Tender Notice/ NIT-14-2019/Works Dated: 01.08.2019 2484/19

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यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण
प्रथम तल, कॉमर्शियल कॉम्प्लेक्स, बी-2, सैक्टर ओमेगा-1, ग्रेटर नौएडा-201308
जनपद गौतमबुद्ध नगर (उ0प्र0) दूरभाष: 0120-2395153/57/58, फैक्स नं: 0120-2395150

Letter No. YEA/GM (PROJECT)/2019/304 Dated: 01.08.2019

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

महाप्रबन्धक (परियोजना), यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी, यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे प्राधिकरण की ओर से यूपी.एल.सी से ई-बिड हेतु पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों/फर्मो से ई-निविदा आमंत्रण **सूचना संख्या : YEA/GM (PROJECT)/2019/303 दिनांक 01.08.2019** के माध्यम से उल्लेखित क्र. सं. 01 से 29 तक के कार्यो की ई-निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती है। क्र.सं. 01 से 08 तक के कार्यों की निविदा को दिनांक 09.08.2019 से दिनांक 19.08.2019 को 5.00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है तथा प्राप्त निविदायें दिनांक 20.08.2019 को 11.00 बजे खोली जायेगी। क्र.सं. 9 से 15 तक के कार्यों की निविदा को दिनांक 12.08.2019 से दिनांक 26.08.2019 को 5.00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है तथा प्राप्त निविदायें दिनांक 27.08.2019 को 11.00 बजे खोली जायेगी। क्र.स. 16 से 23 तक के कार्यों की निविदा को दिनांक 13.08.2019 से दिनांक 27.08.2019 को 5.00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है तथा प्राप्त निविदायें दिनांक 28.08.2019 को 11.00 बजे खोली जायेगी। क्र.सं. 24 से 29 तक के कार्यों की निविदा को दिनांक 14.08.2019 से दिनांक 28.08.2019 को 5.00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है तथा प्राप्त निविदायें दिनांक 29.08.2019 को 11.00 बजे खोली जायेगी। निविदा सम्बन्धी समस्त विवरण व शर्ते यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे प्राधिकरण की वेबसाइट **www.yamunaexpresswayauthority.com** एवं **U.P.E.C.L.** की वेबसाइट **https://etender.up.nic.in** पर उपलब्ध है। किसी परिवर्तन, संशोधन व अतिरिक्त सूचनाओं के लिए उक्त वेबसाइटें देखते रहें।

महाप्रबन्धक (परियोजना)

'I JUST GAVE FEEDBACK, COMPANY COMMITTED BIGOTRY'

MP Police to tell Zomato customer to sign peace bond

MILIND GHATWAI
BHOPAL, AUGUST 1

POLICE HAVE started the process to serve a notice to Jabalpur-based Amit Shukla, who had cancelled his food order on Zomato when he learnt it was being delivered by a non-Hindu, that will require him to sign a bond for keeping peace.

"Once the notice (under Section 107/116 of CrPC) is served to sign the bond, the police will watch his activities over six months. The police can take him in custody if there is another violation during the period," Jabalpur SP Amit Singh told *The Indian Express*.

He added that Shukla's tweet was against the spirit of the Constitution and had the potential to whip up passions in a communally sensitive town like Jabalpur.

In response to 40-year-old Shukla's complaint that the delivery person was a Muslim, Zomato, the app-based food delivery service, had tweeted,

Amit Shukla

"Food doesn't have a religion. It's a religion." This was followed by company CEO Deepinder Goyal's tweet, "We are proud of the idea of India-and the diversity of our esteemed customers and partners. We aren't sorry to lose any business that comes in the way of our values." Zomato's response won the internet.

However, Shukla was unfazed by the row his tweet had triggered. He said nobody had complained against him and the police had acted on their own.

"Let them serve a notice I will respond after taking legal counsel. Let's see what reasoning or grounds they cite. I haven't committed bigotry. Zomato has given a religious spin to what was essentially customer feedback. I tagged the company so the corporate headquarters notices the issue and resolves it. It was between an individual and a corporate. The company it its advantage," he told *The Indian Express*.

He said the company neither accepted his demand to change the rider nor cancelled the order, so he gave feedback. "They should have agreed to my personal choice. If you want to buy a red shirt from a shop, you should be given a red shirt and not black. I have my freedom of religion, I have my freedom of religious expression and the right to practise my choice," he said. "The company claims food has no religion, but why does it offer halal or other food (with religious connotation)? They committed bigotry in my case and highlighted it for free publicity."

Shukla said his reservations (about Muslim rider) are only for the month of Sawan because he believes one should eat pure and clean food.

An MBA and infrastructure consultant, Shukla said he became a BJP member a few days ago when the party launched its membership drive. Explaining his Twitter handle — @NaMoSARKAAR — he said he is an ardent follower of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and had advised him to attack Pakistan after the surgical strikes.

When asked whether he has Muslim friends and acquaintances, Shukla said he has many, and does not discriminate when it comes to their wages. "I have a Muslim mechanic for a decade. I trust him. But gaadi, ghoda, petrol alag cheez hai, food is intimate, a personal matter," he explained.

He said he had not committed a big crime, and if he were to face legal consequences, the company would have to face 10 times more.

VHP and Bajrang Dal extended support to Shukla on Thursday. His Twitter followers increased from 900 to 3,000-odd after the row.

Two held for raping, beheading 3-year-old

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
RANCHI, AUGUST 1

ABOUT A week after a three-year-old girl went missing from Jamshedpur, her beheaded body was recovered on Tuesday night. Two persons have been arrested in this connection.

While the postmortem report is awaited, police said the victim had injury marks on her private parts. They also said the two accused have confessed to rape. Police said they have registered a case under POCSO Act.

According to police, the girl's mother came to Jamshedpur with a friend last week. "They were sleeping at a railway station when one of the accused took the child and left the station," the police said, citing the CCTV footage of the station.

DSP Noor Mustafa Ansari (Railways) told the reporters, "The accused raped the child and after she started crying, he beheaded her. During questioning, the accused named his accomplice and he too was arrested."

Jharkhand man lynched over theft, 4 arrested

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, AUGUST 1

A 45-YEAR-OLD man was lynched in Jharkhand's Dumka district late Wednesday night after he and his associates were caught stealing.

Police said Bhola Hajra was caught and beaten up by residents of Chihudiya village of Dumka's Jharkundi area, while his three associates managed to flee. They said four villagers have been arrested, while an investigation is on to nab the remaining three thieves.

Dunka SP Y S Ramesh said, "Four people had dug hole in a house and were decamping when villagers raised an alarm and beat one Bhola Hajra, who later died. He had several criminal cases registered against him, three of which were registered in Dumka for dacoity.

"After the death, we have registered a case against four villagers and have arrested them and are questioning the villagers," Ramesh said.

V G Siddhartha's Chethanahalli estate in Karnataka's Chikkamagaluru. *Darshan Devaiah B P*

Coffee estate workers remember CCD founder Siddhartha

DARSHAN DEVAIAH B P
CHIKKAMAGALURU, AUGUST 1

V G SIDDHARTHA, founder of the Cafe Coffee Day chain who was found dead on the banks of a river near Mangaluru on Wednesday, had set out for Mumbai in early 1980s with Rs 7.5 lakh he had borrowed from his coffee planter father. By 1985, the youth from Mudigere in Chikkamagaluru district owned more than 10,000 acres of coffee farms in Malnad region. Of this, only 500 acres were his ancestral property.

The workers in his coffee plantations remembered him as a considerate and helpful employer.

Dasappa, who has spent 35 years in the Chethanahalli estate, said, "I have seen Sidaddartha since his childhood days. He was humble and treated people with respect. He always supported us."

Kavitha Bai, who along with her family has been working in the estate for 25 years, said, "My children are studying in good schools thanks to Ayyavaru (Sir). He always emphasised the need for education. He provided jobs to children of his labourers in his companies across the world. If anyone needed financial assistance, he would always lend a helping hand."

Another estate worker remembered Siddartha as a generous and kind person who treated his staff like family.

Siddhartha was known for his philanthropic work in Mudigere and had backed many development programmes in the area. According to an Amalgamated Bean Coffee (ABC) company employee, Chikkamagaluru town does not have a multi-speciality hospital, so Siddhartha had wanted to build one in his father's name, where all services would be provided free of cost to people from Malnad region.

"He had a very close relationship with coffee and wanted to take Karnataka coffee to global markets. He succeeded in doing so," said Halappa Gowda, who has known the family for long.

Siddhartha's family has been running coffee plantations for more than 140 years in Malnad region. He was the only son of Gangaiah Hegde, a freedom fighter, and Vasanthi.

Senior Congress leader B L Shankar attributed his close friend's success to his "own ability and determination to build such a huge business". Shankar, who is from the same village as Siddhartha, added: "He took Karnataka coffee to the international level and gave employment to many. Still, he remained a very humble person ..."

HARYANA GOVERNMENT

TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/E-MAIL
1.	DHBVN	RATE CONTRACT FOR TRANSPORTATION OF M.S STEEL ITEMS(NIT NO. WC-30)	26.07.2019 06.08.2019	NIL	www.dhbvn.org.in	9991777109 cosdhbvn7@gmail.com
2.	HARTRON	CONSTRUCTION OF PREFABRICATED STRUCTURES FOR CANTEEN AND GYM AT HSMDC COMPLEX, UDYOG VIHAR, PHASE-I, GURUGRAM.	02.08.2019 13.08.2019	36.77 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2570076 engineeringdivision10@gmail.com
3.	HARYANA SEEDS DEVEOPMENT CORPORATION LTD	SUPPLY, INSTALLATION & COMMISSION OF SEED PROCESSING PLANT & MACHINERY.	31.07.2019 19.08.2019	230 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9417669911 hsdcl@hry.nic.in
4.	HSAMB HISAR	WIDENING & STRENGTHENING OF LINK ROAD FROM KHARAR ALIPUR KHOKHA (ID-1400)	30.07.2019 14.08.2019	1.19 CRORE	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01662-275612 xenhsamb.hisar@gmail.com
5.	HSAMB BHIWANI	ANNUAL REPAIR OF LINK ROAD LOHARU CONSTY. DISTT. BHIWANI (GROUP-1) (ID-532,539,542,5687,6443 & 6444) FOR THE YEAR 2019-20) + 27 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING 13.08.2019	1.33 CRORE	http://etender.hry.nic.in	xenbhiwani2.hsamb@gmail.com
6.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PANCHKULA	DEVELOPMENT OF PARK BY PROVIDING AND FIXING OF 60MM THICK INTERLOCKING PAVER TILES, RCC BENCHES, BOUNDARY WALL, PLAY STATION ETC. IN FRONT OF H.NO.1101, SECTOR-25, WARD NO.19, PANCHKULA, RECALL + 7 OTHER WORKS	31.07.2019 10.08.2019	149.41 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2583695 mcpanchkula@gmail.com
7.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PANCHKULA	BEAUTIFICATION OF ENTRY POINT FROM HOUSING BOARD ENTRY ON DIVIDING ROAD BETWEEN SECTOR-7 AND 18, WARD NO.9 OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, PANCHKULA	31.07.2019 05.08.2019	1.76 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2583695 mcpanchkula@gmail.com
8.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PANCHKULA	PROVIDING LED STREET LIGHTNING IN CHAWLA COLONY ON LOHGARH-NALAGARH ROAD AT PINJORE + 6 OTHER WORKS	30.07.2019 10.08.2019	34.45 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2583695 mcpanchkula@gmail.com
9.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GURUGRAM	PROVIDING AND LAYING CLEANING OF UGT, LAYING OF DI LINE 100MM DIA PIPE AT JAIN BAZAR IN VILLAGE JHARSA, WARD NO-28, UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ZONE-IV, MCG + 4 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING 05.08.2019	28.18 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	7988669791 ee3@mcg.gov.in
10.	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE ELLENABAD	PROVIDING AND PLACING OF DUSTBIN AT M.C ELLANABAD + 10 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING 07.08.2019	1.02 CRORE	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	94682-83877
11.	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE FARRUKHNAGAR	CONST. OF STREET & DRAIN TYPE I WITH INTER-LOCKING P/BLOCK FROM H/O RAMCHAR YADAV TO H/O SUMITRA, WARD NO. 7, MC FARRUKHNAGAR + 13 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING 14.08.2019	92210	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9466303906 secymcfarrukhnagar@gmail.com
12.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION FARIDABAD	P/F OF RCC GRASS GRID TILES(SIZE OF 600X400X70MM) BOTH SIDE OF ROAD FROM YMCA CHOWK TO BYE PASS ROAD SEC-9 WARD NO.33 FARIDABAD	29.07.2019 07.08.2019	119.61 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9818643725 shyamsingh.anurag@gmail.com
13.	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION FARIDABAD	UP-GRADATION AND BEAUTIFICATION OF SANT SURDAS MARG SECTOR-8-9 DIVIDER ROAD IN WARD NO 33, OF MC, FARIDABAD	29.07.2019 05.08.2019	1657.83 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9818643725 shyamsingh.anurag@gmail.com
14.	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE UCHANA	CONSTRUCTION OF MC OFFICER AT MC UCHANA + 2 OTHER WORKS	17.08.2019 12.09.2019	1133.27 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	Munc Eng
15.	UHBVN	HIRING OF 1 NO. JEEP FOR SDO VIGILANCE HPUS KARNAL	CLOSING 13.08.2019	6000	www.uhbvn.org.in	xenvigiluhbvnkarnal@gmail.com
16.	UHBVN	OUTSOURCING OF SKILLED/UNSKILLED MANPOWER UNDER OP ZONE UHBVN ROHTAK	CLOSING 07.08.2019	30 LACS	www.uhbvn.org.in	01262-285915 xenopcityrohtak@uhbvn.org.in
17.	UHBVN	1 NO. MAHINDRA/TATA, FORCE/ANY OTHER JEEP OPEN FROM BACK SIDE WITH DRIVER FOR SDO 'OP' SUB DIVISION, UHBVN, JUNDLA	CLOSING 20.08.2019	6000	www.uhbvn.org.in	0184-2268351 xenopuhbvnsu2karnal@gmail.com
18.	UHBVN	REPAIRING OF DAMAGED DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMERS OF RATINGS 25,63 & 100KVA IN DHBVN THROUGH PRIVATE FIRMS VALID FOR ONE YEAR.	CLOSING 19.08.2019	2 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9316274618 sestoresuhbvndhulkote@gmail.com
19.	HARYANA FOREST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD	FILLING MONTHLY GST RETURNS OF 10 GM OFFICES IN THE FIELD FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2019-20 GST R1, 3B, GST TDS PAID GST TDS RECEIVABLE & GST ANNUAL RETURN (GSTR-9)	02.08.2019 16.08.2019	50000	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2564463
20.	HARYANA FOREST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD	FILING OF TAX AUDIT RETURN U/S 44AB AND U/S 92E FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2018-19(A.Y.2019-20) BEFORE 30.09.2019	02.08.2019 16.08.2019	10000	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2564463
21.	HVPNL	AUGMENTATION OF 132 KV S/STN ASSAUDHA FROM 1X20/25MVA 132/33KV T/F TO (1X20+1X40/50) MVA 132/33 KV T/F PLINTH, ADDL.ODSG FOUNDATION, ODCT, E/FILLING, ROAD AT 132 KV S/STN ASSAUDHA	CLOSING 09.08.2019	47.21 LACS	www.etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
22.	HVPNL	CREATION OF I NO. 66KV LINE BAY AT 66 KV S/STN. UGALA TO ACCOMMODATE 66KV D/C RAJOKHERI-UGALA TO LINE SECTION AND CREATION OF I NO. 66KV LINE BAY AT 66 KV S/STN. YARA TO ACCOMMODATE 66KV D/C RAJOKHERI-YARA TO	29.07.2019 13.08.2019	6.14 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
23.	HVPNL	SUPPLY OF JEEP MAKE MAHINDRA/TATA/FORD/TOYOTA/HONDA/MARUTI ETC) ON CONTRACT BASE AT SLDC CONST & MTC DIVISION, HVPN, SEWAH PANIPAT	28.08.2019 04.09.2019	24200	etender.hry.nic.in	9306736030 xensldcrtumtc@hvpn.org.in
24.	HVPNL	CREATION OF ONE NO. 132KV LINE BAY AT 400KV S/STN. NUHIYAWALI TO ACCOMMODATE STRINGING OF 2ND CIRCUIT OF 132KV NUHIYANWALI- DHUDIANWALI D/C LINE.	29.07.2019 05.08.2019	3.11 LACS	https://www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
25.	HVPNL	PHOTOSTAT WORK OF VARIOUS OFFICES OF THE NIGAM AT PANCHKULA	30.07.2019 23.08.2019	10000	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
26.	HVPNL	PLUGGING THE OIL LEAKAGE ON 2X100 MVA, 220/132 KV T/F T-1 AND T-2 INSTALLED AT 220 KV S/STN, HVPNL, SIRSA(HARYANA)	30.07.2019 06.08.2019	1.62 LACS	https://www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in

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Odisha BJP MLA hints at link between triple talaq and prostitution, draws criticism

SAMPAD PATNAIK
BHUBANESWAR, AUGUST 1

DEPUTY LEADER of the BJP in Odisha Assembly Bishnu Sethi drew strong condemnation in the House on Thursday after he implied that a high proportion of women in India were forced into prostitution because of easy divorce processes like instant triple talaq.

The House was adjourned till 3 pm after Congress MLAs and some BJD MLAs raised objections, despite Speaker S N Patro's statement that he would examine the remarks.

While speaking in support of the instant triple talaq Bill — to which President Ram Nath Kovind gave his assent on Thursday — Sethi said that "Muslim women dominated the red-light areas of Mumbai and Kolkata". He quoted "survey reports" from magazines and newspapers to justify his claim during Zero Hour even as Congress and BJD members demanded that the statement be expunged.

"What is wrong in quoting survey reports in the House? I have not made any adverse remark against any community, but quoted survey reports that say Muslim women dominate red-light areas in Mumbai and Kolkata," Sethi was quoted by PTI as saying.

Addressing journalists outside the House, Sethi blamed the Congress. "Some people have been incensed since the day the Bill was passed in Rajya Sabha... I was giving my opinion that instant triple talaq is a medieval practice... A black law like triple talaq should end because not just because of Bills brought by BJP in Parliament, but Supreme Court has also given a judgment on the matter."

He added, "Some people developed stomach cramps because BJD supported the legislation. I said that Pakistan, Bangladesh and 39 other countries do not have instant triple talaq. There is no explicit reference to it in their holy text. So why should we not stop it... "

Congress MLA Taraprasad Bahinipati called the remarks an "insult to democracy and Muslim society".

Indian arrested for 'spying', claim Pak cops

M ZULQERNAIN
LAHORE, AUGUST 1

POLICE IN Pakistan's Punjab province claimed to have arrested an "Indian spy" in the town of Dera Ghazi Khan and have handed him over to a premier intelligence agency for investigation.

On Wednesday, police arrested a man, identified as Raju Lakshman, from Dera Ghazi Khan district, some 400 km from Lahore. Police official Liaquat Leghari told reporters that a team of the border military police arrested the 30-year-old during patrolling.

"Raju Lakshman is an Indian national. The security agencies are interrogating him to know whether he crossed over here inadvertently or for spying purpose," he said.

Dera Ghazi Khan reportedly houses 'sensitive installations', and therefore the Pakistani government has banned the entry of any foreign national in this district.

Leghari said that at this stage, the "motive" of the Indian national's crossing over here illegally cannot be determined before investigation.

Earlier, police said Lakshman was arrested while entering the town from Balochistan province, the same province from where Pakistan claimed it had arrested Indian national Kulbhushan Jadhav.

Jadhav, 49, a retired Indian Navy officer, was sentenced to death by a Pakistani military court on charges of "espionage and terrorism" in April 2017, following which India had moved the International Court of Justice (ICJ), seeking a stay on his death sentence and further remedies.

The ICJ ordered Pakistan last month to undertake an "effective review and reconsideration" of the conviction and sentence of Jadhav and also to grant consular access to India without further delay.

Pakistan claims that its security forces arrested Jadhav from restive Balochistan province on March 3, 2016 after he reportedly entered from Iran.

PTI

Pak summons India diplomat over 'ceasefire violations'

Islamabad: Pakistan on Thursday summoned India's Deputy High Commissioner and condemned the alleged "unprovoked ceasefire violations" by Indian troops along the LoC, saying such actions are a threat to regional peace and may lead to a "strategic miscalculation".

This was the second time in a week that Gaurav Ahluwalia was summoned by the Foreign Office (FO) for firing along the LoC on July 30.

Director General (South Asia and SAARC) Mohammad Faisal, who is also the foreign ministry spokesperson, "summoned Ahluwalia again and condemned the unprovoked ceasefire violations by the Indian forces on July 30," the FO said in a statement. **PTI**

US military assistance to Pak: India conveys 'grave concern'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

INDIA HAS conveyed its "grave concern" to the US over its decision to provide military assistance to Pakistan, the government said on Thursday.

Raveesh Kumar, official spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs, said the issue was taken up with US Ambassador Kenneth Juster in Delhi and with the Trump administration in Washington.

"We have taken up the matter with the US Ambassador in Delhi, as well as with the US government in Washington through our Ambassador. We have expressed grave concern over US military assistance to Pakistan," Kumar said during a media briefing.

Sources said the US envoy was called to South Block and a protest was lodged with him over the US decision to help Pakistan militarily.

US move came days after Donald Trump met Imran Khan. *File*

Last week, the Pentagon notified the Congress of its decision to approve military sales worth USD 125 million that would result in the monitoring of the F-16 fighter jets of Pakistan.

This is under the Foreign Military Sale (FMS) which means Pakistan will pay for it. No US tax payers' money is involved. And this money will essentially be used to pay salary to 60 US contractors to monitor the use of F-16 jets in Pakistan, sources in Washington said.

The notification came days after a meeting between President Donald Trump and Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan in the White House.

It may be recalled that in February 2016, India had summoned US Ambassador Richard Verma and conveyed its "displeasure and disappointment" over the Obama administration's decision to sell F-16 fighter jets to Pakistan.

"The US side has told us that the proposed sale does not indicate any change in the US policy of maintaining a freeze in military assistance to Pakistan," Kumar said. "US has publicly stated that the proposed sale is intended to enable the US to continue technical and logistics support services to assist in the oversight of the operations of F-16 aircraft in Pakistan's inventory."

Pakistan had used the F-16 fighter jets against India after the Balakot strikes. The Pentagon asserted that the proposed military assistance will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

J&K terror funding case: ED attaches assets of Watali, kin

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) has attached assets worth Rs 1.73 crore belonging to Kashmiri businessman Zahoor Ahmad Shah Watali and his family members in connection with a case of alleged terror funding in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The attached assets consisting of immovable properties worth Rs 1.48 crore in the name of family members of Zahoor Ahmad Shah Watali and balance available in the bank account of Zahoor Ahmad Shah Watali in Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd, New Delhi, worth Rs 25 lakh under the provisions of the PMLA in the ongoing investigations in the case against Hafiz Muhammad Saeed, Yusuf Shah alias Salahuddin and others," an ED statement said.

This is the third attachment the ED has executed against Watali, who has been accused by the NIA and ED of being the main conduit between Kashmiri separatists and elements in Pakistan for transfer of funds to allegedly foment trouble in the Valley.

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EXTRACT OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2019

₹ crore

Sr. No.	Consolidated	Quarter ended 30-Jun-19 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 31-Mar-19 (Refer Note 4)	Quarter ended 30-Jun-18 (Unaudited)	Year ended 31-Mar-19 (Audited)
a.	Total Income from Operations	7,766.72	7,229.84	7,315.20	29,881.06
b.	Profit / (Loss) before Exceptional items and tax	686.85	549.58	591.68	1,958.13
c.	Profit / (Loss) before Tax	592.88	398.17	2,408.92	3,713.95
d.	Profit / (Loss) for the period/year	230.80	107.32	1,735.12	2,440.41
e.	Total Comprehensive Income	216.36	(5.40)	1,896.70	2,604.85
f.	Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face Value ₹ 1/- per share)	270.50	270.50	270.50	270.50
g.	Total Reserves				16,450.66
h.	Earnings Per Equity Share (of ₹ 1/- each) (not annualised) Basic and Diluted: (in ₹)				
	(i) From Continuing Operations before net movement in regulatory deferral balances	7.01	(0.98)	6.47	7.90
	(ii) From Continuing Operations after net movement in regulatory deferral balances	0.53	0.21	6.19	8.15
	(iii) From Discontinued Operations	(0.07)	(0.09)	(0.12)	(0.46)
	(iv) Total Operations after net movement in regulatory deferral balances	0.46	0.12	6.07	7.69

Notes:
1. The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on 1st August, 2019.
2. Financial Information of the standalone financial results of the Company is as follows:

₹ crore

Sr. No.	Standalone	Quarter ended 30-Jun-19 (Audited)	Quarter ended 31-Mar-19 (Audited)	Quarter ended 30-Jun-18 (Audited)	Year ended 31-Mar-19 (Audited)
a.	Total Income from Operations	2,036.54	2,169.43	1,958.11	8,255.25
b.	Profit / (Loss) before Exceptional items and tax	432.90	106.89	323.59	1,179.01
c.	Profit / (Loss) before tax	338.93	61.89	1,536.58	2,647.06
d.	Profit / (Loss) for the period/year	296.51	53.86	1,133.77	1,708.58
e.	Total Comprehensive Income	305.16	25.08	1,120.60	1,663.94
f.	Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face Value ₹ 1/- per share)	270.50	270.50	270.50	270.50
g.	Total Reserves				13,919.10
h.	Earnings Per Equity Share (of ₹ 1/- each) (not annualised) Basic and Diluted: (in ₹)				
	(i) From Continuing Operations before net movement in regulatory deferral balances	1.50	0.28	4.16	6.72
	(ii) From Continuing Operations after net movement in regulatory deferral balances	1.06	0.19	4.21	6.56
	(iii) From Discontinued Operations	(0.07)	(0.09)	(0.12)	(0.46)
	(iv) Total Operations after net movement in regulatory deferral balances	0.99	0.10	4.09	5.90

3. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results is available on the Stock Exchange websites www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website www.tatapower.com.
4. Figures for the quarter ended 31st March, 2019 are the balancing figures between the audited figures in respect of the full year ended 31st March, 2019 and the restated figures of nine months ended 31st December, 2018.

For and on behalf of the Board of
THE TATA POWER COMPANY LIMITED
Date : 1st August, 2019
Place : Mumbai
PRAVEER SINHA
CEO & Managing Director
DIN 01785164

FIRST SINCE INDEPENDENCE

'Nagar Kirtan' with Guru Granth Sahib arrives from Pak

Amritsar: In a first since Independence, a 'Nagar Kirtan' (religious procession) that started from Nankana Sahib district in Pakistan's Punjab province entered into Punjab on Indian side via the Attari-Wagah land route Thursday to mark the 550th birth anniversary celebrations of Guru Nanak Dev, the founder of Sikhism. The 'Nagar Kirtan' began from Gurdwara Nankana Sahib, the birthplace of Guru Nanak Dev in Pakistan, and crossed over to India in the afternoon with around 500 Sikh devotees who crossed the border carrying the holy Guru Granth Sahib on their head.

The Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, which had organised the procession, termed it a historic moment and a first in 72 years.

An SGPC official said the holy book was brought to Wagah border on a vehicle. A large cavalcade followed the procession amid a thick security cover.

The Pakistani authorities had provided a special permission to the Sikh community to take out 'Nagar Kirtan', which will culminate at Sultanpur Lodhi in Kapurthala district.

Earlier in the day, Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh, urged Sikh leaders on both sides to share their views with each other. **ENS**

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PUBLIC NOTICE ("e" Procurement System)

Executive Engineer-V(Elect.) on behalf of the Chairman, Chandigarh Housing Board invites sealed Percentage Rate Tenders through e-Procurement process from the enlisted Agencies/Firms/Contractors/ Tenderer having valid enlistment certificate issued by any one of the specified departments i.e. **UT Engineering Department/ CPWD / MES / Punjab PWD/ Haryana PWD & Himachal PWD for the following work:-**

Name of Work	Estimated Cost put to tender	Earnest Money	Time allowed	Cost of tender Document
Annual Maintenance contract of Street lighting in Sector 63, Chandigarh.	Rs. 9,29,723/-	Rs. 18,600/-	12 Month	590/-

1. **Milestone dates of Electronic Tendering**

i)	Downloading of e-Tender documents	Start Date 02/08/2019 at 1000 Hrs. End Date 08/08/2019 up to 1700 Hrs.
ii)	Clarification regarding plans, specifications, schedule of quantities and set of terms	Start Date 02/08/2019 at 1000 Hrs. End Date 08/08/2019 up to 1700 Hrs.
iii)	Date of submission of e-TENDER	Start Date 02/08/2019 at 1000 Hrs. End Date 08/08/2019 up to 1700 Hrs.
iv)	Physical submission of EMD, Tender fee, Documents required for eligibility and other necessary documents.	Start Date 02/08/2019 at 1000 Hrs. End Date 13/08/2019 up to 1500 Hrs.
v)	Opening of Technical Bid(Online)	13/08/2019 at 15:30 Hrs.
vi)	Opening of Price Bid	To be intimated separately to all Qualified Bidders

2. Bid Document can be downloaded from the website of Chandigarh Administration **http://etenders.chd.nic.in/nicgep.**
3. All other terms and conditions, instructions to bidder regarding e-tendering process etc. may kindly be seen from the detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) available/downloadable on the above noted websites of CHB/ Chandigarh Administration.

Also available at: http://tenders.gov.in

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Delhi HC tribunal upholds 5-yr ban on SIMI

PRITAM PAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

A TRIBUNAL of the Delhi High Court has upheld the ban imposed on the Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) and validated a Central government notification, issued in February this year, extending the ban for another five years.

The Indian government describes SIMI as a terrorist organisation and had banned it in 2001, shortly after the September 11, 2001 attacks, for two years. The ban was since extended from time to time. The five-year ban was first imposed in 2014.

The ban was lifted in August 2008 by a special tribunal, but was reinstated by the Supreme Court on August 6, 2008 on national security grounds.

The tribunal, headed by Justice Mukta Gupta, on July 29 had dismissed SIMI's contention that the government had no fresh evidence against it to extend the ban for another five years and held that there were valid reasons to ratify the ban imposed by the government under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Pinky Anand and advocates Sachin Dutta, Rajesh Ranjan and Balendu Shekhar appeared for the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), which had on February 21 issued a notification setting up a tribunal under the Act, after the five-year ban ended on January 31. The judgment has been sent in a sealed cover to the MHA.

Earlier, the tribunal, constituted under the UAPA, had issued notices to SIMI and its functionaries, asking them to explain why the organisation and its activities should not be declared unlawful. Under the law, the tribunal has to decide if there was sufficient cause to declare an organisation unlawful. The tribunal conducted its hearings in several cities across India, including Delhi, Pune and Chennai, and took on record the testimonies of various police officers and others to adjudicate the issue.

The Centre had said its decision was needed to bring the Muslim community into the mainstream by checking its "disgruntled" elements.

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TEMPORARY DIVERSION / REGULATION OF TRAINS DUE TO MAINTENANCE WORK

In order to upgrade the safety standards, Northern Railway will undertake the work of periodic maintenance and renewal of assets on Moradabad - Bareilly and Bareilly - Roza sections. To execute this work, a Mega Traffic block for the duration of 04:00 hours will be taken on 02.08.2019. Consequently, the following trains will temporarily be affected as under :-

DIVERSION OF TRAINS

Train No. & Name	Diverted Route	Date(s) (from originating stn.)
12318 Amritsar Jn - Kolkata Akaltakht Exp.	via Moradabad - Chandausi - Bareilly Cantt instead of Moradabad - Bareilly - Bareilly Cantt	02.08.2019
13258 Anand Vihar (T) - Danapur Jan Sadharan Ex.	via Moradabad - Chandausi - Bareilly Cantt instead of Moradabad - Bareilly - Bareilly Cantt	02.08.2019

REGULATION OF TRAINS

Train No. & Name	Regulated	Dates (from originating stn.)
14258 New Delhi-Varanasi Jn Kashi Vishwanath Exp.	30 Minutes en-route	02.08.2019
15044 Kathgodam - Lucknow Jn. Express	135 Minutes en-route	02.08.2019

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SR. NO.	RECEPT DATE	NAME	FATHER NAME	BOOTH NUMBER	VOTE NUMBER	EPIC NO.	REASON	VILLAGE
1.	23.07.2019	BIMLESH	NARENDER SINGH	178	434	AVJ0675926	MARRIAGE	BAKSUA PATTI, HODAL
2.	20.07.2019	HARI CHAND/ HARCHANDI	KHICCHU	90	934	HR/06/55/0363701	DEATH	KHAMBI
3.	20.07.2019	PAWAN	SHIV CHARN	161	60	AVJ1250457	DOBULE VOTE	HODAL
4.	20.07.2019	HARISH KUMAR	SHIV CHARN	161	62	AVJ1250513	DOBULE VOTE	HODAL
5.	20.07.2019	MOHAN SHYAM	MAHENDER	161	83	AVJ1250059	DOBULE VOTE	HODAL
6.	20.07.2019	AADIESH JAIN	SUBODH JAIN	161	258	AVJ1252790	DOBULE VOTE	HODAL
7.	20.07.2019	ABHISHAK MANGLA	SHYAM SUNDER MANGLA	161	307	AVJ1252931	DOBULE VOTE	HODAL
8.	20.07.2019	VANDHANA JAIN	PARISH JAIN	161	341	AVJ1252568	DOBULE VOTE	HODAL
9.	20.07.2019	VIPIN JAIN	PARISH JAIN	161	346	AVJ1251727	DOBULE VOTE	HODAL
10.	20.07.2019	AACHAL JAIN	PARISH JAIN	161	348	AVJ1250091	DOBULE VOTE	HODAL
11.	20.07.2019	DAL CHAND	SALIGRAM	161	581	AVJ1252741	DOBULE VOTE	HODAL
12.	20.07.2019	VANDHANA	GAJINDER	161	583	AVJ1250596	DOBULE VOTE	HODAL
13.	20.07.2019	PAYAL SHARMA	MOHIT	161	637	AVJ1250026	DOBULE VOTE	HODAL
14.	20.07.2019	NARENDER	VERENDER	161	661	AVJ1250430	DOBULE VOTE	HODAL
15.	20.07.2019	SHIRAM BANSAL	ANIL KUMAR	161	686	AVJ1252683	DOBULE VOTE	HODAL
16.	20.07.2019	KUNAL GARG	RAMESH CHAND	161	709		DOBULE VOTE	HODAL
17.	20.07.2019	NEELAM TIWARI	DEEPAK TIWARI	161	724	AVJ1250075	DOBULE VOTE	HODAL
18.	17.07.2019	SATYA	TEJI RAM	93	249	AVJ1165896	MARRIAGE	KHAMBI
19.	20.07.2019	CHATI	KACHIRU	93	688	DYF1637198	DEATH	KHAMBI
20.	21.07.2019	LAKSHMI	KARAN	160	627	-	DOUBLE VOTE	HODAL
21.	21.07.2019	LALIT SINGH	RAKESH SINGLA	160	988	-	DOUBLE VOTE	HODAL
22.	21.07.2019	CHANDERWATI	SURESH	160	558	-	DOUBLE VOTE	HODAL
23.	21.07.2019	NISHANT SINGH	ABHAYRAJ SINGH	160	223	-	DOUBLE VOTE	HODAL
24.	29.07.2019	MACHLA	RAJBIR SINGH	68	400	CMY1480987	DEATH	GUDHRANA
25.	29.07.2019	JASWANT SINGH	GIRRAJ SINGH	68	536	CMY1547389	DEATH	GUDHRANA
26.	29.07.2019	SOHSAN LAL	MAWASHI	68	623	HR/06/56/0348224	DEATH	GUDHRANA
27.	29.07.2019	ANIL KUMAR	-	69	152	AVJ0309369	DEATH	GUDHRANA
28.	29.07.2019	OMPRAKASH	-	69	167	HR/06/56/0348830	DEATH	GUDHRANA
29.	29.07.2019	SUKKAN	-	69	343	HR/06/56/0348157	DEATH	GUDHRANA
30.	29.07.2019	KASTURI	-	69	344	HR/06/56/0348156	DEATH	GUDHRANA
31.	29.07.2019	SAMANTI	-	69	338	HR/06/56/0348153	DEATH	GUDHRANA
32.	29.07.2019	NATHI	-	69	346	HR/06/56/0348132	DEATH	GUDHRANA
33.	29.07.2019	RAMBIR	-	69	347	HR/06/56/0348134	DEATH	GUDHRANA
34.	29.07.2019	SAMUNDRI	-	69	348	HR/06/56/0348135	DEATH	GUDHRANA
35.	29.07.2019	RAMSWAROOP	-	69	492	HR/06/56/0348042	DEATH	GUDHRANA
36.	29.07.2019	VATI	-	69	523	HR/06/56/0348035	DEATH	GUDHRANA
37.	29.07.2019	ROOPLAL	-	144	325	HR/06/55/0426093	DEATH	BASWAN
38.	29.07.2019	REKHARANI	-	144	447	AVJ0152330	DOUBLE VOTE	BASWAN
39.	29.07.2019	KALAWATI	-	144	496	HR/06/55/0426317	DOUBLE VOTE	BANSWAN
40.	29.07.2019	RAMSHRI	-	144	501	HR/06/55/0426320	DOUBLE VOTE	BANSWAN
41.	29.07.2019	SUKHRAM	-	144	540	HR/06/55/0420348	DOUBLE	BANSWAN
42.	29.07.2019	SHIKSHAWATI	-	144	650	HR/06/55/0426359	DOUBLE	BANSWAN
43.	29.07.2019	DHARAMBIR	-	144	736	AVJ0648543	DOUBLE	BANSWAN
44.	29.07.2019	SABUTI	-	144	1059	HR/06/55/0420558	DOUBLE	BANSWAN
45.	29.07.2019	KELA	-	144	1105	AVJ0736801	DEATH	BANSWAN
46.	29.07.2019	KHEMCHAND	-	88	78	DYF183432	DEATH	KHAMBI
47.	29.07.2019	SATWARI	-	13	95	-	SHIFTING	DEEGHOT
48.	29.07.2019	KAMLESH	ASHOK	121	303	CMY1351774	SHIFTING	BANCHARI
49.	29.07.2019	ASHOK	BUDDAN	121	301	HR/06/56/0396023	SHIFTING	BANCHARI

उपरोक्त नाम मतदाता सूची से हटाए जाने प्रस्तावित है। यदि इन नामों के मतदाता सूची से हटाए जाने पर किसी को कोई आपत्ति है तो वह व्यक्ति एक सप्ताह के अंदर निर्वाचक पंजीयन अधिकारी-83 होडल विधानसभा क्षेत्र (अजा) एवं उपमंडल अधिकारी (ना.) होडल के समक्ष सकक्षो सहित उपस्थित होकर अपनी आपत्ति दर्ज करा सकते हैं।

हस्ता./- निर्वाचक पंजीयन अधिकारी,
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PM to address 74th session of UN General Assembly on Sept 28

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
UNITED NATIONS, AUGUST 1

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi will address the annual UN General Assembly (UNGA) session on September 28, according to a provisional list released by the UN of the world leaders scheduled to speak at the 74th session of the United Nations.

Modi is also expected to attend multiple high-level summits on the margins of the General Assembly session as well as hold bilateral and multilateral engagements during his visit to New York.

As Prime Minister, Modi had given his maiden address at the UNGA in 2014. His address to the world leaders at the UN in September will be his first after winning a second term as prime minister in a resounding electoral victory in May.

According to the first provisional list of speakers for the General Debate of the UNGA session, Modi will address the summit in the morning of September 28.

The General Debate will commence on September 24 and run through September 30.

US President Donald Trump, who had delivered his first address to global leaders from the General Assembly hall's iconic green podium in 2017, will address the session on September 24.

The US is traditionally the second speaker on the opening day of the General Debate, after Brazil.

Before arriving in New York for the UNGA session, Modi is expected to visit Houston where he will address the Indian-American community on September 22. "Howdy, Modi!", the Indian-American community summit, will be hosted by the Texas India Forum, the Houston-based non-profit.

Goa plans policy to help its residents get jobs in industries

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PANAJI, AUGUST 1

THE GOA government has decided to work on a policy to help local residents secure permanent jobs in industries, by forcing firms in the state to reserve a percentage of job opportunities for Goans.

To a question from Opposition leaders, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said his government was aware of the lack of employment opportunities for local residents and industries allocating work to outsiders through contractors.

Opposition Leader Digambar Kamat spoke of "busloads of outsiders" coming every day to Margao to work in factories and industries in Goa. He said Goans suffered as contractors supplied permanent and temporary jobs to outsiders. "Please understand these people stay in south Goa and travel to work. The question is not just of labour... for daily wages, but permanent workers who get good pay and stay in Goa," Kamat said.

Sawant spoke of the need for a registry to ensure that all industries list the details of workers. He said this "will also help to understand the category of labour and the need of each industry. It will also help us in the government to gauge which sectors need what labour at different times..."

Sawant said industries avail subsidies for water, power and functioning of units. "We need to see if there is a policy we can bring which puts riders on these subsidies only if a certain number of locals have jobs in their units. This needs a discussion with everyone..." he said.

The discussion has repeatedly come up in the Assembly with Sawant earlier saying that such a quota for local residents would be run down by courts.

BJP MLA Alina Saldanha suggested that each industry should coordinate with the ministry related to their sector and update about labour requirements. She said it should be made compulsory for all the industries and factories to advertise their jobs for all wage groups in the local language in the print media to ensure that Goans are aware of the opportunities.

Other MLAs asked if the policy could look into the manner in which contractors get labour from outside the state and the wages they negotiate.

To a query by Congress MLA Alex Reginaldo, Labour minister Jenifer Monserratte said central laws do not allow the state government to maintain data on migrant labour and the kind of jobs taken up by them. "However, we have started to collect this data since February 2019."

Seeking time to respond to all queries, Sawant said the larger issue is "even if you reserve a percentage of jobs, the truth is there is no regulatory mechanism to check if it's followed. We will need time to address this and bring policy changes."

Goan women delicate, women from outside fast: ex-CM Alemao

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PANAJI, AUGUST 1

GOA NCP legislator and former chief minister Churchill Alemao on Thursday told the Assembly that women from "outside the state" are "fast", unlike Goan women, who are "soft, decent and delicate". Alemao was speaking during the discussion on the Factories (Goa Amendment) Bill, 2019, in the House.

The Bill will allow women to work late night shifts in various industries.

During the discussion, Alemao pointed towards women working in casinos to illustrate his point.

"Not everyone seems to have gone to casinos here. The women who work there are from outside, they know karate-barate and are fast... Goan women are not like them, they are soft... they are decent and delicate. The women from outside are fast... it may work for them..." he said.

Alemao asked Deputy Chief Minister and Labour Minister Chandrakant Kavlekar to reconsider the move.

Congress leader Pratapsingh Rane said he feels that the Bill needs to be discussed in detail. "It is not in the interest of decency to allow ladies to work beyond a particular time. It is not fair. This needs to be further discussed," he said. "In the interest of their safety, the Bill should be sent to the select committee."

Leader of the Opposition Digambar Kamat opposed the Bill, saying it is against Goan culture.

The Bill, however, was passed following the debate.

Education policy will make India global hub: Venkaiah

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

VICE PRESIDENT M Venkaiah Naidu on Thursday said that the new National Education Policy will make India a global educational hub. He called for a "holistic and value based education that will lay strong foundations for the vibrant economy that India is emerging as".

Naidu was speaking on the challenges faced by the Indian education system at the release of a book — *The Dynamics of Indian Eduction* — authored by V S Rajput.

The Vice President said, "These are the critical times for the country and there is a need for having a fresh look at the education system. I have been consistently advocating the need for revamping the education system to not only make our universities world class, but to make India a knowledge hub. I am glad that the draft of the new Education Policy makes several out of the box suggestions that have the potential to turn India into a global eduction hub."

He urged the public to give their views and suggestions on the draft NEP by the stipulated time of August 15.

U.P.R V.U.N.L. TENDER NOTICE HARDUAGANJ THERMAL POWER STATION SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE CIRCLE -I, 'D' TPS. HTPS, KASIMPUR 1. E-Tender Notice No. T-08/AHD/D'TPS/HTPS/2018-19, Name of work: Supply & Erection of balance work, commissioning and Testing of Ash Water Recirculation System of 2x250 MW Units of 'D'TPS, HTPS, Kasimpur, Aligarh for a period of Six Months, Estimated cost of Work: Rs. 3,48,14,557.00, Earnest Money: Rs. 7,00,000.00, Tender Cost: Rs. 11800.00 (10000.00+1800.00 GST), Extended Dates of Tender are as below:- Due date of Submission of e-Bid (Technical & Financial) at e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in: 16.08.2019 upto 14:00 Hrs., Due date of depositing Tender Cost through RTGS (in the HTPS account) & Earnest Money through RTGS (in the HTPS account)/B.G.: 16.08.2019 up to 14:00 Hrs., Due date of submission of hard copy of all the requisite documents in the office of undersigned: 19.08.2019 up to 14.00 Hrs., Tender Opening Date: Part-I 19.08.2019 at 16:00 Hrs. NOTE: (1) The details for submission of bids are available in the bid document uploaded on the e-procurement website: http://etender.up.nic.in. (2) The bidders are required to be registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for participation in the e-Tendering. The bidder must also be registered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the e-bidding system. After that the bidder can participate in bid submission activity. 2. E-Tender Notice No. ET-03/OG&CD/'D'TPS/2019-20, Name of Work: Deployment of Trained Computer operator for all shift with one computer set along with all accessories including Fax machine for preparation of statement in each shift such as revision of DC,UI charges daily entry shift wise, generation data ,group wise details of Unit No. 7, 8 & 9, daily performance report operation of Fax machine installed in control room and any other statement as desired by E.E. OG&CD, including consumables i.e. cartridge, paper, files and repairing of computers and fax machine with accessories at HTPS, Kasimpur for a period of 12 Month(One Year) Estimated cost: Rs. 6.00 Lacs, Earnest Money: Rs. 12000.00 only, Tender Cost: Rs. 500.00 + Rs. 90.00 (G.S.T.) Opening date of tender are as below:- "Extended Due date of Submission of e-Bid (Technical & Financial) at e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in 20.08.2019 upto 14:00 Hrs., Extended Due date of Submission of Hard Copy of all the requisite documents with Tender Cost & Earnest Money, in the office of Undersigned: 22.08.2019 up to 14:00 Hrs. Tender shall be opened on Extended Dates for Part-A: 22.08.2019 at 16:00 Hrs." Note: (1) The details for submission of bids are available w.e.f. 11-06-2019 at 10:00 Hrs. in the bid document uploaded on the e-procurement website: http://etender.up.nic.in (2) The bidders are required to be registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for participation in the e-tendering. The bidder must also be registered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the e-bidding system, after that the bidder can participate in bid submission activity. **Superintending Engineer, ECCC, Kasimpur,** 3. E-Tender No. 01/ECCC/ECCD-III/HTPS/2019-20, Name of work "The work of cupboard shuttering fittings, partition board, kitchen partition shutter fittings and wooden shelf in one no., Type-V tower, 3 no. Type-IV,.Tower & 03 no. type-III tower in multystorey tower at HTPS Kasimpur (Aligarh)", Estimated Cost Rs. 77,22,773.00, Earnest Money Rs. 1,54,000.00, Tender Cost Rs. 5000.00 + 900.00 (18% GST) Rs. 5900.00. Extended Last date and time for submission of e-bid (http://etender.up.nic.in) 21.08.2019 upto 02.00 Hrs., Extended e-bid Opening date/time (Part-I) 22.08.2019 at 04.00 Hrs. or later. Time of completion 06 Months. **SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (HQ), HTPS, Kasimpur** 4. E-Tender No. 01/SE(HQ)/S&ETD/ HTPS/2019-20, Name of work: Preparation of computerized monthly account and various register for the office of CFA&BO, "C" TPS & 'D' TPS and 1x660MW HTPS Kasimpur, Estimated cost Rs. 4.45 Lac, Earnest money Rs. 9,000.00, Tender cost Rs 590.00 (including 18% GST), "Extended dates of opening of tender are as below:- Last date and time for submission of e-bid 19.08.2019 upto 14.00 Hrs., e-bid Opening date/time (Part-I) 20.08.2019 at 16.00 Hrs, or later. ONLY DOWNLOADED COPY OF TENDER FROM NIGAM'S WEB SITE http://etender.up.nic.in will be accepted. 5. E-Tender No. 03/SE(HQ)/ S&ETD/ HTPS/ 2019-20, Name of work: Work of Annual running maintenance of light & heavy Departmental vehicles on the contractors workshop for a period of one year, Estimated cost Rs. 4.90 Lac, Earnest money Rs. 9,800.00, Tender cost Rs. 590.00 (including 18% GST), Time of Completion: 01 Year. E-bid Start date and time for submission of 26.07.2019 upto 17.00 Hrs., E-bid Last date and time for submission of 28.08.2019 upto 14.00 Hrs., Last date and time for submission of Hard copy of requisite documents in the office 29.08.2019, at 14:00 Hours. E-bid Opening date/time (Part-I) 29.08.2019 at 16.00 Hrs. or later. ONLY DOWNLOADED COPY OF TENDER FROM NIGAM'S WEB SITE http://etender.up.nic.in will be accepted. **Superintending Engineer, Operation & Maintenance Circle-IV, Hdj.. 'D'T. P. S., Kasimpur**, 6. Tender No ET-06/O&MC-IV/EMD-I/Hdj.'C' T.P.S./ 2019-20, "Shifting, transportation & commissioning of 132KV/6.6Kv, 20 MVA M/S CGL Make Transformer from its foundation at Panki TPS, Panki to Harduaganj TPS, Kasimpur, Aligarh, after dismantling & shifting of 132KV/6.9 KV, 10 MVA (10T) Transformer, which got damaged" as per scope of work, for the period of one month" Estimated Cost Rs. 7,00,000.00 Earnest Money: Rs. 14,000.00 Cost of tender document: Rs.700.00 + Rs.126.00 (GST) = Rs. 826.00 Opening date of tender are as below:-Extended due date of Submission of e-Bid (Technical & Financial) at e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in: 17.08.2019 up to 14:00 Hrs., Extended due date of depositing Tender Cost through RTGS (in the HTPS Account) & Earnest Money through RTGS (in the HTPS Account)/ BG up to dated: 17.08.2019 up to 14:00 Hrs. Extended due date of submission of hard copy of all the requisite documents in the office of undersigned maximum on dated: 19.08.2019 up to 14.00 hrs. Tender opening Extended date, Part-A: 19.08.2019 at 16:00 Hrs. NOTE: (1) The details for submission of bids will be available on e-procurement website: http://etender.up.nic.in w.e.f. 18:00 Hrs. dated: - 03.06.2019. (2) The bidders are required to be registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for participation in the e-Tendering. The bidder must also be registered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the e-bidding system, after that the bidder can participate in bid submission activity. SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, O&MC-III, HTPS, Kasimpur: 7. TENDER.NO. & NAME OF DIVISION: ET-05/O&MC-III/C&IMD-II/DTPS/HTPS/OH#8&9 & C&IMD-II NAME OF WORK: Overhauling of Turbovisory equipment, Pneumatic/Electrical Actuators, Dozing system, HPBP/ LPBP system and other field equipments related to C&IMD-II of unit no. 8 & 9, DTPS, HTPS, Kasimpur. Estimated cost: Rs.1488254.00, Earnest. Money: Rs. 30000.00 only, Tender Cost: Rs. 1000.00 + Rs. 180.00 (G.S.T.) Rs.1180.00. Opening date of tender are as below: - "Due date of submission of e-Bid (Technical & Financial) at e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in is 07.09.2019 up to 18:00 hrs, due date of submission of hard copy of all the requisite documents with tender cost & earnest money in the office of undersigned: 09.09.2019 up to 14:00 hrs, Part-I of the Tender shall be opened on date 09.09.2019 at 16:00 hrs." Note: (1) The details for submission of bids are available w.e.f. 29.07.2019 at 12:00 Hrs.onward in the bid document uploaded on the e-procurement website: http://etender.up.nic.in. (2) The bidders are required to be registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for participation in the e-tendering. The bidder must also be registered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the e-bidding system, after that the bidder can participate in bid submission activity. **SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, MMC, DTPS, KASIMPUR**, 8. Tender No. ET-03 /ESD /DTPS/MMC/2019-20), Name of work Work of Up-Keeping of Central store and unloading/loading/ shifting of material at different shed of ESD-DTPS, Kasimpur , Aligarh for a period of one year. Estimated cost: Rs. 7, 87,896.00 Earnest Money Rs 16000.00, Tender cost- Rs 500 + Rs 90 (GST),= Rs. 590.00 due date of submission of e-bids at on e- procurement website :https://etender.up.nic.in is up to date 04/09/2019 at 14.00 Hrs, Due date of submission of hard copy of required documents, tender cost & earnest money up to date 06//09/2019 at 14:00 Hrs, Opening date of Tender Part -I: 06/09/2019 AT 16:00HRS and Part - II: 16/09/2019 AT 16:00HRS Note: 1. The details for submission of bids are available with effect from 30/07/2019 at 16:00 hrs. Bid document must be uploaded on e- procurement website :https://etender.up.nic.in 2. The bidder is required to be registered with UP ELECTRONICS CORPORATION, ASHOK MARG , LUCKNOW by depositing requisite fees for participation in the e-tendering. The bidder must also be registered with their digital signature certificates (DSC) in the e-bidding system, after that the bidder can participate in the bid submission activity. SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, O&MC-III, HTPS, Kasimpur (Aligarh) 9. Tender No.:ET-02/C&IMD-I/DTPS/Harduaganj/2019-20, Name of work:"Calibration of Analyzers & validation of data of Online Continuous Stack SOx, NOx and SPM Emission monitoring system on quarterly basis of 2X250MW & 1X110MW HTPS, Kasimpur, Aligarh", Estimated Cost: Rs. 2,40,000.00 + GST Extra, Earnest Money: Rs. 5,000.00, Tender Cost: Rs. 500.00 + 90.00 (GST) = Rs. 590.00. Due Date of Submission of e-Bid (Technical & Financial) at e-Procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in: 06.07.2019 upto 14:00 Hrs (1st Extension date 26.07.2019 at 14:00 hrs.), (2nd Extension date 21.08.2019 dks 14%00 बज) (Due Date of Submission of Hard copy of all the requisite documents along with details of submitted tender Cost & Earnest money in prescribed formate as attached in tender documents) in the office of Undersigned: 08.07.2019 upto 14:00 Hrs (1st Extension date 27.07.2019 at 14:00 hrs.) (2nd Extension date 22.08.2019 dks 14%00 बजे), Opening date of Part-I: 10.07.2019 at 16:00 Hrs (1st Extension date 29.07.2019 at 16:00 hrs.) (2nd Extension date 23.08.2019 dks 16%00 बजे). Successful/eligible bidders shall be separately intimated regarding opening date of Part-II . Note: 1: The details for submission of bids are available in the bid document uploaded on the e- Procurement http://etender.up.nic.in 2: The bidders are required to be registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation, Ashik Marg, Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for participating in the e-Tendering. The bidder must also be registered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the e-Bidding system, after that the bidder can participate in bid submission activity. **SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE CIRCLE-II, 'D'TPS, KASIMPUR** 10. E-Tender Notice No. ET-01/BMD-I/DTPS/O&MC-II/19-20, "Performance optimization of boiler through clean air flow test, dirty air flow test of coal pipes & ISO kinetic sampling of coal in Unit # 8 & 9, 2x250 MW, HTPS, Kasimpur" for a period of one year" under BMD-I 'D' TPS, Harduaganj Thermal Power Station" Estimated Cost Rs. 15,50,000.00, Earnest Money Rs. 31,000.00, Cost of Tender document Rs. 1000.00 +180.00 (GST) = Rs. 1180.00 Extended date of tender are as below:- Due date of Submission of e-Bid (Technical & Financial) at e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in : 17.08.2019 upto 14:00 Hrs., Due date of depositing Tender Cost through RTGS (in the HTPS account) & Earnest Money through RTGS (in the HTPS account)/B.G.: 17.08.2019 up to 14:00 Hrs., Due date of submission of hard copy of all the requisite documents in the office of undersigned: 19.08.2019 up to 14.00 Hrs., Tender Opening Date: Part-I 19.08.2019 at 16:00 Hrs. Note: (1) The details for submission of bids are available w.e.f. 01.06.2019 at 17:00 Hrs. in the bid document uploaded on the e-procurement website: http://etender.up.nic.in (2) The bidders are required to be registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for participation in the e-tendering. The bidder must also be registered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the e-bidding system, after that the bidder can participate in bid submission activity. 11. E-Tender Notice No. ET-03/BMD-I/DTPS/O&MC-II/19-20, "Break down maintenance of Air Pre Heater of Unit # 8 & 9 'D' TPS, Kasimpur" for a period of one year" under BMD-I 'D' TPS, Harduaganj Thermal Power Station" Estimated Cost Rs. 6,84,000.00, Earnest Money Rs. 13,700.00, Cost of Tender document Rs. 500.00 +90.00 (GST) = Rs. 590.00 Extended date of tender are as below:- Due date of Submission of e-Bid (Technical & Financial) at e-procurement website http://etender. up.nic.in: 17.08.2019 upto 14:00 Hrs., Due date of depositing Tender Cost through RTGS (in the HTPS account) & Earnest Money through RTGS (in the HTPS account)/B.G.: 17.08.2019 up to 14:00 Hrs., Due date of submission of hard copy of all the requisite documents in the office of undersigned: 19.08.2019 up to 14.00 Hrs., Tender Opening Date: Part-I 19.08.2019 at 16:00 Hrs. 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Tender No. ET-03/TMD/DTPS/O&MC-II/19-20, Name of Work:- "High pressure water jet cleaning of condenser tubes of Unit # 8 & 9, TMD, DTPS', HTPS, Kasimpur- Aligarh, Aligarh" for a period of one year Estimated Cost: Rs. 6,55,000.00, Earnest Money: Rs. 13,100.00, Tender Cost: Rs. 590.00 Due date of Submission of e-Bid (Technical & Financial) at e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in : 05.09.2019 upto 14:00 Hrs., Due date of depositing Tender Cost through RTGS (in the HTPS account) & Earnest Money through RTGS (in the HTPS account)/B.G.: 05.09.2019 up to 14:00 Hrs., Due date of submission of hard copy of all the requisite documents in the office of undersigned: 07.09.2019 up to 14.00 Hrs., Tender Opening Date: Part-I: 07.09.2019 at 16:00 Hrs Note: (1) The details for submission of bids will be available w.e.f. 31.07.2019 at 17.00 Hrs. in the bid document uploaded on the e-procurement website: http://etender.up.nic.in (2) The bidders are required to be registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for participation in the e-tendering. The bidder must also be registered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the e-bidding system, after that the bidder can participate in bid submission activity. 13. Tender No. ET-04/TMD/DTPS/O&MC-II/19-20, Name of Work:- "Miscellaneous Works during overhauling of Turbine Side auxiliaries and equipments such as BFPs, Booster Pump, Hydraulic Coupling, CEPs and Vacuum Pumps, PHEs, Valves etc. of Unit # 9 of DTPS ,Kasimpur Aligarh, Aligarh" for a period of one year Estimated Cost: Rs. 10,14,000.00, Earnest Money: Rs. 20,280.00, Tender Cost: Rs. 1,180.00 Due date of Submission of e-Bid (Technical & Financial) at e-procurement website http://etender. up.nic.in : 05.09.2019 upto 14:00 Hrs., Due date of depositing Tender Cost through RTGS (in the HTPS account) & Earnest Money through RTGS (in the HTPS account)/B.G.: 05.09.2019 up to 14:00 Hrs., Due date of submission of hard copy of all the requisite documents in the office of undersigned: 07.09.2019 up to 14.00 Hrs., Tender Opening Date: Part-I: 07.09.2019 at 16:00 Hrs Note: (1) The details for submission of bids will be available w.e.f. 31.07.2019 at 17:00 Hrs. in the bid document uploaded on the e-procurement website: http://etender.up.nic.in (2) The bidders are required to be registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for participation in the e-tendering. The bidder must also be registered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the e-bidding system, after that the bidder can participate in bid submission activity. 14 E-Tender Notice No. ET-06/BMD-I/DTPS/O&MC-II/19-20, "Overhauling work of coal pipe of Unit # 9 'D' TPS" for a period of one year" under BMD-I 'D' TPS, Harduaganj Thermal Power Station" Estimated Cost Rs. 3,87,000.00, Earnest Money Rs. 7,800.00, Cost of Tender document Rs. 500.00 +90.00 (GST) = Rs. 590.00 Opening date of tender are as below:-Due date of Submission of e-Bid (Technical & Financial) at e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in : 05.09.2019 upto 14:00 Hrs., Due date of depositing Tender Cost through RTGS (in the HTPS account) & Earnest Money through RTGS (in the HTPS account)/B.G.: 05.09.2019 up to 14:00 Hrs., Due date of submission of hard copy of all the requisite documents in the office of undersigned: 07.09.2019 up to 14.00 Hrs., Tender Opening Date: Part-I: 07.09.2019 at 16:00 Hrs Note: (1) The details for submission of bids will be available w.e.f. 31.07.2019 at 17:00 Hrs. in the bid document uploaded on the e-procurement website: http://etender.up.nic.in (2) The bidders are required to be registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for participation in the e-tendering. The bidder must also be registered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the e-bidding system, after that the bidder can participate in bid submission activity. 15 E-Tender Notice No. ET-07/BMD-I/DTPS/O&MC-II/19-20, "Overhauling of ESP of Unit # 9 "D' TPS" for a period of one year" under BMD-I 'D' TPS, Harduaganj Thermal Power Station" Estimated Cost Rs. 17,96,000.00, Earnest Money Rs. 36,000.00, Cost of Tender document Rs. 1000.00 +180.00 (GST) = Rs. 1180.00 Opening date of tender are as below:- Due date of Submission of e-Bid (Technical & Financial) at e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in : 05.09.2019 upto 14:00 Hrs., Due date of depositing Tender Cost through RTGS (in the HTPS account) & Earnest Money through RTGS (in the HTPS account)/B.G.: 05.09.2019 up to 14:00 Hrs., Due date of submission of hard copy of all the requisite documents in the office of undersigned: 07.09.2019 up to 14.00 Hrs., Tender Opening Date: Part-I: 07.09.2019 at 16:00 Hrs Note: (1) The details for submission of bids will be available w.e.f. 31.07.2019 at 17:00 Hrs. in the bid document uploaded on the e-procurement website: http://etender.up.nic.in (2) The bidders are required to be registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for participation in the e-tendering. The bidder must also be registered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the e-bidding system, after that the bidder can participate in bid submission activity. 16 E-Tender Notice No. ET-08/BMD-I/DTPS/O&MC-II/19-20, "Insulation of Pipe, Valve & Equipment in varicos area of Boiler & ESP during overhauling of Unit # 9 'D' TPS, Kasimpur" for a period of one year" under BMD-I 'D' TPS, Harduaganj Thermal Power Station" Estimated Cost Rs. 16,91,000.00, Earnest Money Rs. 34,000.00, Cost of Tender document Rs. 1000.00 +180.00 (GST) = Rs. 1,180.00 Opening date of tender are as below:- Due date of Submission of e-Bid (Technical & Financial) at e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in : 05.09.2019 upto 14:00 Hrs., Due date of depositing Tender Cost through RTGS (in the HTPS account) & Earnest Money through RTGS (in the HTPS account)/B.G.: 05.09.2019 up to 14:00 Hrs., Due date of submission of hard copy of all the requisite documents in the office of undersigned: 07.09.2019 up to 14.00 Hrs., Tender Opening Date: Part-I: 07.09.2019 at 16:00 HrsNote: (1) The details for submission of bids will be available w.e.f. 31.07.2019 at 17:00 Hrs. in the bid document uploaded on the e-procurement website: http://etender.up.nic.in (2) The bidders are required to be registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for participation in the e-tendering. The bidder must also be registered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the e-bidding system, after that the bidder can participate in bid submission activity. **SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, EMCC-II, 1560MW, HTPS Kasimpur,Aligarh** 17. Short Term Tender No. ET-05/EMCC-II/EMCD-I/660 MW/2019-20, Name of work: "Fabrication of steel racks from used steel, SIZE 240 cm X 180 cm, Pallet width 700 MM finished with one coat of red oxide and one coat of paint, including shifting." Estimated cost: Rs.4,50,000.00 , Earnest Money Rs. 9000.00 only, Tender cost Rs 590 (Rs 500.00+ GST Rs. 90.00) Due date of Submission of e-bid (Technical & Financial) at e- procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in : 21.08.2019 up to 14:00 hrs, Tender shall be opened Part-I: on dated 22.08.2019 at 16:00 Hrs and Part-II: To be intimated letter. Note:-1 - The details for submission of bids has been on the e-procurement website- www.etender. up.nic.in w.e.f. 14:00 Hrs dated 01.08.2019.2- The bidders are required to be registered with U.P Electronics Corporation, Ashok marg, Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for participation in the e-tendering. The bidder must also be registered with their digital signature certificate (DSC) in the e-bidding system. After that the bidder can participate in bid submission activity. CONTACT No. 9415900225 **Superintending Engineer, MMC, Harduaganj 'D' TPS, Kasimpur (Aligarh)** 18- E- Tender No. : ET-101/MMC/EPD/DTPS/2019, Name of Supply: Supply of Insulators of HVF transformer for Overhauling of Unit No. 9 of 'D' TPS, Kasimpur. Estimated cost: Rs. 405600.00, Earnest money: Rs. 8000.00, Tender cost: Rs. 500.00 + 90.00 (GST), 1- e-Bid online submission End Date 07.09.2019 2- Tender shall be opened on date : 09.09.2019 (Part-I) & 13.09.2019 (Part-II) Eligibility Conditions: Only reputed Manufacturers / their Authorized Dealer can participate in this tender. 19. E-Tender No. : ET-55/MMC/EPD/DTPS/2019, Name of Supply: Supply of Seal kits for FD/PA Fan for overhauling of Unit No. 9, HTPS Kasimpur. Estimated cost: Rs. 1,06,000.00 Earnest money: Rs. 2200.00 Tender cost: Rs. 500.00 + 90.00 (GST), e-Bid online submission extended End Date : 24.08.2019 Tender shall be opened on extended date : 27.08.2019 (Part-I) & 29.08.2019 (Part-II) Eligibility Conditions: Only reputed Manufacturers / their Authorized Dealer/experienced suppliers can participate in this tender. 20- E- Tender No. : ET-56/MMC/EPD/DTPS/2019, Name of Supply: Supply of various spares of ID/FD/PA Fans and Bowl Mills for overhauling of Unit No. 9, HTPS, Kasimpur. Estimated cost: Rs. 3,33,000.00 Earnest money: Rs. 6700.00, Tender cost: Rs. 500.00+ 90.00 (GST), e-Bid online submission extended End Date : 24.08.2019 Tender shall be opened on extended date : 27.08.2019 (Part-I) & 29.08.2019 (Part-II · Eligibility Conditions: Only reputed Manufacturers / their Authorized Dealer can participate in this tender. 21- Tender No. & Name of Division: ET-67/MMC/EPD/CTPS/HTPS/2019, Name of Supply Procurement of consumables & fasteners for I.D. / F.D./ P.A. fans ,Ash handling system, and coupling bolt for seal air fan for OH U # 9, HTPS, Kasimpur Estimated cost: Rs. 12,32,733.00, Earnest money: Rs. 25000.00, Tender cost: 1180.00, Start Date of submission of e bid: 24.06.2019 Last Date of submission of ebid: 19.08.2019 Tender shall be opened on date: 21.08.2019. (PART-I), 24.08.2019 (PART-II) Eligibility Conditions: Only Manufacturer / their authorized dealer / regular experienced supplier participate in this tender. Tender ID: 2018_RVUNL _355506_1. 22. Tender No. & Name of Division: ET-71/MMC/EPD/CTPS/HTPS/2019, Name of Supply: Lighting Panel for EMD-II, 'D'TPS HTPS, Kasimpur Estimated cost: Rs 1,99,125.00, Earnest money: Rs. 4000.00 , Tender cost: Rs. 590.00, Date of Starting of E-bid submission: 03.07.2019, Extended Last Date of submission of E-bid: 20.08.2019, Tender shall be opened on Extended date: 21.08.2019 (Part-I), 22.08.2019 (Part-II). E-Tender ID: 2019_RVUNL_ 359233_1 Eligibility Conditions: Only manufacturers/their authorized clealers Experienced Suppliers can participate in this tender. 23. Tender No. & Name of Division: ET- 70/MMC/EPD/ CTPS/ HTPS/2019, Name of Supply Procurement of miscellaneous electrical consumable for EMD-II, 'D'TPS HTPS, Kasimpur Estimated cost: Rs 6,24,700.00, Earnest money: Rs. 12000.00 , Tender cost: Rs 590.00, Date of Starting of E-bid submission: 03.07.2019, Extended Last Date of submission of E-bid: 20.08.2019 , Tender shall be opcned on Extended date: 21.08.2019 (Part-I), 22.08.201.9 (Part-II). E-Tender ID: 2019_RVUNL 359231_1 Eligibility Conditions: Only manufacturers/their authorized dealers /Experienced Suppliers can participate in this under. 24 Tender No. & Name of Division: ET-72/MMC/EPD/ CTPS/ HTPS/2019, Name of Work: Electrostate/Xerox copies of GM Office/Circle(s) office/various: Division of HTPS, Kasimpur Estimated cost: Rs 3,41,723.00, Earnest money: Rs. 7000.00 , Tender cost: Rs. 590.00, Date of Starting of E-bid submission: 03.07.2019, Extended Last Date of submission of E-bid: 20.08.2019, Tender shall be opened on Extended date: 21.08.2019 (Part-I) ,22.08.2019 (Part-II). E-Tender 2019_RVUNL_ 359235_1. 25-Tender No. T-03/AHD/ 'D'TPS/ HTPS/2019-120, Name of work: Various works in Bottom Ash System and Fly Ash System of Ash Handling System of Unit No. 9 (250 MW) during overhauling of the Unit No. 9 in Ash Handling Division, 'D'TPS, Kasimpur. Estimated cost of Work: Rs. 11,21,000.00, Earnest Money: Rs. 22500.00, Tender Cost: Rs.1180.00 (1000.00+180.00 GST) Due date of Submission of e-Bid (Technical & Financial) at e-procurement website https:// etender.up.nic.in: 06.09.2019 upto 14:00 Hrs., Due date of depositing Tender Cost & Earnest Money in the HTPS account through RTGS up-to maximum on dated: 06.09.2019 up to 14:00 Hrs., Due date of submission of hard Copy of all the requisite documents in the office of undersigned maximum on dated : 09.09.2019 up to 14.00 Hrs., Tender opening date, Part-I: 09.09.2019 at 16:00 Hrs. **NOTE:** The details for submission of bids will be on the e-procurement website: https://etender.up.nic.in w.e.f. 09.00 Hrs. dated 01.08.2019.The bidders are required to be registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for participation in the e-Tendering. The bidder must also be registered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the e-bidding system. After that the bidder can participate in bid submission activity. 26-Tencicr No. T-04/AHD/'D'TPS/ HTPS/ 2019-120, Name of work: Fabrication and Fitting of Feed Sump of Clinker Grinders & M.S. bends for eco hopper lines, overhauling of Flushing Apparatus of Eco & APH/Duct Hoppers and repairing of roof of Buffer Hoppers of Unit No. 8 & 9 during overhauling of Unit No.8 & 9. Estimated cost of Work: Rs. 6,28,680.00, Earnest Money: Rs. 12600.00, Tender Cost: Rs.1180.00 (1000.00+180.00 GST) Due date of Submission of e-Bid (Technical & Financial) at e-procurement website https://etender.up.nic.in: 06.09.2019 upto 14:00 Hrs., Due date of depositing Tedder Cost & Earnest Money in the HTPS account through RTGS up-to maximum on dated: 06.09.2019 up to 14:00 Hrs., Due date of submission of hard copy of all the requisite documents in the office of undersigned maximum on dated 09.09.2019 up to 14.00 Hrs., Tender opening date, Part-I: 09.09.2019 at 16:00 Hrs. **NOTE:** The details for submission of bids will be on the e-procurement website: https:// etender.up.nic.in w.e.f. 09:00 Hrs. dated 01.08.2019. The bidders are required to be registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for participation in the e-Tendering. The bidder must also be registered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the e-bidding system. After that the bidder can participate in bid submission activity. 27- Tender No. T-05/AHD/'D'TPS /HTPS/ 2019-120, Name of work: Work of Overhauling of SAM make Ash Slurry Pumps, BALP/ FAHP/BAHP/FWP Water pumps, Seal Water Pumps of Ash Handling. Plant, 'D'TPS, Kasimpur during overhauling of Unit 8&9. Estimated cost of Work: Rs. 2,38,850.00, Earnest Money: Rs. 4800.00, Tender Cost: Rs. 590.00 (500.00+90.00 GST) Due date of Submisslon of e-Bid (Technical & Firrancial) at e-procurement website https://etender. up.nic.in: 06.09.2019 upto 14:00 Hrs., Due date of depositing Tender Cost & Earnest Money in the HTPS account through RTGS up-to maximum on dated: 06.09.2019 up to 14:00 Hrs., Due date of submission of hard copy of all the requisite documents in the office of undersigned maximum on dated 09.09.2019 up to 14.00 Hrs., Tender opening date, Part-I: 09.09.2019 at 16:00 Hrs. **NOTE:** The details for submission of bids will be on the e-procurement website: https://etender.up.nic.in w.e.f. 09:00 Hrs. dated 01.08.2019. The bidders are required to be registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for participation in the e-Tendering. The bidder must also be registered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the e-bidding system. After that the bidder can participate in bid submission activity. **Note: -** For further details please log on our web site i.e. https://etender.up.nic.in Sd/- **Superintending Engineer (H.Q.) (Harduaganj TPS, Kasimpur (Aligarh) U.P.R.V.U.N.L E-Tender Notice** E-Tenders are invited for the followings supply/works items in two parts. Part- I shall contain Tender Cost/Earnest money and other necessary documents as per pre-qualifying conditions and Part -II will contain price bid as per bill of quantity. Tender specification may be downloaded from the website (http://etender.up.nic.in) and other specification details can be seen on Nigam website www.uprvunl.org. The contactors have to submit the hard copy before the schedule date/time in the concern office in sealed envelope containing details of the tender mentioned on the envelope. Tenders are advised to send their hard copy directly to the concerned tendering authority of the Circles/ Division. Who reserve the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof. **"Save Electricity Enhance National Productivity"** Sd/- **Superintending Engineer(H.Q.) Harduaganj Thermal Power Station Kasimpur (Aligarh)** पत्रांक 47/अधी.अभि.(मु.)/विज्ञापन/कैम्प-1(39)/19 दिनांक 31.07.2019

उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि. ई-निविदा विस्तारिकरण सूचना इस कार्यालय द्वारा आमंत्रित ई-निविदा संख्या टी-70/2019-20 एवं टी-73/2019-20 को अपरिहार्य कारणो से दिनांक 08.08.2019 तक विस्तारित किया जाता है। **हस्ता./- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत पारेषण मंडल उ.प्र.पा.ट्रा.का.लि., 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, पाली, ग्रेटर नोएडा। ''राष्ट्र हित में ऊर्जा बचायें''। साधारण बल्ब के स्थान पर एल.ई.डी. बल्ब का प्रयोग करें''।** कृपया वेब साईट etender.up.nic.in पर विस्तार में सभी सूचना, विवरण/डाउनलोड तथा अन्य किसी भी प्रकार के संशशोधन/विस्तार हेतु निविदा खुलने की तिथि तक लॉग ऑन करें। **पत्रांक** 1364 वि.पा.मं./ग्रे.ना./T-70 & 73/2019-20 दिनांक:- 01.08.2019

उत्तर प्रदेश पावर ट्रॉन्समिशन कारपोरेशन लि०
ई-निविदा सूचना सं0-01/वि0जा0पा0ख0/2019-20 के निविदा के रिटेन्डर का प्रकाशन
E-Tender Notice No. 01/ECTD/Ali/2019-20 पर अंकित ई-निविदा जिसकी निविदा विशिष्टीकरण संख्या-06 है जिसको दिनांक 17.07.2019 समय 12:00 बजे प्राप्त किया जाना थी एवं प्रथम भाग दिनांक 18.07.2019 को समय 12:00 बजे खोली जानी थी। अपरिहार्य कारणों से उक्त निविदा का निविदा प्रपत्र के प्रथम भाग को प्राप्त करने की तिथि 08.08.2019, समय 12:00 बजे एवं प्रथम भाग को खोलने की तिथि दिनांक 09.08.2019 को समय 12:00 बजे पुनः निर्धारित किया जाता है। अन्य सभी शर्ते यथावत रहेंगी। निविदा सम्बन्धित विवरण विभागीय वेबसाइट **http://etender.up.nic.in & http://upptcl.org** से भी प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। "राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचायें" अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत जानपद पारेषण खण्ड अलीगढ़, पत्रांक:450 वि0जा0पा0ख0अली0/दिनांक:01.08.2019

उत्तर प्रदेश पावर ट्रॉन्समिशन कारपोरेशन लि०
ई-निविदा सूचना सं0-02/वि0जा0पा0ख0/2019-20 के निविदाओं के रिटेन्डर का प्रकाशन
E-Tender Notice No. 02/ECTD/Ali/2019-20 पर अंकित ई-निविदायें जिसकी निविदा विशिष्टीकरण संख्या-09, 13 है जिसको दिनांक 17.07.2019 समय 12:00 बजे प्राप्त किया जाना थी एवं प्रथम भाग दिनांक 18.07.2019 को समय 12:00 बजे खोली जानी थी। अपरिहार्य कारणों से उक्त निविदा का निविदा प्रपत्र के प्रथम भाग को प्राप्त करने की तिथि 08.08.2019, समय 12:00 बजे एवं प्रथम भाग को खोलने की तिथि दिनांक 09.08.2019 को समय 12:00 बजे पुनः निर्धारित किया जाता है। अन्य सभी शर्ते यथावत रहेंगी। निविदा सम्बन्धित विवरण विभागीय वेबसाइट **http://etender.up.nic.in & http://upptcl.org** से भी प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। "राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचायें" अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत जानपद पारेषण खण्ड अलीगढ़, पत्रांक:451 वि0जा0पा0ख0अली0/दिनांक:01.08.2019

उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि. ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना अनुभवी क श्रेणी कार्यदायी संस्थाओं/आपूर्तिकर्ताओं से विद्युत पारेषण मंडल, ग्रेटर नोएडा के अन्तर्गत निम्न सामग्री/कार्यों हेतु ई-निविदायें ई-पोर्टल etender.up.nic.in पर दो भागों में निविदा खोलने की दिनांक को 12.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती है। जिसका प्रथम भाग उसी दिन क्रमशः 02.30 बजे (यदि अवकाश/अन्य कारण हो तो अगले कार्य दिवस में) खोला जाएगा। निर्धारित निविदा शुल्क आर.टी.जी.एस./एन.ई.एफ.टी. तथा धरोहर राशि आर.टी.जी.एस./एन.ई.एफ.टी./बैंक गारन्टी के माध्यम से (निविदा शुल्क एवं धरोहर राशि पृथक-पृथक हस्तांतरित की जानी है) अधिशासी अभियंता, विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र खण्ड, ग्रेटर नोएडा के पक्ष में पंजाब नैशनल बैंक की आई.सी.डी., तिलप्ता, दादरी (गौतम बुद्ध नगर), उ.प्र. शाखा में संचालित चालू बैंक खाता संख्या 0109012100000756 (IFSC Code PUNB0466300) में जमा कराया जायेगा। निविदा के प्रथम भाग में आर.टी.जी.एस./एन.ई.एफ.टी. द्वारा जमा किये गये निविदा शुल्क एवं धरोहर राशि की पे-इन स्लिप, यथा योज्य यू.टी.आर. संख्या की प्रति, निविदा प्रपत्र, पैनकार्ड, जी.एस.टी. संख्या, इन्कम टैक्स रिटर्न की स्वयं प्रमाणित छायाप्रति, तकनीकी अनुभव यथा क श्रेणी अद्यतन (विद्युत सुरक्षा उ.प्र. सरकार द्वारा प्रदत्त), ई.एस.आई., पी.एफ., बीमा सम्बन्धी प्रपत्र (जोकि अनिवार्य है) इत्यादि ई-पोर्टल पर स्कैन्ड प्रतियाँ (PDF format) तथा ई-निविदा के द्वितीय भाग में दरें एवं वाणिज्यक नियम व शर्ते ई-पोर्टल पर अपलोड की जायेगी। निविदा की वैधता खुलने की तिथि से 90 दिन होगी। 1. निविदा संख्या टी-85/2019-20: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, खुर्जा के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र अनूपशहर का वार्षिक आधार पर अनुरक्षण एवं परिचालन का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 15,100/- (रु. पन्द्रह हजार एक सौ मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 1,770/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 27.08.2019। 2. निविदा संख्या टी-86/2019-20: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, खुर्जा के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, जहांगीरपुर का वार्षिक आधार पर अनुरक्षण एवं परिचालन का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 16,300/- (रु. सोलह हजार तीन सौ मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 1,770/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 27.08.2019। 3. निविदा संख्या टी-87/2019-20: विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र खण्ड, ग्रेटर नोएडा के अन्तर्गत विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, ग्रेटर नोएडा पर स्थापित परिवर्तको की सुरक्षा हेतु सैण्ड पिट के निर्माण एवं सैण्ड पिट शेड के फैब्रीकेशन का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 3,600/- (रु. तीन हजार छः सौ मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 03.09.2019। 4. निविदा संख्या टी-88/2019-20: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, बुलन्दशहर के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र भूड-द्वितीय पर स्थापित 40 एम.वी.ए. 132/33 के.वी. परिवर्तक-1 की गैस किट एवं पैकिंग बदलने का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 6,500/- (रु. छः हजार पांच सौ मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 1180/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 03.09.2019। 5. निविदा संख्या टी-89/2019-20: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, हापुड के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र टेक्सटाईल सैन्टर पिलखुआ पर स्थापित 132/33 के.वी. 40 एम.वी.ए. परिवर्तक से तेल रिसाव रोकने का कार्य। धरोहर धरोहर राशि रु. 2,000/- (रु. दो हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 03.09.2019। 6. निविदा संख्या टी-90/2019-20: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, हापुड के अन्तर्गत 220 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र सिम्भावली हेतु सामग्री की आपूर्ति। धरोहर राशि रु. 1,900/- (रु. एक हजार नौ सौ मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 03.09.2019। 7. निविदा संख्या टी-91/2019-20: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, हापुड के अन्तर्गत 220 के.वी. हाइब्रिड उपकेन्द्र, हापुड़ हेतु सामग्री की आपूर्ति। धरोहर राशि रु. 2,000/- (रु. दो हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 03.09.2019। 8. निविदा संख्या टी-92/2019-20: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, हापुड के अन्तर्गत 220 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र सिम्भावली हेतु सामग्री की आपूर्ति। धरोहर राशि रु. 2,000/- (रु. दो हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 05.09.2019। 9. निविदा संख्या टी-93/2019-20: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, बुलन्दशहर के अन्तर्गत 220 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र रूखी हेतु सामग्री की आपूर्ति। धरोहर राशि रु. 2,000/- (रु. दो हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 05.09.2019। 10. निविदा संख्या टी-94/2019-20: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, खुर्जा के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न उपकेन्द्रों हेतु सामग्री की आपूर्ति। धरोहर राशि रु. 2,000/- (रु. दो हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 05.09.2019। 11. निविदा संख्या टी-95/2019-20: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, खुर्जा के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. टैक्सटाईल सैन्टर पिलखुआँ हेतु सामग्री की आपूर्ति। धरोहर राशि रु. 1,900/- (रु. एक हजार नौ सौ मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 05.09.2019। ई-निविदा के प्रथम भाग उसी दिन निर्धारित समय पर सार्वजनिक रूप से खोला जायेगा एवं भाग द्वितीय (प्राइजबिड) खुलने की तिथि तदोनुसार बेवसाइट पर सूचित की जायेगी। निविदा भाग प्रथम में सम्बधित प्रपत्रों का अपलोड ना किये जाने की स्थिति में निविदा का भाग द्वितीय (प्राईस बिड) नहीं खोला जायेगा। ई-निविदा खुलने की तिथि पर अवकाश होने की स्थिति में ई-निविदा अगले कार्य दिवस में खोली जायेगी। ई-निविदाओं को बिना कोई कारण बताये अस्वीकार/ विभाजित करने का अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के पास सुरक्षित रहेगा। कृपया विस्तृत जानकारी, डाउन लोड, अन्य संशोधनों एवं ई-निविदा प्रस्तुत करने के दिनांक तक विस्तार आदि के सम्बन्ध में कृपया etender.up.nic.in पर लॉग आन करें। **हस्ता./- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत पारेषण मंडल, उ.प्र.पा.ट्रा.का.लि., 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, पाली, ग्रेटर नोएडा, ''राष्ट्रहित में ऊर्जा बचायें'' साधारण/ सी.एफ.एल. बल्ब के स्थान पर एल.ई.डी. बल्ब का प्रयोग करें।'' पत्रांक** 1350/ वि.पा.मं./ ग्रे.ना./ **T-85 to95/ 2019-20 दिनांकः** 27.07.2019

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न्याय अनुभाग-8 (लेखा)
संख्या-ए-115/ सात- न्याय-8-19-24/28/91 टी.सी.-II
लखनऊः दिनांकः 01 अगस्त, 2019
विज्ञप्ति

उ.प्र. प्रदेश लोक सेवा अधिकरण, इन्दिरा भवन, लखनऊ में अध्यक्ष के 01 रिक्त पद पर उ.प्र. लोक सेवा (अधिकरण) अधिनियम, 1976 (यथा-संशोधित) में निर्धारित अवधि 05 वर्ष अथवा 65 वर्ष की आयु तक, जो भी पहले हो, नियुक्ति हेतु आवेदन -पत्र आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं:

2- इस हेतु उ.प्र. लोक सेवा (अधिकरण) अधिनियम, 1976 (यथा-संशोधित) की धारा-3 की उपधारा (3) तथा (8) के अन्तर्गत अर्हता रखने वाले इच्छुक अभ्यर्थी रिक्त अध्यक्ष के एक पद हेतु दिनंक 17.8.2019 तक नियत प्रारूप पर आवेदन कर सकते हैं। उ.प्र. लोक सेवा (अधिकरण) अधिनियम, 1976 (यथासंशोधित) की धारा-3 की उपधारा (3), (8) के अनुसार निम्नलिखित अर्हता निर्धारित है:-

कोई व्यक्ति अध्यक्ष के रूप में नियुक्ति के लिए अर्ह नहीं होगा, जब तक कि-

(क) वह किसी उच्च न्यायालय का न्यायाधीश न रहा हो, या

(ख) उसने कम से कम दो वर्ष तक उपाध्यक्ष का पद धारण न किया हो, या

(ग) वह भारतीय प्रशासनिक सेवा का ऐसा सदस्य न रहा हो जिसने भारत सरकार के सचिव या उसके समकक्ष केन्द्रीय या राज्य सरकार के अधीन कोई अन्य पद धारण न किया हो, और जिसे न्याय व्यवस्था का पर्याप्त अनुभव हो।

(घ) कोई व्यक्ति अध्यक्ष के रूप में नियुक्ति के लिए अर्ह नहीं होगा, यदि उसने 65 वर्ष की आयु प्राप्त कर ली हो (उ.प्र. अधिनियम संख्या 4/2017 के अनुसार)

3- मा उच्च न्यायालय इलाहाबाद खण्डपीठ लखनऊ में योजित रिट पिटीशन संख्या-19139(एस/बी)/2017 किशन सिंह अटोरिया (सदस्य प्रशा.) एवं अन्य बनाम उ.प्र. राज्य व अन्य एवं रिट याचिका सं. 19102(एस/बी)/2017 रोहित नन्दन एवं अन्य बनाम उ.प्र. राज्य व अन्य व रिट याचिका सं. 18001) एम.बी.)/2019 न्यायमूर्ति (से.नि.) सुधीर कुमार सक्सेना बनाम उ.प्र. राज्य में मा. न्यायालय द्वारा उ.प्र. लोक सेवा (अधिकरण) (संशोधन) अधिनियम, 2017 दिनांक 14 अगस्त, 2017 की वैधता के सम्बन्ध में कोई प्रतिकूल आदेश पारित किया जाता है तो सक्षम प्राधिकारी द्वारा विधि अनुसार अग्रेतर कार्यवाही की जाएगी।

4- आवेदन-पत्र का प्रारूप न्याय अनुभाग-8 (लेखा) के कार्यालय-ज्ञाप संख्या-ए-114/सात- न्याय-8-19-24/28/91 टी.सी.-।। दिनांकः 01 अगस्त, 2019 द्वारा नियत किया गया है, जो न्याय विभाग की वेबसाईट http;//;law.up.nic.in/ से डाउनलोड कर सकते हैं।

5- नियत प्रारूप पर पूर्ण रूप से भरे हुए आवेदन-पत्र प्रमुख सचिव, न्याय के कार्यालय में दिनांक-17-8-2019 को सायंकाल 5.00 बजे तक स्वीकार किए जाएंगे।

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The rise of unemployment rate, within various religious groups

UNION MINISTER for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi presented in Lok Sabha data on the rates of unemployment across major religious groups over the last three unemployment surveys conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) and the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS). The three sets of data correspond to the Employment and Unemployment Surveys conducted over the 66th Round (between July 2009-June 2010) and 68th Round (between July 2011-June 2012) by the NSSO as well as the PLFS (between July 2017-June 2018). The unemployment rates have been disaggregated for males and females as well as urban and rural areas.

Workers in the "usual status" category include (a) persons who worked for a relatively large part of the 365 days preceding the date of the survey, and (b) persons from among the remaining population who had worked for at least 30 days during the reference period of 365 days preceding the date of the survey. Category (a) refers to "principal status" and the category (b) to "subsidiary status" and the "usual status" definition includes both. As such, usual status is a more relaxed measure of unemployment. For instance, some of the unemployed under "principal status" might be working in a subsidiary capacity.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN USUAL STATUS AMONG MALES ACROSS MAJOR RELIGIOUS GROUPS

RELIGIOUS GROUP	66TH ROUND (2009-10)		68TH ROUND (2011-12)		PLFS (2017-18)	
	RURAL	URBAN	RURAL	URBAN	RURAL	URBAN
Hinduism	1.5	2.9	1.7	2.8	5.7	6.9
Islam	1.9	2.5	2.2	3.8	6.7	7.5
Christianity	2.6	2.2	3.4	4.4	6.9	8.9
Sikhism	2.7	5.6	1.3	3.5	6.4	7.2

UNEMPLOYMENT IN USUAL STATUS AMONG FEMALES ACROSS MAJOR RELIGIOUS GROUPS

RELIGIOUS GROUP	66TH ROUND (2009-10)		68TH ROUND (2011-12)		PLFS (2017-18)	
	RURAL	URBAN	RURAL	URBAN	RURAL	URBAN
Hinduism	1.4	5.8	1.4	5.2	3.5	10.0
Islam	2.0	6.8	3.9	4.4	5.7	14.5
Christianity	6.0	4.6	6.4	8.8	8.8	15.6
Sikhism	1.7	8.3	1.3	5.5	5.7	16.9

Source: Minority Affairs Ministry

TIP FOR READING LIST

A BIOGRAPHY OF THE SEMICOLON

OF ALL the punctuation marks in English writing, the semicolon is perhaps the most controversial. Writers have always been divided over its necessity and effectiveness. Stephen King dislikes it, as did Ernest Hemingway and George Orwell, while Herman Melville and Henry James loved it. In *Semicolon: The Past, Present, and Future of a Misunderstood Mark*, historian and teacher Cecelia Watson traces the history of this punctuation mark, from its evolution to the present, and the various controversies surrounding it.

The semicolon has two main functions. One of these is to segregate words into groups that are already punctuated with commas — for example, "Gorakhpur, Amethi and Azamgarh in Uttar Pradesh; Patna, Vaishali and Nalanda in Bihar; Dhubri, Barpeta and Guwahati in Assam..." It is the other function that is usually controversial. As a mark that has a hierarchy between the comma and the period, the semicolon often separates two clauses that could have served as independent sentences. Some sentences work well with the semicolon, while others can be clumsy.

Invented in Venice in 1494 by printer and publisher Aldus Manutius, the semicolon for long had no strictly defined function. In the nineteenth century, as newer and newer grammar rules entered the discourse, disagreements over where and when to use the semicolon became frequent. In her biography of the semicolon, Watson uses a range of examples, from Milton to Martin Luther King Jr to Raymond Chandler, and argues that grammar fanatics should ignore the rulebooks and focus instead on communicating better.

"Does this mean anything goes? Not in the least," *The New York Times* writes in its review. "Watson opposes conventions only as they exist to spare us from thinking. Don't just learn the rules, her clever, curious book prompts us; learn to ask, whose rules (and to admire that semicolon while you're at it)."

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Reading the US Fed's rate cut

What does the quarter-percentage-point cut in interest rates by the US central bank — the first rate cut since the financial crisis of 2008 — indicate? How is India likely to be impacted?

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

LATE WEDNESDAY evening India time, the United States Federal Reserve announced a quarter-percentage-point cut in interest rates — the first rate cut in 11 years.

What makes this rate-cut action — the first since the global financial crisis broke in 2008 — more significant is that barely six months previously, the US Fed was on a hawkish rate-hike trajectory, moving in the direction of bolstering the debt-laden American economy.

Why the rate cut by the Fed?

The Fed has cited concerns about the global economy and muted US inflation among the key reasons for the decision to cut rates, and signalled a readiness to lower borrowing costs further if needed. At the same time, the central bank has underlined that the US economy grew "at a healthy pace" over the first six months of the year.

Financial markets had expected the quarter-percentage-point rate cut, which lowered the US central bank's benchmark overnight lending rate to a target range of 2%-2.25%.

In a statement issued at the end of its two-day policy meeting, the Fed said it had decided to cut rates "in light of the implications of global developments for the economic outlook as well as muted inflation pressures". It "will act as appropriate to sustain" the record-long US economic expansion, the central bank said.

A cut up to at least 75 basis points in the Fed funds rate had been expected by the end of the year, with the rate-cut cycle beginning from August. (One bps is equivalent to one-hundredth of a percentage point.) Fed Chairman Jerome Powell, however, underlined that the rate cut was merely a "mid-cycle adjustment to policy", thus ruling out multiple sequenced cuts in rates.

Does the cut indicate a shift in policy?

The cut in policy rates follows months of pressure from US President Donald Trump, who has been pushing the American central bank for a cut in rates to stoke growth. Powell has repeatedly pledged to follow economic data, and has resisted the nudges from the President — only to change course sharply now.

Federal Reserve chair Jerome Powell holds a news conference following the Federal Open Market Committee Meeting on Wednesday. *Reuters*

"Information received since the Federal Open Market Committee met in June indicates that the labour market remains strong and that economic activity has been rising at a moderate rate," the Fed said in its statement. "Job gains have been solid, on average, in recent months, and the unemployment rate has remained low."

The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) is a panel within the Fed that is responsible for setting policy rates. The ambiguity in the Fed was reflected somewhat in the vote on the decision, with two members of the 10-member FOMC opposing the decision to cut rates.

The decision failed to impress Trump, who has been calling for a big rate cut. The President scoffed at Powell, posting on Twitter: "What the Market wanted to hear from Jay Powell and the Federal Reserve was that this was the beginning of a lengthy and aggressive rate-cutting cycle which would keep pace with China, The European Union and other countries around the world... As usual, Powell let us down... We are winning anyway, but I am certainly not getting much help from the Federal Reserve!"

What will be the impact on emerging market economies, including India?

Theoretically, a rate cut in the US should be positive for emerging market economies (EMEs), especially from a debt market perspective. Emerging economies such as India tend to have higher inflation and, thereby, higher interest rates than those in developed countries such as the US and Europe. As a result, FIIs would want to borrow money in the US at low interest rates in dollar terms, and then invest that money in bonds of emerging countries such as India in rupee terms to earn a higher rate of interest.

When the US Fed cuts its interest rates, the difference between the interest rates of the two countries increases, thus making India more attractive for the currency carry trade.

A rate cut by the Fed would also mean a greater impetus to growth in the US, which could be positive news for global growth. But this could also translate into more equity investments in the US, which could temper investor enthusiasm for emerging market economies in a proportionate manner.

How did the stock markets react; why?

Indian stocks tanked on Thursday. While domestic factors such as dismal July car sales data and slower GDP growth projections played a role in the selloff, one of the major factors was Powell's characterisation of the rate cut as a mid-cycle adjustment. Markets have taken this as a sign that sharp further cuts were not imminent.

Thursday's sell-off dragged benchmark indices to fresh five-month lows, with the BSE Sensex slipping below the 37,000 mark. The broader Nifty50, too, breached the 11,000 mark in the intra-day trade. Bonds in India too, fell as investors trimmed bets on aggressive interest-rate cuts in high-yield markets after the signal from the US Fed.

The sharp fall in yields of government securities over the past month have already priced in the Fed's action. A major 50 bps cut by the RBI expected next week will likely trigger a further rally in the bond market. (As investors buy government bonds, prices increase, and yields fall. A lower yield indicates lesser risk, but if the yield offered by a bond is higher than what it was when issued, there is a chance that the government that issued the instrument could be financially stressed and may be unable to repay the capital).

According to analysts, there are also concerns that if Asian emerging market currencies such as the rupee continue to weaken sharply against the dollar, that may result in central banks such as the RBI turning more cautious about cutting the policy rate too aggressively.

The Fed's tempered outlook on rate cuts found a reflection in the US markets. The Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500 lost over 1% after the statement.

Asian markets traded mostly lower Thursday, with Hong Kong's Hang Seng falling 0.7% and the Shanghai Composite 0.8%. Japan's Nikkei, however, bucked the trend. Britain's FTSE 100 fell 0.2% and Germany's DAX dropped 0.1%. But France's CAC 40 rose 0.4%.

THIS WORD MEANS: CONSULAR ACCESS (TO KULBHUSHAN JADHAV)

What ICJ ordered; Pak has 'offered' to India

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PAKISTAN has "offered" India consular access to Kulbhushan Jadhav, who has been in jail in Pakistan since March 2016. The former Indian Navy officer was sentenced to death by a Pakistani military court on charges of espionage and terrorism. Late Thursday evening, India was "evaluating" the Pakistani proposal.

The Hague-based International Court of Justice (ICJ) had ordered on July 17 that Pakistan must undertake an "effective review and reconsideration" of Jadhav's conviction and sentencing, and grant consular access to him without delay. The ICJ upheld India's stand that Pakistan is in egregious violation of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, 1963.

What is the concept of "consular access"?

Consular access simply means that a diplomat or an official will have a meeting with the prisoner who is in the custody of another country. Usually, during the meeting, the diplomat will first confirm the identity of the person, and will then ask some basic questions — on how he/she is being treated in custody, and what he/she wants.

Depending on the response, the diplomat/official will report back to his/her government, and the next steps will be initiated.

The principle of consular access was agreed to in the 1950s and 60s. The Vienna Convention on Consular Relations (VCCR) was framed in 1963, at the height of Cold War. This was a time when "spies" from the US and USSR were caught in each other's countries and across the world, and the idea was to ensure that they were not denied consular access.

All countries agreed to the principle, and more than 170 have ratified the Vienna Convention, making it one of the most universally recognised treaties in the world.

But, its implementation has faced challenges. While international law has long recognised the right of missions to assist and protect its nationals detained abroad, the ability of a consulate to provide effective aid has been heavily dependent on the prompt receipt of information of the detention, and timely access to the detainee.

Under Article 36 of the VCCR, at the request of a detained foreign national, the consulate of the sending State must be notified of the detention "without delay". The consulate has the right "to visit a national of the sending State who is in prison, custody or detention, to converse and correspond with him and to arrange for his legal representation".

Jadhav's wife, mother met him across a glass partition in 2017. *PTI*

No time interval is indicated for granting consular access. But it must be provided in all cases where a foreigner is "arrested or committed to prison or to custody pending trial or is detained in any other manner", regardless of the circumstances or charges.

Indian diplomats in Islamabad were discussing the terms and conditions of the consular access to be provided to Jadhav.

The key issues on the table: how many Indian officials would conduct Jadhav's interview; for how long would they meet him; would Pakistani officials other than security personnel be present as well; would there be a glass partition between them and Jadhav; would they be allowed to have physical contact with him, etc.

After the ICJ order, the Pakistan Foreign Ministry had said Jadhav had been informed of his rights under Article 36, Paragraph 1(b) of the VCCR. It had said that Pakistan would grant consular access to him "according to Pakistani laws", the modalities for which were being worked out.

India is arguing that Article 36, Paragraph 1(a) of the VCCR says "consular officers shall be free to communicate with nationals of the sending State and to have access to them. Nationals of the sending State shall have the same freedom with respect to communication with and access to consular officers of the sending State".

India has asked Pakistan to grant "full consular access" to Jadhav in "full compliance and conformity" the ICJ verdict and the Vienna Convention. India wants to ensure that the meeting does not become a sham like the one in December 2017, when Jadhav's mother and wife visited him.

One tribunal for all river water disputes: why the proposal, how it will work

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PUNE, AUGUST 1

ON WEDNESDAY, Lok Sabha gave its approval to a proposal to set up a permanent tribunal to adjudicate on inter-state disputes over sharing of river waters. The Bill cleared by Lok Sabha seeks to make amendments to the Inter-State River Waters Disputes Act of 1956 that provides for setting up of a separate tribunal every time a dispute arises. Once it becomes law, the amendment will ensure the transfer of all existing water disputes to the new tribunal. All five existing tribunals under the 1956 Act would cease to exist.

TRIBUNALS SO FAR

RIVER	STATES	WHEN SET UP	STATUS
Godavari	Maharashtra, Andhra, Karnataka, MP, Odisha	1969	1980 award being implemented
Krishna (Tribunal-I)	Maharashtra, Andhra, Karnataka	1969	1976 award being implemented
Narmada	Rajasthan, MP, Gujarat, Maharashtra	1969	1979 award being implemented
Cauvery	Karnataka, TN, Puducherry, Kerala	1990	2007 award challenged in SC, later merged with 2018 SC judgment
Krishna (Tribunal-II)	Karnataka, Andhra, Telangana, Maharashtra	2004	Decision in December 2010, matter now in Supreme Court
Mahanadi	Odisha, Chhattisgarh	2018	Under adjudication
Mahadayi	Goa, Karnataka, Maharashtra	2010, reconstituted 2013	Award in August 2018, Goa asked for reconsideration, under adjudication
Ravi and Beas	Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan	1986	One award in 1987, matter in Supreme Court
Vansadhara	Andhra Pradesh, Odisha	2010, reconstituted 2012	Under adjudication

Why the change

The main purpose is to make the process of dispute settlement more efficient and effective. Under the 1956 Act, nine tribunals have so far been set up. Only four of them have given their awards. One of these disputes, over Cauvery waters between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, took 28 years to settle. The Ravi and Beas Waters Tribunal was set up in April 1986 and it is still to give the final award. The minimum a tribunal has taken to settle a dispute is seven years, by the first Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal in 1976.

The amendment is bringing a time limit for adjudicating the disputes. All disputes would now have to be resolved within a maximum of four-and-a-half years.

The multiplicity of tribunals has led to an increase in bureaucracy, delays, and possible duplication of work. The replacement of five existing tribunals with a permanent tribunal is likely to result in a 25 per cent reduction in staff strength, from the current 107 to 80, and a saving of Rs 4.27 crore per year.

The current system of dispute resolution would give way to a new two-tier approach. The states concerned would be encouraged to come to a negotiated settlement through a Disputes Resolution Committee (DRC). Only if the DRC fails to resolve the dispute will the matter be referred to the tribunal.

How it will work

In the existing mechanism, when states raise a dispute, the central government constitutes a tribunal. Under the current law, the tribunal has to give its award within three years, which can be extended by another two years. In practice, tribunals have taken much longer to give their decisions.

Under the new system, the Centre would set up a DRC once states raise a dispute. The DRC would be headed by a serving or retired secretary-rank officer with experience in the water sector and would have other expert members and a representative of each state government concerned. The DRC would try to resolve the dispute through negotiations within a year and submit a report to the Centre. This period can be extended by a maximum of six months.

If the DRC fails to settle the dispute, it would be referred to the permanent tribunal, which will have a chairperson, a vice-chairperson and a maximum of six members — three judicial and three expert members. The chairperson would then constitute a three-member bench that would consider the DRC report before investigating on its own. It would have to finalise its decision within two years, a period that can be extended by a maximum of one more year — adding up to a maximum of four-and-a-half years.

The decision of the tribunal would carry the weight of an order of the Supreme Court. There is no provision for appeal. However, the Supreme Court, while hearing a civil suit in the Cauvery dispute, had said the decision of that tribunal could be challenged before it through a Special Leave Petition under Article 136 of the Constitution.

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Subdued tax revenues indicate that the economic slowdown may be more entrenched than it is believed to be

DATA RELEASED BY the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) paints a worrying picture of the government's finances. The Centre's gross tax revenues grew by a mere 1.4 per cent in the first quarter of the current financial year, and are likely to be well below nominal GDP growth for the quarter. In comparison, the Union budget pegged tax revenues to grow by 18.3 per cent this year. Last year, the Centre's tax revenues grew by 8.4 per cent (as per CGA) — below nominal GDP growth. This indicates that the trend of a rising tax to GDP ratio has been reversed. The first quarter numbers also suggest that the Centre's tax revenues will now have to grow by a staggering 22.3 per cent in the remaining part of the year to meet the budgeted target. Though collections are likely to rise in the coming quarters, achieving this target is a tall task, especially with a more entrenched slowdown in economic activity.

The break-up of the headline tax numbers reveals that direct taxes (both corporate and personal income tax) grew at a modest 9.7 per cent in Q1, but growth was well below the budget target of 18.6 per cent. Notwithstanding sluggish economic growth which would impact corporate profitability and taxes, corporate taxes, which grew by 6.3 per cent in Q1FY20, are typically lower in the first quarter, rising thereafter. But, the impact of the lowering of tax rates on most entities, as proposed in the budget, might temper these estimates. Income tax collections have continued to grow at a healthy pace, clocking 12.3 per cent in the quarter ended June. The surcharge on the super rich will boost collections further.

But the concern on the indirect tax side continues. Indirect taxes, excluding compensation cess and taxes of UTs, actually contracted by 4.9 per cent in Q1FY20. While part of the slippage in GST collections could be on account of IGST allocations, the slowdown in economic activity may well have exacerbated the situation. Also, compliance hasn't really picked up as pointed out by the Comptroller and Auditor General in its audit report. Part of this shortfall could be offset by higher excise and customs collections, which will pick up in the coming quarters as the proposals mentioned in the budget are rolled out. Yet, the larger message from the tax data, of subdued economic activity, is worrying. It is possible that the slowdown is more entrenched that it is believed to be. Limited fiscal space means that monetary policy is the only game in town. But monetary policy has limited ability to stimulate growth in the short term, especially when the transmission of lower rates to the broader system remains restricted. The outlook for growth remains hazy in the near term.

EAT, PRAY, LOVE

Zomato has stood firmly by pluralist principles and heartwarmingly punctured a stereotype

A PERSON PROFESSING the Hindu religion in Jabalpur and observing Shravan in a ritually sectarian fashion has turned the spotlight on an India divided, earned widespread derision, and shown that the majority online are not bigoted. He declined to accept a Zomato order delivered by a Muslim, and when he took his peeve to Twitter, the company's handle responded: "Food doesn't have a religion. Food is a religion." In a nation that has weathered centuries of restrictions on commensality, the tweet constituted a resounding affirmation of modernity. The company's CEO joined in the conversation, sticking up for diversity and stating that he was not "sorry to lose any business that comes in the way of our values." Reportedly, he supported the actions of his staff and assured them that they would not have to knuckle under to customer demands that were racial or attacked diversity.

As the conversation proceeded, though, it may have become obvious that standing up to bigotry may actually be good for business. While a small minority supported the actions of the peeved customer in Jabalpur, the volume of derision he has earned drowned out their voices. Critics pointed out that to retain ritual purity, he would have to take absurdly extreme precautions. He would have to check if his food was cooked by co-religionists, and that the delivery executive's vehicle did not run on fuel imported from a Muslim nation. At the same time, Zomato received congratulatory messages from all quarters, including politicians, businessmen and influencers, for defending the idea of a diverse India. Standing up for one's principles, it appears, is not necessarily detrimental to business.

India's corporate culture is not celebrated for being led by liberal principles. On the contrary, it is widely criticised for cronyism, for seeking patronage from power and safe markets among majorities. Against that backdrop, Zomato's moral determination to hold the line stands out in sharp relief. It has also busted the stereotype that young digital companies are actuated purely by the profit motive in the marketplace, and by the conservative views of deracinated techies in the boardroom. And it has answered one of the oldest questions about capitalism: Does morality matter in business? It does. Two tweets have won the company more goodwill than an expensive ad campaign would have. More significantly, they have gone some way in reaffirming public faith in the value of decency.

ALL'S NOT WELL

BCCI must realise that if it does not bring in anti-doping reform, it will be made to do so

THE INDIAN CRICKET board has long been an ostrich in matters of accountability. Its dreams of putting in place a self-sustaining T20 league which can rope in the world's finest talent — like America's NFL, NBA and World Series baseball — was realised in this last decade when the IPL turned monstrous in proportion. What did not follow for the BCCI, however, was the American insistence on integrity. Doping is the single biggest threat that can shred the credibility of any sport that wants to be taken seriously. But the way the BCCI has handled the positive test of its brightest young star, Prithvi Shaw, shows its casualness towards the modern day sport's most important protocol. Shaw was let off after a process in which the anti-doping code wasn't strictly adhered to and there was no transparency in hearings.

The government has cracked the whip and in coming days might make it difficult for the BCCI to go on believing it exists in a separate sporting universe. India, which notoriously sat second on doping charts in Olympic disciplines and won a measly total of 2 medals, has gone on believing all's well with cricket. Testing protocols are hardly followed in the world's richest league, the problem compounded by the fact that India's prima donnas have always resisted WADA's regulations. So, while the world's greatest names like Roger Federer and Usain Bolt are answerable to the dope tester's 6.30 am call and obligated to fill in the whereabouts forms, cricketers are rarely tested or punished once they return a positive sample.

The BCCI system has misused discretion in handing Shaw a lenient punishment that will deter no one. The BCCI leads the world in cricket's general obstructionism to any anti-doping reforms. Cricket's audience, too, needs to demand clean performances if the summer slam isn't to turn into WWE with balls and bats played by fully covered men with something to hide.

Health care is ailing

But a National Medical Commission is no cure-all. Many important questions remain

K SUJATHA RAO

THERE ARE SIX reasons why governments would like to regulate medical education. One, to ensure that doctors are appropriately trained and skilled to address the prevailing disease burden; two, to ensure that medical graduates reflect a uniform standard of competence and skills; three, to ensure that only those with basic knowledge of science and aptitude for the profession get in; four, to ensure ethical practice in the interest of the patients; five, to create an environment that enables innovation and research; and six, to check the corrosive impact of the process of commercialisation on values and corrupt practices. The question is whether the National Medical Commission Bill passed by Rajya Sabha on Thursday addresses these concerns.

The problem of inappropriately trained doctors of varying quality has been known since decades. The report of the Mudaliar Committee set up in 1959 had devoted substantial space to pointing out how doctors had neither the skills nor the knowledge to handle primary care and infectious diseases that were a high priority concern then as now. Likewise, standards vary greatly with competence levels dependent upon the college of instruction. In professionalising the MCI, with experts for all levels of education and practice, the NMC Bill can be a gamechanger.

It has the potential to be more nimble in setting curricula, teaching content, adding new courses and providing the much needed multisectoral perspectives. More importantly, the NMC has the potential to link the disease burden and the specialties being produced. In the UK, for example, it is the government that lays down how many specialists of which discipline need to be produced, which the British Medical Council then adheres to. In India, the MCI has so far been operating independently. This gap can be bridged by the NMC. Given the right people, it is also possible that the NMC can encourage and incentivise innovation and promote research by laying down rules that make research a prerequisite in medical colleges.

It is in curbing unethical practice and commercialisation of medical education that the Bill falls short. Today, there are 536 medical colleges with 79,627 seats. Of them, 260 or 48.5 per cent are private with 38,000 seats. The bill allows differential pricing with freedom for the college managements to levy market determined fees on 19,000 students, under what is called the management quota. This is admission for those with the ability to pay. There are colleges that are rumoured to arrange admission and the degree for a fee.

To counter such practices, the Bill has proposed mandating the NEET and NEXT. I was Secretary, Health, when these two concepts came into the policy dialogue. The NEET was mooted by the then board of governors for three reasons: One, to reduce the pain of students having to take an estimated 25 examinations to gain admission in a college; two, given the abysmal level of high school education, to ensure a minimum level of knowledge in science, and three, to reduce corruption by restricting student admission to those qualifying the NEET. Measured against these three goals, the experience has been mixed, demanding a rethink.

> It is a fact that the MCI required a college to be inspected 25 times to get final recognition, each being a rent seeking exercise. That "inspector Raj", as the Health Minister noted, will be done away with, is indeed a positive step. But in relying only on the NEXT as the principal substitute is to abdicate governance. Undoubtedly, there are grey areas giving scope for corrupt practices and production of substandard doctors. It would have been preferable to have tested the waters, examined the implications and then introduced the reform rather than including it in a law that is difficult to amend.

The NEXT is an idea borrowed from the UK that has for over seven years been struggling to introduce it. In all such countries, the licensing exams are stretched into modules, not a multiple choice questions type of exam. The underlying belief is that in centralising the qualifying examination, a college with the largest number of failed students will automatically close down. Following from this, the Bill has virtually given up inspections for assuring the quality of education.

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The excessive reliance on a battery of diagnostic tests is reflective of both commercial considerations as well as weak knowledge. Students spending lakhs to become doctors resort to unethical practices to recoup their investment and pollute the system. In the US, despite tight regulations and remunerative payment systems, there is still substantial unethical practice. The Bill, in reducing oversight, allowing extensive discretionary powers to government to set aside decisions of the NMC, making it virtually an advisory body, gives scope for the current state of affairs to continue, only at a higher premium nullifying the major need for reform of the MCI. This is the most worrying aspect of the NMC. In other words, the MCI got into disrepute only when commercialisation of medical education set in in the 1990's, and the amendment of the MCI Act in 1993, reducing the autonomy of the MCI and making it subservient to government. This has now been taken to another level in the Bill.

The Bill has other irritants — like permitting a registered medical practitioner to prescribe medicines. Left vague, much will depend on the rules. While there is a need to decentralise, to give to non-medical personnel some powers and authority, it needs tight regulation and supervision. Given our inability to enforce the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, as seen in the rising rate of the antimicrobial resistance problem, the issue of which comes first needs to be carefully examined. Prudence may be advisable. Another irritant is the continuance of the two parallel streams of producing specialists. By not bringing the DNB under the purview of the NMC, the DNB system is left open to abuse.

No law is perfect. It is dependent upon the people who interpret and implement it. Government has, under this Bill, arrogated to itself an unprecedented power to appoint people in the various arms of the proposed structure. The quality and integrity of these people will then define the future of the health system in India. We hope for the best as the long, bitterly fought battle to reform the 86-year-old MCI comes to a close.

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KILLING JNU

Throttling of academic freedoms will also affect campuses elsewhere

APOORVANAND

SEPTEMBER 20 IS the birthday of Chandrashekhar, the young left leader who was killed in Siwan in 1997. He was a student of Jawaharlal Nehru University, the president of its students'union. We organise an annual memorial lecture in his name at Patna. This year, we decided to invite a professor from his university to deliver the lecture. She said a cautious yes, as she was not sure if she would be given leave. For the past three years, teachers of JNU have seen their leave applications rejected, not only for popular lectures like the one above but also for seminars organised by professional bodies or their peers. But we insisted that she should try. We wrote her a formal invitation letter.

Before my colleague could submit my letter with her application for leave to the authorities, she herself was sent one by them. It was a chargesheet. She was one of the 48 teachers who were asked to explain why action should not be taken against them for having participated in a protest last year at the administrative block. The chargesheet has been framed under Rule 14 of the Central Civil Services (Classification, Control, and Appeal) Rules 1965 and invokes sections of the CCS (Conduct) Rules 1964. Failing to explain their "crime" to the satisfaction of the authorities can invite penal action.

We knew then that her application for leave would not be accepted. She is one of the foremost scholars of her field internationally, a respected public voice and a much-loved teacher. But in the eyes of the authorities of the JNU she is merely an "employee" they can discipline with rules.

Teachers had always thought that they were not government employees. Vice Chancellors also knew that they do appoint teachers but they are not their subordinates. Teachers are regarded as minds which function best when not constrained. If you ask former vice-chancellors of JNU,they would talk fondly about the cordial relations they had with the faculty. It was an honour to be accepted as by the community of people, which included scholars such as Bipan Chandra, Romila Thapar, Namvar Singh or Tanika Sarkar. But the current administration in the JNU treats the teachers as its "employees". The invocation of the civil services rules to discipline them is the latest in the list of its atrocities. To tell a teacher that she cannot air her views freely, cannot write or speak publicly without the permission of the "competent authorities" is to take away from them not only their rights but also their fundamental duty.

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In democracies, people take decisions. But they do not have the intellectual wherewithal to examine the claims of the "powers that be" which seek their consent to rule them. Academics with their long engagement with knowledge have the tools to test the political and policy promises offered to people. They must share it with the public to help them take informed decisions. So, they need freedom, not for their own sake but for the good of the society. Academic freedom is slightly more than the freedom of expression. It is a basic necessity without which the business of knowledge cannot be conducted. All democracies therefore resist the temptation of controlling the campus. Peers decide, not state bodies.

We have been lucky to get a replacement for the lecture. But the damage done to JNU, if goes unchallenged, could affect university life elsewhere in the country. Indian campuses might resemble the campuses of the Stalinist era and academics would function as government spokespersons.

There is more happening at JNU which should attract public scrutiny. Creation of management, engineering and medical schools to marginalise the humanities and social sciences, the automation and vulgarisation of the admission process and the taking away of powers of the faculty in the appointment of new faculty and violating the principles of seniority is destroying the unique character of the university.

It is beyond the capability of the faculty and students of JNU to save it from an administration which is at war with it. It is the duty of the society, not only its alumni ,who are in powerful positions, to speak up. The existence of spaces like JNU help us to think about possibilities which can become a reality.

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AUGUST 2, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

INDIAN EXPRESS

CHAVAN UNDER FIRE

A MEETING OF the pre-split AICC will be held in Bangalore on August 17 and 18. The Congress Working Committee took this decision today. There was a blistering attack on YB Chavan, Deputy Prime Minister, at the CWC meeting for his mishandling of the first list of ministers. Bhola Paswan Shastri, leader of the Congress Party in the Lok Sabha, Yunus Saleem and Vinayak Acharya led the attack They were supported by some others. When the attack was in full cry, Chavan left the meeting possibly in a huff. At one point, when Chavan said he took the blame for all that had happened, Mohammad Ali shouted," Don't try to defend, yourself." Chavan said the list of nominees would show that the interests of minorities, women and Harijans had been adequately safeguarded.

ANARCHY ON RISE

NANAJI DESHMUKH, JANATA Party General Secretary said here that anarchy was fast enveloping the country. Speaking at a rally to mark the death anniversary of Lokmanya Tilak, he said, "politics of opportunism doesn't behove a country of great ideals and leaders of the calibre of Shivaji, Tilak and Mahatma Gandhi. Society should boycott and isolate such power crazy elements." He wondered whether such leaders considered they could serve the nation and society only through the seat of power.

FAREWELL TO ARMS

A BATCH OF 100 rebel Mizos led by "Colonel" Vanthanga, former "Commander-in-chief" of the banned Mizo National Army bid farewell to arms, surrendered themselves before Mizoram's Inspector-General of Police, Ved Marwah, and signed the oath of allegiance to the Indian Constitution at a simple ceremony in the police complex at Aizawl. The government reciprocated the gesture, giving an initial rehabilitation grant of Rs 1,000 each and a promise of industrial and agricultural loans to enable them to start their careers afresh.

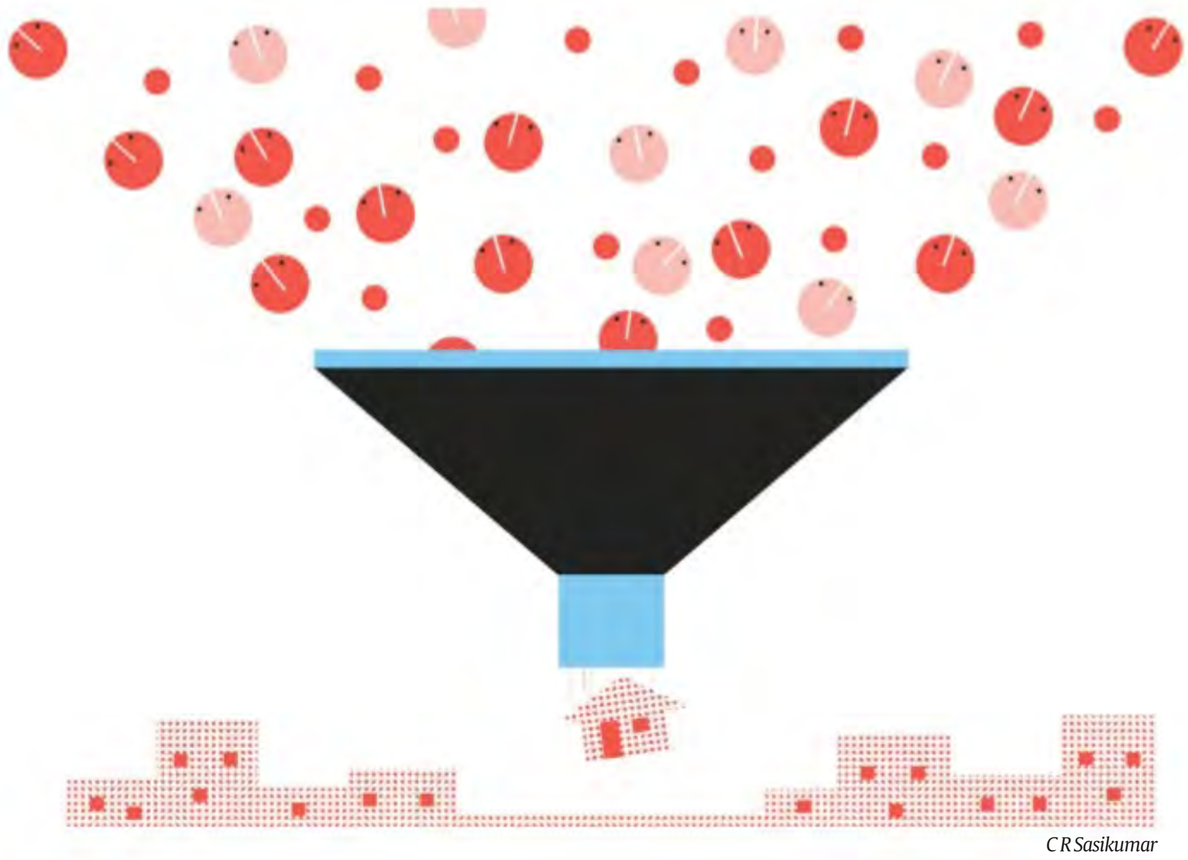
WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

It is the duty of richer nations to do all they can to hold back the soaring temperatures which they did most to produce. —THE GUARDIAN

Remaking home

Divides between private colonies, flats and government housing reinforce the city's isolating character. Urban spaces need better designed homes and an egalitarian housing policy

GAUTAM BHATIA



C R Sasikumar

TO SAY THAT there is no housing crisis in India is to make a statement of little value. Homelessness is on the rise, and has been for the past half a century. Eight years ago, after the 2011 Census, the demand for new housing was at 25 lakh units. With a great burst of building — mostly sub-standard and low cost units — the central government and state housing agencies added a sizeable number to the mix. But with demand rising exponentially and related to increasing migration numbers, the current requirement for shelter stands at 30 lakh units, more than double from the turn of the century.

Yet, the government's ineffective home building programmes proliferate. The Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana aims to provide cheaper houses quickly to low income groups, with substantial interest subsidies on housing loans. The previous scheme, Awas Yojna, has been attempting the same since 1985 without much success. State housing boards have similar unachievable goals. Every year, more houses are constructed; yet, every year the demand increases.

Is this a sane policy for providing homes? When an idea has failed consistently wouldn't a different approach make more sense?

In the early 1950s, new houses in most cities relied on the bungalow model — a free standing home, single storied, spread on private land, and bounded by walls. The home's ownership, independence and property rights were paramount. Nearly 70 years later, despite a 100-fold increase in city population density and land values, little has changed from that ideal. The provision of a shelter is still wracked by the archaic ideal of ownership, still burdened by the unjustified expense of conventional construction, and still stuck to the impracticality of old space and design ideas.

Why is the dream of living in a home tied to ownership? Is the home less of a home if it belongs to someone else? The outmoded notion of a building in self-ownership, as a private family asset, is the primary hurdle in the quest for affordable housing. And in seeking to remedy the situation, four factors need to be evaluated in the search for a new model.

First, of utmost importance is to put a halt to the growing privatisation of the city, which would in effect do away with more private ownership of land and buildings. The current situation creates unfortunate divides between private colonies, flats and government housing — contributing to insecurity and gated colonies. So far, the isolating quality of the Indian city has been reinforced by divisions of profession, ethnicity and economic status. Where is in the world will you find cities with officially recognised subdivisions — Bengalis in their own enclave (Chittaranjan Park), lawyers in Niti Bagh, Jews in Jewtown and Parsis in Parsi Colony. Would white Catholic office secretaries live in their own suburb outside New York, away from Black Presbyterian bus drivers?

By discouraging home ownership, the city becomes more open and accessible to a greater number of new residents, thus creating the potential for a more diverse economic, ethnic and religious mix. Stringent urban land reforms would be the first step in that direction. By making housing part of city infrastructure projects, the government takes away land and construction from private builders and creates diverse pockets of housing in different parts of the city. Short-term rights to a home should ideally be the goal, such that citizens have easy access to subsidised rental housing without legal rights of ownership. Rental units instead would allow residents to live close to office and employment, keeping the neighbourhood changing and dynamic.

Second, it is imperative that a system of tax incentives and new rental regulations be used to achieve that goal. One of the key reasons for a shortfall in middle income housing is the unwillingness of a home owner to rent out when the legal rights grossly favour tenants. Besides obvious change in rental laws, the government needs to examine the current stock of available housing and create an equitable rental policy. The imposition of a high un-occupancy tax on buildings that are vacant will help to inhabit almost a third of private housing that remains empty in most cities. Take, Delhi. The city — including Gurgaon and NOIDA — is burdened with over two lakh unoccupied mid and high income housing. At the same time, there is a desperate requirement for housing three lakh low income and weaker section families. Builders, however, continue to construct upscale luxury apartments because profit margins are enormous. Such insanity can only be curbed when stricter construction restrictions are in place, and the government begins to see housing as a social service and not a business venture. Expanding the supply of low-income housing — something the private developers refuse to touch — will ultimately help the slum-dweller to a natural upgrade.

Third, the current densities of residential space need more efficient modifications. Do living/dining rooms, and private bedrooms have any value in new housing or would a smaller multifunctional and compact unit make more sense? Given the high land values, unless there is an increase in floor area ratio (FAR) with a complementary decrease in a home's occupancy footprint, economies of scale will never be achieved in city residential areas. In fact, subsidies on efficient space planning, environmental considerations and design that creates shared community spaces should be encouraged and rewarded.

Fourth, because political concerns remain enmeshed in changing civic status rather than demonstrating concerns for physical improvements, the Indian city continues to retain its Third World label. Civic governance structures need to be separate from politics, which is too often a happy and willing partner in bartering civic values for votes. The Delhi chief minister recently announced that 1,800 unauthorised colonies will grant home ownership rights to its residents. The move comes a few months before the assembly elections and demonstrates how the top leadership in the country plays shamelessly with a city's long range plans for quick short-term gains.

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By contrast, Brazil's intervention in its Favelas or slum tenements upgraded individual houses after a rigorous survey of families, providing design improvements, ventilation, storage space and utilities where needed. Singapore replaced their poorer tenements altogether with a basic high rises of low cost low income housing integrated into the fabric of the city. By such inclusion the poorer sections were no longer relegated to depressed parts of the town but were granted space everywhere. Unfortunately, the Indian concept of "regularisation" works on the tacit admission that the city learn to accept the poor as they are, where they are — in self-created clusters outside the mainstream. They remain socially isolated, and develop outside of the norms of civic life — a necessary evil that can be exploited as cheap manual labour and efficient vote bank.

Isn't it the combined future of the government, architects, and planners to constantly test new ideas related to local forms of urban living? In Delhi, the new large-scale housing developments of Nauroji Nagar and Kidwai Nagar fall in the centre of the town and could have been effectively used to demonstrate radical new ideas of urban density, landscape, car-less streets, water collection reservoirs, green construction, alternative systems of energy and waste management and a mixed-use home-work-recreation network. Instead, a shabby mix of eight to ten storey tower blocks adds yet another third-rate sight to the already beleaguered city. Easy and quick time-tested commerce has similarly shaped Mumbai's Bandra Kurla Complex and Indira Nagar in Bengaluru. Over the next decade, as millions of new migrants move to towns, a radical view of the Indian home is the only way to go.

It is no exaggeration to say that housing in India is both inefficient, poorly constructed, thoughtlessly designed, and conforms to outmoded ideas that still hark to the bungalow prototype. Unless more thoughtfully-designed homes, with newer materials and technologies, and a more egalitarian housing policy become part of future government programmes, it is these citadels of waste and decay that will remain the public face of the city.

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A step for gender justice

The law that criminalises instant talaq is framed by constitutional morality

BHUPENDER YADAV

IT IS A historic moment for this country. The arbitrary, unconstitutional and unreasonable practice, generally called triple talaq, has become a practice of past and now, an offence. India has moved on from an era when the name of movie was changed to Nikah because there was a danger that if a husband asked his wife to watch a movie named "Talaq Talaq Talaq", she may suffer a heart attack as uttering talaq, talaq, talaq was considered as divorce.

The present legislation comes in the backdrop of an evolving society, which has influenced even Islamic states to make corrective changes by legislation to Muslim personal law. I congratulate our Muslim sisters for getting their due right of equality, an issue of paramount importance for the present government. Eradicating the unfair practice of triple talaq has ended their insecurity and uncertain future.

The fight against instant talaq was the fight of every Muslim woman, though it was started by an ordinary Muslim woman. Talaq-e-biddat left women insecure since it was generally accepted and practiced by the community, when a man wanted to correct his mistake. There was no reason for a woman in a civilised society to go through this trauma. This fight, being the fight of ordinary women against inequality and injustice, deserved the support of the government that considers equality, as outlined in the Constitution, its guiding principle.

Bringing the law that declares triple talaq an offence is a victory for the civil society; it should not be seen as a political victory. It is surprising how anyone can oppose such a progressive law, which was essential for the women of one particular community, who were facing discrimination due to this arbitrary practice. It is disheartening to see how those who have been talking about the Beijing declaration were against the passing of this much-needed law to ensure women's dignity.

Instant talaq concerns gender justice. The law banning it is about ensuring human rights and providing liberty to women to live with dignity. Many criminal offences have civil consequences, for example, rash driving. Crime involves punishment by the government while a civil wrong is a wrong against an individual that calls for compensation to the wronged person.

Generally, civil action can provide only compensation. What compensation would be appropriate for a woman like Shah Bano, who was divorced by her husband at 70? There was need for a law, which may act as a deterrent and prevent people from resorting to instant talaq. In short, criminalising instant talaq was the only option.

Triple talaq was not only a wrong against an individual, but it was an attack on the society in general. The government deserves appreciation for bringing a law that terms it as offence; declaring it a punishable offence makes it an effective law. The deterrence theory of criminology is shaping the criminal justice system in various countries.

We also cannot ignore the constitutional morality. The Supreme Court has held that the practice of triple talaq is not protected under religious freedom and the same is against the dignity of women. Gender justice is an important constitutional goal and without accomplishing the same, half of the country's citizens would not be able to enjoy their rights in reality. When Article 51-A (e) of the Constitution talks about renouncing practices derogatory to the dignity of women, how can a government not bring about an effective law to end the practice? Articles 14, 15 and 21, which are a part of the basic structure of the Constitution, make it clear that there was a need to bring a law, particularly since the Court had declared that the ambit of religious freedom does not cover triple talaq. Democratic values will survive only when people are guided by the constitutional parameters.

It is also important to note that it is not the first law to declare an unreasonable and arbitrary act as an offence. There are so many examples. For example, from the ancient time, polygamy was permitted amongst Hindus. But in 1860, the Indian Penal Code made "polygamy" a criminal offence. Next was The Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, which provides the conditions for a valid Hindu marriage. One of the conditions introduced was that neither of the parties to the matrimonial alliance should have a living spouse at the time of marriage. Clearly, the practice of polygamy among Hindus was eradicated by legislation and the same was made a criminal offence through law. So the law criminalising triple talaq is not the first instance of personal law being changed to ensure gender justice in India.

So many reformative laws have been introduced by the state. One such law was the Hindu Widows' Remarriage Act. The issue is not about religion or faith but the concern for gender justice and gender equality. In order to fully emancipate Muslim women from an unjust and discriminatory family law, their unique position and experience at the intersection of gender discrimination and religious discrimination must be taken into account.

The present government deserves appreciation for ensuring equality of women in letter and spirit. What is held to be bad in the Holy Quran cannot be good in sharia. Or, what is bad in theology is bad in law as well.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LIMITED LAW

THIS REFER TO the editorial, 'Shortchanged by law' and the article 'Power and Justice' (IE, August 1). The law against triple talaq serves a dual purpose for the government: Humiliating the Opposition and mobilising a section of the educated and professional Muslims in big cities and towns. The practice of triple talaq is no doubt decadent. But the government's aim to confer justice and empower Muslim women, in all likelihood, might not be fulfilled. On the contrary it might do more harm than good to the wronged woman.

G Javaid Rasool, *Lucknow*

GENDER JUSTICE

THIS REFERS TO the article 'Taking down patriarchy' (IE,August,1).The writer's happiness over PM Narendra Modi's success in getting the anti- triple -talaq bill passed is understandable. Now he needs to show the same zeal to get the Women's Reservation Bill passed.

Tarsem Singh, *Mahilpur*

REFORM POLITICS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'A familiar drama' (IE, August 1). Citizens will point out that corruption is the norm among bureaucrats, the police, and even the judiciary has not been able to escape its share of blame. India did have stellar politicians B C Roy in Bengal and Y B Chavan in Maharashtra. Therefore, the need is to ensure that honest, educated and well-meaning people join politics and occupy positions of power. Let the Election Commission allow debates among the contestants in state-sponsored auditoriums that are televised or shared through social media.

Kaushik Mukherjee, *Pune*

EMPTY BOAST

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The 50-day journey' (IE, July 31). It is wrong to talk about high productivity in the current Monsoon Session. The government has bulldozed Bills on sensitive issues without proper discussion and scrutiny. Moreover, recent incidents of mob violence with forced sloganeering contradicts the vision laid down under "sabka saath, sabka vikas, sabka vishwas".

Tenzin Zhimba, *Gandhinagar*

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DEBATING TALAQ

INQUILAB HAS BACK to back editorials on triple talaq, on July 31 and then on August 1. The August 1 editorial writes about the "irony" of one side being so concerned about the Unnao rape incident and the accident, which has the victim "fighting for her life, and most of her family killed, where the accused is a powerful MLA and on the other hand, instant triple talaq, with the government so concerned, as if there were no bigger problem than this one, at present". The newspaper writes: "There is no doubt that this is a bad practice, but the haste displayed while making a law against this has never been seen in any other problem." This, the newspaper goes on to say, is when "Muslim organisations had declared that they will through social reform oppose this".

Rozanama Rashtriya Sahara on July 26 compared the 1980s to now, when the "then Congress government led by Rajiv Gandhi had tried to interfere in Muslim personal law". But widespread protests forced the government's hand to reverse its stance. Now, the people appear "unable to do anything, *laachaar*". It urges a look at facts, speaking of "back-breaking inflation, unemployment, sharply rising inequality that affect not just Muslim women but all women, including Muslim women"."When her son or husband is unemployed, can the Muslim woman be happy?" the editorial wonders.

Siasat on July 27 in an editorial after the passage of the Bill in the Lok Sabha calls the opposition parties and other parties who oppose the Bill to ensure that it not passed by the Rajya Sabha. *Siasat* writes: "The government will try many moves. And the Opposition must be alert. Those who are scared of opposing the Modi government must also make their stand clear." It writes: "Muslims are watching and will use this as a test to examine their so-called commitment to Muslims, their welfare and secularism. The time for empty words will have to end."

Etemaad (mouthpiece of the AIMIM) writes about the government pushing all the Bills it needs to consolidate its votebank in Parliament. It writes the government that has ignored the Sabarimala and Aadhaar orders of the Supreme Court, has chosen to bring out a bill for triple talaq instead of a law to control mob lynching. When such laws were brought against the majority community, for example in the Sabarimala case, it is stopped by an agitation. But Muslims have been scared beforehand itself, so they do not oppose such laws. While NIA is now a law stronger than POTA, it is clear that Muslims are the only targets. Why are steps not being taken to curb Hindu extremism? The newspaper calls for Muslims to "use their democratic rights to express their anger against the triple talaq bill, while staying within the law."

LAW AS HARASSMENT

Munsif on July 27 speaks of laws being hustled in an unseemly rush *intehaai jaldbaazi*. It takes special note of the RTI Bill, which, according to the newspaper, makes Information Commissioners almost "government servants" and quashes their autonomy and independence. The newspaper speculates if the Modi government is wreaking vengeance on RTI commissioners for the five big orders they gave which brought out the truth on the government. It terms the original bill a fine legislation of the UPA2 era, now being crushed.

The July 28 editorial of *Daawat*, the fortnightly newspaper of the Jamaat-e-Islami, focuses on the "anti-terror" law. It focuses on the "misuse of such laws". "Terror does not end with these laws as the intention is not to end terror. The intention is only to create new means of harassment against people which they take years to get out of," the editorial says. The newspaper writes that "earlier too, the intention was to harass innocents and push them in jail and this is what has happened. So, whenever attempts are made to formulate 'tough laws' they are opposed".

TRAGEDY IN UNNAO

Various editorials have taken note of the accident that wiped out several members of the Unnao rape victim's family. *Etemaad* on July 30 writes about the BJP MP Sakshi Maharaj meeting the accused, a BJP MLA, in jail recently. It asks for phone records of the truck driver, cleaner and owner scrutinised. *Sahara* on August 1 wonders, sardonically, why when "the Opposition is angry and brought up this crash in Parliament and the BJP claims to have suspended Kuldip Singh Sengar, the accused BJP MLA, is justice not forthcoming?" It calls for a CBI inquiry to be speedily ordered.

MOURNING SHEILA

Sahara editorial on July 22 talks about the tradition of leaders praising their opponents when they die. The editorial says it is commendable that BJP leaders praised Sheila Dikshit when she died. But why did they not do so in her lifetime? The editorial points out that if it happens, "political rivalry can never morph into personal enmity". The environment that will emerge in India then will be very positive, the editorial concludes.

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SOUTH KOREA

MAN SETS SELF ABLAZE TO PROTEST JAPAN

A 72-year-old South Korean man was in critical condition after setting himself ablaze in downtown Seoul on Thursday, apparently to express his anger toward Japan amid worsening tensions between countries over trade and wartime history, a police official said.

TOP OF THE WORLD

At the site of the blast

YEMEN

Rebel missiles, suicide bombs kill 51 in Aden

Aden: Rebels in Yemen fired a ballistic missile Thursday at a military parade in the southern port city of Aden and coordinated suicide bombings targeted a police station in another part of the city, killing at least 51 people and wounding dozens, officials said. The missile hit in the city's neighbourhood of Breiqa where a military parade was underway by forces loyal to the United Arab Emirates, a member of the Saudi-led coalition that has been fighting the Iran-backed Houthis since 2015 in support of Yemen's internationally recognised government.

PAKISTAN

Taliban warns against giving polio drops to kids

Peshawar: The Pakistani Taliban has warned people in the tribal district of North Waziristan not to play loud music and administer polio vaccination to their children, according to a report. The message came in a pamphlet issued by the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan in Miramshah, in Pakistan's North Waziristan, on Wednesday also directed women not to venture out without male company, *Dawn* reported. "We remind you that similar statements... in the past had fallen on deaf ears, but this time we are going to take to task those who violate the Taliban order," it said.

UAE

Arab world's first Mars mission in 2020: UAE

Dubai: The UAE has announced that it will launch the 'Hope Probe', the Arab world's first spacecraft to Mars, in July 2020. The space programme, also known as the Emirates Mars Mission (EMM), aims at collecting information on Mars, meteorological layers and study the causes of loss of hydrogen and oxygen gases — the two main constituents of water — from the upper layer of the Martian atmosphere. The mission will become the first space exploration programme to take a picture of the red planet's atmosphere.

US hails cooperation of 'great friend' India on Iran sanctions

Also praises 'less well-aligned' China for standing with US instead of Iran

LALIT K JHA
WASHINGTON, AUGUST 1

THE US is "highly gratified" by the cooperation from a "great friend" like India in enforcing the oil sanctions on Tehran, the White House said on Wednesday.

Tensions between the US and Iran have heightened after Washington last year withdrew from the 2015 nuclear deal that aimed to curb Iranian nuclear activities. Washington has since reimposed crippling sanctions affecting the Iranian economy.

"We have been highly gratified by cooperation from a great friend and partner like India, and even less well-aligned countries such as China, in making the rather obvious choice that the United States would be the business partner of choice, not Iran," a senior official told reporters during a conference call.

India, which has galloping energy needs, went out of its way to co-operate with the US. India has brought down the import of oil from Iran to almost zero, though it has had historic and cultural ties with the Persian Gulf country.

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Referring to an open source information, the US official, requesting anonymity, said Iranian export of oil for July was at 1,00,000 barrels per day, which is down considerably from the previous historic low of 7,81,000.

The official credited the Trump administration for this and added that Iran has very little to offer in terms of being a trading partner.

"The United States just continues to be appreciative, particularly of India's cooperation, and continues to be very mindful of India's legitimate energy needs," the official said responding to a question on reports about talks between India and Iran on oil trade through their own currencies. **PTI**

Washington puts sanctions on Iranian Foreign Minister Zarif

JEFF MASON
WASHINGTON, AUGUST 1

THE UNITED States on Wednesday imposed sanctions on Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, targeting the country's top spokesman and potentially hurting chances of diplomatic talks amid rising tensions between the two countries.

Zarif, a critical figure in the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, dismissed the action and said it would not affect him.

US President Donald Trump pulled the US out of the deal last year and ramped up sanctions to put pressure on Iran's economy.

Strains between Washington and Tehran have risen more in recent months.

"Javad Zarif implements the reckless agenda of Iran's Supreme Leader, and is the regime's primary spokesperson around the world. The United States is sending a clear message to the Iranian regime that its recent behavior is completely unacceptable," Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said in a statement.

Mohammad Javad Zarif was a critical figure in securing the 2015 Iran nuclear deal. *Reuters*

> **"It (the sanctions) has no effect on me or my family, as I have no property or interests outside of Iran. Thank you for considering me such a huge threat to your agenda."**
>
> — MOHAMMAD JAVAD ZARIF
> IRAN FOREIGN MINISTER

The sanctions against Zarif would block any property or interests he has in the US, but the Iranian foreign minister said he had none. "The US' reason for designating me is that I am Iran's 'primary spokesperson around the world'," Zarif said on Twitter. "Is the truth really that painful? It has no effect on me or my family, as I have no property or interests outside of Iran. Thank you for considering me such a huge threat to your agenda." **REUTERS**

SRI LANKA ELECTIONS

Gotabaya Rajapaksa, Mahinda's brother, set to be Opposition presidential nominee

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, AUGUST 1

CLEARING ALL major hurdles before him, Gotabaya Rajapaksa, the former defence secretary during the Sri Lankan civil war and the younger brother of former president Mahinda Rajapaksa, is all set to become the presidential candidate of the Opposition.

With the presidential polls set to be held in Sri Lanka towards the end of November, *The Indian Express* has learnt that Mahinda will announce the name of Gotabaya as the presidential candidate of the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) on August 11, at the party's national convention being held in Colombo.

Rolling out his campaign on the same day, sources said Gotabaya will be touring the nation till August 18 to meet top leaders as well as Buddhist, Christian, Muslim and Hindu clergy.

The Sri Lankan election commission had recently announced that the presidential polls would be held between November 15 and December 7, a month before the end of President Maithripala Sirisena's term.

While Mahinda cannot contest again for the post of president because of a two-term limit, there were several hurdles and uncertainties before Gotabaya's presidential candidature. One of the major challenges — his dual citizenship — has been recently resolved with Gotabaya renouncing his US citizenship in early May. His spokeperson tweeted on Thursday, "Certificate of Loss of Nationality of the United States' putting an end to rumours."

Another hurdle was a corruption case in the high court, in which the Supreme Court ordered last week that proceedings be suspended until the matter is heard in the Supreme Court and decided. A civil lawsuit in the US last April that sought damages from Gotabaya for allegedly instigating and authorising torture and murder was another case, filed by Ahimsa Wickrematunge, daughter of slain Sri Lankan journalist Lasantha Wickrematunge, who was murdered a decade ago. By renouncing his citizenship, Gotabaya doesn't face any threat from the US suit either.

Gotabaya Rajapaksa was a former defence secretary

While being credited for wiping out the LTTE as the defence secretary in the Mahinda Rajapaksa regime, Gotabaya — who faced accusations of war crimes from the Tamil community and rights groups — had successfully dodged crucial charges against him.

When asked about the perception of the international community that there is blood on his hands for the massive killings in northern Sri Lanka during the war, Gotabaya told *The Indian Express* in March 2018: "I know I haven't done anything wrong. I know I have done the correct thing. My conscience says that. When you ask about civilian killings, you must understand that war is not a rosy thing, whether it is in Sri Lanka or Afghanistan or India or Pakistan or Iraq. War is not a good thing, it is not a nice thing. But in Sri Lanka, I didn't create the war, I ended the war... Our country is a better place without the LTTE. Today, the president of Sri Lanka can go to Jaffna and speak there... Bombs do not understand who is enemy and who is friend, or if it is a civilian or military van..."

While Sirisena is reportedly not contesting again, the United National Party (UNP) leader and the current Prime Minister Ranil Wickramasinghe, or UNP's emerging popular leader Sajith Premadasa are among the names doing the rounds in the UNP camp as its likely presidential candidates.

In an election which is going to be fought over two crucial topics — national security and the sinking economy in the wake of Easter Sunday blasts, the SLPP leadership hopes that Gotabaya's candidature will play a major role in regaining the trust Mahinda had lost in 2015 presidential polls.

Hamza, son and heir of Osama bin Laden, is dead: US officials

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OSAMA BIN Laden's son Hamza bin Laden, who was viewed as an eventual heir to the leadership of al-Qaeda and who had repeatedly threatened to attack the United States, is dead, according to two US officials.

Details of the strike that killed him were scarce, including when and where. The US government played a role in the operation, but it was not clear how, according to the officials.

Hamza bin Laden was killed sometime during the first two years of the Trump administration, officials said. He was killed before the State Department announced a $1 million reward for information on his whereabouts in February, but US military and intelligence agencies had not confirmed his death by then.

Though bin Laden carried a prominent name and lineage, the news of his death represented more of a symbolic victory for the American government than the removal of a threat. Al-Qaeda has not carried out a large-scale attack in years, and though bin Laden was being groomed to eventually take over the group, that time appeared to be well into the future.

Bin Laden was likely operating on the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, said Thomas Joscelyn, a senior fellow at the Foundation for the Defence of Democracies.

Asked about the death on Wednesday, US President Donald Trump declined to comment. **NYT**

EXPLAINED

Mystery surrounds his life and death

THOUGH US officials who refused to be identified said he was killed in an American strike in the last two years, exactly how and when Hamza bin Laden died remains a mystery. Not much is publicly known about him, except that Al-Qaeda was grooming him to be the face of the group. Intelligence agencies are split on whether he was born in 1989 or 1986. After his father fled Afghanistan in 2001, Hamza's location has been largely unknown, with reports placing him in many countries including Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan. He was also mistakenly thought to have died in the 2011 operation in Abbottabad in which his father was killed. According to Al-Qaeda releases, he was keen to avenge his father and carry on in his footsteps.

DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE: DAY 2

Kamala Harris and Joe Biden on the second night of the second 2020 Democratic US presidential debate in Detroit, Michigan, on Wednesday. *Reuters*

In fierce debate, front-runner Biden faces attacks, fires back

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DETROIT, AUGUST 1

DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL front-runner Joe Biden came under heavy fire over healthcare, immigration and criminal justice reform on Wednesday, but fought back against a stage full of rivals eager to knock him off his perch during a contentious debate.

On the second night of debates among Democrats vying to challenge Republican President Donald Trump in 2020, the former vice-president came prepared to do battle after facing criticism for his sometimes wobbly performance in the first debate last month.

Striking a sharper and more aggressive tone, he tangled with rival Kamala Harris over healthcare, taking up a growing fight that has split the Democratic Party and dominated the first candidate encounter in Detroit on Tuesday.

He ridiculed Harris' contention that the US senator's recently unveiled healthcare plan would not require a middle-class tax increase or the elimination of private insurance plans.

Harris rejected Biden's description as "simply inaccurate" and ripped into his proposal to build on Obamacare, and include a government-run option, saying it would leave millions uninsured.

Biden also tangled with Senator Cory Booker, who renewed his criticism of Biden's work as a senator on the 1994 crime bill, which critics say led to the disproportionate imprisonment of African-American men. **REUTERS**

BIDEN SETS UP IMPENDING CLASH WITH WARREN

AFTER TWO sets of Democratic presidential debates, it appears that Joe Biden and Elizabeth Warren, at least at the moment, are two high-speed trains on a collision course.

Biden, the former vice president, likely did enough at Wednesday's debate to ease concerns among supporters that his front-runner status was in danger after his underwhelming performance in the first debate in June. Warren, a senator who has been gaining in opinion polls, turned in an assured performance in Tuesday's debate, forcefully responding to critics who charged her plans were too sweeping and expensive.

Both nights made clear that the ideological divide that is fissuring the Democratic Party will not soon be closed — and that voters may soon have to choose a side. **REUTERS**

'Maoist rebels' attack 23 telecom towers in Nepal

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KATHMANDU, AUGUST 1

THE COMMUNIST Party of Nepal-Maoists (CPN-M) allegedly targeted 23 telecommunication towers in different parts of Nepal on Thursday, signalling that it is determined to continue its armed rebellion against the State.

The simultaneous attacks, which partially damaged some of the towers, could be an indication that the CPN-M, which was part of the decade-long insurgency from 1996, is following exactly the same modus operandi.

Although the group has not owned responsibility for the incident, police have pinned the blame on them.

The CPN-M, led by Netra Bikram Chand Biplab, is a group that the government has declared unlawful.

Biplab's outfit has accused its parent Maoist party, which merged with Nepal Prime Minister K P Oli's party to form the ruling Nepal Communist Party, of compromising on the basic principles and mission of the 'People's War'.

THE WEALTHY FINANCIER IS ACCUSED OF SEX TRAFFICKING

Fascinated by eugenics, Epstein envisioned seeding human race with his DNA

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JEFFREY EPSTEIN, the wealthy financier who is accused of sex trafficking, had an unusual dream: He hoped to seed the human race with his DNA by impregnating women at his vast New Mexico ranch.

Epstein over the years confided to scientists and others about his scheme, according to four people familiar with his thinking, although there is no evidence that it ever came to fruition.

Epstein's vision reflected his long-standing fascination with what has become known as transhumanism: the science of improving the human population through technologies like genetic engineering and artificial intelligence. Critics have likened transhumanism to a modern-day version of eugenics, the discredited field of improving the human race through controlled breeding.

Epstein, who was charged in July with the sexual trafficking of girls as young as 14, was a serial illusionist: He lied about the identities of his clients, his wealth, his financial prowess and his personal achievements. But he managed to use connections and charisma to cultivate valuable relationships with business and political leaders.

Interviews with more than a dozen of his acquaintances, as well as public documents, show that he used the same tactics to insinuate himself into an elite scientific community, thus allowing him to pursue his interests in eugenics and other fringe fields like cryonics.

Lawyers for Epstein, who has pleaded not guilty to the sex-trafficking charges, did not respond to requests for comment.

Epstein attracted a glittering array of scientists. They included the Nobel Prize-winning physicist Murray Gell-Mann, who discovered the quark; theoretical physicist and author Stephen Hawking; paleontologist and evolutionary biologist Stephen Jay Gould; Oliver Sacks, the neurologist and best-selling author; George M Church, a molecular engineer who has worked to identify genes that could be altered to create superior humans; and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology theoretical physicist Frank Wilczek, also a Nobel laureate.

Epstein at a trial. *Reuters*

The Harvard cognitive psychologist Steven Pinker said he was invited by colleagues — including Martin Nowak, a Harvard professor of mathematics and biology, and the theoretical physicist Lawrence Krauss — to "salons and coffee klatsches" at which Epstein would hold court.

While some of Pinker's peers hailed Epstein as brilliant, Pinker described him as an "intellectual impostor."

"He would abruptly change the subject, ADD-style, dismiss an observation with an adolescent wisecrack," Pinker said.

Another scientist cultivated by Epstein, Jaron Lanier, a prolific author who was a founder of virtual reality, said that Epstein's ideas did not amount to science, in that they did not lend themselves to rigorous proof. Lanier said Epstein had once hypothesised that atoms behaved like investors in a marketplace.

Then there was Epstein's interest in eugenics.

On multiple occasions starting in the early 2000s, Epstein told scientists and businessmen about his ambitions to use his New Mexico ranch as a base where women would be inseminated with his sperm and would give birth to his babies, according to two award-winning scientists and an adviser to large companies and wealthy individuals, all of whom Epstein told about it.

It was not a secret. The adviser, for example, said he was told about the plans not only by Epstein, at a gathering at his Manhattan town house, but also by at least one prominent member of the business community.

One of the scientists said Epstein divulged his idea in 2001 at a dinner at the same town house; the other recalled Epstein discussing it with him at a 2006 conference that he hosted in St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. The idea struck all three as far-fetched and disturbing. There is no indication that it would have been against the law.

Once, at a dinner at Epstein's mansion on Manhattan's Upper East Side, Lanier said he talked to a scientist who told him that Epstein's goal was to have 20 women at a time impregnated at his 33,000-square-foot Zorro Ranch in a tiny town outside Santa Fe. Lanier said the scientist identified herself as working at NASA, but he did not remember her name. **NYT**

GOLD	RUPEE	OIL	SILVER
₹35,795	₹69.06	$64.39*	₹41,530

*Indian basket as on July 31, 2019

SENSEX: 37,018.32 ▼ 462.80 **NIFTY:** 10,980.00 ▼ 138.00 **NIKKEI:** 21,540.99 ▲ 19.46 **HANG SENG:** 27,565.70 ▼ 212.05 **FTSE:** 7,570.89 ▼ 15.89 **DAX:** 12,216.89 ▲ 27.85

International market data till 1900 IST

ED searches former Religare promoters, offshore deals under scanner too

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

REVELATIONS FROM the Mauritius Leaks on the offshore holdings of Shivinder Singh and Malvinder Singh, the former promoters of Religare Enterprises, are being described as "corroborative evidence" for the Enforcement Directorate (ED) as it moved in on Thursday to search their residences as well as those of their associates Sunil Godhwani, N K Ghoshal and Hemant Dhingra.

The Indian Express investigation, in collaboration with the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ), as part of the Mauritius Leaks and Paradise Papers, was published on July 23, 2019, and revealed that Religare Capital Markets Ltd (RCML), a wholly-owned subsidy of the Indian entity, Religare Enterprises Limited (REL), set up an investment holding subsidiary in Mauritius in 2008 called Religare Capital Markets International (Mauritius) Ltd.

And this, in turn, became the instrument to acquire stakes in another Jersey firm, NCM Limited. The shareholders of NCM Limited are Shivinder Singh and Malvinder Singh as well as their spouses. While the investigation uncovered the Mauritius and Jersey ends of the complex corporate web created by the former Fortis promoters, ED officials said their focus was also on the beneficiary companies allegedly used by them in India to "divert" funds.

The "beneficiary" firms, listed by ED, and covered in Thursday's searches, are RHC Holding Pvt Ltd; Malav Holding Pvt Ltd and Shivi Holding Pvt Ltd, all located in Connaught Place, New Delhi; as well as Arch Finance Limited, in Daryaganj, New Delhi. N K Ghoshal, a resident of Faridabad, is shown as founder and promoter of Arch Finance Limited, allegedly one of the "beneficiary" firms.

In all, officials said, 16 companies used for alleged "diversion" of funds by the former Religare promoters are under investigation.

For their case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), the ED borrowed heavily on allegations by Delhi Police in their FIR dated March 27, 2019. The ED has alleged that "Malvinder Mohan Singh and Shivinder Mohan Singh, in conspiracy with Sunil Godhwani

ED searched residences of Shivinder Singh and Malvinder Singh, and those of their associates. Mauritius Leaks revelations described as 'corroborative evidence'

caused it (Religare Finvest Limited, the complainant company) to give unsecured, high value purported loans under Corporate Loan Book (CLB) to shell companies and related/known entities of Malvinder Mohan Singh and Shivinder Mohan Singh."

The ED also picked up the allegation, first made by the Delhi Police, that loans were also extended to 19 entities controlled by the Religare promoters and Ghoshal who subsequently, "wilfully defaulted" on the loans to the extent of Rs 2,397 crore as principal and Rs 415 crore as interest. The ED noted that these 19 entities never repaid the loans and diverted funds into a "complex web of companies" of interconnected transactions to divert money.

A week ago, *The Indian Express* had reported that documents obtained from Appleby and Mauritius-based Conyers, Dill and Pearman — two incorporators of offshore companies — revealed that Religare Capital Markets Ltd (RCML), a wholly-owned subsidiary of REL, set up an investment holding subsidiary in Mauritius in 2008. This subsidiary acquired a 30 per cent stake in Jersey-headquartered entity NCM Limited whose beneficial owners were the Singh brothers.

"We would like to reiterate, the promoters neither own or have or had any stake in NCM Ltd. Appleby's have named the promoters, as this is the regulatory requirement in Jersey where NCM Limited was incorporated," a spokesperson for the Singh brothers had said in response to a questionnaire based on Appleby documents. The spokesperson added that the 30 per cent stake in NCM was acquired after "seeking all necessary regulatory approvals including from the RBI and SEBI." And that in March 2015, the Mauritius subsidiary divested all its stake in NCM. "The promoters were neither part of the Board nor the management of Religare during that period," the spokesperson said.

PRESSURE LIKELY TO GROW IN COMING MONTHS

Tax revenue growth: Widening run rate gap may hit govt's fiscal math

In July-March, gross tax growth need to grow at run rate of 22.3%; net tax growth at 29.5%

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THE GOVERNMENT'S fiscal math could come in for increasing scrutiny in the coming months as tax revenue growth is progressively turning out to be far slower than the required run rate for direct taxes, even as Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections seem to be growing higher than the targeted rate.

Gross GST collections have recorded a growth rate of 6.8 per cent in April-July as against the required rate of 3.6 per cent, a higher rise that could be primarily attributed to a sharply lower growth rate assumed for Budget target as against the revised estimate for previous fiscal. But when it comes to direct taxes, a widening gap in estimates is evident — with only 9.7 per cent growth recorded in April-June as against the annual required growth rate of 18.6 per cent.

Also, the gross tax revenue collections are now required to grow at a run rate of 22.3 per cent and net tax revenue collections are required to grow at a run rate of 29.5 per cent in the remaining nine months of this financial year, the actual figures of revenue collections released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) showed.

Direct tax collections in the first quarter of this financial year have been recorded at Rs 1,67,567 crore, only 9.7 per cent higher than Rs 1,52,724 crore in the corresponding period in the previous financial year. "The targets are indeed looking steep as a single-digit growth has been recorded for April-July as well," a senior government official said.

While the overall gross GST collections seem to be moving closer to the target, the actual figures released by CGA for the April-June quarter do not paint an optimistic picture for Centre's GST revenue. GST revenue collections of the Centre for April-June contracted 5.9 per cent year-on-year to Rs 1.53 lakh crore, dragging the overall growth rate of the central government's tax collections to 1.4 per cent. The Central government's tax collections were recorded at about Rs 4 lakh crore in April-June.

For April-July though, the gross GST collections, which include revenues for both states and Centre have been recorded at Rs 4.16 lakh crore, 6.8 per cent higher than Rs 3.89 lakh crore recorded in the same period last year.

The average monthly required revenue target for GST for the current financial year stands at about Rs 99,112 crore, only 3.6 per cent higher than the monthly required average of Rs 95,650 crore as per 2018-19 revised estimates.

The Central government's fiscal deficit has already hit 61.4 per cent of the full year target at Rs 4.32 lakh crore in April-June, as per CGA data. In the corresponding period last year, the fiscal deficit amounted to 68.7 per cent of the full-year target. The Union Budget for 2019-20 has pegged the fiscal deficit at Rs 7.038 lakh crore or 3.3 per cent of the GDP, marginally lower than the interim budget's estimate of Rs 7.040 lakh crore.

Economists have already started to raise concerns about meeting the fiscal targets, saying that expenditure cuts might be required if revenue targets are missed.

"The realisation of the target for direct taxes and GST collections, and dividends and surplus from the RBI, nationalised banks and financial institutions and PSEs, will be crucial to prevent a revenue slippage in FY2020. Moreover, the speed with which the disinvestment programme kicks off, as well as the interest shown by potential buyers in the PSUs being offered for strategic disinvestment, will be critical. At present, we can't rule out that expenditure cuts may be required to prevent a fiscal slippage, if the revenue targets are missed," Aditi Nayar, principal economist, ICRA said.

GST mop-up rises marginally to ₹1.02 lakh crore in July

New Delhi: Gross GST collections stood at Rs 1.02 lakh crore in July, marginally up from the previous month, official data showed on Thursday. The July 2019 mop-up was, however, 5.8 per cent higher than the Rs 96,483 crore collected in the same month last year.

Revenue collection from the Goods and Services Tax had slipped below the Rs 1 lakh crore mark for the first time in the current fiscal in June at Rs 99,939 crore. **PTI**

Markets fall to five-month low on weak macro data, US Fed comments

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
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BEARS ON Thursday tightened their grip on stock markets, sending equity benchmarks to five-month lows as weak macroeconomic data, capital outflows and hawkish comments from the US Federal Reserve hit the sentiment.

After a weak opening, the 30-share BSE Sensex plunged more than 750 points in late-afternoon trade, before finally ending at 37,018.32, down by 462.80 points or 1.23 per cent. The broader NSE Nifty dropped 138 points or 1.24 per cent to close below the key 11,000-mark at 10,980.00 with foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) continuing their selling spree.

With Thursday's fall, the Sensex has plummeted by whopping 2,890 points from 39,908.06 on July 4, a decline of 7.8 per cent after the presentation of the Union Budget.

Meanwhile, the rupee declined by 27 paise to close at a near five-week low of 69.06 against the US dollar on Thursday amid strengthening of the American currency and heavy selling in domestic equities.

The sell-off by FPIs continues unabated, as they pulled out Rs 12,419 crore in July and sold stocks worth Rs 1,466 crore in August so far, according to NSDL data. The selling spree intensified ten days ago after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman last week declined to remove or relax the applicability of the new surcharge on the super rich on FPIs, but advised those staring at an increase in tax outflows to shift to the corporate structure where the Budget has not made any change in tax treatment.

"Indian markets have been in a free fall as FPIs offloaded $ 3 billion worth of Indian stocks over last one month post-Budget, on the back of impact of high-taxation and concerns of multi-year low economic growth. Further, with Fed Chairman's statement that interest rate cut isn't start of rate-cut cycle has cut short the excitement of investors, as Fed denied to play to the capital-market gallery. Ongoing results season reflects that there is a chance that Nifty companies may post degrowth in their net profits for the first time," said Jagannadham Thunuguntla, senior VP and head of research (Wealth), Centrum Broking.

EXPLAINED

Dim corporate earnings, FPI outflow also hit sentiment

THOUGH THE US Fed cut interest rates, its statement was less dovish than what the markets had expected.

The sentiment was further hit as growth rate of eight core industries dropped to a 50-month low in June and foreign investors, worried over the 'super rich' tax, continued their sell-off. Corporate performance in the June quarter hasn't cheered the markets either and rating agencies have started lowering the GDP estimate.

Though the US Fed cut the overnight Fed funds rate by 25 basis points (bps) as expected, the Fed statement and press conference were less dovish than what the markets had expected.

"One gets an impression the Fed is likely to be data-dependent going forward," said an analyst.

Weak economic data, unabated foreign fund outflows and disappointing quarterly earnings also weighed on market sentiment, traders said. Vedanta took the biggest hit (5.55 per cent), followed by Tata Motors, SBI, Yes Bank, Bharti Airtel and Infosys, which lost up to 4.50 per cent.

Sectorally, BSE metal emerged as the biggest loser, falling 3.37 per cent, following poor Chinese factory output data. It was followed by basic materials (2.49 per cent), telecom (2.35 per cent) and teck (2.07 per cent).

Other Southeast Asian markets were also subdued.

"We could see further pressure to global equities in the coming weeks as summer doldrums take many investors to the sidelines until we see fresh easing signals from the both the Fed and the European Central Bank," said an analyst.

'India's Q2 gold demand rises 13% to 213 tonne'

Gold demand in India went up by 13% in April-June of this year to 213.2 tonne mainly driven by attractive prices and more number of auspicious days, the World Gold Council said in its Q2 Gold Demand Trends report

189.2 tonne: Overall gold demand in India during April-June quarter of 2018

₹62,422 crore: Gold demand in value terms, up 17 per cent from Rs 53,260 crore in year-ago quarter

44.5 tonne: Total gold investment demand, 13 per cent higher than 39.3 tonne in 2018

₹13,040 crore: Gold investment demand in value terms, up 18 per cent from Rs 11,060 crore last year

37.9 tonne: Total gold recycled, growing by 18 per cent from 32 tonne in year-ago quarter

17.7 tonne: Gold purchased by Reserve Bank of India, as against 8.1 tonne in 2018

372.2 tonne: Overall gold demand in India in first half of 2019, 9 per cent higher than in year-ago period

750-850 tonne: Estimated range of India's full year gold demand for 2019

168.6 tonne: Total jewellery demand, rising 12 per cent from 149.9 tonne a year ago

₹49,380 crore: Jewellery demand in value terms, up 17 per cent from Rs 42,200 crore last year

GLOBAL GOLD DEMAND UP 8% TO 1,123 TONNE IN APRIL-JUNE 2019

Business failures should not be looked down upon: FM

ENS & PTI
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REACTING TO the death of Cafe Coffee Day founder V G Siddhartha, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday said business failures in the country should not be tabooed, or looked down upon.

Responding to the debate on the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) in Lok Sabha, Sitharaman said that businessmen should get honourable exit or resolution to the problem in letter and spirit of the IBC.

"Business failures in this country should not be tabooed, or looked down. On the contrary, we should give an honourable exit or resolution to the problem in letter and spirit of the IBC," she was quoted by *PTI* as saying.

Siddhartha's body was found on the banks of the Netravathi river in Karnataka on Wednesday.

In a letter purportedly written by him, Siddhartha alleged, among other reasons, harassment by the Income Tax Department as cause for his extreme step. The I-T department has denied the charges.

Jayadev Galla (TDP) said businesses may fail because of economic downturn or business cycle. Galla also said that accountability of banks need to come under scrutiny.

"Signing of personal guarantee (by industrialist to take loan) is leading to taking extreme action like suicide," he asserted. Kalyan Banerjee (TMC) said that those

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NIRMALA SITHARAMAN,
FINANCE MINISTER

who have taken loans from banks, will have to pay.

Pinaki Misra (BJD) referred to the death of the coffee tycoon, saying it is unfortunate that the insolvency law "should continuously continue to grow and expand in our country."

He said it does not bode well for the country because "that is not how you reach the $5 trillion mark."

Meanwhile, in the Rajya Sabha, TMC leader Sukhendu Sekhar Ray said, without naming Siddhartha that the "recent tragic death of a renowned entrepreneur, who had set up a chain of very popular business outlets all over the country, has caused shock and agony among the Indian corporates in particular, and in the minds of the people in general". He stated that Chief Ministers of West Bengal and Karnataka and many corporate leaders have "expressed their concern in the matter".

Mentioning the letter written by Siddhartha to the Coffee Day group and its board members, Ray said that "it appears that he was under tremendous pressure from other stakeholders of the company as well as he named a particular senior officer of the Income Tax Department". Ray said he didn't want to "go into the blame-game" but commented that the matter was "very serious".

The government has announced and taken up so many measures for Ease of Doing Business, the TMC leader said, but he added that "according to reports, about 5,000 millionaires have left this country last year only". He urged the government to take some actions, because, he said, "if we fail to regenerate the confidence among the industrialists and investors, the growth rate will decrease alarmingly and the unemployment rate will increase alarmingly".

Manufacturing PMI up in July on new orders, higher output

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
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INDIA'S MANUFACTURING sector activity improved in July as new work orders and output strengthened slightly from the previous month, leading to moderate increase in employment, a monthly survey said Thursday.

The IHS Markit India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index, rose to 52.5 in July from 52.1 in June as companies scaled up production in response to a quicker upturn in factory orders. This is the 24th consecutive month that the manufacturing PMI has remained

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above the 50-point mark.

In PMI, a print above 50 means expansion, while a score below that denotes contraction. "Following a slowdown in growth in the opening quarter of fiscal year 2019/2020, some momentum was regained in July. Measures for factory orders, production and employment improved in the latest month, although rates of expansion remained below trend," said Pollyanna de Lima, principal economist at IHS Markit. As per the survey, the main factor boosting production was a sustained rise in new work inflows. "Survey participants linked the uptick in growth to a pick-up in demand, mostly stemming from successful marketing efforts, competitive pricing and favourable public policies," Lima said.

She further noted that domestic market provided the main impetus to sales growth, while external sales rose moderately since April 2018, as factories took a hit from subdued global trade flows.

AFTER A QUARTER-POINT RATE CUT, FEDERAL RESERVE CHAIRMAN DENIED START OF AN EASING CYCLE

With US Fed's 'insurance' cut, Powell takes cue from former Chair Greenspan

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, AUGUST 1

IN CUTTING US interest rates but signaling that a series of further cuts was unlikely, Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell on Wednesday took a page from the playbook of his predecessor Alan Greenspan, who used a similar tactic in the 1990s with apparent success.

Rather than marking the start to a lengthy rate-cutting cycle, Powell said at a news conference after the decision that the Fed's quarter-point rate reduction was an "adjustment" aimed at keeping the US economy's record-long expansion going. "There is definitely an insurance aspect to it," said Powell, echoing the phrasing that the Greenspan Fed used to describe its monetary policy easing in 1995 and again in 1998.

The reference may not have been coincidental. Since becoming Fed chair in February 2018, Powell has met at least a dozen times with former Fed policymakers, according to records on Powell's daily activities released by the Fed, but no one more frequently than Greenspan.

US Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell at a news conference after Federal Open Market Committee Meeting in Washington, on Thursday. *Reuters*

The two last met on April 17, sharing a 75-minute lunch.

Last week, Greenspan endorsed the idea of an insurance rate-cut again. "If you consider that there are certain small-probability events which could be very dangerous, it pays to act to see if you can fend it off," he told *Bloomberg TV* on July 24.

And though US President Donald Trump complained the Fed had "let us down" by delivering only a limited dose of stimulus, the economic record shows that both times the Greenspan Fed tried insurance cuts, they worked.

In July 1995, industrial production and job creation were slowing and new unemployment claims were rising. Though Fed policymakers at the time did not believe the data meant a recession was coming, they did not want to wait to find out.

They cut rates three times, and the manufacturing sector and the job market both regained health.

Just over three years later, the economy was showing few signs of weakness, but a stock market swoon and credit crunch following the collapse of hedge fund Long Term Capital Management boded ill for the future. Again, the Fed cut rates three times, the stock and credit markets recovered, and the expansion continued.

By the end of the decade, with the help of the two sets of "insurance" cuts, the economy had chalked up what was then a record-long expansion, surpassed in length only by the current one.

This time around, Powell faces a different set of challenges, including an inflation rate that remains stubbornly south of the Fed's targeted level of 2 per cent and sudden swings in trade policy that are denting business confidence and investment.

Powell contends that all of the Fed's actions this year, starting with calling an end to rate hikes in January, have helped keep the economy on a relatively even keel.

It may be months or more before it becomes clear whether the added stimulus of slightly lower rates keeps the economy chugging along.

Airtel Q1 loss exceeds estimates on ₹1.4K-cr 'exceptional items' hit

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

REELING UNDER competitive pressure, Bharti Airtel on Thursday slipped into red with the telecommunications company posting a consolidated net loss in its April-June earnings at Rs 2,866 crore — far wider than analysts' estimates — against a net profit of Rs 107 crore during the preceding quarter.

The loss was on account of an exceptional item hit of Rs 1,445 crore towards accelerated depreciation of 3G network equipments or operating costs on network refarming and upgradation programme.

Furthermore, there was incremental provision aggregating Rs 1,586 crore on account of derivative liabilities pertaining to customary indemnities provided to a clutch of investors of Airtel Africa, and expenses relating to its listing.

Prior to the April-June period, Bharti, for the last four quarters, was posting a slender profit on the back of exceptional gains.

"The first quarter of the year has begun with a healthy and equitable growth across all our lines of businesses. Headline pricing remained stable, albeit at low levels,"

GOPAL VITTAL
MD & CEO, INDIA AND SOUTH ASIA, AIRTEL

Consolidated revenues during the quarter also grew below estimates at 0.66 per cent sequentially at Rs 20,738 crore. India mobile revenues grew at 2.2 per cent sequentially at Rs 10,867 crore, which was lower than rivals Reliance Jio's Rs 11,679 crore and Vodafone Idea's Rs 11,269 crore.

EBITDA at Rs 8,493 crore was up 24.8 per cent sequentially and above estimates, while margin at 41 per cent was higher against 33 per cent in preceding quarter.

Bharti Airtel's India business revenues rose 0.68 per cent at Rs 15,345 crore compared to the preceding quarter, while losses increased at Rs 1,356 crore compared to Rs 1,283 crore in the preceding one. However, the company did well on the operating metrics front with its average revenue per user (ARPU) increasing 5.1 per cent sequentially at Rs 129, higher than Jio's Rs 122 and Vodafone Idea's Rs 108.

This is the first time that Bharti's ARPU came higher than that of Jio.

Commenting on the quarterly results, Gopal Vittal, managing director and chief executive officer, India and South Asia, said on Thursday, "The first quarter of the year has begun with a healthy and equitable growth across all our lines of businesses. Headline pricing remained stable, albeit at low levels." **FE**

TO ACCESS NEW MARKETS

Goyal to top IT companies: Train manpower in other languages

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

COMMERCE AND Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has asked the National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) and senior managers of information technology companies for data on non-tariff barriers faced by them in China and other east Asian markets.

During a meeting with such firms on Wednesday, the minister assured them the government would engage with countries like China, Japan and Korea to help overcome such barriers and boost India's IT industry there. However, he also urged them to explore other non-English speaking markets, according to a release by the Ministry on Thursday.

"He urged the top five Indian IT firms to create a corpus that will be spent on training manpower in languages like Mandarin, Japanese and Korean for accessing the markets in these countries," stated the release.

The companies include Tata Consultancy Services, Wipro, Infosys, Tech Mahindra and HCL, which have been conducting business in China for over a decade, it added.

'GOVT TO ENGAGE WITH VARIOUS NATIONS'

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- **In fiscal 2018-19, India's IT and ITeS industry grew to $181 billion**

"During the discussions with the Commerce and Industry Ministry, the representatives of the companies informed that although the Chinese IT services market is the third largest in the world, India's investments and business have not been able to grow in China due to various non-tariff barriers and challenges faced by Indian companies to set up their entity in China," said the ministry.

"Market access issues that create hurdles for Indian companies to open their business in China was also discussed," it added.

India's IT and IT enabled services (ITeS) industry grew to $181 billion in 2018-19, with exports from the industry at $137 billion and domestic revenues, including hardware, at $44 billion. The IT industry contributed 7.7 per cent to the country's GDP in the 2017-2018 financial year and is expected to contribute 10 per cent by 2025, according to the Ministry.

India is the largest exporter of IT services in the world, and exports account for around 79 per cent of the total revenue of the industry here. Citing NASSCOM, the Ministry said that the sector aggregated revenues of $160 billion in 2017, and that the US accounts for two-thirds of the India's IT services exports.

BRIEFLY

'Lite' e-filing facility now for taxpayers

New Delhi: A 'lite' e-filing facility was launched by the Income Tax department on Thursday to facilitate easy and quick filing of returns by taxpayers.

Applicants invited for RBI Dy Governor

New Delhi: The Finance Ministry has sought applications for the post of Reserve Bank deputy governor, a position that fell vacant after Viral Acharya resigned six months before the scheduled end of his term.

Revenue dept conducts TRS at 15 ports

New Delhi: The revenue department is conducting India's first national Time Release Study (TRS) at 15 ports, including sea and air, to identify and address bottlenecks in the cross border trade flow process.

Bank credit up 12%, deposits rise 10.6%

Mumbai: Bank credit and deposits rose by 12.01 percent and 10.59 percent to Rs 96.57 lakh crore and Rs 126.491 lakh crore respectively for the fortnight to July 19, show the RBI data. In the year-ago fortnight, bank credit stood at Rs 86.09 lakh crore while deposits were at Rs 114.371 lakh crore. In the previous fortnight ending July 5, bank loans had grown by 12.02 percent to Rs 96.97 lakh crore and deposits by 10.32 percent to Rs 126.746 lakh crore. Non-food credit, on a year-on-year basis, increased 11.1 percent in June same as the year-ago period.

Sterling & Wilson Solar's IPO on Aug 6

New Delhi: Sterling and Wilson Solar Ltd will hit the bourses with its initial public offer (IPO) to raise around Rs 3,125 crore on August 6, 2019. Price band for the offer has been fixed at Rs 775-780 per share, according to a statement issued by the company on Thursday. **PTI**

LSE acquires Refinitiv in $27-bn deal

London: London Stock Exchange has agreed to buy Refinitiv in a $27 billion deal aimed at offering trading across regions and currencies and establishing the British company as a rival to Bloomberg. **REUTERS**

Indian realty firm's bond yield spurts to 73% abroad

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THE BOND yields of one of India's largest real estate players surged to around 73 per cent on Thursday. A surge in bond yields typically indicates financial stress.

The firm's dollar-denominated bonds with a coupon of 12 per cent are listed in Singapore. Sources said normally yields on a bond issued by a corporate surge when there's thin trading or a liquidity crisis.

The group, one of the largest realty players in Mumbai, is not listed on Indian stock exchanges.

The dollar bonds were issued by the group's subsidiary in two tranches with maturity in 2020. In the first tranche, the company raised $200 million and $ 125 mn in the second tranche.

In January 2019, the company had announced that it will buy back the bonds. "The purpose of the purchase of the 2020 bonds is for the company to provide liquidity to the 2020 bond holders, proactively manage its capital structure and reduce gross debt and leverage," it had said in a statement in January.

Not as bad as in 1991: Mohan on current economic situation

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

FORMER RBI deputy governor Rakesh Mohan said on Thursday that economic problem in India is not as bad as it was in 1991 when the country faced severe economic crisis on the external front.

Speaking at an event organised by Ananla Aspen Centre, Mohan said increasing tax rate is not a good idea. "There is a problem in the financial sector, industrial sector and agriculture sector, but situation is not as bad as it was in 1991," he said.

Mohan, a senior fellow at Yale's Jackson Institute for Global Affairs, also said allowing Indian companies to borrow from abroad is a dangerous thing to do. "We need to re-look our financial sector as a whole," the former RBI deputy governor said.

Referring to recent cases of crisis in the non-banking financial company sector, Mohan said, "There is widespread siphoning of funds, the siphoning of funds is done by people whom we trust."

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RAKESH MOHAN
FORMER RBI DEPUTY GOVERNOR

On increase in taxes on super rich in this year's Budget, Mohan said, "Increasing tax rate is not a good idea, increasing tax compliance is."

Noting that there is a huge increase of wealth in India, he wondered why it does not reflect in the tax-to-GDP ratio of the country.

Personal income tax-to-GDP ratio dropped in 2018-19 as compared to 2017-18, he said.

He also wondered about the logic of having Goods and Services Tax Council meeting in every two months.

Mohan also said India will have to try and achieve over 8 per cent growth for 10-15 years.

"Even if we achieve annual GDP (gross domestic product) of 8 per cent, even then in 2 years from now, we will be where China is today," he noted.

US to slap 10% tariff on $300 bn more in Chinese goods: Trump

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, AUGUST 1

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump on Thursday moved to impose a 10 per cent tariff on a remaining $300 billion list of Chinese imports starting September 1, after US and Chinese negotiators failed to kickstart trade talks between the world's two largest economies.

The levies — which would hit a wide swath of consumer goods from cell phones and laptop computers to toys and footwear — ratchet up tensions in a war of tit-for-tat tariffs that have disrupted global supply chains and roiled financial markets for more than a year.

"Trade talks are continuing, and during the talks the US will start, on September 1st, putting a small additional Tariff of 10 per cent on the remaining 300 Billion Dollars of goods and products coming from China into our Country. This does not include the 250 Billion Dollars already Tariffed at 25 per cent," Trump tweeted.

Crisil cuts India's GDP growth estimate for FY20 by 20 bps

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RATINGS AGENCY Crisil on Thursday slashed its estimate of India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth by 20 basis points (bps) to 6.9 per cent for the fiscal 2019-20, in the wake of a host of downside risks including weak monsoon, slowing global growth and sluggish high-frequency data for the first quarter.

The slowdown would be pronounced in the first half, while the second half should find support from expected monetary easing, consumption, and statistical low-base effect, Crisil said at the releaseof its report on India's FY20 outlook titled 'Uphill Trek'.

"Agricultural terms of trade are also expected to improve with a pick-up in food inflation. In addition, farmers would benefit from income transfer of Rs 6,000 per year announced by the Centre, and farm loan waivers in a few states," it said.

Ashu Suyash, managing director and CEO, Crisil, said, "Given the crosswinds, the sops announced so far might not be enough to pitchfork growth in this fiscal to, or above, the past 14-year average of 7 per cent per annum. Policy action looks more attuned to consumption than investment demand, which means consumption will be the first to ascend as the tide turns."

PRONOUNCED SLOWDOWN 'IN FIRST HALF'

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"The crucial question, therefore, is whether a trough is in sight. Given the fiscal constraints, public spending is unlikely to have the heft to pull growth above 7 per cent. And some of the recent, and much-needed, reforms would pay off only over the medium term. There would, therefore, be some near-term onus on monetary policy to stimulate. But how effective that can be is the big question," said Dharmakirti Joshi, chief economist, Crisil.

India's GDP had grown at an impressive 8.2 per cent in fiscal 2017, the fastest in a decade.

This was followed by disruptions stemming from policy initiatives and reforms, and rising global uncertainty including from trade disputes – which together triggered a cyclical downturn.

Then, the non-bank (including housing finance companies) crisis, which began late last fiscal, and stress that ensued, slowed disbursals and further impacted household demand, which had already moderated amid lower incomes, weak sentiment and rising costs (fuel prices and insurance for automobiles), Crisil said.

With access to funding becoming a challenge and non-banking financial institution caught up in managing liquidity, their growth halved to a multi-year low in the second-half of last fiscal, and remains impacted.

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Bank of China gets RBI nod for banking services

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THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) on Thursday allowed Bank of China to offer regular banking services in the country.

All commercial banks, like SBI, HDFC Bank, Punjab National Bank and ICICI Bank, are in the Second Schedule. Banks falling under this schedule have to adhere to the norms of the RBI. "We advise that the 'Bank of China Limited' has been included in the Second Schedule to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934...," the RBI said.

In another notification, the RBI said 'Jana Small Finance Bank Limited' too has been included in the Second Schedule. Further, the name of 'The Royal Bank of Scotland plc' has been changed to 'NatWest Markets Plc' in the Second Schedule.

NCLAT sets aside order on land return to Jaypee Infra

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THE NATIONAL Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) Thursday set aside an NCLT order directing Jaiprakash Associates Ltd (JAL) to return 758 acres of land, which was pledged with several banks, to Jaypee Infratech.

In May last, Allahabad bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) had asked JAL to return 758 acres of land to its subsidiary Jaypee Infratech, declaring the transfer of the land as "fraudulent" and "undervalued".

Trial against RIL, former executives quashed

PRITAM PAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

THE DELHI High Court Thursday quashed the trial against Reliance Industries (RIL) and three of its then senior executives in a 21-year-old case of alleged recovery of secret government documents from the possession of one of the executives.

Justice Sunil Gaur set aside a trial court's March 2012 order to put RIL's then senior executives – V Balasubramanian, Shankar Adawal and A N Sethuraman – on trial for criminal conspiracy and possession of secret government documents, observing "since the documents in question have been already made public, therefore, they lose their confidentiality".

Delhi High Court on Thursday set aside a trial court's March 2012 order to put RIL's three former executives on trial for criminal conspiracy and possession of secret government documents

While all including RIL were charged under the Official Secrets Act (OSA), the executives were also to face trial for criminal conspiracy in wrongfully receiving/communicating secret documents.

The high court said that the trial court's order "suffers from utter non application of mind, therefore, it cannot be sustained".

"There is no hesitation whatsoever in concluding that continuance of proceedings before the trial court is travesty of justice, as the ingredients of the offence alleged are apparently lacking. Thus, to secure the ends of justice, the instant proceedings are hereby halted forthwith. Consequently, impugned order as well as the proceedings emanating therefrom, are hereby quashed," Justice Gaur further said. **WITH PTI**

Current liabilities of Coffee Day at more than ₹5,200 crore

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DECEASED COFFEE tycoon V G Siddhartha seemed to be under severe financial stress before his death with his flagship cafe chain Coffee Day Enterprises Ltd's liabilities doubling to over Rs 5,200 crore and his unlisted ventures for realty and hospitality having similar levels of debt, as per regulatory filings with stock exchanges and Corporate Affairs Ministry.

Siddhartha, whose body was recovered from a river near Mangalore on Wednesday after going missing earlier this week, had struggled with a mounting financial burden and a letter purportedly written by him hinted at his war with "serious liquidity crunch" and "tremendous pressure" from lenders and an unnamed private equity investor.

Filings with the ministry showed him trying to raise funds by pledging shares of his listed and four unlisted firms to raise money to pay off personal and company loans. Some of his loans were up for repayment this month.

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FUND RAISE BY SHARE PLEDGING

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Siddhartha had a number of entities that borrowed money from a gamut of organisations, including banks and financial institutions, for his non-coffee businesses.

A letter, purportedly written by him, had surfaced after he went missing on Monday evening that cited pressure from banks, investors and tax authorities.

"I would like to say I gave it my all. I am sorry to let down all the people that put their trust in me. I fought for a long time but today, I gave up as I could not take any more pressure from one of the private equity partners forcing me to buy back shares, a transaction I had partially completed six months ago by borrowing a large sum of money from a friend," Siddhartha purportedly wrote in the letter.

BSE-listed Coffee Day Enterprises Ltd (CDEL) had a total current liability of Rs 5,251 crore as on March 31, 2019, up from Rs 2,457.3 crore a year back, as per a filing to the bourse. CDEL's promoter companies — Devadarshini Info Technologies, Coffee Day Consolidations, Gonibedu Coffee Estates, and Sivan Securities — had also borrowed heavily from time to time.

A series of filings to the corporate affairs ministry showed him taking loans of as low as Rs 12 crore, and borrowing from institutions like Tata Capital Financial Service Ltd and Clix Capital Services (Formerly GE Money Finance Services), as well as Shapoorji Pallonji Finance (SPF).

Tata Power consolidated Q1 net down 87% y-o-y

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TATA POWER'S net profit for the April-June quarter fell around 87 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y) to Rs 230.80 crore after the company recognised an exceptional amount of Rs 354 crore for a standby litigation with Adani Electricity Mumbai, and sale of non-core asset a year ago.

The company noted in its financial statement that the Supreme Court during the June quarter upheld the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity (APTEL) December 20, 2006, order directing the Group to pay around Rs 354 crore along with interest at 10 per cent per annum from April 1, 2004, up to the date of payment.

However, the power generation company's consolidated operating profit for the June quarter rose 23.6 per cent y-o-y to Rs 2,302 crore while margins rose 449 basis points. **FE**

Cognizant Q2 net profit up 11.6% to $509 million

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IT MAJOR Cognizant on Thursday posted 11.6 per cent increase in net profit to USD 509 million for June 2019 quarter, and said it expects 3.9-4.9 per cent growth in annual revenue this year.

The US-based company, which has a significant portion of its workforce based in India, had posted a net profit of USD 456 million in the year-ago period, Cognizant said in a statement.

Its revenue grew 3.4 per cent to USD 4.14 billion in the second quarter of 2019, compared to USD 4 billion in the year-ago period. The topline rose 4.7 per cent on constant currency basis, meeting the guidance of 3.9-4.9 per cent growth in the June 2019 quarter.

For July-September quarter, Cognizant expects its revenues to be 3.8-4.8 per cent in constant currency.

FINANCIAL CRIME

Land of the tax-free

Will America go from hunter to hunted in cross-border tax evasion?

America has agreed to exchange information with only 47 countries under FATCA. *Reuters*

AMERICA HAS launched brutal assaults over the past decade on countries, such as Switzerland and Liechtenstein, where banks have helped American citizens hide money and thereby evade tax. Forced to clean up, these erstwhile havens have seen much tainted capital flow elsewhere—not least to America itself. Now it is the former aggressor's turn to be on the defensive. Other countries are using similar tools to those America once employed to reveal untaxed money stashed by their own citizens in the world's largest economy.

As well as fining and prosecuting the enablers of tax-dodging—Swiss banks alone coughed up at least $5.5bn—America passed a law in 2010 known as FATCA that required foreign financial firms to spill the beans on American clients. Stung into action, more than 100 other countries signed up to the "Common Reporting Standard" (CRS), and now swap tax-relevant financial information with each other.

America, however, did not join the CRS. Instead it shares information on the foreign clients of American banks under FATCA's reciprocal provisions. But sharing is patchy; a lot of countries get nothing. Combine that with the high level of anonymity offered by American shell companies, and it is hardly surprising that America has become the destination of choice for many tax evaders. One tax expert reckons that "over 90% of assets avoiding the CRS have been herded into the USA".

America does not have to worry about the sort of bludgeoning that it doled out to Switzerland—no other country has anything like the same extra-territorial financial power. But other countries are finding that there are legal tools at their disposal, all the same. One is the so-called John Doe summons. This American provision assists tax authorities going after "a particular person or ascertainable group or class of persons" whom they suspect of financial wrongdoing, but whose identities are unknown. If approved by a court, the summons forces banks to hand over names.

Until now the biggest user of such summonses in tax cases has been America, which, for instance, used the procedure in 2008 to prise open Swiss bank secrecy. That resulted in UBS handing over the names of around 4,500 account-holders. In April the tables were turned when a request from Finland prompted America's Internal Revenue Service to petition a federal court in North Carolina for leave to serve John Doe summonses on three banks in America. Heavy use at Finnish ATMs of payment cards issued by the banks, and linked to American accounts, had led the Finnish tax authority to conclude that they were being used by Finnish taxpayers who had hidden untaxed income across the Atlantic. The court has since granted approval.

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Other countries suffering tax leakage will be looking more closely at this procedure. Any of the 90 with a ratified bilateral tax treaty with America can use it, though some seem unaware of the option. (By contrast, America has agreed to exchange information with only 47 countries under FATCA.) Experts say it could help to break open not only dodgy bank accounts but also trusts and insurance policies, which are also commonly used to hide capital.

There could still be obstacles, for instance if an account is owned by an entity rather than an individual. But banks issued with a summons are required to investigate who stands behind account-holding shell companies. Due-diligence rules designed to curb money-laundering and the financing of terrorism, issued by FinCEN, a federal agency, already require banks to know the identity of such "beneficial" owners (though not all seem to do so). A shell-cracking bill picking up momentum as it passes through Congress would also help improve corporate transparency.

If more countries take the John Doe route, it would help balance the unequal relationship America enjoys in matters of financial transparency. For too long it has got away with demanding much while offering little in return. Tax dodgers stashing cash in America, says Mark Morris, an international tax consultant, should "prepare to be smacked open like a piñata".

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INTERNATIONAL REACTIONS

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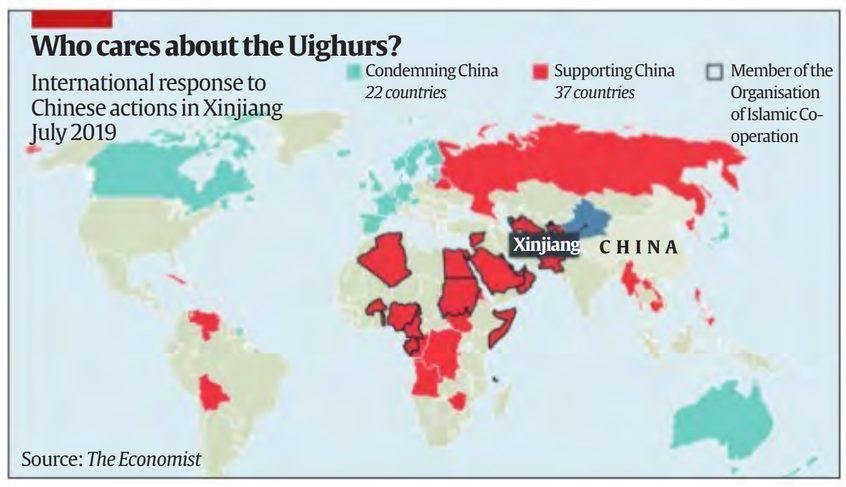
Chinese actions in Xinjiang become a matter of international dispute

FOR THE past three years China's government, citing national-security concerns, has run relentless campaigns against the culture and religion of the Uighur people, 11m Muslims who speak a Turkic language and live in Xinjiang, China's north-westernmost corner. Mosques have been shut. Men are forbidden to grow beards, women may not wear head coverings and children are barred from prayers. Most troubling are the growing details emerging about a network of detention facilities, which Chinese officials call vocational-training centres but which look for all the world like internment camps. Credible reports say these are holding at least 1m people—mostly Uighurs but also Chinese people of Kazakh and Kyrgyz ethnicity—in extra-judicial detention.

Until the middle of 2018, Chinese diplomats managed to keep international criticism of the camps in check. At that point America's vice-president, Mike Pence, raised concerns about "round-the-clock political indoctrination". Since then, the Chinese have lost their battle to persuade foreign countries that Xinjiang is purely an internal matter, of no concern to anyone else. But they have turned it into an issue that polarises diplomatic opinion. That polarisation has now burst into the open.

On July 8th, 22 countries signed a letter to the UN Human Rights Council, calling on China to end the "mass arbitrary detention" of Uighurs and other Muslims, and to allow international observers access to detention camps. This was the first concerted international condemnation of Chinese actions in Xinjiang. Signatories included most European countries, Canada, Japan and Australia but not the United States (see map), which withdrew from the council in 2018. However, Mike Pompeo, the secretary of state, later called China's treatment of the Uighurs "the stain of the century".



Days later, 37 countries, among them Russia and Saudi Arabia, responded with a letter of their own, defending China's policies on the grounds of fighting terrorism. Some signatories were anti-Western autocracies which can be relied upon to rally round anyone that the West criticises. They include Russia and Venezuela. Other signatories are Western allies, such as Egypt and Saudi Arabia, which oppose what might be called the global human-rights regime. They lock up plenty of their own opponents on security grounds. Still others are beneficiaries of Chinese investment, such as Pakistan and Laos, which cannot easily afford to bite the hand that feeds them.

Most intriguing, however are Gulf states which back China for a combination of defence, economic and even religious reasons. The United Arab Emirates, for example, cannot get the drones it wants from America, so is buying China's Wing Loong 2 drones. (Its de facto ruler was in Beijing this week.) It signed the letter, along with 19 other members of the Organisation of Islamic Co-operation, an international group of mostly Muslim-majority states. In 2018 China signed construction and investment contracts worth $28bn in the Middle East, a region that is struggling to attract foreign investment elsewhere. And some Gulf states, such as the UAE and Saudi Arabia, are trying to fight jihadist extremism at home by encouraging more modern forms of Islam. They seem receptive to China's claim that it is merely attempting to modernise Uighur beliefs (though in reality Chinese actions go far beyond that).

Credible reports say that what Chinese officials call vocational-training centres are holding at least 1 million people — mostly Uighurs — in extra-judicial detention. *Reuters*

China's attempt to divide international opinion about Xinjiang has worked so far. But, as more details leak out about the region's camps, Muslim leaders are beginning to come under domestic pressure to defend their co-religionists. One day, they may find it harder to kowtow.

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I, Sushant S/O Late Shri Bhagwan Chand Pandey R/O-G-22/73, Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Sushant Pandey in future. 0040505788-5

I, Sudhanshu Tiwari S/o Surendra Nath Tiwari R/o-A-118, P-4, PHI-2, Greater Noida, G.B.Nagar, Have Lost Original-Allotment Letter UPG0158214 dated-2.7.1996, Transfer-Letter dated 8.5.2003, Addition of Name dated-2.2.2007 & Occupancy-Certificate of My Plot No.A-118, P-4, PHI-2, Greater-Noida, G.B.Nagar. If Found Call-9717008927. 0040505770-4

I, Subhash Chander S/O Girdhari Lal Mehta R/O D-16/255-256, Top-Floor, Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi-85 have Changed My Name To Subhash Mehta. 0040505761-2

I, Sri Atul Pateria S/O Keshav Prasad Pateriya R/O-15-A, Gagan Vihar Extn, Delhi-110051. Changed My Name To Atul Pateriya. 0040505788-2

I, Shiv Dutt S/o Somdutt Yadav R/o 61A/2,Gali No.3,Sainik Enclave Sector-2,Mohan garden,Uttam nagar, N.Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Shivdutt Yadav 0040505693-1

I, Shabana w/o Mohammed Rashid R/o H. No. E-51, Shaheen-Bagh, Abul Fazal Enclave-II, Okhla Jamia Nagar, Delhi-110025, have changed my name to Shabana Ahmad permanently 0040505738-4

I, Sehaj Preet Singh Saluja S/o Inder Mohan Singh, R/o-7/1, SF, Rajender-Nagar, Delhi-110060.have changed my name to Sehaj Preet Singh. 0040505770-1

I, Renuka Kalra, Wife of Wing Cdr Hari Om Kalra, R/o G 13 Prasad Nagar, New Delhi have changed my name to Renu Kalra for all purposes 0040505735-1

I, Ravil Kaur W/O Ragubir Singh R/O 17, Engineers Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-34 Have Changed My Name To Revail Kaur. 0040505761-3

I, Rattan Kumar Rohilla S/O Tulsi Ram R/O Hno.113 E, Third-Floor, Kamla Nagar Delhi-110007.Have Changed my Name To Rattan Rohilla. 0040505761-1

I, Rashmi Gupta D/o Surendra Kumar Gupta W/o Rahul Vij R/o-H-1/97, Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi-110089,have changed my name to Rashmi Vij. 0040505738-2

I, Jagdish Chander Mamgani S/o Govind Ram Mamgain R/o 791/4 First Flr Sukhdev Nagar Kotla Mubarakpur ND-03 have changed my name to Jagdish Mamgain. 0040505762-4

I, JAYBHAGWAN S/o Mehar Chand Sharma, R/o 59, Village-Aicher, Greater Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, UP, have changed my name to Ajay Kumar for all future purposes. 0040505698-1

I, Ishwarjit Choudhary S/o Vasdev Choudhary R/o-C-602 Kesarwani CGHS.Plot-4 Sector-5, Dwarka Delhi-110075 have changed my name to Ishwar Jit Chaudhary permanently. 0040505655-3

I, Inder Preet Singh Sahni R/o 28, Raksha Enclave Plot Num. Brs-06 Sector Omega-1 , Greater Noida-201310, UP have changed my minor son's name from Hardicke Singh Sahni to Hardik Singh Sahni for all purposes. 0040505762-1

I, HAV K.S. Murugan S/o Shunmugam R/o 1 FD Trail Sub Gp (HQ 21 Sig Gp) C/o 56 APO, informs that the date of birth of my wife Kavitha is wrongly mentioned in my service records as 25.04.1981 But actual and correct DOB is 06.04.1982 0040505730-1

I, Dinesh S/o Jaswant Singh R/o E-16/579, Tank Road, Bapa Nagar, Karol Bagh, Delhi-110005, have changed my name to Dinesh Asiwal for all purposes. 0040505654-1

I, Vinod Kumar Singh S/o Ganga Prasad Singh R/o C-83 IInd-floor Naraina Vihar Delhi-28 changed my name to Vinod Singh. 0040505761-4

I, Ramneek Bhatia S/o.Manmeet Singh Bhatia R/o-B-234, Jhilmil Colony,New Delhi-110095,have Changed my Name to Ramneek Singh Bhatia for all purposes 0040505669-1

I, Rajesh Kumar S/o. Purshotam Dass R/o. B3/273/274 Sector-6 Rohini Delhi. have changed my name to Rajesh Kumar Garg. 0040505665-1

I, Rajendra Parsad S/O, Mahendra Prasad R/o C-678C, Gf, Khasra No. 1478, G Block, Phase 6, Aya Nagar, Delhi-47, have changed my name to Rajendra Kumar. 0040505699-1

I, Preeti D/o Jai Bhagwan W/o Vikash Dahiya R/o-RZ-234, D-Block,Prem Nagar, Najafgarh, Delhi-110043 have changed my Name to Preeti Kumari. 0040505693-4

I, Pooran S/o Ramdhan R/o 2/214 Gali No.7 Shankar-Garden linepar-Bahadurgarh Distt.Jhajjar Haryana changed my name to Puran. 0040505738-7

I, No.14681224L,NK, Ashish Kumar Yadav S/o Late Ajendra Singh Yadav,unit-310 FD WKSP COY EME(7017 EME BN)residing at Village-Kataghara Brahmnan,PO-Ayana, Teh-Ajitmal,Distt-Auraiya, UP-206129 have changed date of birth of my wife Smt. Kshama Devi from 01.07.1986 to 10.07.1986,vide affidavit No.IN-DL32067181103407R dated-01.08.2019,Delhi. 0040505693-2

I, Mukesh Kumar S/o Shri Ramakant Sharma R/o H.No-305, Silver Tower, Royal Legacy, Sector-18, Vasundhara Ghaziabad, U.P-201012, have changed my name to Mukesh Sharma. 0040505675-1

I, Mukesh Kumar S/O Saudan Singh H.No.174-A, Block-B, Bhatia-Colony, Ballabgarh, Faridabad, Haryana-121004.Changed My Name To Mukesh Kumar Tomar. 0040505788-1

I, Mukesh Choudhary W/o Ishwar Jit Chaudhary R/o-C-602 Kesarwani CGHS.Plot-4 Sector-5, Dwarka Delhi-110075,have changed my name to Mukesh Bala Chaudhary permanently. 0040505655-2

I, Mohd. Shahid S/o Mohd. Anwar R/o 1527, Bhanda Patti - 2 Hapur UP - 245101 declare that my father known by two type names Mohd. Anwar & Anwar Ahmed & my father's correct name is Mohd. Anwar for all future purposes. 0040505762-2

I, Mohd Azhar S/o Salauddin R/o B-94 Near Main Market, New Seelampur, Delhi-110053 have changed my name to Azhar. 0040505770-2

I, Mansa W/o Sunny Rajput R/o-146, 1st-Floor, Sunlight-Colony No.2, HariNagar Ashram, N. Delhi-110014 have changed my name to Mansa Tripathi. 0040505761-9

I, Letha Chandran W/o K. Chandran R/o-B-7/21H Mayur-Vihar-3, Delhi-110096, inform that my name has been wrongly Written Latha K.R. in my minor son Ashish Chandran school record, but actual name is Letha Chandran. 0040505770-3

I, Kusum Kaushik W/o Vipin Kumar Sharma, R/o 115, Ghuman Hera, South West Delhi- 110073, have changed my name to Kusum Vatsa for all future purposes. 0040505664-1

I, Kumari Manju Lata W/o Shashi Shekhar Prasad R/o HNo.-C-2/22, Shiv Vihar, Karala, North West Delhi-81, have changed my name to Manju Lata for all purposes. 0040505762-3

I, Kollical Radha Krishnan S/O Madhavan Nair R/O Sector-1/134, R.K.Puram, New Delhi-110022. Changed My Name To Kollaikal Radha Krishnan Nair. 0040505788-4

I, Km. Baby Naaz W/o Akbar R/o E-123 Welcome Seelampur Garhi Mendu Delhi-110053 changed my name to Baby Naaz. 0040505761-6

I, Karam Chand S/O Shri Suraj Bhan R/O-G-23/101, Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Karam Chand Goyal. 0040505747-1

I, K. Chandran S/o Krishan Nair R/o-B-7/21H, Mayur-Vihar-3, Delhi-110096, informs that name of, mine my,Wife and, my minor Son Abhishek Chandran has been wrongly Written as Jayachandran K., Latha K.R.,and Abhishek Chandran J. in School record but actual name are K.Chandran, Letha Chandran, Abhishek Chandran. 0040505761-10

I, Jai Baniza alias Anjum W/o Shamsher Ahmad R/o 158/103, Tall Jhuggi, Sadar Bazar, Delhi Cantt-110010 state that my actual name is Anjum. This is for all record and future purposes. 0040505660-2

I, Jagdish Kala Chandra, S/o Kashi Ram, R/oD-161, Ganesh Nagar, Pandav Nagar Complex, Gali No. 4, Kali Mandir, Laxmi Nagar, East Delhi 110037, have changed my name to Jagdish Chandra for all purposes. 0070667713-1

I, Devender Singh S/o Sh.Bahadur Singh Bisht R/o.D-450 Moti Bagh-I, New Delhi-110021.have changed my name to Devender Singh Bisht permanently. 0040505738-5

I, Atul S/o G.K Malhotra R/o-C-4/303, Janakpuri, Delhi-110058 have changed my Name to Atul Malhotra for all purposes. 0040505693-3

I, Anurag Kumar S/o Devi Prasad Srivastava R/o-252 Pocket-Q, Dilshad Garden, Delhi-110095,have changed my name to Anurag Kumar Srivastava permanently. 0040505655-1

I, Anil Kumar Chhokra S/O Prabhu Dayal Chhokra R/O-69, Kalyan-Vihar, Dr. Mukharjee Nagar, Delhi-110009, that Anil Kumar Chhokra & Anil Kumar is one & Same Person. 0040505738-3

I, Amin Smruti Mukesh Alias Amin Smruti, D/O,Mukesh Amin, R/O-T7/31 Dlf-Phase-3, Maulsari Ave,Gurgaon, Haryana-122002,Have Changed My Name To Smruti Amin. 0040505788-6

I, Afashana Khatoon W/o Mumtaj Ahmed R/o-A2/15A, DDA-Flat, Inderlok, Delhi-110035 have changed my name to Afsana Parveen. 0040505761-7

I, Jasveer Singh R/o H.no 162 Vill-Shahpur Jatt Post - Babugarh Hapur (UP) have changed my name to Jaiveer Singh 0070667758-1

I, Abhinav S/o Anil Mehta R/o 34/11, Ground-Floor, Old Rajinder Nagar, Delhi-110060 have changed my name to Abhinav Mehta. 0040505761-8

I Yogita Gupta alias Yogita Dwivedi D/o Ramji Lal Gupta and W/o Rajesh Dwivedi R/o A-1/282-A, Block-A-1 Hastsal Road, DK Mohan Garden, Delhi-110059, have finally changed my name to Mahima Gupta for all purpose. 0070667782-1

I, Aarzoo Perween W/O Abdul Quaiyoom R/O I-41, 3rd-Floor, AbulFazal Enclave-1, Thokar No-4, Jamianagar, Okhla, N.Delhi-110025.Changed My Name To Aarzoo Parween. 0040505788-3

I Vaani sachdeva and Komal peswani D/o Ashok kumar peswani, W/o Shanky sachdeva of passport M6287305 is same & one person. Address:-1366, street no.4, FaizGanj, Azad market, Delhi-110006. 0040505738-10

I Sandeep Kumar S/o Sh.Sikander Lal R/o-F-69, Third-Floor, Naraina-Vihar, New Delhi-110028.have changed my name to Sundeep Kukreja, for all purposes. 0040505738-8

I Samir S/O Sh.Mehfooz Khan Residence Of House No.D-360, Jahngirpuri New Delhi-110033.Have Changed My Name, From Samir To Sameer Khan., For All Purposes. 0040505747-3

I Ravinder Kumar alias Ravinder Kumar Nimbekar S/o Ramji Lal Nimbekar R/o 153/8, Jagriti Vihar Garh Road, Meerut, UP-250004, have finally changed my name to Ravinder Kumar Nimbekar 0070667752-1

I Ravi Kumar S/o Ramesh Kumar R/o D-1/374, Gali No-5, Mahavir Enclave, Palam Village, Delhi-110045, have finally changed my name to Vikas Kumar for all purpose 0070667765-1

I Rajni Aggarwal alias Rachna D/o Gopal Krishan Aggarwal and W/o Anil Gupta R/o 463-A, Mathura Nagar, Sodal Road, Jalandhar, Punjab-144004, have finally changed my name to Rachna for all purpose 0070667753-1

I Rajesh Kumar S/o Badal Ram Kanojia R/o-RB-218, RBI-Flats, RK.Puram Phase-I, Sector-VI, New Delhi-110022.have changed my name to Rajesh Kumar Kanojia, for all future purposes. 0040505747-2

I Raguvir Singh R/o 489 gh Shiv Lock Colony Hapur have changed my name to Raghuveer Singh 0070667770-1

I Priya D/O Sh.Daya Shankar R/o J- 898 MangolPuri Delhi-110083 have changed my name to Priya Kumari. 0040505738-1

I Poonam Garg W/O Arun Kumar Jain Resident House No-1029, Sector-15, Sonipat, Haryana Have Changed My Name To Sheena. 0040505747-9

I Pooja W/o Sh.Arvind Sharma R/o 2458, Nalwa Street, Pahar Ganj, Delhi-110055 have changed my name to Pooja Sharma for all purposes. 0040505657-3

I Omvir Singh S/o Sh.Dharam Pal Singh R/o House No.M-188/189, Block-M, J.J. Colony-3, Nangloi, Delhi-110041 have changed my name to Ajay Singh for all purposes. 0040505657-2

I Kunal Jadhav R/o H No. 149 Harijan Basti, Bagdola Village, South West Delhi, Delhi - 110077 have changed my name to Kunal Singh Jadhav. 0070667750-1

I Jagjeet Singh S/o Surjeet Singh R/o WZ-209/2, Virender Nagar N.Delhi-58, have changed my minor son name from Sehajdeep Singh Juneja to Sehajdeep Singh for all purposes. 0040505761-5

I Kuldeep Singh S/o Sh. Kartar Singh R/o H.No. 438, Nizampur Road, Naya Pana Lad Pur, Delhi-81. Has changed my daughter's Name Musksan Dabas to Muskan Dabas for all purpose. That Musksan Dabas & Muskan Dabas is the one and same person. 0040505768-1

I Johan Kandulna S/o Bandhan Kandulna R/o-H-399, Shakurpur, JJ.Colony, Saraswati-Vihar, New Delhi-110034, informs that my father's name is written as Bandhna Kandulna in my educational documents but his correct name is Bandhan Kandulna. 0040505747-10

I Hitherto known as Arti Bansal W/o Manish Goyal R/o-27/5/8 First-Floor, Jwala-Nagar, Shahdara Delhi-110032,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Arti Goyal. 0040505738-9

I Hitherto Known As Susheel Kumar S/O Tikaya Ram R/O-E-1, New Multan-Nagar, Rohtak Road, Delhi-110056 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Susheel Kumar Rajpal. 0040505747-7

I Dhruv S/o Mohit Kumar Residence O-8 (S.F.) Vijay-Vihar Uttam Nagar East New Delhi.have changed my name to Dhruv Khurana. 0040505738-6

I Devendra Kumar S/O Shiv Shankar Thakur R/O-4/5 Third-Floor Indra Vikas-Colony Delhi-110009, Have Changed My Name To Devender Kumar. 0040505747-6

I Aslam S/O Sh.Meenu Mistry Residence Of House.No.40 Gali No.3, Pul-Pahladpur, New Delhi-110044.Have Changed My Name, From Aslam To Aslam Khan., For All Purposes. 0040505747-4

I Arun Jain S/O Jai Dev Jain Resident House No-1029, Sector-15, Sonipat, Haryana Have Changed My Name To Arun Kumar Jain. 0040505747-8

I Anuradha W/o Sh. Suresh Chand Bansal D/o Sh.Ramautar Aggarwal R/o 4/22, Roop Nagar, Delhi-110007 have changed my name to Anuradha Bansal for all purposes. 0040505657-1

LOST & FOUND

It is notified for the information that my Share Certificate Possession / Allotment Letter have been actually lost. SS Tambe R/O 556, Krishi Apartments, D Block, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110018. Mob: 9311144511. 0040505663-1

Lost original Possession Letter, Demand Letter, Allotment Letter issued by DDA for House No.M-161, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110018 favouring Smt. Ravinder Kaur.FIR lodged by present owner B.L. Chadha vide LR No.1133539/2019 dated:10-6-2019. Founder inform at:9810671498 0040505660-1

I, Keshav Kumar Varma S/o Late Smt. Kamla Varma, B501, Shri Krishna Apartment, Plot No. 10, Sector-5, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075, have lost Allotment letter of Apartment and Share Certificate dtd. 14.7.2014 Times 4:15, at Dwarka Sector-6, Market, if any body found Pls call 9811051100. 0040505668-1

I, Mohamad Jarousha S/O Hesham, M/O Fatemah DOB-10/10/ 1987. HAVE LOST ORIGINAL Passport If-Found Call-9717579883. 0040505788-7

I, Poorni Devi W/o Gangajal Sharma R/o I-7/72, Sector-16, Rohini have lost my original Relinquishment Deed dated 09.08.1999 of I-7/72, Sector-16, Rohini. Finder please inform at above-said address. 0040505717-1

It is notified for the information that my Original Certificate of Main Secondary Examination Year-2009,Roll No-6353542 issued by CBSE has been actually lost.Pinki Tomar,A-477/1,Street no.2 Meet Nagar Shahdara,Delhi-110094. 0040505737-1

I POOJA RANI W/O DINESH KUMAR R/O-1535/13 Govindpuri Kalkaji DELHI-19, have lost the previous original property paper on the name sh.Swaran dass S/O Baru ram of property: 2nd-floor 1657 A/1, gali no-15 Govindpuri New Delhi-19. registation no-6229 book.no-1 volume no-12140 on page-70 to 79 on date-19/4/2012. Contact-.9818043650. 0040505770-10

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that my client Sh. Prem Pal Singh S/o. Sh. Asharfi Lal, R/o. G-411, Street No. 21, West Karawal Nagar, Dayalpur, Delhi -110094, has severed all his relationship with his son Sh. Deepak and Smt. Aarti, W/o Sh. Deepak, both R/o. G-411, Street No.21, West Karawal Nagar, Dayalpur, Delhi -110094, as they are no longer in his control. Any one dealing with them shall do so at his own risk and my client shall not be held liable in any of their dealings with any third party in any transaction whatsoever.

GAJENDRA KUMAR CHAUHAN-ADVOCATE
Ch. No. C-54, C.L. Joseph Block, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi -110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, Amit Shokeen S/o Late Sh. Darshan Singh R/o B-4A, Amar Colony, Opp. MCD Primary School, Kamruddin Nagar, Nangloi, Delhi-110041 declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as Darshan and Darshan Shokeen in my 12th class marksheet, certificate and PAN Card No. CTXPS6401F. The actual name of my father is Darshan Singh, which may be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all that my clientess Mrs. Swaran Kanta W/o Sh. Prem Maini, R/o XV/1994, Gali no 8, Chuna Mandi Paharganj, New Delhi is lawful owner in possession of property no 226, measuring 221.2/9 sq. yds Khasra no 3996/2496/1929 village Basai Darapur, Raja Garden, Delhi having purchased from Parampreet Singh & Ragvinder Singh sons of late Avtar Singh r/o H. no 226 Raja Garden, New Delhi and after sale they were left with no right therein. It has come to notice of my clientess that said persons are again contemplating to sell the Said property to someone else in a clandestine manner on the basis of forged documents. Public is hereby informed not to enter into any sale transaction in respect of said property with aforesaid persons as the same would be illegal and not, binding on my clientess in any manner whatsoever.

Sd/-
(RISHI TEWARI) ADVOCATE
Ch. No. 394-395, Civil Wing
Tis Hazari Courtrs, Delhi-110054

I, Dimpal Valecha S/W/D Hukam Chand Valecha R/o-H.No-752,Model Town, Panipat, Haryana,have changed my name Dimple Valecha to Dimpal Valecha for all purpose. 0040503253-3

It is for general information that I RAJEEV SAXENA son of Late Shiv Nandan Saxena residing at 10-A, Railway Colony, Tilak Bridge, New Delhi, informs that name of mine has been wrongly written as RAJIV SAXENA in my service record. The actual name of mine is RAJEEV SAXENA respectively which may be amended accordingly. 0040504744-1

It is for general information that I Chanakya Chaufla S/o-Virender Chaufla-Residing at C-110, IInd-Floor affirm that the name of my father has been wrongly-written as Faiyaz Ali in my all educational documents - class 12 th onwards (Graduation and Post Graduation). The actual name of my father is Virender Chaufla which may be amended accordingly. 0040505119-8

I,Paramjeet Kaur W/o-Harmohan Singh, R/o: WZ-K-13, Street.No-13, Krishna-Park Extn., Tilak-Nagar, New Delhi-18. Informs that Paramjit Kaur, Parmeet Kaur, Parmit Kaur and Paramjeet Kaur are one and same Person. 0040505116-10

I, Lini Goel D/o Shri Alok Kumar R/o Flat.no.515, Supertech Avant Garde, Plot.no-1, Sector-5, Vaishali (Ghaziabad) U.P-201010, India,have changed my name to Palak Agarwal for all future purposes. 0040505055-1

I, Govind Ballabh S/o Sh.Khayali Ram Pandey R/o-H.No.B-152,Indra Park,Najafgarh,New Delhi-110043,have changed my name to Govind Ballabh Panday for all future purposes. 0040505055-2

I, kanika D/o Tony Kalra R/o 10/20A,Moti Nagar,Delhi-15 is also Known as Kanika Kalra. Both the aforesaid names are mine 0040505055-3

I, hitherto known as Poonam Rani Rathore, W/o Sh.Lalit Kumar Sahu R/o-1178/78, Deva-Ram Park, TriNagar, Delhi-35. have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Poonam Rathore. 0040505117-4

I, have changed my name from Amit Kumar Tyagi to Amit Kumar s/o Sh.Mange Ram r/o vill. Baseda Thana Nagal Tehsil Deoband Saharanpur U.P forever. 0040505130-1

I, Vandana Daga W/O Navneet Mall, Flat No. 902, Skytech Magadh-Society, Sector-3, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, U.P-201010, Changed My Name To Vandana Navneet Mall. 0040505119-1

I, Praveen Kumar Garg S/o Motiram R/o-77 Agroha Kunj Appt. Sec-13 Rohini Delhi-85, have changed my name to Praveen Kumar. 0040505116-3

I Akhilesh Yadava s/o Ramcharittar Yadava R/o E-6, Top floor, Nehru vihar, Timarpur, Delhi 110054 have changed my name to Akhilesh Yadav 0040505072-2

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it Know To All that my Client Smt. Meera Devi W/o Late Sh. Pardeep Kumar R/o D-371A, Gali No.8, East Azad Nagar, Krishna Nagar,Delhi-110051. Has Debarred and Disowned her son namely Prabhat Singhal, and daughter-in-law Poonam Singhal W/o Sh. Prabhat Singhal. From her all movable and immovable properties and have severed her all relations from them. In future, my Client Shall not be held liable or responsible for their any act or misdeed.

NAVNEET CHOUDHARY (Advocate)

PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that we (1) Sh. **Vinod Ahuja S/o Sh. C.A. Ahuja R/o B-239, SF, Greater Kailash-I, New Delhi-48 & (2) Sh. Anil Ahuja S/o Sh. C.A. Ahuja R/o B-271, Third Floor, Greater Kailash-I, New Delhi-48,** allottee / mutatee/s of DDA MIG Flat No. H-4, FF, Blk.-C, Safdarjung Development Area, New Delhi has applied for conversion of the aforesaid flat from lease hold to freehold vide application **No. 0157038 date 09/01/2019** in DDA, all the original documents i.e. Possession Letter, N.O.C. of electric and Water connection and Site possession Slip of the above flat have been lost. An FIR to this effect has been lodged in Police Station **Crime Branch LR No: 1327243/2019 Date : 29/07/2019**

Any person (s) claiming any right, interest, having any objection may write/contact with above named person at above address or mob. 9810977863 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objections with respect to this property can personally inform or write to **Dy. Director (LAB) H or Director (H)-1, D Block, 3rd Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi.**

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Sr. DME-EnHM & Fn acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tender against E-Tender Notice No.: WCC/FL/18-19/TWNP closing date 21.08.2019 at 15.00. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **(1) Name of work with its location:** Work of Retro fitment of Twin Pipe Air Brake Arrangement in BCNA Wagons with material at Wagon Care Complex Phulera for eight months. **(2) Approximate cost of the work :** ₹ 49,02,110.40/- **(3) Earnest Money to be deposited :** ₹ 98,100/- (Online Payment) **(4) Date and time for submission of tender:** Submission of e-tender up to 21.08.2019 at 15.00 Hrs. **(5) Website particular:** www.ireps.gov.in 746-DE/19

Please join us on /NWRailways

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sh. Sanjeev Kumar Sharma S/o Late Sh. Baldev Raj Sharma and his wife Smt. Manju Sharma both R/o. H.No. 619 Sector-15, Faridabad, Haryana severed all their social relations with their son Yatin Puri and his wife Smt. Shelly Sharma both R/o. Flat No. 702, Tower B, Kunjeans Height, Sec-88, Faridabad, Haryana-121002 due to their Cruel acts and disobedient behavior towards my clients. My clients disowned them from all their moveable and immovable properties. My client namely Sh. Sanjeev Kumar Sharma and his son namely Sh. Yatin Puri shares an employer-employee relationship only and are further not connected in any manner. My client shall not be responsible for any act and conduct done by their above said son and daughter-in-law in future and anyone dealing with them should do so at their own risk.

AKASH SWAIN-ADVOCATE
Ch. No. D-711, G BLOCK, 7TH FLOOR, KARKARDOOMA COURT, Delhi -110032

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Alok Agrawal S/o Late Sh. Chander Kumar Aggrawal and others., owner of Plot no- B-253, Govt. school Teachers CHBS Ltd. now know as Sarswati Vihar Delhi-110034. Lost my original Documents of DDA such as Share certificate and perpetual Lease Deed along with other Concerned Documents . if any body misuses the same shall be liable & responsible for the consequences finder may contact the undersigned. Alok Agrawal 9899677758, and Amit Agrawal 9899771426.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all that my clientes Mrs. Kamal Kakkar W/o Late Prem Kumar R/o G-51, Pocket-I, Phase-I,Ashok Vihar, Delhi-110052 has disowned her daughter-in-law namely (1) **NEENA KAKKAR** and her grand-daughter namely (2) **MUSKAN KAKKAR** from her moveable and immovable properties due to they have left her alone from last seven years and due to misbehavior, ill treatment, disrespectfulness, disobedience and ill-temper by her daughter-in-law and my client has served all her relations with her/their and she shall not be responsible for any of their act and deed, any person dealing with her/them, then they will do so their own risk and consequences.

Amar Singh (Advocate)
Enr.No. D/3500/2010

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, Ashok Kumar Guleria S/o Sh. Prem Singh Guleria R/o 18C, New DDA Flat, Shivaji Enclave Extn, Raja Garden, New Delhi-110027 declare that name of my and my wife has been wrongly written as Ashok Guleria and Sunila Guleria respectively in my minor son Shivang Guleria his 10th standard CBSE Marksheet. The actual name of my and my wife is Ashok Kumar Guleria and Suneela Guleria respectively which may be amended accordingly. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public at large is informed that my client Smt. **Veena Devi** Wife of **Pawan Aggarwal** Resident of **C-76/77, Sector-7, Dwarka, JJ Colony, New Delhi-110075** have disowned his son namely **Jatin Aggarwal** and his wife **Simran Gupta** from all of movable and immovable properties owned presently or in future by my aforesaid client and severe all her relations. Further if anybody has/ had any dealing with any of the aforesaid persons, he/she may do so at their own risk and responsibility.

S.K. Gupta(Advocate)
Ch. No. D-209, Karkardooma Court, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Kuljeet Kaur, R/O WZ-67, Shyam Nagar Extension, New Delhi-110018, has severed all their relations and disowned/ Debarred their son Shanky Singh, and his wife Manpreet Kaur, from all their moveable, immoveable properties, my client shall not be responsible for their acts and conducts in future.

Sd/-
KARAN BANSAL
ADVOCATE
Ch.No. 878, Saket Court, New Delhi.

COURT NOTICE

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the court of Jagjit Singh
Addl. Principal Judge, Family Court , Faridabad
CNR No. HRFB01-012869-2018, Next Date : 06.09.2019
Kailash Vs. Meenakshi
Notice to : Meenakshi
Father : Ramesh Jha
H. No. 117/114, N. Block Kakadev, Janpur Nagar - 208019, U.P.
In above titled case, the respondent could not be served. It is ordered that respondent should appear in person or through counsel on 06-09-2019 at 10:00 a.m. For more details logon to **http://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=Faridabad**

Jagjit Singh
Addl. Principal Judge, Family Court Faridabad

SEARCH FOR MISSING

DEEPAK

General public is hereby informed that a boy (depicted in the photo), **Namely** : Deepak **S/o** : Sh. Jai Bhagwan **R/o** : VPO-Purteh Bawani Khera, Distt-Bhiwani, Haryana has been missing since 14.07.2019. In this regard a case vide DD No. 49A dated 18.07.2019 has been lodged at PS Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi. His physical description is as under :-

Age: 18 Years, **Height:** 5'7", **Complexion** : Fair, **Built** : Thin, **Face** : Round, **Wearing** : Shirt and Pant.

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing boy, may inform SHO, Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi at E-mail : **cic@cbi.gov.in** or Website: **http://cbi.nic.in.**

SHO
P.S. Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi
North-West Distt., Delhi
Ph. No. 011-27654675, 27654668

Phone: 011-24368638, 24368641
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Director of Mines
Steel & Mines Department
Government of Odisha

E mail: directorminesl@orissaminerals.gov.in

Date: July 31, 2019

Notice Inviting Tender

"Invitation of bids for grant of Mining Lease for Limestone, Graphite and Chromite Minerals"

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 10(B) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Minerals (Auction) Rules, 2015 as amended from time to time notified thereunder, the Govt. of Odisha has identified 7(Seven) Mineral Blocks, 4(Four) blocks of Limestone, 1(One) block of Graphite and 2 (Two) blocks of Chromite for electronic auction and hereby invites tenders for the purposes of grant of Mining Lease.

Accordingly, financial bids are invited in digital format only and technical bids are invited both in digital and physical format from eligible bidders.

Eligibility conditions, date and time for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. Detailed Tender Documents alongwith timelines, notification, updates and other details for the e-auction process for the mineral blocks are available in electronic form only and can be download from the website of MSTC Limited.

(https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlcl/index.jsp)

Interested and eligible bidders can register themselves on the above website. On successful registration, eligible bidders will obtain login ID and password necessary for participation in the e-auction process. Model Tender Document and Mineral Block Summary are available free of cost on the website of MSTC Limited.

(https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlcl/index.isp)

Last date for purchase of Tender Documents, after payment of a Tender fees as stated below, on website of e-auction platform provider is Wednesday, September 11, 2019 and the last date for submission of the bid Friday, September 20, 2019 on or before 17:00 hours (IST).

The List of Mineral Blocks for Auction

Sl. No.	Block Name	Mineral	Tender Document Fee
1	Pipalmunda Block	Limestone	2,00,000
2	Khatkurbahal Block (North)	Limestone	5,00,000
3	Behera Banjipali Block	Limestone	2,00,000
4	Garramura Block	Limestone	2,00,000
5	Jagdalpur Block	Graphite	2,00,000
6	Saruabil Block	Chromite	5,00,000
7	Kamarda Block	Chromite	2,00,000

Sd/-
Director of Mines
Orissa, Bhubaneswar

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Provision Section

POLICE HEADQUARTERS JAMMU AND KASHMIR SRINAGAR
Phone/Fax No. 0194-2443031/2443032 (Sgr.), 0191-2459029/2459255 (Jmu.)
Website: www.jkpolice.gov.in , E-mail: phqjk@jkpolice.gov.in

TENDERS EXTENSION NOTICE

Due to administrative reasons last dates and online opening dates of following tenders are extended as shown against each tender:

Sr. No.	NIT No.	Floated for Item	Last Date for Tender Submission	Opening Date of Technical Bids
1.	39 of 2019	Real Time Viewing System	17.08.2019	19.08.2019
2.	40 of 2019	Explosive Vapour Detector	17.08.2019	19.08.2019
3.	41 of 2019	Bomb Inhibitor	17.08.2019	19.08.2019
4.	42 of 2019	RSP Tool Kit	17.08.2019	19.08.2019
5.	43 of 2019	Hook & Line Set	17.08.2019	19.08.2019
6.	44 of 2019	Telescopic Manipulator	17.08.2019	19.08.2019
7.	45 of 2019	Bomb Basket	17.08.2019	19.08.2019
8.	46 of 2019	Radiation Detection Meter	17.08.2019	19.08.2019
9.	47 of 2019	Total Containment Vessel	17.08.2019	19.08.2019
10.	48 of 2019	Liquid Explosive Detector	17.08.2019	19.08.2019
11.	49 of 2019	Non Linear Junction Detector	17.08.2019	19.08.2019

Detailed tender documents with terms and conditions are available on J&K State e-procurement Portal www.jktenders.gov.in.

No. Prov-II/Sec-34/2019-20/47051-64
Dated: 31.07.2019
DIPK-NB: 2005/19

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(Mubassir Latifi) JKPS,
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Sd/-
(SONU KUMAR)
DEPUTY DIRECTOR (ADMN.)

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FORM NO.-15
BEFORE, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BIHAR AT-PATNA
O.A. No. : 135 / 2019

HDFC Bank Limited .... **Applicant**

Vs.

M/s Malik Enterprises 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 Enterprises,** a proprietorship concern, through its Proprietor Mr. Abdul Rahman alias Abdul Rahan, son of Mohammad Mustafa, having its unit at Village-Mirzapur Bardha, P.S.-Muffasirl, P.O.-Dariyapur, District-Munger, Pin Code-811201, Bihar.
2. **Mr. Abdul Rahman alias Abdul Rahan,** son of Mohammad Mustafa, having its unit at Village-Mirzapur Bardha, P.S.-Muffasirl, P.O-Dariyapur, District-Munger, Pin Code-811201, Bihar.
3. **Mr. Zubair Alam,** Son of Md. Mustafa, Residing At Vill-Mirzapur Bardha, P.S.-Muffasirl, P.O. - Dariyapur, District-Munger, Pin Code-811201, Bihar, India.

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.23,36,966.90p (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Six and Ninety 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 09th day of August 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 **28TH DAY OF JUNE 2019**.

Sd/-
Registrar
DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL

FORM NO.-15
BEFORE, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BIHAR AT-PATNA
O.A. No. : 131 / 2019

HDFC Bank Limited .... **Applicant**

Vs.

M/s Ram Kumari Enterprises 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 Ram Kumari Enterprises, a proprietorship concern,** through its Proprietor Mr. Nishant Kumar Son of Mr. Amrendra Kumar alias Amrendra Kumar Singh, having its unit at - Near Golden Petrol Pump, OLD G.T. Road, Sasaram, District-Rohtas, Bihar.
2. **Mr. Nishant Kumar,** Mr. Amrendra Kumar alias Amrendra Kumar Singh, residing at - 517, New Diliya, Dehri, Anchal-Dehri, District-Rohtas, Pin Code-821307, Bihar.
3. **Mr. Amrendra Kumar** alias Amrendra Kumar Singh, Son of Mr. Babulal Singh, resident at - 517, New Diliya, Dehri, Anchal-Dehri, District- Rohtas, Pin Code-821307, Bihar.
4. **Mrs. Pushpa Devi** Wife of Mr. Amrendra Kumar alias Amrendra Kumar Singh Residing at - 517, New Diliya, Dehri, Anchal-Dehri, District- Rohtas, Pin Code-821307, Bihar, India.

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.24,81,950.20p (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty and Twenty 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 28th day of August 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 **17TH DAY OF JULY 2019**.

Sd/-
Registrar
DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL

UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Undertaking) Corporate Identity No. U40109UP2001SGC025867/2358
Victoria Cross Vijeta Gabar Singh Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun 248001
Tel. No. 0135-2762444, Fax : 0135 - 2763839 E-Mail : cecommercialupcl@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Inviting Comments on the petition for review of Commission's Tariff Order dated 27,02,2019 on the MYT for third control period from FY 2019-20 to FY 2021-22 alongwith tariff determination for FY 2019-20, true up for FY 2017-18 and APR of FY 2018-19 filed by Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited (UPCL) before the Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission

Salient Points of the Review Petition

1. Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited (UPCL), the sole Distribution and Retail Supply Licensee in the state, has filed a Review Petition before Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission (UERC or Commission) for review of the Commisson's Tariff Order dated 27.02.2019 on the Annual Revenue Requirement & Multi Year Tariff Petition for third control period from FY 2019-20 to FY 2021-22.
2. Through the above Petition, UPCL has made an additional claim of ARR amounting to Rs. 440.11 Crore as Summarizd below

S.No.	Particulars of Claim	Rs. Crore
1.	Distribution Loss	88.28
2.	Interest on Loan, Return on Equity & Depreciation	74.49
3.	O&M Expenses	
a.	- R&M Expenses	19.27
b.	- A&G Expenses	26.43
4.	Non-Tariff Income	28.10
5.	Deferment of past recovery (2/3rd of Revenue Surplus of FY 2017-18)	203.54
	Total	440.11

3. UPCL has proposed to recover the additional revenue gap of Rs.440.11 Crore through incresae in tariffs to be made effective from 01.04.2019. UPCL has, accordingly, proposed an average tariff hike of 6.68% in the existing tariffs as approved in the Tariff order of the Commission.
4. Responses / suggestions, if any, are sought from consumers and other stakeholders on the Petition. Responses may be sent to the Secretary, Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission, either in person, or by post at ' Vidyut Niyamak Bhawan',Near ISBT, PO-Majra, Dehradun-248171 or through E-Mail to secy.uerc@gov.in by 19.08.2019.
5. The Commission has also decided to hold a public hearing in the matter on 21.08.2019 at 11:00 AM in the Commission's office. Any person, who wishes to put his views on the subject before the commission, is invited to appear before the commission and make the submission in the above public hearing.
6. Detailed Petition can be seen free of cost on any working say at the commission's office or at the offices of Chief Engineer (Commerical) at Victoria Cross Vijeta Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun/ Chief Engineer (Distribution), Garhwal Zone, UPCL, 120-Haridwar Road, Dehradun/ Chief Engineer (Distribution), Kumaon Zone, UPCL, 132-KV Substation, Kathgodam, Haldwani/ Chief Engineer (Distribution), Haridwar Zone, UPCL, Roshnabad, Haridwar/ Chief Engineer (Distribution), Udham Singh Nagar Zone, UPCL , 33KV Sub-Station, Sector-2, SIDCUL, Pantnagar, Rudrapur-263153. Relevant extracts can also be obtained from the above mentioned offices of the Petitioner.
7. The Petition is also available at the website of the Commission (www.uerc.gov.in) and at the Petitioner's website (www.upcl.org)

(B.C.K. Mishra)
No:-396/2/EE(CM)/UPCL/A-2 Date 31.07.2019 **Managing Director**

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FORM NO.-15
BEFORE, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BIHAR AT-PATNA
O.A. No. : 132 / 2019

HDFC Bank Limited .... **Applicant**

Vs.

M/s Gurukirpa Trading Company, a proprietorship concern .... **Defendants / Respondents.**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF RECOVERY OF DEBTS AND BANKRUPTCY (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

1. **M/s Gurukirpa Trading Company,** a proprietorship concern, through its Proprietor Mr. Santosh Kumar Gupta, son of Mr. Ram Nagina Gupta, having its unit at - Chandani Chowk, Mohania, P.O. & P.S. - Mohania, Dist-Bhabhua, Bihar, Pin Code-821109.
2. **Mr. Santosh Kumar Gupta,** Son of Mr. Ram Nagina Gupta, Residing At Village - Residing At Village - Darauli, Darauli, Anchal-Nuaon, District-Kaimur (Bhabhua), Pin-802132, Bihar.
3. **Mr. Ashok Kumar Gupta,** Residing At Village - Darauli, Darauli, Anchal-Nuaon, District-Kaimur (Bhabhua), Pin-802132, 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.54,01,056.80p (Rupees Fifty Four Lakhs One Thousand Fifty Six and Eighty 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 09th day of August 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.

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Sd/-
Registrar
DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL

Govt. of India

Central Soil and Materials Research Station
Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation.
Olof Palme Marg, Near IIT Hostels, Hauz Khas, Delhi 110016

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Office of the Procurement Officer, Central Soil and Materials Research Station, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Water Resources, River development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Olof Palme Marg, Near IIT Hostels, Hauz Khas, New Delhi-1100016 invites online bids from interested parties to be executed under Dam Rehabilitation and improvement Project for following works

Loan Grant Number & Title	**Loan Number- 7943-IN under DRIP (Dam Rehabilitaiton and Improvement Projects**
NCB Number	DRIP/CSMRS/CE-01/2018/01
Name of work	Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Testing, Trainng and Warranty of Field and Laboratory Equipment's for Central Soil and Materials Research Station (CSMRS)" New Delhi-110016 as detailed below List of Equipment's: (i) Digital Servo Controlled Traixial Setup (ii) Pressure Meter Testing Machines System for soils (iii) Large size triaxial equipment (Static & Cyclic loading conditions) (iv) Hydraulic Fracturing Equipment (v) Servo-Controlled Compression Testing Machine (2000 kN) (vi) Cut & Pull out (CAPO) test system (vii) Corrosion Monitoring Test Equipment (viii)Centrally loaded Round Panel Test Equipment (ix) Cyclic SImple Shear Equipment (x) Seismic Tomography System One set of equipment is required for all the above equipments.
Estimated value of work	Rs. 9.85 Crore (Inclusive of all taxes with GST)
Earnest Money Bid security	Rs 25 Lakh (Rs. Twenty five Lakh Only)
Tender Fee	Rs. 25,000 (Including GST) (plus Rs 100/-, if required for bank transfer)
Period of Completion	6 (Six) Months including rainy season & festival season PLUS Five (5) years warranty
Bidding documents	Can be downloaded from website http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app
Document Publish Date & Time	08-07-2019: 14:00 Hrs IST
Document download starting date	09-07-2019 on 15:00 Hrs to 30-08-2019 on 17:00 Hrs
Bid clarification start date	15-07-2019; 10:30 Hrs IST
Bid clarificate closing date	16-08-2019, 15:30 Hrs IST
Pre-Bid Meeting date, time & value (Bidder are required to visit site before coming to Pre-Bid Meeting)	23-08-2019; 11:30 Hrs IST Office of The Procurement Officer, CSMRS, New Delhi- 110016, India
Oline bid submission closing date and time	30-08-2019, 17:00 Hrs IST
Online technical bid opening date and time	02-09-2019, 11:00 Hrs IST

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FORM NO.-15
BEFORE, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BIHAR AT-PATNA
O.A. No. : 142 / 2019

HDFC Bank Limited .... **Applicant**

Vs.

M/s Maa Janki Enterprises 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 Maa Janki Enterprises,** a proprietorship concern, through its Proprietor Mr. Manjay Kumar Singh, Son of Mr. Ramnaresh Singh, having its unit at - Anjanipur, Near ITI College, Hajipur, District-Vaishali, Pin Code-844101, Bihar, India.
2. **Mr. Manjay Kumar Singh (Proprietor / Mortgagor),** Son of Mr. Ramnaresh Singh, residing at Town/village - Kasturichak, Ward No.1, Bariarchak, Nayagaon, Sonpur, District- Saran, Pin Code-841217, Bihar, India.
3. **Mrs. Kamini Devi (Guarantor / Mortgagor),** wife of Mr. Manjay Kumar Singh, resident of Village/Town- Parvejabad, Anchal-Sonpur, District-Saran, Pin Code-841101, Bihar, India Also Residing at - Kasturichak, ward No. - 1, Bariarchak, Nayagaon, Sonepur, Dist.-Saran, Pin Code - 841217, 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.63,11,142.30p (Rupees Sixty Three Lakhs Eleven Thousand One Hundred Forty Two and Thirty 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 26th day of August 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 **16TH DAY OF JULY 2019**.

Sd/-
Registrar
DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited

(Formerly known as Capital First Limited)
CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai - 600031. TEL: +91 44 4564 4000 | FAX: +91 44 4564 4022
Authorized Officer – Mr. Rohit Dudeja | Contact Number – +91-7838324723

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

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 physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Home Finance Limited now merged with IDFC Bank Limited),** will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **10-09-2019**, for recovery of **INR 23,21,597/-** as on **26-02-2018** due to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Home Finance Limited)** from **M/s. Sanjeev Singh & Aarti Singh** (Borrower & Co-borrower(s)).

The Reserve Price will be **INR 27,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lac Only)** and the Earnest Money Deposit will be **INR 2,70,000/- (Rupees Two Lac Seventy Thousand Only).**

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Disclaimer: Please note that the said notice is issued for sale of immovable property only and IDFC FIRST Bank Limited has no right to sale the movable assets, if any, present at the immovable property.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
Date : 01.08.2019 (Formerly known as Capital First Limited)

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited

(Formerly known as Capital First Limited)
CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai - 600031. TEL: +91 44 4564 4000 | FAX: +91 44 4564 4022
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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 physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Capital First Limited now IDFC FIRST Bank Limited,** will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **20-08-2019**, for recovery of **INR 03,03,68,955/-** as on **15-01-2019** due to **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited)** from **Shri Nakoda Ji Corp Prop. Kul Bhushan Jain** (Borrower) and **Kul Bhushan Jain, Indira Jain, and Joginder Kumar Jain** (Co-borrower(s)).

The Reserve Price will be **INR 3,16,00,000/- (Rupees Three Crores Sixteen Lac Only)** and the Earnest Money Deposit will be **INR 31,60,000/- (Rupees Thirty One Lac Sixty Thousand Only).**

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PART AND PARCEL OF PLOT NO.8, BLOCK-B, SECTOR-8, NOIDA, UTTAR PRADESH-201 301

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in IDFC FIRST Bank website i.e. **www.idfcfirstbank.com.**

Disclaimer: Please note that the said notice is issued for sale of immovable property only and IDFC FIRST Bank Limited has no right to sale the movable assets, if any, present at the immovable property.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
Date : 01.08.2019 (Formerly known as Capital First Limited)

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited

(Formerly known as Capital First Home Finance Limited)
CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai - 600031. TEL: +91 44 4564 4000 | FAX: +91 44 4564 4022
Authorized Officer – Mr. Rohit Dudeja | Contact Number – +91-7838324723

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

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The Reserve Price will be **INR 18,00,000/- (Rupees Eighteen Lac Only)** and the Earnest Money Deposit will be **INR 1,80,000/- (Rupees One Lac Eighty Thousand Only).**

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PART AND PARCEL OF FLAT NO. FF-1, FRONT SIDE ON FIRST FLOOR, PROPERTY BEARING NO. B-110, KHASRA NO. 1308, HAYAT ENCLAVE, VILLAGE LONI, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH-201102

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in IDFC FIRST Bank website i.e. **www.idfcfirstbank.com.**

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Sd/-
Authorised Officer
IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
Date : 01.08.2019 (Formerly known as Capital First Home Finance Limited)

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(Formerly known as Capital First Limited)
CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai - 600031. TEL: +91 44 4564 4000 | FAX: +91 44 4564 4022
Authorized Officer – Mr. Amritpal Singh Gill | Contact Number – +91-9999776185

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The Reserve Price will be **INR 90,00,000/- (Rupees Ninety Lac Only)** and the Earnest Money Deposit will be **INR 9,00,000/- (Rupees Nine Lac Only).**

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PART AND PARCEL OF F-1/167-168, SECOND FLOOR, SECTOR-11, ROHINI SECTOR-7, DELHI-110085

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in IDFC FIRST Bank website i.e. **www.idfcfirstbank.com.**

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Sd/-
Authorised Officer
IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
Date : 01.08.2019 (Formerly known as Capital First Limited)

SPORTS & YOUTH AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, HARYANA
SCHOLARSHIP FOR TALENTED STUDENT - PLAYERS

Applications are invited for scholarship from the students (SC and Other than- SC Categories) on the basis of their sports achievement during 01.04.2018 to 31.03.2019. Eligible players may submit their applications in the office of concerned District Sports & Youth Affairs Officer. The Last Date for Submission of Applications is 10.08.2019. No application will be entertained after the closing date. Eligibility conditions for Scholarship & Application form is available on departmental website **www.haryanasports.gov.in**.

77744/HRY **DIRECTOR**

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL

PROTECTING INVESTING FINANCING ADVISING

Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited

Registered Office: Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Gujarat – 362 266
CIN NO. : U6599OGJ1991PLC064603

APPENDIX IV
[Under Rule 8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]
POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

WHEREAS

The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited, 3rd Floor, Uco Building, 5, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001 under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 09.05.2018 Calling upon the Borrowers/Co-Borrowers of Mr. Haramrit Singh, Mrs. Rattan Deep Kaur and Global Buildtech to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 75,37,511/- (Rupees Seventy Five Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Eleven Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rule on this Twenty Four of July of the year Two Thousand and Nineteen.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited, 3rd Floor, UCO Building, 5, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001 for an amount Rs. 75, 37,511 (Rupees Seventy Five lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Eleven Only) and interest thereon.

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY :-

Equitable Mortgage of property owned by Haramrit Singh located at Ground Floor Town House No. U-18/28 DLF Phase III, Gurgaon Village Nathupur, Tehsil & District Gurgaon, Haryana 122001.

ADITYA BIRLA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
PLACE : GURGAON Sd/-
DATE : 02-08-2019 **AUTHORIZED OFFICER**

Hero MotoCorp Limited

Regd. Office: 34, Community Centre, Basant Lok, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi - 110057
CIN: L35911DL1984PLC017354, Phone: 011-46044100, Fax: 011- 26143321
E-mail: secretarialho@heromotocorp.com, Website: www.heromotocorp.com

Public Notice for Lost Share Certificates and Proposed Transfer

Members of the general public and existing shareholders of Hero MotoCorp Ltd. ('Company') are hereby informed that the original Share Certificates of face value of Rs. 10 each, details of which are given hereunder, have been reported lost/ misplaced/ stolen/ not received. Members of the public are hereby cautioned against dealing in the above mentioned Share Certificates in any form as the Company sub-divided its equity shares of face value of Rs. 10 each into face value of Rs. 2 each in the year 2001 and all these face value Rs. 10 share certificates now stand cancelled.

Further, the Company has received a request from the buyer of these shares to transfer the corresponding shares of face value Rs. 2 each, details of which are given below, in its name. Pursuant to the provisions of the SEBI Circular dated November 6, 2018, the Company intends to transfer the corresponding shares certificates of face value of Rs. 2/- each in favour of the proposed transferee i.e. Nine Media and Information Services Ltd. (formerly known as DSJ Securities Corporation Ltd.) having its registered office at 54, 3rd Floor, 13th Main, 17th Cross, HSR Layout, Bangalore – 560 102.

Sr. No.	Folio No.	Shareholder's Name	Distinctive Nos. From	Distinctive Nos. To	Certificate No.(s)	No. of Shares
		Shares of Face Value of Rs. 10/- each				
1	HML0142130	Southern India Depository Services Pvt. Ltd A/C Kothari Pioneer Prima Fund	279566	279615	5601	50
			3437316	3437365	68756	50
			11102364	11102413	97261	50
			74416	74465	1496	50
			2507916	2507965	50168	50
			3313666	3313715	66283	50
			3043766	3043815	60885	50
			3082766	3082815	61665	50
			1268566	1268615	25381	50
			1910566	1910615	38221	50
			14847205	14847254	155543	50
			14847255	14847304	155544	50
			15924951	15925000	166243	50
			658916	658965	13188	50
			2933816	2933865	58686	50
			4133866	4133915	82687	50
			204266	204315	4095	50
			1518766	1518815	30385	50
			1791766	1791815	35845	50
			236416	236465	4738	50
			2471016	2471065	49430	50
			15929201	15929250	188629	50
			139316	139365	2796	50
			15930001	15930050	188613	50
			623016	623065	12470	50
			35222164	35223413	413635-413659	1250
2	HML0124636	SBI Capital Markets A/C India Magnum Fund NV	2833366	2833415	56677	50
			2609966	2610015	52209	50
			2434016	2434065	48690	50
			2378066	2378115	47571	50
			2331216	2331265	46634	50
			2376966	2377015	47549	50
			2320266	2320315	46415	50
			2308116	2308165	46172	50
			2306566	2306615	46141	50
			2305716	2305765	46124	50
			2303366	2303415	46077	50
			2296866	2296915	45947	50
			2275616	2275665	45522	50
			2234716	2234765	44704	50
			34301396	34302095	395023-395036	700
3	HML0142899	Pankaj B Desai	4267166	4267215	85353	50
		Nozer J Shroff	35223534	35223583	413663	50
4	HML0038758	Chetan Shantilal Shah	1948566	1948615	38981	50
		Niramala Shantilal Shah	34223589	34223638	393226	50
5	HML0141430	Roopkala K Jain	119516	119565	2400	50
		Kushal Raj D Jain	35221614	35221663	413624	50
6	HML0065044	K Saraswathy	3268516	3268565	65380	50
		K Unnikrishnan	34227601	34227650	393351	50
7	HML0122341	Anish Khandia	12014526	12014565	190782	40
		Niranjan Khandia	12456800	12456809		10
			34294282	34294331	394867	50
		Shares of Face Value of Rs. 2/- each				
1	HML0142130	Southern India Depository Services Pvt. Ltd. A/C Kothari Pioneer Prima Fund	162101941	162114440	523581	12500
2	HML0124636	SBI Capital Markets A/C India Magnum Fund NV	162166946	162170445	523688	3500
			162072766	162076265	543424	3500
3	HML0142899	Pankaj B Desai Nozer J Shroff	162114941	162115440	523583	500
4	HML0038758	Chetan Shantilal Shah Niramala Shantilal Shah	162027531	162028030	523433	500
5	HML0141430	Roopkala K Jain Kushal Raj D Jain	162100441	162100940	523578	500
6	HML0065044	K Saraswathy K Unnikrishnan	162037041	162037540	523461	500
7	HML0122341	Anish Khandia	160055646	160055695	530865	50
		Niranjan Khandia	162071036	162071485	543426	450

Any person having objections to the proposed transfer of corresponding share certificates of face value of Rs. 2 each, as mentioned herein above, may submit the same, in writing, with the Company marked to the 'Secretarial Department' at its Registered Office within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice after which no claim shall be entertained and the Company shall proceed to transfer shares in favour of the proposed transferee as per the provisions of SEBI Circular dated November 6, 2018.

For Hero MotoCorp Ltd.
Sd/-
Place: New Delhi **Neerja Sharma**
Date: 01.08.2019 **Company Secretary & Chief Compliance Officer**

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF INDIA

एक्ज़िम बैंक EXIM BANK भारतीय निर्यात-आयात बैंक EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF INDIA

Centre One Building, Floor 21, World Trade Centre Complex, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai – 400005, Maharashtra
Phone no: +91-22-2217 2725; Fax no: +91-22-2218 9894 Email ID:lag@eximbankindia.in, cro@eximbankindia.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to public in general and the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/Director(s) whose names are appearing hereinbelow in particular that the loan/ credit facilities availed by the Borrower(s) from the Bank have not been repaid despite repeated notices. Further, the Borrower(s), Guarantor(s) and Director(s) are declared as Wilful Defaulter by the Bank following due process of law. The public is hereby cautioned that the persons named in the table hereinbelow are not entitled for any financial assistance from any Bank/ Financial Institution, as per the extant RBI guidelines.

Names of the Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Director(s), their Addresses and Photographs are given below:

Borrower:
Venus Remedies Ltd.,
Plot No. 51-52, Industrial Area, Phase-I, Panchkula, Haryana - 134113.

Directors and Personal Guarantors:

Mr. Pawan Chaudhary House No. 73, Sector 4, Panchkula, Haryana – 134112.

Mrs. Manu Chaudhary House No. 73, Sector 4, Panchkula, Haryana – 134112.

Total outstanding dues:
Rs.36,87,61,646.79 as on July 15, 2019
(+ interests & other expenses as on date)

Other Directors:

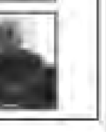
Mr. Peeyush Jain House No. 879, Sector -12, Panchkula, Haryana – 134112.

Mr. Ashutosh Jain, House No. 106, Sector -25, Panchkula, Haryana – 134116

Mr. Jagdish Chander House No. 303, Sector-15A, Chandigarh – 160015.

Other Directors:

Mr. Suresh Kumar Chadha House No. 171, Sector -9, Panchkula, Haryana – 134109.



Mr. Gilbert Wenzel Krummackerstrasse, 10 8700, Kusnacht, Zurich, Switzerland.

Mr. Rupinder Tewari G-11, Sector 14, Punjab University, Chandigarh – 160014.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Export-Import Bank of India

Place: Mumbai
Date: 01.08.2019

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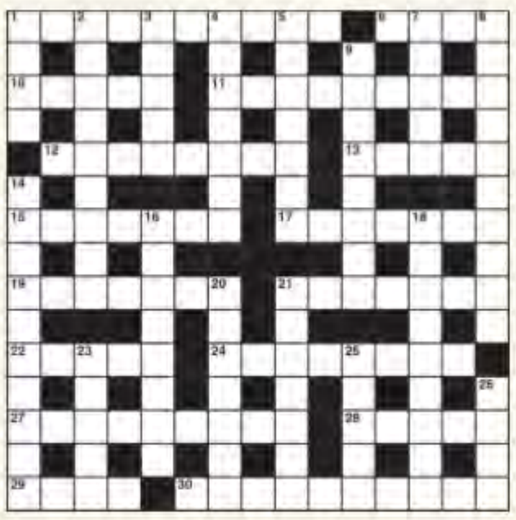

ACROSS
1 Right-handed key (6,4)
6 Pretty loud music (4)
10 Tie up in a bundle of straw (5)
11 Weapons that don't reach very far? (5,4)
12 Polo man breaks in one horse (8)
13 There may be a catch in it (5)
15 Struck by Cupid's dart? (7)
17 Unusual portion of toasted cheese (7)
19 Overlooks wild regions (7)
21 Convivial salutation (7)
22 Where the retired gardener may be found working? (2,3)
24 Bail Anna out of a European republic (8)
27 Cast gets left in desert (5,4)
28 Guarantee a number will get an indication of pain (5)
29 Says something further and sums up (4)
30 Real idiots may produce opinionated articles (10)

DOWN
1 Drinks for infants (4)
2 Work of masters is auctioned off (9)
3 Look around a ship for a rope (5)
4 When marked down it's not cheap (7)
5 Yet delight gives some men a mournful look (7)
7 Possibly eager to approve a proposal (5)
8 A proposition shows determination (10)
9 Choice way to take sustenance (1,2,5)
14 It's as rapid a variety as a house plant enthusiast may desire (10)
16 What to do with an invitation if you don't wish to turn up? (4,4)
18 With radar, Cuba may find big fish (9)
20 About five looked really hungry (7)
21 Nude in unusual act - it's an intimate show (7)
23 Went through with the drill without enthusiasm (5)
25 Not at all a feature of fine verse (5)
26 Huts may be built in this way (4)

Solutions Crossword 3873: Across: 1 Doubles, 5 Exact, 8 Stimulant, 9 Eva, 10 Sack, 12 Turned up, 14 Castor, 15 Severe, 17 Unamused, 18 Stop, 21 Leo, 22 Gladstone, 24 Ditty, 25 Theatre. **Down:** 1 Doses, 2 Uri, 3 Lour, 4 Statue, 5 Extended, 6 Amendment, 7 Trample, 11 Cast about, 13 Go hungry, 14 Coupled, 16 Depart, 19 Piece, 20 Isle, 23 Out.

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)
An absence of vital planetary aspects in several sectors of your chart will give you the space to catch up with chores, responsibilities and initiatives set in train over the last few days. There may already be increasing signs of pleasant journeys in the near future.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
Money still seems to be the overriding interest, although social and emotional complications are still using much of your energy. One star is making you outgoing and adventurous, another is rendering you over-sensitive and in need of peace and quiet.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
A difficult emotional situation is hopefully fading from your life, assuming you're making the most of the opportunity the Moon is offering to put the past behind you. An act of conscious will may be necessary; the more determined you are, the more likely you are to succeed.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
It isn't selfish to want more time for yourself, so don't be reluctant to preserve your own space. Others must learn that they can't take you for granted for ever. At the moment, unattached romantic Cancers could be attracted to colleagues at work; business and pleasure become intertwined.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
Sometimes partners think you're a little naive but, in reality, you are far too astute to let them drive you into second place. The Sun is now a sure sign that you'll get the better of almost everyone who crosses your path over the next two weeks or so. Have faith in yourself.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
Your lunar patterns cajole, encourage and support you. Your major quality of the moment should be enthusiasm. You see, if you are confident you will attract positive developments, but if you expect the worst you will miss out on a golden opportunity right now.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
Please remember that although the general progress of events is quite smooth, your judgment is likely to be impaired for no other reason than that yesterday saw irrational planetary alignments. The unmistakeable conclusion is that you must be content with your lot.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
Although the planets generally are in a rather vibrant position, Mars, your planetary ruler, is labouring through your solar chart. On one hand this suits you, for other people are more inclined to appreciate your emotional approach, but it does rather tend to emphasise any lack of practical sense.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)
Maintain your self-respect at all costs. The Moon, you see, is sending you various tests and challenges, the immediate result of which may be to undermine your confidence. First, you must understand that this is the case and then you should find ways to restore your position.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
You'll soon be making a renewed bid for freedom, yet right now you would do better to consolidate your existing position, making sure your life is built on firm foundations. All of you should always remember that, in the astrological universe, change is perpetual and nothing is permanent.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
You would no doubt gain untold benefit personally, professionally and financially, from new alliances and associations. However, before you proceed, just ask yourself whether current goals are really and truly exactly what you want.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
Mars has been in its present position for long enough to make you feel tougher and less ready to compromise. Yet if you really want to get your own way, friendly discussion and the gentle art of persuasion are essential. You'll get nowhere by bullying people.

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.

It was easier to ___ it than to know what to do with it. - Horace Walpole (7)

DDUER

HORSCU

CLWNO

AHSSUQ

SOLUTION: UDDER, CLOWN, CHORUS, SQUASH
Answer: It was easier to **conquer** it than to know what to do with it. - Horace Walpole

SUDOKU 3926

Difficulty Level 5s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

4	9				5			
	6		8	9				
	3				7			8
9	2					7		5
7		4					6	3
1			4				5	
				8	9		4	
			7				3	1

SOLUTION SUDOKU 3925

6	9	2	7	4	5	3	8	1
3	8	5	1	9	6	2	4	7
4	1	7	8	2	3	5	9	6
2	3	4	9	5	1	7	6	8
7	6	8	4	3	2	1	5	9
9	5	1	6	7	8	4	3	2
5	2	6	3	1	9	8	7	4
1	7	9	5	8	4	6	2	3
8	4	3	2	6	7	9	1	5

UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Undertaking)
Victoria Cross Vijeta Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan Kanwali Road, Dehradun
Corporate Identity No:- UA40109UP 2001SGOO25867/2358
Tel. No. 0135-2763672-75, Fax No. 0135-2760289, Website www.uktenders.gov.in

CORRIGENDUM TO E-TENDER NOTICE

This office e-tender specification no. CCP-II/2/2019-2020 invited previously for supply of 11 KV Tri-vector meters are hereby extended due to unavoidable reasons. The e-tender can be purchased and submitted upto **17:00 hrs** of **16.08.2019**. Part-I of the e-tender shall be opened on **17.08.2019 at 16:00 hrs**.

Other terms and conditions will remain same as per original tender notice. For further details, please visit our website **www.uktenders.gov.in**.

Superintending Engineer
No:- 395/EE(CM)/UPCL/A-2 Date :- 31.07.2019 Corporate (Contract & Procurement-II)

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION & FARMERS WELFARE
INM DIVISION, KRISHI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI

FOR INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

For and on behalf of the President of India, sealed bids are invited in two bid system for **Selection of an Agency for Impact Evaluation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) -Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)** in the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi. The procedure for selection is described in the Request For Proposal (RFP) which may be down loaded from **http://eprocure.gov.in/** and on this Ministry's websites **http://www.agricoop.nic.in** and **http://www.pgsindia-ncof.gov.in**.

(Anil Jain)
Under Secretary (INM)
davp 01101/11/0019/1920

GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER
MAHANADI PROJECT : WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT RAIPUR (CHHATTISGARH)
e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
eProcurement Portal: https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in
(FIRST CALL)

System Tender No. 53725 / NIT No.:05/SAC/19-20 Raipur Dated: 30.07.2019

Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 27.08.2019 at 17.30 Hour

Na me of work : Construction of balance earth work of main canal from RD 44.77 km. to RD 49.99 km. and 11 no. masonry structures of Rajiv Samoda Nisda Diversion Scheme Phase-ll.

Probable Amount of Contract: - **Rs. 365.82 Lakhs**

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in) from Date 13.08.2019, at 17.31Hours.(IST) onwards.

NOTE :- All eligible/intrested contractors/bidders are mandated to get nrolled on the Integrated e- procurement portal (https://cproc.cgstatc.gov.in) and get approval on spific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor/Supplier Reiistration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

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Executive Engineer
M.R.P. Phase II Work Division Raipur
For, Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Project
Raipur (C.G.)
72272

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED FEMALE

Urmila

General Public is hereby informed that one female (depicted in the photo) namely Urmila **W/o** Sh. Ramesh **R/o** H.No.821, Lohar Basti Lal Bagh, GTK Road, Azadpur, Delhi **Aged** - 50 Years has been reported missing/kidnapped since 23.07.2019 vide **DD No.31A Dated 23.07.2019** registered at Police Station Model Town, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-
Complexion: Wheatish, **Height:** 5'2", **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Clothing:** coffee coloured Lehanga and Choli.
Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped female, may inform SHO, Model Town, Delhi at E-mail : **cic@cbi.gov.in** or website : **http://cbi.nic.in**

Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641
FAX No. : 011-24368639
DP/9230/NW/19
Sd/-
SHO, Model Town, Delhi
Tel.: 011-27456072

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

Pooja

General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Pooja, D/o: Hukam, R/o: A-95X, DDA Flats, Jahangir Puri, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 17.07.2019 from the area of P.S Mahendra Park, Delhi.** In this regard **DD No. 57-A, dated 20.07.2019 has been registered at P.S. Mahendra Park, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light so far. The description of missing/kidnapped girl is as under:

Name: Pooja, Age: 24 Years, Height: 5', Face: Round, Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Normal, Hair: Black, Wearing: Yellow Suit, Orange Pyajama and Golden Jutti in feet.

If anyone have any information about this missing/kidnapped girl please inform P.S. Mahendra Park, Delhi.

Web: http://cbi.nic.in, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639
SHO
Police Station, Mahendra Park, Delhi
Ph: 011-27632501, 8750870228
DP/9232/NW/19

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

Khusboo

General Public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Khusboo D/o Md. Rashid R/o** Jhuggi No. H.2-219, Jahangir Puri, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 23.07.2019. In this regard a **FIR No. 352/19 u/s 363 IPC dated 24.07.2019** has been lodged at PS, Jahangir Puri, Delhi. The description of missing/kidnapped girl is as under:

Name: Khusboo, **Father's Name :** Md. Rashid, **Age :** 14 year **Height** : 5'3", **Face :** Long, **Complexion** : Wheatish, **Built :** Thin, **Wearing** : Pink Suit and Salwar & Black Duppatta and Black Chappal in feet.

If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned at following phone numbers.
Website : http://cbi.nic.in
e-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641
Extn.-210
Fax: 011-24368639
DP/9228/NW/19
SHO
P.S., Jahangir Puri, Delhi
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PRO/AAM(M)/58/2019 **GENERAL MANAGER**

ICAR-Central Potato Research Institute
CAMPUS, Modipuram-250 110, Meerut (UP)

E-TENDER FOR FIELD FARM OPERATION WORK

On behalf of the Secretary, ICAR, the Joint Director, Central Potato Research Institute Regional Station, Modipuram-250 110, Meerut (UP) invites online bids on Single Stage Two Cover Bid Systems from the registered Contractors/Service providers on the prescribed tender form for execution of Field/Farm operation works on contract basis at its units, namely Machhari & C Block **(Tender ID - 2019_DARE_491276_1&2,)**, Pabli Unit **(Tender ID - 2019_DARE_491273_1&2)** and the Modipuram unit **(Tender ID - 2019_DARE_491270_1&2)** for the period from 01.09.2019 to 31.08.2020. The EMD amount fixed for these three units are Rs. 1,50,000/-, Rs. 40,000/- & Rs. 80,000/-, respectively.

The tender document along with detailed terms & conditions can be downloaded from our website i.e. www.cpric.res.in, http://cpri.icar.gov.in or GOI website https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app. The tender can be uploaded/submitted upto 11.00 AM on **22.8.2019** and will be opened on **23.8.2019** at 11:30 AM.

The Joint Director, CPRIC, Modipuram reserve the right to accept or reject the tender without assigning any reasons.

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Administrative Officer

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Details of Tender are available on https://mahatenders.gov.in

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University Engineer
MAFSU, Nagpur

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1ST TIME EXTENSION NOTICE
(Through e-procurement mode only www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in)

Time extension regarding NIT nos. 30 to 35/PR/JBVNL/2019-20 for Rural Electrification works on turnkey basis under Jharkhand Sampurna Bijli Achchhandan Yojna (JSBAY) Scheme & Tilka Manji Gramin Krishi Pump Yojana (TMGKPY) for following packages of Jharkhand, the bid submission date is hereby extended. Bidders are requested to participate as per schedule given below:

Sl. No	Name of Package	NIT No.	Estimated Cost (In Rs.)	Bid Security (EMD) (In Rs.)	Cost of Tender + Processing Fee	Last date of online submission of tender	Date of opening of technical & commercial Part
1	Package-1 (Comprising: Ranchi, Khunti, Gumla, Simdega & Lohardaga)	30/PR/JBVNL/2019-20	720899788	14413996	41854	Upto 15:00 Hrs of 14.08.19	After 15:00 hrs. of 16.08.19
2	Package-2 (Comprising: Garhwa, Latehar & Palamu)	31/PR/JBVNL/2019-20	543351686	10867034	41854		
3	Package-3 (Comprising: Hazaribagh, Ramgarh, Dhanbad, Bokaro & Chatra)	32/PR/JBVNL/2019-20	432628535	8652567	41854		
4	Package-4 (Comprising: Giridih, Koderma, Deoghar & Godda)	33/PR/JBVNL/2019-20	304730326	6094607	41854		
5	Package-5 (Comprising: Dumka, Jamtara, Sahibganj & Pakur)	34/PR/JBVNL/2019-20	301522068	6030441	41854		
6	Package-6 (Comprising East Singhbhum, West Singhbhum & Saraikela - Kharsawan)	35/PR/JBVNL/2019-20	152177460	3043549	41854		

Date of opening of price part: - To be notified after technical bid Evaluation (www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in). The Tender documents are available at website www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in. Tender documents must be accompanied with scanned copy of demand draft towards the cost of tender, Bid Processing fee, EMD in favour of "Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited" payable at Ranchi. Original demand draft for cost of tender (including bid processing fee) and DD/BG towards bid security (EMD) from a public sector Bank located in India or a Scheduled commercial India Private Bank as listed in Volume –I of tender must be submitted to the office of General Manager (RP), JBVNL, Ranchi upto 15:00 Hrs. of 14.08.2019 failing which the tender shall be summarily rejected.

लंबित एवं नष्ट हिस्से में जानकारी बचाने। कृपया अपनी शिकायतों को हाल ही नं. 1800 345 6570 पर अग्रेषित करें।

Sd/-
General Manager (RP) JBVNL

PR No. 211163
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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Civil Division No. XI, I&FC Department , Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Sector-15 Rohini, New Delhi-110085 invites on behalf of the President of India, online Percentage Rate tender from approved and eligible contractor registered with Irrigation & Flood Control Department for the following works and the Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website **https://govtprocurement. delhi. gov.in**:
1. **NIT No:** EE/CD-XI/NIT-09/ 2019-20/ **Name of work:-** A/R & M/O Supplementary Drain. **Sub:-Work:-** Supplying and fixing of RCC jersey Barriers at left bank of Supplementary Drain from RD 25075m to RD 29300m. **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 25,31,702/- **Earnest Money:** Rs. 50,634/- **Period of completion:** Twenty (20) Days, **Last date & time of submission of tender:** upto 03:00 p.m on 03.08.2019. (**Tender I.D.-** 2019_IFC_177175_1)

DIP/Shabdarth/0472/1920

HIGH TIMES

Designed by French artist Bernar Venet, the 197-feet high sculpture titled *Arc Majeur* is being billed as Europe's tallest public artwork. It will be installed along the E411 motorway, between Namur and Luxembourg, on August 10.

AROUND TOWN

Building Connections

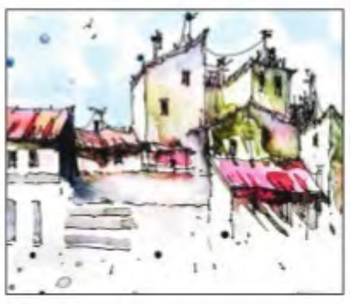
BRINGING THE the rich culture of Kashmir to the fore is "Kahwa Speaks", an audio-visual performance that will combine Kashmiri and English music, put together by Kahwa Speaks Ensemble. Blending folk and contemporary music in their performance, the five-member band will also make use of storytelling, digital animation, photographs and videos. At Amaltas Hall, India Habitat Centre (IHC), Lodhi Road, on August 2 at 7.30 pm. Entry is free.

A Song for Rain

THE MALHAR Festival will celebrate the arrival of monsoon in the Capital. US-based vocalist Aditya Sharma will perform alongside Kharak Singh on the tabla and Chetan Nigam on the harmonium, followed by a vocal recital by Jui Dhaigude Pande (*pictured*) from Maharashtra, with musicians Durjoy Bhoumik on the tabla and Sumit Mishra on the harmonium. At Triveni Kala Sangam, 205, Tansen Marg. On August 2, 6.30pm onwards. Entry is free.

Into the Night

FOUR FRIENDS — Darsha, Aisha, Kalyani and Urvi — gather for a pyjama party at Aisha's house and the night progresses with some music, jokes and food, before a sudden upheaval takes them by surprise. With this plot, theatre director Atul Satya Koushik's satirical play *Pajama Party* — starring television actors Kamya Panjabi and Kavita Kaushik — sends out a strong message on women empowerment by questioning the approach towards crimes against women. At Kamani Auditorium, Copernicus Marg, Mandi House, on August 2, 7 pm onwards. Tickets priced Rs 300 onwards are available on Bookmyshow.



Art Making

ARTIST SUMIT NAHAR will conduct a workshop to teach the techniques used for pen sketches and wash watercolours. The participants will create sketches on diverse topics, using a range of tonalities. At Stainless Steel Gallery, New Friends Colony, on August 4, 11 am to 2 pm. Charges: Rs 1,550. Contact: 9958011198.

A Different Lens

TITLED "LIKE US", an exhibition of photographs by Bindi Sheth, will focus on children with special needs. At Kamaladevi Complex, Main Building, India International Centre, 40, Max Mueller Marg, Lodhi Estate, till August 11. Entry is free.

Works by (clockwise from above) S Dhanapal, KCS Paniker, SG Vasudev, V Viswanadhan and DP Roy Chowdhury

Closer to Home

An exhibition tells the story of the Madras Art Movement that emerged in the 1960s with an emphasis on modernism rooted in regional ethos

PARTH KHATAU

CURATOR AND art historian Ashrafi S Bhagat notes how the origins of the Madras Art Movement can perhaps be traced to London, when in 1954 artist KCS Paniker was exhibiting in the city. Making an observation about Paniker's works, a critic reportedly stated that they were "not Indian enough". The comment led Paniker — then the principal of the Madras Art School — to ponder if art could be more indigenous. "That was a turning point in KCS Paniker's life and it was when he began to look at art forms in his own region," says Bhagat.

Back in Madras, Paniker began to hold discussions with artists and his students on establishing an Indian idiom in art that was not influenced by the prevalent European or Western norms. While individual practices began to be altered, in the coming years, this led to the formation of the Madras Art Movement, and the establishment of the Cholamandal Artists' Village in 1966. On the outskirts of Chennai, the 10-acre space was to nurture a community of artists who would play an important role in the evolution of modernism in Indian art. "Not many people back then appreciated art. The patronage was restricted to a few consulates and tourists. We had to make art a sustainable career and that led to the formation of the Cholamandal Artists' Village," says artist SG Vasudev, one of the founding members of the group.

> **Paniker encouraged the ideology of nativism among his students and fellow artists, encouraging them to look away from the west**
>
> **ASHRAFI S BHAGAT**
> CURATOR AND ART HISTORIAN

Though the group held innumerable exhibitions till the '80s, arguably the first major retrospective of the Madras Art Movement has been organised by DAG in Mumbai's culturally vibrant neighbourhood of Kala Ghoda. Titled "Madras Modern: Regionalism & Identity", the exhibition comprises 80 works by 22 artists who were part of the movement, including Vasudev, K Muralidharan, C Douglas, P Perumal, D Venkatapathy, AP Panneerselvam and SK Rajavelu. "The Madras Art Movement is the last of the major modern art movements in India. For the exhibition, Ashrafi met several artists from the group, gaining insight into their philosophy and working," says Kishore Singh, Head, Exhibitions and Publications, DAG.

Featuring paintings and sculptures, the showcase ranges from V Viswanadhan and Paniker's abstracts to DP Roy Chowdhury's owl in sombre hues and S Dhanapal's bronze bust. Vasudev's painting *Maithuna* features a corresponding sign for Gemini in Hindu astrology. The artist fondly recalls the first time he was offered money for his work. "I had drawn a village scene while I was still a student and some visitors to Cholamandal liked my work so much that they offered me Rs 50. It was a fair amount of money at the time and that was the first time I felt I could sustain myself as an artist," he says.

Bhagat notes how it is ironic that modernism in art probably reached Madras after northern India, even though the Madras School of Arts and Crafts is one of the oldest colonial art institutions in India. After its inception in 1850, the school taught carpentry, masonry and other crafts-related curriculum, till, post-independence, its first Indian principal, DP Roy Chowdhury, initiated a rigorous course in art. His student, Paniker, experimented with modernism — both as an artist and a teacher. "Paniker encouraged the ideology of nativism among his students and fellow artists, encouraging them to look away from the west. Unfortunately, not much has been written about this important period that helped shape modern Indian art," she says. With the exhibition, she hopes, the movement gets its due recognition.

The exhibition at DAG, Mumbai, is on till October 12

MY FIRST

ARTISTS ON THEIR FIRST ART PURCHASE

MANU PAREKH

WHAT: Bhupen Khakhar's *Son is the Father of Man*, 44.5 x 48.7 inch, acrylic on paper, 1997

WHEN: In 1997, Madhvi (his wife) was having an exhibition in Baroda and we were there for more than a month. I used to go for morning walks with Bhupen. One day, the security guard greeted him and called him into his quarter. When Bhupen came out after a minute or two, he had a small pouch in his hand. He said it had the Rs 10,000 he had lent to the guard for his daughter's wedding. I had seen a painting in his studio where the central protagonist resembled this man. When I asked him if it was him, he said it was. I immediately commented on how only Bhupen could paint a security guard after painting someone like author Salman Rushdie. I think in the coming weeks, I mentioned how I would like to have the work. My comment and request stayed with Bhupen. He exhibited it at several places but around two years later enquired if I was still interested in the work. He gave it to me for a price that was much below its market value even then, but I paid him in installments, over a period of three weeks. I had seen this painting being made and now it is in my home. It was exhibited at the recent retrospective of Khakhar's work at Tate Modern and DAG Modern's exhibition featuring works of India's Rockefeller Artists in New York.

ON THE ARTIST: We were great friends. He was one of the finest human beings I know. I learned a lot from him. When we were in Baroda, we would have meals together all the time. Later, when we moved to Delhi, he would often come and stay with us. I still remember how his caretaker was like family to him, he would drop his children to school, teach them math. His studio was at the centre of his house, it was open for anyone to come in and look at him work.

VANDANA KALRA

(Above) Khakhar's *Son is the Father of Man*. One of the first Indian artists to come out of the closet, Khakhar often painted urban life and the Indian middle class *Courtesy: DAG*

SNAP SHOTS

The Fab Four

AFTER THE four-part anthology *Lust Stories*, filmmakers Karan Johar (*pictured*), Zoya Akhtar, Dibakar Banerjee and Anurag Kashyap are coming together again for Netflix's *Ghost Stories*. Featuring four stories that will be weaved together thematically, the production for the series will begin this month. While Johar is taking up the project "as a challenge" since he hasn't worked in the horror genre before, Banerjee feels it is the right platform to "experiment and explore". Having never directed a supernatural story in the past, Kashyap said, "I am really looking forward to challenging myself to make something that I have never attempted before. Also, I have never prepared so much for anything before."

Foes turn Friends

WARNER BROS is working on a big-screen adaptation of the popular cartoon series *Tom and Jerry*, that centres around the rivalry between Tom, a cat, and Jerry, a mouse. The live-action hybrid film has roped in actors Ken Jeong (*Crazy Rich Asians* and *The Hangover*), Rob Delaney (*Deadpool 2*) and Jordan Bolger (*The 100*) for its cast. Indian-Australian actor Pallavi Sharda (*Lion, Besharam*) has also been signed for the film. The story follows a new employee, Kayla, posted at a hotel, who employs Tom to do away with Jerry. The two later join hands and try to get rid of Kayla's evil boss Terrance. The film is slated for release in April 2021. The animated series debuted in 1940.

Back in Time

AN AUCTION of vintage posters, conducted by Swann Auction Galleries in New York on August 7, will feature 500 rare items for sale, with themes ranging from travel and sport to airlines and automobiles.

Some of the oldest works include a 1949 Air France poster that puts spotlight on the beauty of Corsica, and another 1930 poster that promotes Sydney as the "world's loveliest harbour". There is also German poster artist Ludwig Hohlwein's opulent design for Mercedes from 1914, apart from

Finnish artist Ilmari Sysimetsa's poster of the 1940 Olympic Games in Helsinki, Finland, that were cancelled because of the onslaught of World War II.

Lunch at Your Leisure

At Tenali, one can enjoy a good and unhurried meal of Andhra specialities

POOJA PILLAI

FOOD REVIEW

IF YOU'RE one of those people — and there are plenty of them — who spend the week planning how to snag a weekend lunch at the justly popular canteen at Andhra Bhavan, then it's probably time to cheer. You no longer have to tolerate the long waiting period, the crowd and the noise that are the usual attendants of a meal there (but what a meal it always is). There is a new joint in town, serving delicious Andhra thalis, the kind that are always followed by intense drowsiness. Best of all, there's no crowd of impatient and hungry people, all silently but obviously wishing you would hurry up so that they can be seated — not yet, anyway.

The afternoon that we selected to lunch at Tenali — The Andhra Kitchen, which opened a month ago in Green Park Main Market, the restaurant had only a few other customers. Based on the quality of food that we were served, however, we suspect this might change soon. A restaurant that serves thalis at reasonable rates as its main attraction is typically not the kind of place where you can linger over a meal, as customers are not usually encouraged to dally over their food. At Tenali, however, perhaps due to the attentive, patient service or the cheerful, welcoming interiors, one feels a little less pressured to scarf down the food and move on.

The interiors of Tenali; (above) the thali

The two thalis that we ordered — one vegetarian and the other non-vegetarian — were deeply satisfying. The vegetarian specials of the day were Brinjal Pappu and Bhindi Pulusu — the pappu, a kind of dal, was mild and comforting just as all lentil dishes should be, while the pulusu, which is a sour and spicy curry, played off well against the pappu's mildness. The non-vegetarian specials of the day were Mutton Curry and Chicken Curry — unfortunately, despite checking with the owner, we couldn't get more specific names than this. We were assured that on other days, depending on our luck, we would be served classics of Andhra cuisine, such as Gongura Mutton and Fish Pulusu. Not that it mattered, since both the dishes we were served were delicious, cooked till the meat was falling apart in a gravy base of tomatoes and onions, with plenty of heat from chillies. The accompaniments — Rasam, Sambar, Peanut Chutney, Donda Chana Poriyal (ivy gourd stir-fried with split chickpeas) and Payasam (made with vermicelli and sago) — hit all the right notes. The only disappointment on the plate was the Tomato Rice, which was the right shade of red but had almost no discernible taste of tomatoes. But will that one hiccup be enough to make us stay away from Tenali? Not by a long shot.

ADDRESS: Tenali — The Andhra Kitchen, S-31, second floor, Green Park Main Market
MEAL FOR TWO: Rs 950

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Day 2 live on Sony Six — 3:30 pm onwards from Edgbaston.

'Only CAC's opinion will matter on head coach selection'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

WHILE CAPTAIN Virat Kohli is entitled to his opinion, Shantha Rangaswamy on Thursday said the next India head coach will be picked only on the basis of the collective opinion of the three-member Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) of which she is a part. The other CAC members are Kapil Dev and Anshuman Gaekwad. The same panel had also picked the Indian women's coach in December.

Ahead of the team's departure to the Unites States, Kohli had said that he would be very happy if incumbent Ravi Shastri continues following the West Indies tour.

"Virat is the captain and he is entitled to his opinion, but it will be the collective opinion of the three of us (CAC) which will determine who the the next head coach is," former India women's captain Rangaswamy said. "I read some media reports and I endorse Anshuman's view on the matter. We need to look at all aspects -- his experience, the ability to bring the team together and how a good a strategist one is," she said.

Gaekwad told the PTI that the CAC is neutral and goes into the process with an open mind. "The totality of that will be considered and individuals don't matter, it is the collective opinion which will weigh in determining who the head coach is," she added.

With Kohli's public backing, Shastri has emerged as favourite for the job. The others who are in the race are Australian Tom Moody and former India internationals Lalchand Rajput and Robin Singh.

The application deadline ended on Tuesday and the CAC is expected to conduct interviews of the shortlisted candidates this month. While Kohli expressing his preference when the selection process is on has been questioned by some, a few others, including Sourav Ganguly, feel that the Indian captain has every right to voice his opinion.

Players can have differences: Dev

Meanwhile, former India captain Kapil weighed in on the alleged Kohli-Rohit Sharma rift and opined that the two senior cricketers "can have differences off the field", but it should not matter as long as their on-field commitment was up to the mark.

Reports of a rift between Kohli and Sharma emereged post India's World Cup semifinal exit, though the Indian captain rubbished them ahead of the team's departure for the tour of the West Indies.

"There can be off-the-field differences, but it depends how you play on the field. Everyone should look into that," Kapil said.

"Off the field, the way of thinking can be different, approach can be different. But when you're playing there's only one aim — how we can win a match. That is important. Differences of opinion does not mean you will be pulling somebody down," Kapil, whose own relationship with Sunil Gavaskar during their playing days used to be hot and cold.

'There can be off-the-field differences... but when you're playing there's only one aim — how we can win a match.'

Phoenix rises at the Ashes

Against old foe, in front of a hostile crowd and under testing conditions, Steve Smith gets a rehabilitation hundred

TEST MATCH SPECIAL

Steve Smith reacts after reaching the three-figure mark on Day 1 of the first Ashes Test at Edgbaston. It was Smith's first Test after the Sandpaper-gate in March 2018. *Reuters*

AGENCIES
BIRMINGHAM, AUGUST 1

STEVE SMITH scored 144 on his return to Test cricket after a ban for ball tampering as Australia recovered from 122-8 to 284 all out against England on the opening day of the Ashes series on Thursday.

England openers Rory Burns (4 not out) and Jason Roy (6 not out) confidently survived two overs in the evening session to reach stumps at 10-0 in the first Test.

Smith and Peter Siddle came to the rescue of Australia's first innings with an 88-run partnership for the ninth wicket at Edgbaston, and Smith then shared 74 runs with Nathan Lyon for the last wicket in an extraordinary turnaround.

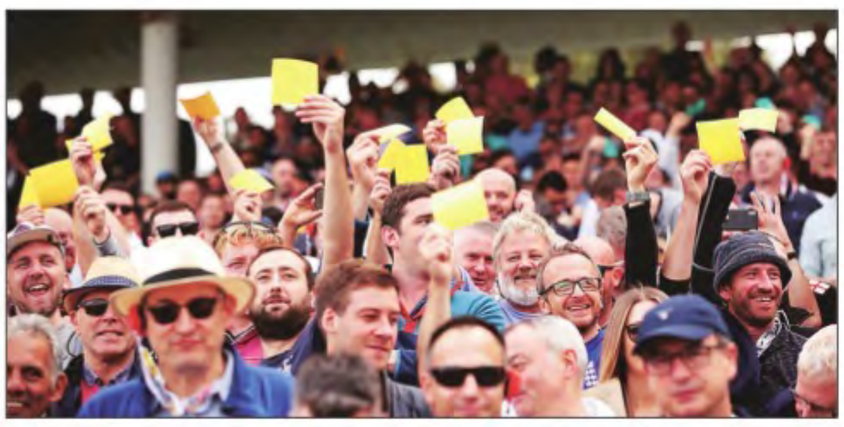
Smith was finally bowled while trying to smash Stuart Broad. His 219-ball knock included two sixes and 16 fours.

Former captain Smith earned his first Test century — and 24th Test century overall in only 65 games and ninth against England — after a 12-month suspension for being involved in a ball-tampering scandal during the third Test against South Africa in 2018. He reached his hundred by hitting Ben Stokes to the boundary, triggering a mixture of boos and plenty of applause from the Birmingham crowd.

Siddle, who was selected for his bowling, hit a valuable 44 before he sent a delivery from offspinner Mooen Ali to Jos Buttler at short leg.

No. 11 Lyon was 12 not out.

England had reduced Australia to 154-8 at tea after the visitors chose to bat and reached 83-3 in overcast conditions at lunch. But Smith and Siddle started to dominate after tea when play resumed following a short rain delay.



SANDPAPER-HATE: England fans came armed with sandpaper and routinely booed the Aussie trio of David Warner, Cameron Bancroft and Steve Smith.

Broad took 5-86 to reach the 100 mark for Ashes wickets, and Chris Woakes 3-58.

Jimmy Anderson, England's record Test wicket-taker, bowled four tight overs - conceding only one run — before leaving the field in the morning and going for a scan on his right calf.

Apart from Smith, the rest of the Australian top and middle order struggled to combat the moving ball in English conditions but the true worth of their score will only become apparent when England, shot out for just 85 by Ireland at Lord's last week, bat.

Joe Root's buoyant side are looking to round off an already memorable season by completing a World Cup and Ashes double.

Australia are looking to win their first Test series away to England in 18 years, and a partisan crowd booed the visitors when they walked out for the pre-match anthem ceremony. David Warner and Smith at least knew what to expect, having been given similar rough treatment during the recent World Cup, which saw England beat defending champions Australia in an Edgbaston semifinal.

Broad strikes

Dangerous left-handed opener Warner was lbw to Broad for two and did not bother with a review, even though technology suggested the ball would have missed leg stump.

As the initial exultant cheers from the crowd at an early wicket died down, Warner was subjected to a prolonged chorus of boos on his walk back to the pavilion, with spectators in the Hollies Stand waving strips of sandpaper and shouting "cheerio".

Fellow opener Cameron Bancroft, who was banned along with Smith and Warner after he applied sandpaper to the ball in Cape Town last year, hit two boundaries but then edged a fine Broad delivery that bounced and cut away to England captain Root at first slip.

The combination of Bancroft departing and Smith walking in to bat prompted the loudest jeers of the morning.

Usman Khawaja then departed for 13, caught behind by wicketkeeper Jonny Bairstow off Woakes although, in an innings where the umpires had several decisions overturned, England needed a review to confirm a dismissal that left Australia 35-3.

But a fourth-wicket stand of 64 ended when Head was lbw to Woakes for 35, with new batsman Matthew Wade falling in similar fashion to leave Australia 105-5.

In between those dismissals, Smith successfully reviewed after being given out lbw for 34 to Broad after not playing a shot.

He was in dire need of solid support but wicketkeeper Paine fell for just five when he carelessly hooked Broad to deep square leg.

An undaunted Smith completed a 119-ball fifty featuring just four fours, with Siddle also overturning an lbw decision on nought following a clear inside edge.

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Edgbaston | Toss: Australia

AUSTRALIA 1ST INNINGS	284
Cameron Bancroft c Root b Broad	**8** (25b, 2x4)
David Warner lbw b Broad	**2** (14b)
Usman Khawaja c Bairstow b Woakes	**13** (23b, 2x4)
Steve Smith b Broad	**144** (219b, 16x4, 2x6)
Travis Head lbw b Woakes	**35** (61b, 5x4)
Matthew Wade lbw b Woakes	**1** (5b)
Tim Paine c Burns b Broad	**5** (14b)
James Pattinson lbw b Broad	**0** (2b)
Pat Cummins lbw b Stokes	**5** (10b, 1x4)
Peter Siddle c Buttler b Ali	**44** (85b, 4x4)
Nathan Lyon not out	**12** (26b, 3x4)
Extras: (lb 13, w 2)	**15**

Fall of wickets: 1-2 (Warner, 3.5 ov), 2-17 (Bancroft, 7.3 ov), 3-35 (Khawaja, 14.2 ov), 4-99 (Head, 32.4 ov), 5-105 (Wade, 34.6 ov), 6-112 (Paine, 39.4 ov), 7-112 (Pattinson, 39.6 ov), 8-122 (Cummins, 43.6 ov), 9-210 (Siddle, 67.2 ov), 10-284 (Smith, 80.4 ov)

Bowling:

James Anderson	4-3-**1-0**
Stuart Broad	22.4-4-**86-5**
Chris Woakes	21-2-**58-3**
Ben Stokes	18-1-**77-1**
Moeen Ali	13-3-**42-1**
Joe Denly	2-1-**7-0**

Stuart Broad took 5-86.

ENGLAND 1ST INNINGS	10/0
Rory Burns batting	**4** (4b)
Jason Roy batting	**6** (8b, 1x4)
Extras:	**0**

Bowling:

Pat Cummins	1-0-**3-0**
James Pattinson	1-0-**7-0**

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Svitolina, Sabalenka advance in San Jose

Top seed Elina Svitolina of Ukraine and second seed Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus advanced to the quarterfinals of the WTA San Jose hard-court tournament with straight-set victories on Wednesday. Svitolina defeated Russia's Darya Kasatkina 6-3, 6-1 while Sabalenka dispatched American Coco Vandeweghe 6-3, 6-3. Seventh-ranked Svitolina booked a last-eight date against Greek seventh seed Maria Sakkari, who eliminated Japan's Mayo Hibi 4-6, 6-4, 6-2. It was Svitolina's first match since Wimbledon, where she became the first woman from her homeland to reach a Grand Slam semifinal, and improved to 5-0 against Kasatkina. Sabalenka, ranked 10th, advanced to a quarter-final against Spanish sixth seed Carla Suarez Navarro, who rallied past American Bethanie Mattek-Sands 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.

'Pollard and Narine will provide fireworks'

West Indies coach Floyd Reifer is confident that T20 megastars like Kieron Pollard and Sunil Narine alongwith some talented youngsters will provide the fireworks against India in the two T20 Internationals starting in Florida on Saturday. The West Indies T20 squad camped in Florida to acclimatise with sultry conditions and Reifer's team, which he calls a fine blend of youth and experience, will turn the heat on the Virat Kohli-led team full of youngsters. "The team is young, and we like to mix the experienced players with the youth. We have a very good blend. We are looking forward to the matches here in Florida. It should be a very exciting weekend, we lots of entertainment for the fans," Reifer said .

Arsenal break transfer record for Lille's Pepe

Arsenal has broken its transfer record to sign winger Nicolas Pepe from Lille as the London club tries to return to the Champions League. The 24-year-old Ivory Coast international is moving to the Premier League in a transfer deal worth a reported €80 million ($89 million). Pepe's move, announced on Thursday, eclipses the £55 million ($67 million) spent on Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang in January 2018. Arsenal will be playing in the second-tier Europa League again after losing in that league's final to Chelsea.

Prajnesh Gunneswaran will climb two spots on the ranking ladder to No. 88 after losing in the second round in Mexico.

Prajnesh goes down to Fritz at Los Kabos

Squandering break opportunities cost Prajnesh Gunneswaran dear as the Indian made a second-round exit from the ATP Los Kabos event following defeat against world number 28 Taylor Fritz in Mexico. The left-handed Indian, ranked 90, could convert just one of his six break chances to eventually suffer a 6-4 3-6 2-6 defeat against the American. The 20 points earned will help Prajnesh gain two places on the ranking ladder. He also pocketed $12,825 as prize money. Meanwhile, Divij Sharan and Jonathan Erlich knocked out the fourth-seeded pair of Ben McLachlan and John-Patrick Smith 7-5 6-1 to progress to the quarterfinals of the ATP 250 tournament. At the ATP 500 Citi Open in Washington, both Leander Paes and Rohan Bopanna lost their matches with their respective partners. The wild card pair of Paes and Jack Sock lost 5-7 2-6 to the Australian team of Alex de Minaur and John Peers. Before that Bopanna and his partner Benoit Paire fell in the second round of the four-team Qualifiers. They lost 6-2 3-6 7-10 to Matthew Ebden and Nicholas Monroe.

Tomar wins gold at Sajjan Singh shooting

Fresh from his exploits at the ISSF Junior World Cup in Suhl where he bagged a gold, Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar clinched a yellow metal in Men's Rifle 3 Positions (3P) at XII Sardar Sajjan Singh Sethi Memorial Masters shooting competition in New Delhi. Having qualified at third position for the eight-man final with a modest qualifying score 1166, 18-year-old Aishwary posted a comfortable victory with a score of 459.9 and a classy 10.7 in the end. Sanjeev Rajput had to be satisfied with a silver, finishing with a score of 455.5. Parul Kumar settled for the bronze.

Four Indian boxers in semifinals in Russia

Asian gold medallist Pooja Rani (75kg) and Worlds bronze winner Lovlina Borgohain (69kg), along with two others Indians, entered the semifinals of the Magomed Salam Umakhanov Memorial International Boxing Tournament in Kaspiysk, Russia. India Open gold medallist Neeraj (57kg) and former world youth bronze medallist Jony (60kg) were the other two to make the last four. Lovlina defeated Russia's Anastasiya Sigaeva 5-0 to be assured of a medal. She will next take on Belarus' Alina Veber. Pooja had a 4-1 win over Russia's Laura Mamedkulova. Neeraj secured a 4-1 win over Russian Sayana Sagataeva. Jony beat Belarus' Anastasiya Obushenkova 5-0.

Paes, Bendre get stake in tennis franchises

Veteran Leander Paes has secured a stake in the Mumbai franchise that is set to figure in the second edition of the Tennis Premier League (TPL) in December. Arjun Khade will lead the men's field, while Ankita Raina will be the top female player in the tournament to be held from December 12 to 15 in Mumbai, a media release said on Thursday. A total of eight teams and 88 top players from the country, across categories, would battle it out in the tournament. The league, affiliated with All India Tennis Association, would be conducted under the auspices of Maharashtra State Lawn Tennis Association (MSLTA). Bollywood actress Sonali Bendre would also own a franchise, the release said. The total prize fund of the league, to be played over four days, will be Rs 60 lakh, it said.

INTERVIEW: ABHIJIT SALVI, ANTI-DOPING MANAGER, BCCI

'Shaw has attended at least three awareness programmes; I am sure he knew... if he was attentive for even 5 seconds'

NIHAL KOSHIE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 1

ABHIJIT SALVI is the Board of Control for Cricket in India's anti-doping manager. Speaking to *The Indian Express*, the BCCI's point-man when it comes to anti-doping measures, admits that the BCCI needs to increase the number of out-of-competition testing — the most powerful means of deterrence and detection — explains why the BCCI has no registered testing pool for its cricketers and talks about why Prithvi Shaw's casual approach towards over the counter medication led to the 'embarassing' situation for the cricketer.

How many anti-doping awareness programmes have been conducted by the BCCI for the players?

Even now I am in Dharamsala (for one such programme). We have been doing it every year, annually, before the start of the season and across age groups since 2010. In each and every state we conduct this. Earlier it used to be myself and Dr Vece Paes but since he retired a couple of years back I have been doing it on my own.

So you personally go to each state association to conduct this anti-doping awareness programme?

Yes I do that.

What constitutes this anti-doping programme?

We used to have an audio visual programme but along with that we also have a power-point presentation and it is more of an interaction with the players. We also have the BCCI anti-doping pocket guide, which we have had since 2010 and it gives out the list of medicines that are banned, what are players rights and responsibilities, what they are expected to do. All these details in brief are included in the pocket guide along with the 24x7 helpline number.

So who answers this 24x7 helpline number?

I do.

So basically you are a one-man army?

Yes, right now I am a one-man army but honestly I wouldn't like to use that word. We do have support. Essentially slowly we would grow, but right now I have been able to manage.

Did Prithvi Shaw attend the anti-doping awareness programme?

Yes he has. He has attended at least three of these programmes (anti-doping programmes). He was the captain of the India Under-19 team and the ICC at the Under-19 World Cup as well conduct these workshops. He has attended that plus, three of our programmes at least.

So Prithvi Shaw attended these programmes but went and bought an over-the-counter medication (cough syrup) and tested positive for a stimulant. As BCCI's Anti-doping manager this is a basic thing you would have told cricketers 'don't take over the counter' medicines.

During our presentation, at least 10 to 15 times I repeat to the players (not to take over the counter medicines) rather than just telling them about history of doping and the list of banned medications (which nobody can remember). Even when queries are asked to me I check the list (banned substances). So we don't expect cricketers to remember names of medicines. We tell players that even if it is the simplest of medication for a fever or headache you have to check with us. Everyday I get at least 25 to 30 drug queries on the helpline from different part of the country. So the message has percolated right from Sikkim to Kerala and all cricketers know they are bound by the anti-doping code. But I am sure Prithvi knew, if he was attentive for even five seconds in class. Just somehow a casual attitude (Prithvi's) led to this embarrassment.

Was there a delay in the results coming from the National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL)?

Yes, we only received the report from the lab on the 2nd of May, although we had conducted the test in February. We have an arrangement with the lab that with the IPL being a shorter tournament we ask for the reports in 48 working hours and for domestic tournaments we ask for 10-day reporting. NDTL has been good because for the last few years all our samples have been tested by them. They have been prompt but this time along with Prithvi's report there have been a couple of reports pending as well. In the month of March and April we actually wrote to the lab asking them 'we haven't received these reports' and they responded saying they had some technical issues and they said they would report it shortly. There lies the delay. It wasn't like we tried to suppress the reports and let him play in the IPL.

Does the BCCI have a national registered testing pool of players?

No we don't have a national testing pool, but everyone who players BCCI matches, be it under-16, be it a girl or a boy and right up to the senior level, everyone falls in that pool. And the top cricketers are in ICC's pool.

Do the cricketers have to adhere to whereabouts so they can be tested out of competition?

No domestic cricketers don't have to adhere to whereabouts but the top cricketers submit their whereabouts for 365 days of the year to the ICC through ADAMS, which is the World Anti-Doping Agency's software.

So how does the ICC decide on who should be part of their registered testing pool?

Based on the rankings, ICC picks the names and it is updated every six months and accordingly, the players and the BCCI provide the whereabouts. These cricketers maybe contracted or may not be contracted with the BCCI, but depending on the rankings they send us the list every six months and those players have to submit their whereabouts. ICC has its own testing plan and even the BCCI does not know when these cricketers will be tested.

Will you be able to tell me how many of the contracted players have undergone out-of-competition testing?

Those statistics will be with the ICC but from our point of view we have tested them enough but I won't be able to tell you numbers. Each year BCCI conducts 250 tests overall in domestic cricket.

But out of these 250 tests how many are out of competition tests? Out of competition tests is the bedrock of fight against doping...

True. So in the first two years we were doing only in-competition testing but currently we are doing 30:70. So 30 per cent is out-of-competition and 70 per cent is in-competition. But slowly as per ICC guidelines and WADA guidelines we need to increase the out-of-competition testing. It is not that overnight we can stop in-competition and do only out-of-competition but we are slowly increasing that ratio. We want to increase the number of out-of-competition testing and reverse the ratio.

Does the National Anti-doping Agency (NADA) have any role in collection of samples in cricket?

No. NADA has no involvement in collection. The collection agency is the International Doping Tests and Management Agency (Sweden-based).

When it comes to out of competition testing there is a lot of intelligence in other sports by the World Anti-Doping Agency and respective international federations. Have top Indian cricketers, for example, been tested at their homes?

BCCI has not tested (cricketers at their homes) but I will have to check with ICC if they have gone to the homes of cricketers and tested them. Since 2017, the ICC has even been collecting blood samples from these international cricketers to look for growth hormone and other medicines. Then again I would stress that cricket is a low-risk sport when it comes to doping. Yes, I agree there are drugs which help a cricketer perform better but at the end of the day if you compare with all other sports like athletics, or wrestling and boxing, cricket is low-risk.

During the IPL how does the testing take place?

Even if foreign players participate in the IPL they are participating in BCCI's domestic tournament so they get tested as well. And if they test positive then BCCI's anti-doping code is applicable. All around the world among all cricketing nations it is an understanding that if BCCI finds a positive test in a foreign player all other cricket boards will agree with that sanction and approve of the ban as well.

During the IPL does the BCCI conduct any out of competition tests by which I mean, if a team has a gap between matches do you test players say when they are in a gym?

In the IPL we have more of out-of-competition than in-competition really and we have tested at team hotels, training sessions and everywhere.

Does the BCCI test Team India players when they have a camp at say Bangalore and has such testing happened regularly?

I don't think we have tested a lot of times at the national camp but we have. There have been times when we have tested players (at a camp).

The sports ministry has once again said that the BCCI does not have the right to conduct dope tests since it is not approved by the WADA and sports ministry. It has also said that BCCI is an interested party. Isn't that an important issue?

See BCCI on a trial basis wants to engage the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), but we haven't reached an agreement yet with NADA. Although the sports ministry has had this stand, the BCCI has been conducting testing for the last seven years and all the reports have been sent to WADA. And except for NADA not being part of BCCI's testing, WADA has been happy with what we are doing.

But the fact that the BCCI decides on which player has to be tested, isn't that odd. It is like saying the Athletics Federation of India will decide on who will be tested when.

If we had to protect any cricketers when they go to the international level, they will anyways get caught.

ONE MAN, TOO MANY ROLES

The BCCI's anti-doping programme is essentially run by one man — Dr Abhijit Salvi. He joined the BCCI in 2012 and for the next five years worked alongside Dr Vece Paes. Dr Paes retired in December 2017. Salvi, like Dr Paes ,is the anti-doping manager. The hands-on doctor has his plate full, though he expects his department to grow in the future. "Yes, right now I am a one-man army but honestly I wouldn't like to use that word. We do have support. Essentially, slowly we would grow, but right now I have been able to manage."

According to Dr Salvi his job profile includes following tasks:

- Answering up to 25 calls a day on the 24x7 helpline for cricketers.
- Conduct anti-doping awareness programmes around the country for each state unit.
- Decide which set of players need to be tested.
- Draw schedule for testing cricketers.
- Coordinate with National Dope Testing Laboratory about status of results.
- Decide appointment of a hearing panel, which decides on the quantum of punishment.
- Ensure elite players in ICC's testing pool declare their whereabouts for the purpose of out-of-competition testing.

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No we don't have a national testing pool, but everyone who players BCCI matches... falls in that pool. And the top cricketers are in ICC's pool.

ABHIJIT SALVI
ANTI-DOPING MANAGER, BCCI

T20 era can tempt a cricketer to push the envelope

DR PSM CHANDRAN

The recent doping cases involving three cricketers establishes the fact that the menace of doping is as much prevalent in the Gentleman's Game as in other sports. It is disturbing to note that the players caught are young, but they can't be called naive. They are seasoned professionals. Prithvi Shaw is a Test cricketer while Divya Gajraj and Akshay Dullarwar have played first-class cricket.

The advent of T20 cricket has heralded the onset of brutal power in cricket. Spectators are demanding a sixer, a boundary or a wicket every other ball. Players who cannot enhance their performance to meet these demands have to make way for others. In order to survive, the players look for explosive power to bowl quick and hit the ball harder.

It is this search for performance-enhancement that might tempt the modern-day cricketer to push the envelope. Doping offers an assorted menu for cricketers. Anabolic steroids are the drug of choice for fast bowlers and batsmen who want explosive power. Stimulants can be useful to a batsman, fielder or wicketkeeper to delay the onset of fatigue or increase concentration.

A factor common in all three players caught in the doping net is that they had ingested banned drugs categorised as "specified substances" in BCCI anti-doping rules, which are derived from the WADA Code. Among the WADA provisions is a clause that if a player can prove that the ingestion of the banned drug was unintentional, he can get away with minor penalties that range anywhere between 0-2 years.

It seems that the three players prepared their defence admirably. For starters, they pleading guilty. They also waived their right to ask for the testing of their reserve sample. All this played a role in them getting lighter sanctions.

All three players pleaded that they had inadvertently taken the banned drugs. Shaw said he went to a chemist's shop to purchase a cough syrup and the pharmacist gave him a syrup that had Terbutaline, a Beta2 agonist on the banned list. According to Dullarwar, he visited a doctor who prescribed the banned corticosteroid tablets for his skin infection. Gajraj had a more authentic explanation to offer. He was prescribed a banned diuretic, acetazolamide by an eye specialist to get rid of the swelling in his injured eye.

Going by their accounts, the players get full marks for their defence. Rather than going into denial mode, they accepted the blame for taking the banned drugs. To strengthen their defence, they also submitted that they did not have enough exposure to the anti-doping awareness programme. They were also smart to argue that the pharmacist as well as the doctors who gave them the prohibited drugs had no knowledge about doping in sports, which is true in the case of most medical practitioners.

The independent review board to whom the cases were referred by BCCI showed restraint and compassion in dealing with the three cases. They relied on the dictum that "what counts in this context is what the cricketer actually knew, not what he should have known".

BCCI received the three results from the National Dope Testing Laboratory on July 16 and on July 30, issued the sanction orders. This is in sharp contrast to NADA decisions that often takes months or even years to result in an order. Unlike some other anti-doping agencies across the world, BCCI did not show any unwarranted 'obsession to punish' the drug offenders, rightly so especially when it was well known that none of the drugs which these players have taken have any performance-enhancing utility for cricket.

These cases involving the three cricketers are a lesson for dope offenders in the future to prepare their defence well in terms of when to plead guilty, how to argue on unintentional doping, and on the art of proving how the drug got into the body. All these are factors that can mitigate the doping offence and make offenders eligible to get away with lighter sanctions, as has happened in these cases.

Nevertheless, the BCCI order sanctioning Shaw leaves behind a big lacuna. His ineligibility period of eight months starting from March 16 to November 15 covers the period when he played IPL matches. According to the order, the player is ineligible to compete and receive monetary benefits during that period. Interestingly, Shaw had played 16 IPL matches for Delhi Capitals during the period between March 23 and May 12. He had even received the 'Man of the Match' award in addition to the retainer fee paid by the franchise. Shaw stands to forfeit all this money now.

Also, BCCI needs to review its present anti-doping educational programme that is claimed to be very broad-based and effective. All cricketers who are caught for a doping offence have claimed that they did not have adequate knowledge of anti-doping rules and regulations of BCCI. That is some 'food for thought' for BCCI!

Dr PSM Chandran is the President, Indian Federation of Sports Medicine & Former Director (Sports Sciences), Sports Authority of India.

Prithvi Shaw has been handed an eight-month suspension for failing a dope test.

THAILAND OPEN BADMINTON

Saina, Srikanth crash out; Satwik-Chirag stun world number 7 pair

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty beat the Indonesian pair of Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Rian Ardianto 21-17 21-19 to enter the quarterfinals.

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ACE INDIAN shuttlers Saina Nehwal and Kidambi Srikanth crashed out of the Thailand Open after suffering unexpected defeats but B Sai Praneeth sailed into the quarterfinals of the men's singles here on Thursday.

Seventh seed Saina, who returned to action after nearly two months, squandered a game advantage to lose 21-16 11-21 14-21 against unseeded Sayaka Takahashi of Japan in a women's singles second round duel that lasted 48 minutes.

In the absence of PV Sindhu, who withdrew in the last minute from the event, Saina's ouster marks the end of India's campaign in women's singles. Saina had earlier made last-minute withdrawals from Indonesia Open and last week's Japan Open because of injuries.

Later, fifth seed Srikanth too wasted a game's lead to bow out against less-fancied Khosit Phetpradab of Thailand 21-11 16-21 12-21 in the second round of the men's singles. To add to India's woes, unseeded Indian shuttlers Parupalli Kashyap and H S Prannoy too bowed out without a fight.

While Kashyap was no match for third seed Chou Tien Chen of Chinese Taipei, losing 9-21 14-21 in just 33 minutes, Prannoy suffered a 17-21 10-21 defeat against sixth seed Kenta Nishimoto of Japan.

But Sai Praneeth, who reached the semi-finals of Japan Open last week, continued his good form and stormed into the last-eight round with a comfortable 21-18 21-19 win over compatriot Shubhankar Dey. Sai Praneeth will be up against seventh seed Kanta Tsuneyama of Japan in the next round.

However, it was good news for India in the men's doubles event as the pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty moved into the quarterfinals after registering a straight-game 21-17 21-19 win over Indonesian combination of Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Rian Ardianto, ranked seventh in the world. The India duo will next play qualifiers Choi Solgyu and Seo Seung Jae of Korea on Friday.

In mixed doubles, the pair of Rankireddy and Ashwini Ponappa defeated Indonesia's Alfian Eko Prasetya and Marsheilla Gischa Islami 21-18 21-19 to make it to the last-eight

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The other Indian duo of Pranaav Jerry Chopra and N Sikki Reddy lost 16-21 11-21 to eight seeds Tang Chun Man and Tse Ying Suet of Hong Kong to bow out of the tournament. Rankireddy and Ponnappa will next play against third seeded Japanese combination of Yuta Watanabe and Arisa Higashino.

Challenger Verstappen looms large in Hamilton's rear view mirror

Hockenheim marks Briton's worst outing since joining Mercedes as Max emerges as the man to beat

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AFTER TWO stunning wins in three races, the force in Formula One is with Max Verstappen who will this weekend bid for another victory at the Hungarian Grand Prix. The 21-year-old Red Bull driver, whose father Jos reached the podium in Hungary in 1994, is hoping to sign off before the mid-season break with another flourish.

Verstappen's powerful performance in winning last weekend's tumultuous rain-hit German Grand Prix lifted him within 63 points of the defending five-time champion Lewis Hamilton with 10 of this year's 21 races to go. The Dutchman is a distant third in the driver standings, behind the Mercedes pair of Hamilton and Valtteri Bottas. Yet the Silver Arrows' self-described "Armageddon" on home soil at Hockenheim has inspired Verstappen's team to dream of greater glory.

The Dutchman played down his potential in the championship on Sunday night but Red Bull sporting director Helmut Marko thinks Verstappen might snatch the title from Hamilton. "I would not rule it out," he said.

Hamilton's Hockenheim horror

Hockenheim marked Hamilton's worst outing since joining Mercedes and with questions being raised about the Briton's durability and exhausting 'jet-set' lifestyle, Verstappen is emerging as the man to beat.

Hamilton was ill throughout the weekend and did well to step into his car but was clearly shaken by his error-strewn race.

He finished outside the top 10 but was awarded two points when Alfa Romeo's two cars were penalised, moving him up to ninth.

It was scant consolation for Mercedes on a day when Bottas crashed and the team, distracted perhaps by their own 'retro' celebrations of 125 years in motorsport, made some poor decisions on strategy and pit stops.

"We know that they weren't good enough, and that's why we ended up with such a bad result," said Mercedes engineering director Andrew Shovlin.

Mercedes were unbeaten in the opening eight races. Yet they could start to feel the pressure if they have another bad weekend, if Verstappen can turn the screw or if the Ferraris, with a more extensive upgrades package, can continue the resurgence they signalled in Germany.

Ferrari's own rising star, Charles Leclerc, started well in qualifying before being undone by the persistent Ferrari mechanical problems that forced him to start 10th. His team-mate Sebastian Vettel started in 20th.

The young Monegasque crashed out in the rain but four-time champion Vettel delighted his home support by picking his way through the field to finish second ahead of Daniil Kvyat's Toro Rosso.

Hamilton won last year's race in Hungary from pole and, if he is recovered from his illness, should start again as favourite. But neither he nor Mercedes are invincible, especially if Verstappen continues to drive so fearlessly. "I like the Hungaroring," said the Dutchman.

"It's one of my favourite tracks and I'm looking forward to going there. It's technical and you have to hit the apexes to position yourself well for each corner.

"It feels a bit like you're driving a big car on a small track, as it's so narrow, but that doesn't make it any less fun. The whole team looks forward to this race. It's one of the warmest and it's a good track for us. We'll give it everything before the summer break."

Alfa Romeo appeal

Alfa Romeo have formally appealed stewards' decisions that dropped Kimi Raikkonen and Antonio Giovinazzi out of the points at the German Grand Prix and extended Lewis Hamilton's overall Formula One lead. Stewards handed the two drivers 30 second post-race penalties for clutch-related irregularities at the start at Hockenheim.

The penalties meant Raikkonen dropped from seventh to 12th and Giovinazzi from eighth to 13th while Mercedes' five-time world champion Hamilton moved up to ninth with his lead stretched to 41 points.

If Alfa are successful, the Briton will lose the two points as well as his run of 23 successive scoring finishes.

Polish driver Robert Kubica, who was moved up to 10th, would also lose what is so far Williams' only point of the season as well as the first of his F1 comeback. Kubica's last point was in 2010, before he suffered a near-fatal rally crash.

Alfa Romeo, now ninth of 10 teams in the standings, had given notice on Sunday that they planned to appeal.

Max Verstappen's performance in winning the German GP lifted him within 63 points of Lewis Hamilton. *Reuters*

Pressure on Bottas to impress Mercedes

Budapest: Mercedes has a point to prove at this weekend's Hungarian Grand Prix, especially Valtteri Bottas. His future at Mercedes will be settled during Formula One's summer break, which follows Sunday's race. Last weekend's crash at the German GP has only increased the spotlight on the Finnish driver heading into the race. "For sure it was not ideal," Bottas said Thursday, reflecting on his Hockenheim crash. "Every race is important but when you know the team is making decision for the future ... it can be very important." Bottas has been on one-year rolling contracts since joining Mercedes in 2017 as a sudden replacement for retired world champion Nico Rosberg. **AP**

Murray reunites with brother for doubles win

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THREE-TIME Grand Slam champion Andy Murray moved closer to a singles comeback six months after hip surgery, joining brother Jamie for a doubles victory on Wednesday at the ATP Washington Open.

The Murrays, partnered for the first time since the 2016 Rio Olympics, downed Frenchmen Nicolas Mahut and Edouard Roger-Vasselin 6-4, 6-7 (7/9), 10-5 to reach the last eight at the US Open tune-up event.

"The level of tennis I thought was really good," Andy Murray said. "It felt like there were some good points and quick reactions out there." Andy Murray is practicing singles and playing doubles as the former world number one, now ranked 222, continues his fightback from right hip surgery in January.

The 32-year-old Scotsman feared he could be forced into retirement before the operation. He returned to the court in June but only in doubles while he rehabilitates.

"I have no pain," Murray said.

"It's not restricting me in any of the shots that I'm hitting. I'm still maybe a little bit slow. I'm hoping that's something that comes back with time."Murray departed Washington in tears from pain and frustration last year after a rain-delayed 3:00 am singles victory that led him to withdraw.

"I'm in a much better place than I was last year. Physically, I just feel so much better," Murray said.

"I didn't know how much more I was going to be playing after here last year. To come back and be competing and be pain-free is brilliant." The British duo trailed 5-2 in the decisive super-tiebreaker but steamrolled back by taking the last eight points, with Jamie Murray's service winner securing the victory. It was Andy who began the rally with a backhand winner and added backhand volley and drop volley winners on the two penultimate points.

Murray declared on Monday his hip has responded better than expected and he was "quite close" to a singles comeback, perhaps as soon as Cincinnati in two weeks.

That would be only two weeks ahead of the US Open, with Murray also saying if he didn't play Cincinnati he would likely wait until after the US Open, cautious of pushing his luck untested in best-of-five-set matches.

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Murray, who won Grand Slam titles at the 2012 US Open and in 2013 and 2016 at Wimbledon, most recently played singles at the Australian Open in January, losing a first-round five-setter to Spaniard Roberto Bautista Agut.

The Murrays, who helped Britain win the 2015 Davis Cup, broke the French duo in the final game to claim the first set, then outlasted them to the finish after one hour and 51 minutes. They will play for a semi-final spot against third seeds Michael Venus of New Zealand and Raven Klaasen of South Africa.

Top seed Tsitsipas wins

Greek top seed Stefanos Tsitsipas, the 20-year-old who ousted Roger Federer on the way to the Australian Open semifinals, advanced to the third round in singles by defeating US wildcard Tommy Paul 6-3, 7-5.

US fifth seed John Isner advanced to the third round by eliminating Poland's Hubert Hurkacz 6-4, 6-4. Isner, seeking his 16th career ATP crown, was a Washington runner-up in 2007, 2013 and 2015.

"It was a good start. I'm happy with the win," said Isner, who faces French 10th seed Benoit Paire next.

Canadian eighth seed Milos Raonic, the 2014 Washington winner, ripped US qualifier Tim Smyczek 6-1, 6-4. He next meets German lucky loser Peter Gojowczyk, who dispatched Australian Alex de Minaur 6-3, 7-6 (8/6). In the accompanying WTA event, US third seed Sofia Kenin, who upset Serena Williams at the French Open, lost to compatriot Lauren Davis 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.

Lochte makes emphatic return from suspension

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STANFORD, AUGUST 1

OLYMPIC CHAMPION Ryan Lochte made an emphatic return to competition on Wednesday, swimming the fourth-fastest time by an American in the 200-metre individual medley during a time trial in the US national championships at Stanford University.

"I'm back, woo!" Lochte proclaimed in his opening remarks on the pool deck at Avery Aquatic Center after qualifying for next year's US Olympic trials with the time of 1 minute, 57.88 seconds. "It's been a long three years but it's good to be back, get on those blocks and race again." Lochte is entered in the 100 butterfly, 100 and 200 backstroke and 200 and 400 IM this week, though he hasn't decided which events he will focus on for the Tokyo Olympics

"I don't do that much anymore," he said. "I've been splotchy with my swimming. Family trumps everything. Swimming has been my second priority. Nationals, for me is a stepping stone to see where I'm at in the swimming world. It's a long journey to next year to see what I can do."

Michael Phelps has told his old rival and teammate that making another Olympics is going to be that much harder. "You're older. You're different. Your body changes. Your mentality is different. You can't do as much in the pool," Phelps said recently. "The other things outside the pool take up your time. For him, if he truly wants to come back and be at that level, he does know what it takes to get there. He has to be willing to do the work. If not, it's not going to be as good as he probably hoped."

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