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Finance Minister: Banks to pass on rate cuts to consumers, CSR violation will no longer be a criminal offence

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

IN A bid to stabilise the faltering economy, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Friday announced removal of the surcharge on capital gains on shares for both foreign and domestic investors...

STEPS TAKEN Rollback of enhanced surcharge on domestic and FPIs' capital gains from shares

next couple of weeks including for the housing sector. Although the government did not indicate any reduction in GST rates in the automobile sector...



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday. Praveen Khanna

In crisis of confidence, step towards regaining trust

P VAIDYANATHAN IYER NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

THE KEY takeaway from Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's many measures announced 'to boost the economy' is that the government is seized of the slowing economy...

That's a big positive in itself, and a step towards regaining trust. While these measures do not mean much either for the markets or the economy gripped in a crisis of confidence...

Chidambaram gets arrest shield for now from SC in case filed by ED

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

THE SUPREME Court Friday granted interim protection from arrest to Congress leader P Chidambaram in an alleged money laundering case filed by the Enforcement Directorate...



Is in CBI custody in INX Media case. File

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Chidambaram. On Friday, Sibal claimed that parts of the High Court judgment were a 'cut and paste' from a note submitted by the prosecution...

Ramani: Sexual harassment victims facing criminal cases for telling truth

ANAND MOHAN J NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

"IT IS unfortunate that women who have experienced sexual harassment at the workplace must now defend themselves in criminal proceedings for speaking the truth," said journalist Priya Ramani Friday...

Singhvi & Tharoor back Jairam on not 'demonising' PM, rest in Cong disagree

MANOJ CG NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

THREE MONTHS after its defeat in the Lok Sabha elections, the Congress seems divided on its approach towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the strategy to deal with him...

was not a "complete negative story" and "demonising him all the time" was not an effective strategy, at least two of his party colleagues supported him...

This comes in the backdrop of several Congress leaders, including former Haryana Chief Minister Bhopinder Singh Hooda and Jyotiraditya Scindia...

PM brings up J&K in France: Took 70 years to remove the word 'temporary'

EXPRESS AT G-7 SHUBHAJIT ROY PARIS, AUGUST 23

A DAY after French President Emmanuel Macron said India and Pakistan should resolve the Kashmir issue bilaterally...



Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Paris on Friday. PTI

Resentment and fear make people down Valley shutters

NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN PULWAMA, HANDWARA, AUGUST 23

INTOWN after town in Kashmir, whether in the militancy-hit south, or in the north, people have been observing a near total market and transport shutdown...

Govt makes first contact with Omar & Mufti

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

THE CENTRE has reached out to two former chief ministers of Jammu and Kashmir, Omar Abdullah of National Conference and Mehbooba Mufti of the Peoples' Democratic Party...

Sindhu assured of a record fifth medal at Worlds, Sai the first after Padukone

SHIVANI NAIK MUMBAI, AUGUST 23

INDIAN BADMINTON has won a medal at the World Championships or Olympics in every year of this decade starting 2011, and has assured itself of two more at the Basel World Championships with P V Sindhu and B Sai Praneeth...



P V Sindhu beat Tai Tzu Ying on Friday

Scrolls of history got written at the St Jakobshalle in Roger Federer's hometown Friday. Jwala Gutta-Ashwini Ponappa (2011 Worlds bronze), Saina Nehwal (2012 Olympic bronze & 2015, 2017 Worlds bronze), P V Sindhu (2013, 2014 Worlds bronze, 2016 Olympic and 2017, 2018 silvers at Worlds) along with Sai Praneeth now complete...

Andhra says ex-Speaker stole govt items, thieves strike his office

SREENIVAS JANYALA HYDERABAD, AUGUST 23

POLITICIANS LIKE to hold on to their chairs, and some of them to other pieces of furniture too.

The previous Andhra Pradesh Assembly Speaker, Kodela Siva Prasad Rao, is accused of grabbing a Nizam-era table, designer chairs, sofas, air-conditioners and some 'personal' computers among other things from his Speaker's office in Hyderabad.

property, in a curious twist, thieves broke into the former Speaker's private office in Sattenapalli on Thursday night and stole two government computers that he had reportedly taken away.

But, as news spread that police were examining CCTV footage, one of the thieves, a former employee, dumped the computers near Rao's house and surrendered, said Sattenapalli Town Police Station Inspector Sarath Babu.

be stolen or damaged when the office was being shifted from Hyderabad to Amaravati.

Speaking to The Indian Express, Rao said a Nizam-era table, designer chairs made of Burma teak, 14 peacock-shaped visitors' chairs, a centre table, 117 plastic chairs, 3 chairs from the Speaker's ante-chamber, a 3-seater sofa, two split air-conditioners and a tower AC were lying at his various offices.

Many of the pieces of furniture were found in a motorcycle showroom owned by Rao's son, Sivaram, in Guntur city, according to officials of the Andhra Pradesh Assembly. In a related



Shifted furniture to my office to keep them safe, says former Andhra Pradesh Speaker Kodela Siva Prasad Rao

development, the chief marshal and security officer of the Andhra Pradesh Assembly, Ganesh Babu, was transferred on Friday.

After the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh and creation of Telangana in June 2014, the assets were divided too. Andhra Pradesh carted its moveable assets to temporary offices in June 2016, as the then TDP government decided that it was time to start operating from Andhra Pradesh rather than Hyderabad, the joint capital till 2024. All the furniture, electrical appliances and electronic items were stored at various places in

Vijayawada, Mangalagiri and Guntur as the interim government complex in Amaravati was still under construction.

Rao said he had kept the furnishings to safeguard them until the new Assembly complex was ready. "I wrote a letter to the Assembly Secretary on June 7, as soon as the government changed, stating that I would return them or, if they could quote a price, I would pay for them. But I have not received any reply yet," he said.

"When the Assembly was in the process of shifting to Amaravati, it was a peculiar situation — we had two Assembly

buildings. When the new Assembly became functional, APCRDA (Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority) officials said there was no need for the old furniture or electrical fittings as the new House was already furnished. There was the issue of maintaining this furniture and electronics, and the possibility of damage and loss, so I shifted the furniture to my offices at Sattenapalli, Amaravati and Narasaraopet to keep them safe," Rao told The Indian Express.

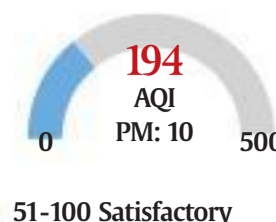
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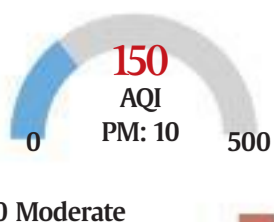
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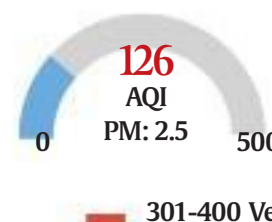
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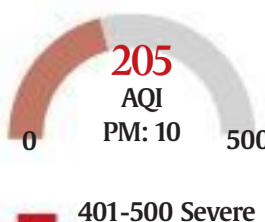
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'DELHI GOVT WILL HELP, SUPPORT CENTRE'

Have faith in Centre's handling of slowdown, says Kejriwal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

CHIEF MINISTER Arvind Kejriwal Friday said he had "full faith" that the Centre would take steps to deal with the economic slowdown in the country, and added that the Delhi government would help and support the Centre in solving the crisis.

Kejriwal made the comments while speaking at the foundation stone laying ceremony of Ambedkar University Delhi's (AUD) campuses at Dheerpur and Rohini. He repeated the comments again to the press on the sidelines of the event.

Expressing concern at reports suggesting "job losses at huge scale" and economic slowdown in the auto sector, tea industry, textile, real estate and other sectors, he said these were all sectors which have such "backward and forward" linkages that if demand or production falls in one sector, it will impact other jobs as well.

"Mujhe khushi iss baat ki hai ki kendra sarkar bhi iske baare me chintiti hai, kyunki maine akhbaron



Kejriwal and Sisodia at Friday's event. Amit Mehra

me padha ki NITI Aayog ke jo vice-chairman hain unka bhi statement aaya hai ki arth vyavastha me kaafi mandir hai. Main ummed karta hoon aur mujhe poora vishwas hai ki aane wale samay mein kendra sarkar ispe thos kadam uthayegi... (I am happy that the Centre too is concerned about it. I read the NITI Aayog vice-chairman's statements acknowledging a slowdown. I hope and I have full faith that in the coming time, Centre will take concrete measures to deal with the issue)," said Kejriwal.

"Dilli sarkar ki taraf se main

kendra sarkar ko bhi aashvasan dena chahta hoon ki jo kadam kendra sarkar desh ki arth vyavastha ko theek karne ke liye uthayegi, Dilli sarkar uska samarthan karegi aur usme sahyog karegi (We want to assure that the Delhi government will support and help the Centre in whatever steps they take to fix the economic slowdown)," he added.

Kejriwal said he wanted "all state governments in the country and the Centre to work together to solve the issue" in order to bring the economy back on track,

so that "it grows the way it was growing earlier". He also stressed that education should be moulded in such a way that it makes students employable.

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, who was also present for the occasion, stressed on the need for more universities for the nearly 2.5 lakh students passing class XII every year, and criticised the Delhi University (DU) Act which prohibits constitution of affiliating universities. "There must have been a time when 2,000 students were passing out... but when 2.5 lakh students

are passing out, why are we following this law?" he said, adding that many students don't find seats in DU due to this restriction. AUD's Dheerpur and Rohini campuses are likely to be completed in the next four years, raising its present number of students from 3,400 to 8,000. Vice-Chancellor Anu Lather said the university was planning to introduce several new programmes and initiatives towards self-employment and entrepreneurship as well as synergising the 'happiness curriculum' for judiciary.

Democracy a handicap, says minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, AUGUST 23

COMPARING CHINA'S growth to that of India's, Minister of State Rao Inderjit Singh Friday termed democracy a "handicap" and said that it prevented action against people who "exploited the future of Gurgaon".

Speaking at the inaugural session of the National Urban Development Summit in Gurgaon Friday morning, Singh said, "We are a democracy, sometimes it's a boon, sometimes it's a curse. China has developed so much faster than us because it is not a democracy... We are handicapped."

Singh also spoke of water as the "biggest issue" for Gurgaon: "Somebody could ask, why would Gurgaon not make it to the 100 smart cities of the country? The answer is that 20% of the points that were given to cities for becoming smart were with reference to the management of water. We missed out because we didn't have a policy on that. We are facing a water crisis nationally, we need to do something about it."

Arto Haapea, Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy of Finland, emphasised on finding local solutions to issues plaguing the city, and the need for "clean energy and water conservation".

Speaker turns down BJP bid to bring J&K move into Assembly

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

THE BJP Friday sought to introduce a "congratulatory resolution" on Article 370 in the Delhi Assembly, which was turned down by Speaker Ram Niwas Goel.

Leader of Opposition Vijender Gupta and SAD MLA Manjinder Singh Sirsa were marshalled out soon after the proceedings began as they kept pressing for a discussion and a resolution on the issue.

Gupta was later suspended

for two days for disrupting House proceedings. The four-day session had started on Thursday.

The BJP MLAs later sat on a dharna outside Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's room in the Assembly premises to protest against the Speaker's decision.

Inside the Assembly, Goel had ordered marshals to escort the Opposition leaders out after pointing out that the Delhi government has already backed the Centre's move on scrapping special status to Jammu and Kashmir.

Incidentally, the Speaker also

chanted "Bharat Mata ki Jai" thrice to make his point.

"We were demanding discussion on revocation of Article 370, withdrawal of special status to J&K, merger of PoK in India and shift in India's nuclear policy. We also wanted to congratulate PM Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah," Gupta said.

Later, Goel also got rebel AAP MLA Alka Lamba marshalled out for "defying" his directions after she insisted on raising a case related to government hospital patients allegedly being forced to buy medicines from private stores.

Schools told to stop collecting CBSE fee

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

THREE WEEKS after the CBSE notified a hike in examination fee and schools commenced collection of the revised fee, the Delhi government has directed the heads of all schools under it not to collect the fee from any student until further directions.

On Wednesday, *The Indian Express* had reported that government schools were continuing to collect exam fee from students of classes X and XII as the govern-

ment had not issued any directives, despite public proclamations that they would cover the fee of candidates for the 2020 ex-

amination.

The Indian Express report dated August 21

CBSE exam fee hike: Schools await clarity from Delhi govt

Schools are waiting for clarity from the Delhi government regarding the CBSE exam fee hike. The report mentions that schools are not collecting the fee from students until further directions are issued.

In June, Education Minister Manish Sisodia announced at an event that the government would cover the complete examination fee for all students in its schools who will appear for class X and XII board examinations. While no directives were given in this regard, on August 2, CBSE increased its fee to Rs 1,200 for SC/ST students and Rs 1,500 for the rest of the students in both classes. The last date for schools to submit the list of candidates for the examination is September 30.

In the latest circular, the Delhi

government has directed schools to continue with the process of completing the list of candidates for the exams, while not collecting fee from students.

Three weeks into the collection process, many students have already paid the increased fee to their schools. Sisodia had told *The Indian Express* that this amount would be refunded to students. A teacher in a government school welcomed the latest move. "But this is not a sustainable solution. Another government might come to power and they might not choose to cover this cost," she said.

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Bhim Army warns of nationwide protest if men not released

ANANYA TIWARI NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

THE BHIM Army has threatened a country-wide protest if the police does not release 92 members of its outfit, who were detained during an agitation against the demolition of Ravidas Temple in Tughlakabad Wednesday, within 10 days.

On August 21, the Bhim Army, led by its chief Chandrashekhar Azad, led a march in Tughlakabad against the demolition of Ravidas Temple, following which police picked up 92 protesters, including Azad. Claiming that the protest was peaceful, Bhim Army said many protesters were planted by the government.

Asked if they have proof that

'Centre needs to approve'

New Delhi: The Delhi government Friday said it is not empowered to unilaterally denotify forest land, countering the BJP's claim that the solution to the Ravidas Temple issue lies with the state.

the temple is more than 500 years old, Pracha said, "We have our own proof which we will present in court. The ASI and INTACH deliberately do not register such monuments because they are suffering from an upper-caste mentality."

Rs 10.51L EXCHANGED ILLEGALLY: COURT Bank officials convicted of pocketing money during demonetisation

ANAND MOHAN J NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

IN POSSIBLY the first conviction post demonetisation, a Delhi court convicted three officials of the Punjab National Bank, holding that "the case seems to be classical misuse of power by the bank officials after demonetisation of legal tender currency notes of Rs 1,000 and Rs 500 denomination by the Government of India".

Special CBI Judge Raj Kumar Chauhan held that the accused conspired to commit criminal breach of trust and falsification of bank records by making fictitious and false entries. According to the court, the accused showed legal tender notes of Rs 10.51 lakh deposited by two customers as demonetised currency, and ex-

The case seems to be classical misuse of power by bank officials after demonetisation, the court said

changed it "unauthorisedly and illegally".

The three officials, former senior manager Ramanand Gupta, former deputy manager Bhuvnesh Kumar Julka, and former head cashier of PNB's Civil Lines Branch Jeetander Veer Arora, have been convicted under sections 120(B), 409, 471, 477 (A) of the IPC and several sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

During arguments on the sentence, CBI counsel Praneet Sharma prayed for a strict sen-

CCTV project: Firm may be fined Rs 16 cr

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23



1.4 lakh CCTVs are to be put up across 70 constituencies

THE DELHI government Friday proposed a penalty of Rs 16 crore on Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) for its "slow pace" in installing 1.4 lakh CCTVs in the capital. The project deadline is November 22.

The government made public its displeasure with the PSU - awarded the contract in November 2018 - and also threatened to invoke the penalty clause, which is a part of the agreement entered into by the two sides. Issuing a showcause notice, the government has also threatened to blacklist the firm. It said the penalty amount will be released "only if" BEL manages to adhere to the deadline.

In a statement, the government said BEL has installed only 16,000 CCTVs till date. Under the Rs 571-crore project, including annual maintenance clause for five years, 2,000 CCTVs will be installed in each of the 70 Assembly constituencies. "BEL is under legal obligation to complete installation of CCTVs within nine months, as per its agreement with the Delhi government. In

Bus driver drugged and robbed on way home

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

A BUS driver was allegedly attacked by two men who reportedly robbed him of Rs 10,000, ATM cards and a mobile phone near Lal Mandir in Prem Nagar, police said Friday. The incident took place on August 18 with the victim, Anuj Singh Chauhan (30), alleging that he was also drugged.

Police said the accused, who were identified from CCTV footage, are absconding. "I was walking home when the two men grabbed me from behind and put a handkerchief on my face. I fell unconscious... When I woke up, I realised I had been robbed," said Chauhan.

The victim's family rushed him to the hospital after which police were called. Chauhan alleged that he found CCTV footage and submitted it to police after which sections of assault were added to the case. Police said an FIR was registered the next day at Prem Nagar police station. Chauhan said that the stolen money belonged to his employer and that he had to pay it back.

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BRIEFLY

Revenue from liquor sale up in capital

New Delhi: Revenue from sale of liquor increased from Rs 4,238 crore in 2015-16 to Rs 5,028 crore in 2018-19, the Delhi government told the House Friday.

JNUSU polls on Sept 6

New Delhi: Elections for the JNU Students' Union will be held on September 6, nearly a week before DUSU polls. Filing of nominations will begin on August 27 and the Presidential Debate will be held on September 4.

CBSE's green directives

New Delhi: The CBSE Friday issued a number of directives to schools to promote environmental sensitisation, including making it mandatory for schools to set up eco-clubs, take up water conservation as a co-curricular activity, and ensure every student plants a sapling.

WiFi tender floated

New Delhi: The Delhi government Friday floated a Rs 97.55 lakh tender for installing 11,000 WiFi hotspots in public places.

Man held for snatching

New Delhi: A 22-year-old man has been arrested for allegedly being involved in four snatching cases. Police said the man was inspired by Jamaican rap artists and "sported similar hairstyles". The thefts were to fund his drug habit, police said. ENS



APP REFRESH

At least 1,500 taxis and autos outside railway and Metro stations and the airport have now been equipped with QR codes via the Delhi Police's Himmat Plus app, meant for safety of women. The initiative was launched by L-G Anil Bajaj at the New Delhi Railway Station Friday, in the presence of Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik. Prem Nath Pandey

Sewer deaths: Officials say workers had no protection

AMIL BHATNAGAR GHAZIABAD, AUGUST 23

A DAY after four labourers and a sub-contractor died while constructing a new sewage line in Ghaziabad's Nandgram, officials at the Jal Nigam admitted that the men should have been provided safety gear, which could have helped save lives. Four officials have been suspended for negligence and lack of supervision.



Five people had died after entering the sewer

The incident took place on Thursday afternoon. The four men — Damodar (40), Horil (35), Sandeep Kumar (21), Shiv Kumar (32) — had entered the sewer in Nandgram's Krishna Colony at the behest of the Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation for a Jal Nigam project. The contract for the sewer construction work was handed over to EMS Infracon. Sub-contractor Vijay Kumar had hired the four men.

"This manhole is a month old and the task at hand was to connect the houses in the vicinity to the main sewer line. This is a project that is being carried out in different parts of city and it was the initial phase. There is no denying that the engineers could have supervised it better. Hence, four officials have been suspended and further action is pending," said a senior Jal Nigam official.

According to police, around 1.30 pm, Horil and another worker had entered the 20-feet-deep sewer. A few minutes later, a loud noise was heard. Anxious, one of the men entered the sewer to help them. Five minutes later, with no sign of the three men, the fourth worker went in, followed by Vijay.

Ram Nath, Vijay's relative, said he had entered the sewer to save the men, one of whom was his brother-in-law. "Vijay had been carrying out sewer cleaning work for many years. His brother-in-law, Shiv, had never done it. It was only when Vijay asked him that he went along... We didn't realise the job would kill them both, taking away the only two earning members of the family," he said.

While police have filed an FIR against EMS Infracon and erring officials, no arrests have been made. Some labourers alleged that only one lid of the drain was opened, which concentrated the gases to a limited area.

"Usually, four-five lids of the same drain are opened to let the gases escape. In this case, only one lid was opened," alleged Arvind Kumar, a labourer.

"The condition is such that there can be an outbreak of mosquito-borne diseases. I have asked officials to spray insecticides to prevent the same," he added.

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BUILDING WAS DILAPIDATED: POLICE

Buying vegetables, two women dead as parapet falls on them

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

OUT BUYING vegetables, two women died when a portion of a parapet of an abandoned house fell on them in Shahdara's Mansarovar Park Thursday.

DCP (Shahdara) Meghna Yadav said the victims have been identified as Savitri Bhati (55) and Sumitra Sharma (60) and a case under IPC Section 304A (death by negligence) has been registered against unknown persons at Mansarovar Park police station.

Bhati was rushed to GTB Hospital where she was declared dead on arrival. Her son Shailesh (35), who runs a cloth business, said, "My mother left the house around 3.15 pm to buy vegetables. A few minutes later, I heard screaming. When I rushed outside, I saw bystanders rescuing people trapped under debris. Locals pulled out one woman and then I saw my mother." Bhati is survived by two sons.

Sharma died during treatment at St Stephen's hospital



The victims, Sumitra Sharma and Savitri Bhati

Thursday night. Her son Ashok (39) said, "My mother often went out after lunch to buy groceries and to visit the temple. I was at work when I received a call at 4 pm that she had suffered injuries...." She is survived by her husband and three sons, who run a cable manufacturing business.

Police said the single-storey building was in a dilapidated state and had been abandoned a few months ago. "A vegetable vendor had set up his cart inside the building and the women were standing outside when the parapet fell on them," said a police officer.

A PCR call was made by a passerby, Praveen Chauhan (30).

"I was crossing the area when I saw a portion of a house collapse on two women," he said.

At Nigambodh Ghat, where Sharma's last rites were conducted Friday, building owner Ashish (36) was present. He claimed that the structure was built in 1993 and was abandoned by him and his family five months ago. "At least two-three vegetable vendors set up their shops inside the building and we told them to leave as it wasn't safe. They didn't listen to us," he claimed.

Shailesh said, "We knew the building was unsafe; even the owner had vacated it. We didn't think it would collapse though."

Struggling Kirari gets civic official visit

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NORTH CORPORATION standing committee chairman Jai Prakash Friday visited Outer Delhi's Kirari to take stock of waterlogging in the area. "I planned the visit after seeing reports of the area being submerged under water. The condition is very bad. We have installed 12 pumps but a drainage system is needed for a permanent solution," he said.



North body standing committee chairman Jai Prakash at Kirari Friday; The Indian Express report dated August 20

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In Kirari, filthy water at home forces residents out

RFID tech kicks in at toll plazas

ANANYA TIWARI NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

RFID TAGS, which allow collection of money automatically at toll booths without halting vehicles, would become mandatory for all commercial vehicles entering Delhi from Friday night.

The South Corporation has announced that vehicles which enter the capital without the tag will have to pay double the amount of the MCD and ECC toll starting midnight, when the RFID sensors will come into effect.

Speaking from the newly launched Central Control Centre room at the MCD Community Centre in Satya Niketan, Randhir Sahay, additional commissioner, said, "Those without tags will have to pay double the toll amount; and the next week, triple, and the week after that, quadruple the amount. Three weeks from now, no more RFID tags would be given out. This is to ensure strict compliance."

Akash Sinha, CEO of Teesidel India Pvt Ltd, a Spain-based company that won the tender of Rs 1,201 crore to set up the RFID system in Delhi, said: "From the Central Control Centre, we will oversee the RFID system at all 13 toll plazas. We have pan-tilt-zoom cameras to record every transaction between commercial vehicles and booth personnel."

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EVER SINCE the Finance Ministry under Nirmala Sitharaman restricted the entry of even accredited journalists — allowing them to enter only if they have a prior appointment — reporters covering the ministry have been demanding removal of the restrictions. On Friday, the journalists seized an opportunity to convince the minister, just as she was about to leave after the press conference. Sitharaman, however, did not agree to easing the restrictions. She jokingly asked senior PIB officials if they had allowed her to be “gheraoed” because she asked for a press conference at short notice.

QUICK RESPONSE

IT SEEMS some of the public utterances about the economic slowdown by the Prime Minister's economic advisory team have not gone down well with the ruling BJP. Shamika Ravi, member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council, who had given some suggestions on Twitter on Thursday, termed the crisis a structural slowdown and said there had to be time-bound goals for many ministries. “Leaving economy to the finance ministry is like leaving the growth of a firm to its account department,” she tweeted. On Friday, immediately after Sitharaman's press conference, Vijay Chauthaiwale, in-charge of BJP's foreign affairs department, posted a tweet: “Hope @ShamikaRavi now withdraws her derogatory (sic) remarks against finance ministry.” Soon came Ravi's response. “I do. In fact I am v impressed with the announcements and promise of more in next 2 weeks.”

CONTRARY VIEW

THE APPOINTMENT of Jyotiraditya Scindia as chairman of the screening committee for selection of candidates for the Maharashtra Assembly elections has not gone down well with many in the Congress. Scindia was among the first Congress leaders to openly back the BJP government's decision to scrap special status of Jammu and Kashmir. Many Congress leaders were wondering whether the party was rewarding leaders who took a contrary stand. At least one leader said it was to be seen if the party would also reward Jairam Ramesh with a position soon.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday inaugurated through video-conferencing a memorial honouring the victims of two Air India crashes — in 1950 and 1966 — at the foothills of the Mont Blanc in France. On January 24, 1966, 106 passengers and 11 crew died in the crash of Air India flight 101. Among the passengers was Homi J Bhabha, who is regarded as the father of India's nuclear programme. The crash occurred at almost the same spot on Mount Blanc as Air India flight 245 on November 3, 1950, which had resulted in the death of 48 passengers and crew. ANI

India, France condemn terror, back Afghan peace process



EXPRESS AT G-7

SHUBHAJIT ROY
PARIS, AUGUST 23

FROM FRANCE'S support to India for an international convention on terrorism to delivering the first Rafale aircraft, from agreeing on training medical support personnel for Indian astronauts to deciding on a roadmap for cyber security, New Delhi and Paris have come closer on a range of issues, including Afghanistan. Here are the key takeaways from the joint communiqué issued after the talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron, in comparison to the 2018 joint communiqué.

TERROR: France backed the PM's proposal to hold a global conference on terrorism, while the two leaders asked UN countries to support organising new “No Money for Terror” International Conference on Fighting Terrorist Financing in Melbourne on November 7-8. The two leaders, in addition to pursuing the excellent cooperation between the nodal agencies and investigation agencies of the two countries, agreed to enhance their operational cooperation and launch fresh efforts to fight radicalisation, especially Online Radicalisation. In 2018 as well, the two sides had agreed to cooperate on online radicalisation.

The two leaders reaffirmed their support for the implementation of the Christchurch Call to Action to eliminate terrorist and violent extremist online content adopted in Paris last May 15. Like in 2018, the two leaders reiterated their strong condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations including “cross-border terrorism” “The Vice Chairperson of the Niti Aayog says that the current stress in the financial sector is unprecedented in the last 70 years... This confession requires a slight amendment. It is not just the financial sector, it is the Indian economy...,” Tewari said. Citing scenarios in various industries, Tewari added that the Centre was clueless on how to handle the “crisis”. “All you see now is deflection, obfuscation, the politics of vendetta, unprecedented undeclared emergency across the country. And the primary purpose of this is that the Government does not have a clue as to how they are going to handle this crisis, which is intensifying on a daily basis,” he said. Later in the day, shortly after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman addressed a press conference where she announced several measures for the economy, Tewari tweeted, “A structural problem bedevils the fundamentals of Indian economy because of lag effect of Demonetisation/GST coupled with spectre of terror unleashed on even honest businesspersons juxtaposed with lack of understanding of economic issues by successive Finance Ministers of NDA/BJP”



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with French President Emmanuel Macron on Thursday. AP/PTI

and terror-related incidents in France and India. Similarly, like in 2018, they called upon all countries to work together to root out terrorist safe havens and infrastructure, disrupt terrorist networks and their financing channels, and halting cross-border movement of terrorists belonging to al Qaeda, Daesh/ISIS, Jaish-e-Mohammed, Hizbul Mujahideen, Lashkar-e-Toiba, and their affiliates as well as terrorist groups threatening peace and security in South Asia and Sahel region. **DEFENCE:** The delivery of the first Rafale combat aircraft from this year was the key takeaway in the joint statement. The first of the 36 aircraft is likely to be delivered in the third week of September. The PM of India and President of the French Republic noted with satisfaction the progress in implementation of agreements signed, reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthen cooperation in defence industry field and extended their support to partnerships between defence companies of the two countries in the spirit of “Make in India” and for mutual benefit of both countries. **NUCLEAR:** There was some movement on the Jaitapur nuclear power project, unlike in 2018. This year, the two leaders expressed satisfaction with the

progress in negotiations between NPCIL and EDF since the conclusion of the Industrial Way Forward Agreement between the two parties in 2018 for construction of six nuclear power reactors in Jaitapur, Maharashtra. **SPACE:** Directly in line with the Joint Vision adopted during the first Rafale visit to India of President Macron in March 2018, France and India decided to deepen space cooperation to meet new challenges together, whether it concerns planetary exploration or human space-flight. They took the decision to train medical support personnel for Indian astronauts, who will be part of India's manned space mission by 2022. They signed an Implementing Arrangement for establishment of a framework for realisation of joint maritime domain awareness mission. This is to keep an eye on Chinese assertive moves in the Indian Ocean region. **CYBER:** While there was no mention of cyber in the 2018 statement, they adopted a cybersecurity and digital technology roadmap aimed at expanding Indo-French bilateral cooperation, particularly in the strategic sectors of high performance computing and Artificial Intelligence, with the target of bringing start-up ecosystems closer to each other. **MARITIME:** Based on a shared commitment to main-

taining the freedom of navigation, particularly in the Indo-Pacific zone, maritime security cooperation between France and India is a domain of excellence in their strategic partnership. France and India reviewed the swift implementation of the conclusions of the Joint Strategic Vision of India-France Cooperation in the Indian Ocean Region, adopted during Macron's visit in March 2018. For implementation of the White Shipping agreement, India and France agreed on the appointment of a French liaison officer at the Information Fusion Centre - Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR) in Gurgaon.

ECONOMIC ENGAGEMENT: The two sides decided to have an appropriate framework to find ways to further promote bilateral trade and investment and speed up resolution of market access issues to the benefit of economic operators. It was decided to jointly strengthen work on solving trade and investment “issues of concern” for French and Indian companies. Leaders jointly agreed that the high-level France-India economic and financial dialogue should be reactivated. **AFGHANISTAN:** While there was no mention of Afghanistan in 2018, the two sides decided to cooperate actively for international peace and security, including in the regional crises threatening them. They supported an inclusive peace and reconciliation process in Afghanistan which is Afghan-led, Afghan-owned and Afghan-controlled, leading to a lasting political solution based on preservation of the gains, including the constitutional order, human rights, particularly women's rights, and liberties gained over the past 18 years. They called for timely holding of Presidential elections; cessation of terrorist violence; and end to terrorist safe havens for enduring and sustainable peace, security and stability in Afghanistan. This is strategic congruence of ideas on Afghanistan.

India, France to cooperate on cyber security, digital technology

SHUBHAJIT ROY
PARIS, AUGUST 23

FROM HATE speech to fake news, India and France on Friday decided to cooperate on a detailed roadmap on cyber security and digital technology. The two sides also said they intend to work together on the risks associated with the deployment of 5G technologies and the technical solutions adopted to deal with them.

On the issue of protection of personal information, the two sides said they wish to develop an innovative digital ecosystem that is secure and respectful of users' data protection. In the context of implementation of the EU General Data Protection Regulation and India's objective to put in place adequate regulation in this area, both parties “recognise that the convergence of data protection frameworks of Europe and India would facilitate the flow of information and data”.

According to the joint roadmap released on Friday, France and India intend to share information on the legal and regulatory framework and best practices, including on the protection of Economic Information Infrastructure impacting National Security, and on testing and certification of digital products. The two countries also decided that they intend to share their respective legal and regulatory frameworks, particularly with regard to the protection of Economic Information Infrastructure.

France and India highlighted the importance of close cooperation between all countries to address cross-cutting threats to cybersecurity, particularly in Economic Information Infrastructure impacting national security. Recognising that cybercrime is a “transnational crime”, they plan to strengthen their cooperation in this area with a view to facilitating sharing of information, evidence collection, identification of offenders, particularly malware developers, hosters / hosting platform providers or broadcasters. They also expressed their concerns regarding security of electronic means of payment and confirmed their commitment to protection of consumers from online financial fraud.

Long-term strategy to fight climate change by next year, says India

AMITABH SINHA
PUNE, AUGUST 23

IN A new announcement, India on Friday said that by next year it would draw up a plan to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions in the “long-term”. This mention has been made in the joint statement issued by India and France following the meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Emmanuel Macron in Paris. France has made a similar commitment in the joint statement. Currently, as part of the global effort to fight climate change, India has set a few targets for itself for the year 2030. Most other countries also have targets for the year 2025 or 2030. Under the 2015 Paris Agreement, countries need to make their next set of commitments, for the period beyond 2030, only by 2025.

However, there is a growing pressure on countries, at least the major emitters, from civil society organisations and scientific community to formulate and commit to a longer-range climate action plan. This, it is hoped, would bring in greater predictability in assessing whether the world was on course to avoid the catastrophic impacts of climate change or not. In the last few months, many countries, including the United Kingdom, have spoken about their intention to become “net-zero” by the year 2050. There has been a move to encourage countries like India, which is the third biggest emitter of greenhouse gases, to commit to a similar target. It is learnt that France wanted India to put this commitment in the joint statement, but New Delhi resisted. As a compromise, the two countries only agreed to “develop by 2020 their long-term strategies for low-GHG emission development, reflecting the highest possible level of national ambition”. The long-term strategies are unlikely to have any specific targets like the ones in India's current plan for 2030. As part of its contribution in the global fight against climate change, India has made three main promises — that it will reduce its emission intensity, or emission per unit of GDP, by 33 to 35 per cent by 2030 compared to 2005 levels, that it will ensure that at least 40 per cent of its electricity in 2030 will come from non-fossil fuel sources, and that it will create 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes of additional carbon sink through forests. India has said it hoped not just to fulfil the targets in the time-frame but even over-achieve them. However, it is wary of taking on higher targets or commit to longer-term promises in the absence of similar commitments from other major countries.



New arena of cooperation

WHILE INDIA and France have made common cause on countering terrorism, space, nuclear and defence, cyber security is the new frontier where they have decided to cooperate, and tackle challenges from hate speech to fake news. While the two countries have different takes on a variety of issues, they will share their experiences and collaborate in this new arena.

Finally, they plan to discuss the prevention of cybercrime with service providers and social media companies to seek information-sharing arrangements.

On the issue of cooperation on digital governance and challenges of regulation, France and India wish to strengthen coordination in supporting the development of a legitimate, fair and balanced approach to secure digital sector at the international level. “France and India also recognize the need to develop the necessary framework to ensure that technologies remain protective of public goods, data sovereignty and fundamental freedoms,” the joint roadmap said.

They also decided to cooperate to “fight against terrorism, violent extremist and hateful content online”. “France and India reiterate their commitment to preventing the manipulation of information, spreading fake news and the importance of online freedom of expression. They highlight the risks that can be raised by the circulation of manipulated information fake news and profiling of personal data. France and India call for an international exchange on this threat, particularly on the development of a framework to regulate social media platform,” the roadmap said.

Modi reaches UAE, set to strengthen strategic ties

SHUBHAJIT ROY
PARIS, AUGUST 23

EMBOLDENED BY the United Arab Emirates' backing of India's move to revoke the special status of Jammu and Kashmir, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will meet Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan on Saturday to strengthen the strategic ties. Modi reached Abu Dhabi on Friday night. The UAE had viewed India's decision on J&K as an “internal matter” as stipulated by the Indian Constitution. Sources pointed out that the relationship with the UAE has been of a major transformation over the last five years. From UAE's invitation to India for the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) summit early this year to their backing India on the J&K issue, Modi's visit reflects a great deal of strate-

gic convergence. Ahead of the visit, a senior Indian official told *The Indian Express*, “There is a significant convergence of views on strategic issues including both the political and the security dimension. We have a shared stance against radicalisation and violent extremism, and this has led to exceptional cooperation on the security side. The political dimension was manifest in the invitation extended to India earlier this year to address the OIC Foreign Ministers' Meeting as Guest of Honour despite the tantrums of our neighbour (Pakistan). This is a rapidly growing relationship and these are just a few of the manifestations.” Sources said that while the visit is anchored in the Prime Minister receiving the honour the “Order of Zayed” — the highest civilian decoration conferred by the UAE government — dur-

ing this visit, it will be an opportunity to discuss all issue of bilateral and strategic interest. The two sides will also formally launch the RuPay card to expand the network of cashless transactions abroad. Sources said that Modi was very keen that the RuPay card is launched in the UAE, after Singapore. The two sides will also jointly release a stamp to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. “Frequent high-level interactions between India and UAE testify to our vibrant relations. UAE is our third-largest trade partner and fourth-largest exporter of crude oil for India. The qualitative enhancement of these ties is among one of our foremost foreign policy achievements. The visit would further strengthen our multifaceted bilateral ties with UAE,” Modi had said ahead of the visit.

Did not back Pak, China for UN meet on Kashmir: UK

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THE UK on Friday denied that it had backed Pakistan and China in calling for the August 16 UN Security Council closed-door session on Kashmir, and stressed that all issues between India and Pakistan should be resolved bilaterally. In a statement by the British High Commission in Delhi, the UK also said that it does not seek to mediate in the matter. “There has been some inaccurate speculation about the UK position at the closed session of the UN Security Council on August 16 on Kashmir,” the statement said. “The UK did not call for this session or support a formal council statement, and we have a long-standing position that this dispute should be resolved bilaterally...” ENS



संत रविदास जी की समतामूलक समाज की परिकल्पना को साकार करने के लिए समर्पित



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वाराणसी में 23 अगस्त, 2019 को भैंसासुर घाट स्थित संत रविदास जी की प्रतिमा पर श्रद्धासुमन अर्पित करते हुए मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ



प्रयागराज कुम्भ में 24 फरवरी, 2019 को प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी सफाई कर्मियों के पाँव पखारते हुए



वाराणसी में 31 जनवरी, 2018 को संत रविदास जयन्ती के अवसर पर लंगर में प्रसाद ग्रहण करते हुए मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ

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THE SUPREME Court on Friday told Nirmohi Akhara, which has said the lawsuit of 'Ram Lalla' be rejected and the disputed land in Ayodhya be given to it as it has been the deity's sole devotee, that the claim of shebait (devotee) "can never be adverse to the deity".

Hearing arguments on the 11th day, the top court said if the Hindu body was contesting the suit of 'Ram Lalla Virajman', it was going against the deity's title.

On Thursday, the Akhara claimed it was the sole shebait of Ram Lalla at the disputed site, prompting the court to say that if it was so, the Akhara cannot have the title over the 2.77-acre disputed land. But the court's observation was resisted by Akhara counsel, Sushil Jain, who said the Hindu body has been in possession of the property in the capacity of shebait and hence its "right does not vanish".

On Friday, the five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi took exception to the Akhara counsel's statement.

"Claim of the shebait can never be adverse to the deity. If you are contesting the suit (of Ram Lalla) then you are going against the title of the deity. So, as a shebait, you are asking to dismiss the suit of the deity," said the bench. "Suppose the suit of Ram Lalla goes then you have no independent claim..."

Jain explained to the court that the plea of the deity (Ram Lalla)

was made in 1989 but the Akhara has been in possession of the place since 1934.

The bench said the Akhara has so far argued to contrary to the case built by it in the Allahabad High Court and asked Jain to refer to documents. The High Court, in its judgment of 2010, had partitioned the 2.77-acre disputed land equally among the three parties — the Sunni Waqf Board, Nirmohi Akhara and Ram Lalla.

Jain said the Akhara was not claiming the title right of the property, but claiming its possession and the right to manage as a devotee. The bench then asked: "You will have to show us the evidence to establish your 'shebait' rights. You show us... evidence."

Jain said, "I have oral evidence (of witnesses) which has not been denied by others," and read out statements to indicate it had been managing the disputed site.

The bench then pointed out from the records that they said the Akhara had been performing worship at the 'Ram Chabutra'.

Jain said it meant the 'Ram Chabutra temple'. "It is not so... You have made a distinction between disputed temple and Ram Chabutra," the bench said. The bench would resume hearing on August 26.

SC to UP: Decide on Babri case judge in 2 weeks

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

THE SUPREME Court on Friday gave the Uttar Pradesh government two weeks' time to pass orders on the extension of tenure of CBI Special Judge Surendra Kumar Yadav, who is hearing the 1992 Babri Masjid demolition case in which prominent BJP leaders L K Advani and M M Joshi are among the accused.

A bench of Justices R F Nariman and Surya Kant told Senior Advocate Aishwarya Bhati, who appeared for the UP government, that the judge had again written to them with five requests, including that he be provided security.

The bench said his requests appeared to be reasonable and asked the state to take a call on them within the two weeks time.

On July 19, the apex court, while directing the extension of the tenure of the judge, had fixed a nine-month deadline for the completion of trial and pronouncement of judgment.

"Judgment in this case must be delivered maximum within a period of nine months from now," the bench had ordered then. This meant that the judgement in the case will have to be delivered before 19 April, 2020.

The judge, who is set to retire by the end of September this year, had written to the court earlier, saying that despite best efforts, he would need six more months to conclude the matter. Following this, the SC had asked the UP government to inform it about the procedure for extension of service of judges.

In response, the state told the court that there was no provision for this in service rules. But the court referred to a rule under which the service of government servants may be extended till the age of 62 if such extension is required in the greater interest of justice, and reasons to be recorded in writing.

The bench said it was invoking its inherent jurisdiction under Article 142 of the Constitution to allow extension of service to the judge only for trial of this case.

It also asked the state government to pass necessary orders in consultation with the High Court within four weeks extending the tenure of the judge.

In April 2017, the apex court, while ordering day-to-day trial in the case, had asked the special judge to complete it in two years. The top court also ordered that the judge not be transferred till the trial concludes.

SC to examine constitutional validity of triple talaq law

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 23

THE SUPREME Court on Friday agreed to examine the constitutional validity of the recently-enacted law making instant triple talaq a punishable offence.

Hearing a clutch of petitions, a two-judge bench of the apex court, comprising Justices N V Ramana and Ajay Rastogi, said it "will examine" the legislation and issued notice to the Centre.

Four petitions have urged the court to declare the The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act 2019 as "unconstitutional".

Appearing for a petitioner, Senior Advocate Salman Khurshid questioned the logic of making triple talaq a criminal offence when the Supreme Court had held it unconstitutional.

Responding, the bench sought to know what was the remedy if a practice held null and void and declared an offence still goes on.

Two Muslim organisations, Jamiat Ulama-I-Hind and Samastha Kerala Jamiathul Ulema, are among those who approached the apex court.

The Jamiat-Ulama-I-Hind has termed the law "manifestly erroneous", "arbitrary" and the punishment prescribed by it "disproportionate and excessive".

The plea, filed by Advocate Ejaz Maqbool, said as the SC had already held instant triple talaq void and illegal, "no circumstance, whatsoever, existed... requiring the enactment of the impugned Act".

ANDHRA PRADESH

Ex-speaker's son accused of stealing 30 laptops

REENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, AUGUST 23

THE ANDHRA Pradesh Skill Development Corporation has lodged a police complaint against Kodela Sivaram, the elder son of former Andhra Pradesh Assembly Speaker Kodela Siva Prasad Rao, for allegedly stealing 30 laptops and a printer from a Rural Skill Development Centre in Sattenapalli, in July 2018.

The complaint was lodged by Sattenapalli Rural Skill Development Officer Baji Babu on Friday — the same day that news broke that Kodela Siva Prasad has been being accused of "stealing" furniture meant for the Speaker's chamber.

"I was told by the Skill Development Corporation's MD Dr A Srikanth that laptops provided to the Sattenapalli centre were missing. The local MLA Ambati Rambabu had given a letter seeking an inquiry. I probed the matter from August 16 and found that 30 laptops issued by the previous TDP government to this centre have gone

The complaint was lodged by an officer on Friday — the same day that news broke that Kodela Siva Prasad was accused of stealing furniture meant for the Speaker's chamber

missing," Baji Babu told *The Indian Express*.

He said that the laptops allotted were lying unopened at the Nagarjuna Sagar Project (NSP) guesthouse since June 2017, and in July 2018, the 30 laptops, printer and solar CPU were diverted to SVR College.

"However, within 10-15 days, Kodela Sivaram called the college management and asked them to return the laptops to the NSP guesthouse, claiming that it was the order Kodela Siva Prasad Rao who was Speaker then. When the laptops were being returned to NSP guesthouse, Kodela Sivaram diverted the delivery to his two-wheeler showroom in Guntur city. There is no

trace of those 30 laptops and CPU, so we lodged a police complaint today," Baji Babu said.

Baji Babu's probe revealed that Kodela Sivaram chided Ajit Chowdhary, the then Guntur District Skill Development manager, for sending the unused laptops to SVR College at Guntur. "He asked him to bring back the laptops to the NSP guesthouse. When the laptops were being sent back, Kodela Sivaram intimidated Assistant Executive Engineer T Yesamma to send the laptops to the address he gave her, which she did. She said that Sivaram had said that his father, the Assembly Speaker Kodela Siva Prasad, had given the order, so she complied," Baji Babu said.

A Skill Development Corporation official said, "We have no idea where those laptops are. It is possible that they went back to some government office or they are still lying with the Kodela family."

Sattenapalli Town Police Station Inspector Sarath Babu said that an FIR has been lodged against Kodela Sivaram, and an investigation has begun.

Fourth accused in Rakbar lynching case arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAIPUR, AUGUST 23

THE RAJASTHAN police on Thursday arrested the fourth accused in the Rakbar Khan lynching case while the state government appointed a Special Public Prosecutor for the trial.

Alwar SP Parish Deshmukh said that Vijay Kumar, 25, was arrested from Jaipur. Meanwhile, advocate Ashok Kumar Sharma has been hired as a Special Public Prosecutor by the Ashok Gehlot-led state government.

Rakbar, 31, was transporting cows on foot on the intervening night of July 20 and 21, 2018, with Aslam Khan, when the duo was allegedly stopped by villagers in Lalwandi, which is under Ramgarh police station limits in Alwar district.

While Rakbar was beaten to death, Aslam managed to escape. They were headed for their village in Haryana.

Rakbar's death had led to an outcry following which, the top police administration officials of the state and the then Home Minister Gulab Chand Kataria, had visited the spot and ordered a judicial inquiry.

Akhilesh scraps UP units of SP

Lucknow: Three months after its Lok Sabha election debacle, the Samajwadi Party on Friday dissolved all its district and city units, frontal and youth organisations. SP national spokesperson, Rajendra Choudhary, said, "... apart from state president Naresh Uttam Patel, all office bearers at the district and city level have been relieved of their duties. Vidhan Sabha committees were also dissolved..." ENS

COURT NOTICE
HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH
FAO NO. 5422 OF 2018 (06M)
Next Date of Hearing 29.08.2019
IFFCO Tokio General Insurance Company Ltd. Petitioner
Smt. Binia & Others Respondent
Appeal u/s 173 of Motor Vehicles Act 1988.
Notice to Respondent no. 3, Ravinder Kumar S/o Shubham, R/o Village & Post Office Rampura, Tehsil & District Rewari, (Driver of offending TATA 407 No. HR 61 1792)
(In above titled appeal, the respondent(s) defendant(s) could not be served in ordinary process. It is ordered that the respondent(s)/defendant(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 29.8.2019 at 10:00 a.m. For details login to www.highcourtnh.gov.in
Superintendent for Registrar (Judicial) Punjab and Haryana High Court Chandigarh

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General Public is hereby informed that one girl **Namely: Tannu, D/o: Umesh Shah, R/o: Ashok Awana Ka Makan Jhundpura, Sec-11, Noida, UP, Age: 13 Years, Height: 4'8", Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Built: Thin, Wearing: Blue Check Shirt & Blue Colour Koti (School Dress)** has been missing since 08.08.2019 from the area of PS New Ashok Nagar, Delhi. In this regard **FIR No. 446/19 U/s 363 IPC dated 08.08.2019** has been lodged at **PS. New Ashok Nagar, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing girl please inform the undersigned.

E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in
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Fax: 011-24368639
DP/6967/ED/19
Ph.: 011-22610839, 22713552

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Offers are invited by **The Administrator of the Specified undertaking of the Unit Trust of India (SUUTI)**, for the sale of the properties through e-auction. The intending bidders are advised to visit the website **www.suutiproperty.com** for viewing scanned copies of the documents of the property and **www.utiitsl.com** or **www.suutiproperty.com** for the detailed Notice of sale and tender document and thereafter visit **https://www.eauction.auctiontiger.net** for completing the user registration and participating in the e-auction process.
For queries please Contact: Mr. Prasad Vengurlekar, Deputy Manager, UTIITSL at Tel. No. 022-26547610/12 (Monday to Friday - 9.30 am - 5.30 pm)
The sale of properties will be on "as is where is basis" and will not be sold below the reserve price as mentioned in the tender document.
The online tender should be submitted latest by **16th September, 2019 till 5.00 P.M.**
Place: Mumbai
Date: 23/08/2019

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS
HIGH COURT OF DELHI: NEW DELHI
(website: www.delhihighcourt.nic.in)
DELHI JUDICIAL SERVICE EXAMINATION - 2019
CORRIGENDUM
In continuation of this Court's notice published in various newspapers on 31.07.2019 whereby 45 vacancies [43 existing vacancies and 02 anticipated vacancies] have been advertised for Delhi Judicial Service Examination-2019, it is hereby notified that the number of vacancies for Delhi Judicial Service Examination-2019 shall be read as under:-

Category	No. of vacancies	Remarks
General	31	02 (backlog) 02 (fresh) 27 (anticipated)
SC	17	12 (backlog) 05 (anticipated)
ST	27	All backlog
TOTAL	75	

Note 1: Out of aforesaid 75 vacancies, the reservation for PwD candidates shall be as follows:

Category	Vacancies
PwD (Autism; Intellectual disability; specific learning disability and mental illness and Multiple disabilities mentioned under clauses (a) to (d) including deaf-blindness)	02 (backlog)**
PwD (Locomotor disability)	01 (backlog)
PwD (Blind/Low Vision)	02 (backlog) 01 (anticipated)
PwD (Hearing Impairment)	02 (backlog)
Total	08

** 01 vacancy is subject to the outcome of WP(C) No. 5948/2019 titled "Bhavya Nain vs. High Court of Delhi"
Note 2: The categorywise bifurcation of anticipated vacancies may undergo a change as the same would depend upon the category of the officers of Delhi Judicial Service to be promoted and would be finalized only after the officers are actually promoted.
Note 3: The Last Date and Time for filling Online Application Form and/or making payment through Debit Card/Internet Banking is extended to 08.09.2019 (10:00 PM)

Sd/-
(DINESH KUMAR SHARMA)
REGISTRAR GENERAL
23.08.2019

No.A-110016/2014/NGMA
National Gallery of Modern Art
Government of India
Ministry of Culture
Jaipur House, New Delhi-110003
Applications are invited for filling up the following posts by deputation (including short term contract) basis in National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), a sub-ordinate office under Ministry of Culture and a premier gallery of India with rich and exquisite collection of contemporary paintings. The details are as under:
1. Curator (by deputation (including short term contract))
No. of Post-02
PB-3 Rs. 15,600-39,100/- plus Grade pay Rs.6600/- (pre revised)
Level-11 in Pay Matrix Rs.67,700- 2,08,700/- (Revised)
General Central Service Group 'A', Gazetted Non-Ministerial
Location of the post: - One each in National Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai and Bengaluru.
2. Deputy Curator (by deputation (including short term contract))
No. of Post-02
PB-3 Rs. 15,600-39,100/- plus Grade pay Rs.5400/- (pre revised)
Level-10 in Pay Matrix Rs.56,100 - 1,77,500/- (Revised)
General Central Service Group 'A', Gazetted Non-Ministerial
Location of the post: - One each in National Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai and Bengaluru.
3. Public Relation Officer (by deputation (including short term contract))
No. of Post-03
PB-2 RS. 9,300-34,800/- plus Grade pay Rs.4600/- (pre revised)
Level 7 in Pay Matrix Rs.44,900 - 1,42,400/- (Revised)
General Central Service Group 'B', Gazetted Non-Ministerial
Location of the post: - One each in National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru.
4. Upper Division Clerk (UDC) [by deputation (including short term contract)]
No. of Post-02
PB-1 Rs.5,200-20,200/- plus Grade pay Rs.2400/- (pre revised)
Level 4 in Pay Matrix Rs.25,500 - 81,100/- (Revised)
General Central Service Group 'C', Non-Gazetted Ministerial
Location of the post: - One each in National Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai and Bengaluru.
5. Assistant Library and Information Officer (Composite method (deputation (including short term contract) plus promotion))
No. of Post-01
PB-2 Rs.9,300-34,800/- plus Grade pay Rs.4600/- (pre revised)
Level 7 in Pay Matrix Rs. 44,900 - 1,42,400/- (Revised)
General Central Service Group 'B', Gazetted Non-Ministerial
Location of the post: National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi.
6. Security Officer (Composite method (deputation (including short term contract) plus promotion))
No. of Post-01
PB-2 R5.9,300-34,800/- plus Grade pay Rs.4600/- (pre revised)
Level-7 in Pay Matrix Rs.44,900 - 1,42,400/- (Revised)
General Central Service Group 'B', Gazetted Non Ministerial
Location of the post: - National Gallery of Modern Art, Bengaluru.
Applications must reach within 60 (sixty) days from the date of publication of the advertisement in the Employment News. For details visit Ministry of Culture website **http://www.indiaculture.nic.in** and NGMAS website **www.ngmaindia.gov.in**
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TEMPORARY CANCELLATION / DIVERSION / SHORT TERMINATION / SHORT ORIGINATION / REGULATION OF TRAINS DUE TO NON-INTERLOCKING WORK
In order to further strengthen the existing infrastructure, Railways will undertake Pre Non-Interlocking & Non-Interlocking work in connection with doubling work between Hardatpur - Kachhwa Road Stations on Varanasi - Allahabad Section. To execute these works, traffic blocks will be taken from 24.08.2019 to 31.08.2019 and from 01.09.2019 to 06.09.2019. Consequently, the following trains will temporarily be affected as under :-

CANCELLATION OF TRAINS	
Train No. & Name	Date(s) of Cancellation (from originating stations)
15117 Manduadih - Jabalpur Express	31.08.2019
15118 Jabalpur - Manduadih Express	01.09.2019

DIVERSION OF TRAINS		
Train No. & Name	Diverted via	Dates (from originating stn.)
18610 Lokmanya Tilak Terminus - Ranchi Express	Allahabad Chheoki - Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn.	31.08.2019
22131 Pune - Manduadih Gyan Ganga Superfast Express	Allahabad Chheoki - Varanasi	02.09.2019
16359 Ernakulam Jn - Patna Jn Express	Allahabad Chheoki - Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn.	31.08.2019
16360 Patna Jn - Ernakulam Jn Express	Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn. - Allahabad Chheoki	03.09.2019
22132 Manduadih - Pune Jn Gyan Ganga Superfast Express	Varanasi - Allahabad Chheoki	04.09.2019
19063 Udhna Jn - Danapur Express	Allahabad Chheoki - Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn.	31.08.2019 & 03.09.2019
19064 Danapur - Udhna Jn Express	Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn. - Allahabad Chheoki	01.09.2019 & 04.09.2019
18609 Ranchi - Lokmanya Tilak Terminus Express	Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn. - Allahabad Chheoki	28.08.2019 & 04.09.2019
12562 New Delhi - Darbhanga Jn Swatantrata Senani Superfast Exp.	Allahabad Jn - Janghai - Varanasi	30, 31.08.19 & 02.09.2019
11045 C Shahu Maharaj T Kolhapur-Dhanbad Jn Dikshabhoomi Express	Allahabad Chheoki - Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn.	29.08.2019
15120 Manduadih - Rameswaram Express	Varanasi - Allahabad Chheoki	01.09.2019
19421 Ahmedabad Jn - Patna Jn Express	Allahabad Chheoki - Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn.	01.09.2019
11046 Dhanbad Jn - C Shahu Maharaj T Kolhapur Dikshabhoomi Exp.	Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn. - Allahabad Chheoki	02.09.2019
22427 Ballia - Anand Vihar (T) Superfast Express	Aunrihar Jn - Jaunpur - Janghai - Allahabad Jn	01.09.2019
15119 Rameswaram - Manduadih Express	Allahabad Chheoki - Varanasi	28.08.2019
11061 Lokmanya Tilak Terminus - Darbhanga Jn Express	Allahabad Jn - Janghai - Varanasi	02.09.2019
12791 Secunderabad Jn - Danapur Express	Allahabad Chheoki - Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn.	28 to 31.08.19 & 01 to 05.09.2019
12792 Danapur - Secunderabad Jn Express	Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn. - Allahabad Chheoki	29 to 31.08.19 & 01 to 06.09.2019
14006 Anand Vihar (T) - Sitamarhi Lichchavi Express	Allahabad Jn - Janghai - Jaunpur - Aunrihar Jn	28.08.2019 to 05.09.2019
14005 Sitamarhi - Anand Vihar (T) Lichchavi Express	Aunrihar Jn - Jaunpur - Janghai - Allahabad Jn	29.08.2019 to 06.09.2019
22428 Anand Vihar (T) - Ballia Superfast Express	Allahabad Jn - Janghai - Jaunpur - Aunrihar Jn	31.08.2019
22436/22435 New Delhi - Varanasi - New Delhi Vande Bharat Express	Allahabad Jn - Janghai - Varanasi	24.08.19 to 06.09.2019

SHORT TERMINATION/SHORT ORIGINATION OF TRAINS		
Train No. & Train Name	Train to short terminate at / originate from	Date from originating station
12333 Howrah Jn - Allahabad City Vibhuti Express	at Manduadih	28.08.19 to 05.09.19
12334 Allahabad City - Howrah Jn Vibhuti Express	from Manduadih	29.08.19 to 06.09.19

REGULATION OF TRAINS
Train No. 11061 Lokmanya Tilak Terminus - Darbhanga Jn Express will be regulated at suitable point en-route from 01.09.2019 to 05.09.2019.

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PERSONAL

It is notified for the information that my original qualifying Examination certificate of Main/Compartment, Secondary, Senior secondary examination of year 2010 and Roll no.5124660 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Name of candidate:- Manu Kumar, Full Address:-High school road near durga mandir, Mihijam, Jamtara, Jharkhand:-815354, tel. 9939941149 0040509265-1

It is for general information that I, Sunil Kumar S/o Dhrampal Singh R/O-P-92 Gali No.5 Bihari Colony,Shahdara Delhi-110032,inform that name of mine has been wrongly written as Sunil Kumar Choudhary in my minor son Harshit Choudhary (15-Years) School Record.The actual name of mine is Sunil Kumar which may be amended accordingly. 0040509216-2

Om Prakash Kharabanda S/o Sh. Sunder Das R/o-889/8, Mehrauli, New Delhi-110030, that my correct D.O.B is 01.11.1963 instead of 1964, which may be amended accordingly. 0040509282-1

Lal W/o Shri Krishan Sisodia, R/o-WP-506, Wazirpur Village, Ashok Vihar, Delhi-110052, by mistake our name mentioned as Kavita and Krishan in birth-Certificate and school record of our minor son's Gagan, Tushar, Aman but our original name is Lal and Krishan Sisodia. 0040509244-1

Jyoti, W/o-Mohit Kumar R/o-Ashok Vihar, Gali.No. 05, Mehiana Road, Sonipat, Haryana-131001, have changed my name from Jyoti to Jyoti Dahiya, vide affidavit dated 23.08.2019, before patiala house court. 0040509244-2

Jegeshwar R/o-H.No.693, H-Block, Gali.No.16, Sangam Vihar, N.Delhi-110062, inform that in my service Record my wife name wrongly written as Chandrawati instead of Sunita amended accordingly. 0040509244-7

Inder Pal S/o-Late Kishorey, R/o-Village-Gazipur, P.O.-Barsana, Tehsil-Chata, Dist-Mathura (U.P.)-281405, have changed my name from Inder Pal to Inderpal vide affidavit dated 23.08.2019, before Patiala House court. 0040509244-3

Gurmeet Kaur W/o Raj Kumar R/o-C-545, Jai Vihar Ext. Phase-3, Bapraula, Delhi-43, have changed to my name Santosh Devi for all Purposes in future. 0040509244-5

Ved Parkash S/o Sh. Nanhey Singh R/O 4649/144-A, Street No. 5, New Modern Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Ved Prakash Singh for all purposes. 0040509201-1

Varun S/o Anil Sharma R/O-50, 1st Floor, Ved Vihar, Loni, Ghaziabad-201102 have changed my name to Varun Sharma for all purposes. 0040509171-1

Sushil Kumar S/o Sh. Satbir Singh R/O H.No.773, Bawana, Delhi-110039 have changed the name of my minor son from Daksh Sehrawat to Devaansh Sehrawat for all purposes. 0040509160-3

Surbhi Jain D/o-Raj Kumar Jain, R/o-D-11/42, Sector-8, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed the name of my minor son from Shivansh to Shivansh Jain for all purposes. Shivansh and Shivansh Jain is same person. 0040509170-1

Suman Kumar Bhasin S/o K.L. Bhasin R/O-Flat No.2 Block-C&D Kanishka-Apartment Shalimar-Bagh Delhi-88, changed my son's name Ashmit Bhasin to Ashmit Bhasin. 0040509227-6

Sikander S/O Waheed R/O-58, Sarai-Kale Khan, New Delhi-110013, inform that my father name has been wrongly mentioned as Mohd.Wahid Ahmad and Mohd.Waheed Ahmad in my 10th and 12th-Class Marksheet and Certificate.The correct and exact name of my father is Waheed. 0040509227-7

Siji Abrahm W/O Dennis Kochumen R/O-A-23-C, D.D.A. Flats, Tagore Garden, New Delhi-27, have changed my name to Siji Abraham. 0040509266-4

Shyam Raut S/O Ridhan Raut R/O 20, Vinobha Puri, Lajpat Nagar-II, Delhi Have Changed My Name To Shyam Kumar. 0040509198-3

Shyam Kumar S/O Rangnarayan Gupta R/o 270B, 2E, Sec-2, Vaishali, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Shyam Kumar Gupta. 0040509220-6

Savita W/o Sunil Kumar R/O-H.No.141-142, 3rd Floor, Pkt-10, Rohini, Sec-21, Delhi-86, have changed my name Savita and Savita devi to Savita Goyat in future. 0040509244-8

Sarita Haritwal, W/o Sh. Bal Mukand Sharma, R/o House No. 32, BlockBJ, East Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088, have changed my name to Sarita Sharma for all purposes. 0040509101-1

Sarita Devi Soni, W/o Chandra Prakash Soni, R/o 49, Bartalla Street, Barabazar, Kolkata-700007, West Bengal have changed my name to Sarita Soni for all purposes. 0040509197-1

Sanjiv Kumar S/O, Shiv Charan R/O H.No. 940/27, Madanpuri, Gali No. 11, Gurgaon (HR)-122001, have changed my name to Sanjeev Naharwal for all purposes. 0040509225-1

Saleha Bano W/o Anwar Shadab R/O-E-24 6th Floor, DDA-HIG-Flats, Pocket-9A, Jasola, Delhi-110025, have changed my name to Saleha Shadab. 0040509220-9

Srudrani Bhattacharjee W/o Aniruddha Bhattacharjee R/O-N-293, G.F.Lotus Floor, Mayfield Garden, Sector-51, Gurgaon-122018, have changed my name to Jhinuk Bhattacharjee for all future purposes. 0040509244-6

Roma Sharma D/o Sh. Jawahar Lal Talwar R/o B-144, Moti Bagh-1, New Delhi-110021 have changed the name of my minor daughter from Mansi to Manasvi Sharma for all purposes. 0040509160-1

Surinder Singh S/O Zile Singh R/O VPO Nathupur, Sonipat, Haryana, have changed my name to Surender Singh for all purposes. 0040509227-3

Richard Sampson S/O, Late Mr Peter Alexander Raj, R/O S-445, Second Floor, School Block, Shakarpur, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Richard Sampson Raj for all purposes. 0040509180-1

Ravi Bhatia S/O Late Kanihya Lal Bhatia R/O Shree Radha Krishna Chgs Ltd. A-503, Plot No. 23, Sector-7, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075 Have Changed My Minor Daughter's Name From Yashika Bhatia To Ahanna Bhatia. 0070671458-1

Rakesh Baid S/o Sh. Ranjit Mal Baid, R/o-H.No-11/151, WestAzad-Nagar, Krishna-Nagar, Delhi-110051, hereby changed the name of my minor son from Dhrieya Baid to Dhairyaa Baid for all purposes. 0040509227-2

Rakesh Baid S/o Sh. Ranjit Mal Baid, R/o-H.No-11/151, WestAzad-Nagar, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051, hereby changed the name of my minor daughter from Janvee Baid to Jahanvi Baid, for all purposes. 0040509227-1

Poonam Malik W/o Jagbir R/O-F-59, Kunwar Singh Nagar, Nangloi, Delhi-110041, have changed my name to Poonam. 0040509227-5

Pooja Aggarwal W/O Ravi Goyal R/O G-224, Naraina Vihar, New Delhi-28 Have Changed My Name To Paridhi Goyal. 0040509220-11

Pawan Mittal S/O Shri Laxmi Naran Mittal R/O-C-1, Prashant Vihar, Rohini Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Pawan Kumar. 0040509266-2

Parmod S/O Kundan Lal R/O-130, A-Block Gali No.2 Kamal Pur Kamal Vihar Burari Delhi-110084, changed my name to Pramod Kumar. 0040509220-1

No.10315342F, Sep,6D Nishan Singh R/o-1086B, DSC PL, CASD Delhi Cantt. is hereby informed that real name of my son is Rupinder Singh but my mistake it is recorded as Rapinder Singh in my service documents. 0040509216-1

Nikita Singh W/O, Pragyal Singh R/O X-65, Regency Park-2, Dlf Phase-4, Gurgaon-122009 have changed my name to Nikita Zutshi Singh for all purposes. 0040509247-1

Nikhil S/O Sunil Kumar R/O-115-B, Bhasker Appmts, Pocket-2, Sector-2, Dwarka, Delhi Have Changed My Name To Nikhil Sunil Sachdeva. 0040509198-2

Narinder Kumar S/O Charan Singh R/O-287/1, Gali No-3, Bagh Kare Khan Kishanganj Delhi-110007. Have Changed My Name To Narendra Kumar 0040509266-3

Manohar Lal S/O Prem Lal Bhatt R/O-S-167/366, Harijan-Basti, Anantram Dairy, Netaji-Nagar, NDMC, New Delhi-110023, have changed my name to Bittoo Bhatt. 0040509266-1

Kusum Kaushik D/o Ravinder Kumar 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. 0040509185-1

Kothari Prateek s/o Nand Lal Kithari Add 3/25, Shanti Niketan, ND-110021, have changed my name to PRATEEK KOTHARI. 0040509188-1

Kishor Patel S/O Kundan R/O-C-577, Gali.No-14, Inder-Enclave, Phase-1, Kirari-Suleman-Nagar, New Delhi-86, have Changed My Name to Raj Kishor Singh, for all Purposes. 0040509220-10

Kawaljeet Singh S/O, Sardar Sewa Singh Maggo R/O E-45, third Floor Gali No.3 Hardev Nagar, Jharoda Majra Burari, Delhi-110084, have changed my name to Sardar Kawaljeet Singh Maggo. 0040509179-1

I hitherto known as Sunil Kumar S/O Late Om Prakash Mittal R/O A-88, IInd Floor, Madhuban, Delhi-110092 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Sunil Kumar Mittal. It is certified that I have completed with other legal requirements in this connection. 0040509244-6

Anil Aggarwal S/O Ram Niwas Aggarwal R/O C-3/95-A, Keshav Puram, Delhi-35 have changed My Name To Anil Kumar. 0040509197-1

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I, Pearl D/O, Dapinder Paul Singh R/O 1901 Catriona Apartments, Ambience Island, Gurugram-122010, have changed my name to Jasmine Singh for all purposes. 0040509195-1

Jyoti Krishan S/o Sh. Jata Shankar Tiwari R/o 817 B-Ward No. 6, Mehrauli, New Delhi-30, have changed my name to Jyoti Krishan Tiwari for all future purposes. 0040509166-1

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Harvir Kaur Dhadial, W/O Gurdial Singh, R/O D-2, Khankhana Tomb, Nizamuddin East, Delhi-110013, have changed my name to Harvir Kaur. 0040509203-1

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Harsh Pal S/O Sh. Ram R/O-17/51, West Punjabi Bagh Delhi-110026, have changed my name to HARSH PAL NANDRA Permanently. 0040509158-1

Hari Singh S/O Late Sh. Tribhuvan Singh R/O RZ-1-47, Block-K, Gali No. 2, West Sagarpur, New Delhi-46, Have changed my name from Harish Chand Singh to Hari Singh for all purpose in future. 0040509247-2

Goang Pruthi S/O Dharam Vir R/O 6328, C-6/7, Vasant Kunj Delhi-70 have changed my minor daughter's name from Harya Pruthi to Haanya Pruthi (DOB 06/10/2014). 0040509198-1

Harvir Kaur Bati W/O Mr. Harveen Singh Bali R/O S-386, Greater Kailash Part-II, South Delhi 110048 inform that in my FD my name is wrongly mention Jatinder Bali but my actual name is Jatinder Kaur Bali for all purposes. 0040509191-1

Veena Sahdev W/o Ashok Kumar Sahdev have lost my Original Possession Letter of 59-C, Pocket-1, Phase-1, Mayur Vihar, Delhi-110091. If anyone finds Please contact above address. Phone No.8130911693 0040509244-10

Abhishek Ranjan lost my Marksheet and Passing Certificate of Class 10th(2008) and 12th(2011) at Model Town on 16th August, 2019. If found please contact: 7827197825. 0040508845-1

Original Sale Deed, Conveyance Deed, of Property No. 01-B, (299 Square Feet) Sushant Vyapar Kendra Gurugram Stamp No. 1641, Dated 28-04-2005, namely Kanwal Nain Khanna, Asha Khanna, H-75, First Floor, Kirti Nagar, Delhi # 9968070204, 9810066795. 0040509200-1

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Chhota Widow of No.2642390 Late Sep Bhup Singh R/O H.No.329, Mundhela Kalan, Najargarh, New Delhi-110073 have changed my name to Chhota Devi for all purposes. 0040509160-4

Chavi Nimbekar D/O Manmohan Singh R/O B-5/104, F.F. Sector-4, Rohini, Delhi-85 Changed My Name To Chavi. 0040509198-6

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Ashik S/O Mohammad Majum R/O Nabipur.Ward No.3, Shahpur, Prithivnagar, P.S.Bhaptiyahi, Distt.Supaul, Bihar-852111 have changed my name to Shahzad Ashif. 0040509220-3

Arti Kumari W/O-Neeraj Yadav R/O-RZ-1/A.Gali No.7.Rajnagar-1, Palam Colony, New Delhi-110077, have changed my name, from Arti Kumari to Arti Yadav for, all future purposes. 0040509244-9

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I, Amandeep Kaur D/o Rajinder Kaur & Late Sukhdev Singh R/O L-2/37, New Mahavir Nagar Extn., Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018 after my marriage with Juby Mathew have changed my name to Annie Mathew. 0040509175-1

Abu Khan S/O Nawab Ali R/O H No-63, Street No.11, C-block, Old Mustafabad, Delhi-110094, have changed my name to Javed Malik for all purposes. 0040509182-1

Balwinder Singh S/O Ajaib Singh R/O-Kh.No.610 Nehru Enclave, Near Mini Stadium Alipur Delhi-110036. Changed My Name To Balvinder Singh. 0040509198-5

Vandana Mehra W/o Ravinder Bakshi H.No-58, Pkt-13, Ph-I, Dwarka, N.D., affirm that Vandana Mehra & Vandana Bakshi is one of the same person. In future I shall be known as Vandana Mehra only. 0040509220-4

Tajeshwar Singh S/O Sarbjit Singh R/O 57B, DDA Flats, Gulabi Bagh, Delhi-7 have changed my minor son name from Brettneet to Brettneet Singh. 0040509161-2

Raminder Luthra S/O Des Raj Luthra R/O 637, Plot No.13, Sargodha Apartments Sector-7 Dwarka New Delhi-110075 have changed my minor Daughter's name from Pranjal to Pranjal Luthra 0040509184-1

Pawandeep Kaur Gujral W/O Tajeshwar Singh R/O 57B, DDA Flats, Gulabi Bagh, Delhi-7 have changed my name to Pawandeep Kaur Gujral. 0040509236-1

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LOST & FOUND

Monika Goyal D/O Anil Kumar Goyal W/O Tarun Aggarwal R/O-C-12/167, Yamuna-Vihar Delhi-110053, Have Lost My Original Certificate Class-12th Year-2005 Rollno-2205484 CBSE-Haryana. Someone Found Call-9136300500. 0040509227-10

Dharmender Anand S/O Late Sh. Mahesh Anand R/O 1632/33, Naivala, Anand Bagh, New Delhi-110005 have lost all property documents of B-27, Deepali Building, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019 and DDA Stall

SANDEEP NANDURI, TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT COLLECTOR

AWARD CATEGORY: IMPLEMENTATION OF CENTRAL SCHEMES

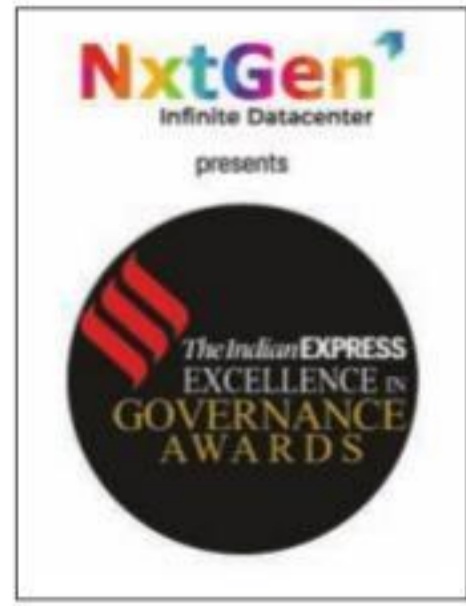
Waste to water: Borewells recharged, crops saved in parched Tamil Nadu district

ARUN JANARDHANAN
TIRUNELVELI, AUGUST 23

TIRUNELVELI'S POOLANKULAM village is one of many rain-deprived areas in this Tamil Nadu region that faces acute shortage of groundwater during summers. What has come to its aid is a drainage system that collects waste water from about 250 families in the vicinity, to process and recharge its groundwater.

The idea is simple. An open area behind the village where all its waste and sewage would get collected was cleaned up and a vertical filtering system built there. A proper drainage system was then laid out in Poolankulam, to direct all its waste waters — around 100-150 litres per family a day — to the filter system, after passing it through another filter to remove all the garbage from it.

The second filtering system thus receives only dirty water, which is then passed through



layers to finally gather at a water sump. It is stored here and eventually helps recharge the groundwater table.

On an average, about 32,000 litres of water a day is treated by the system. The cost to lay it, covered under the MNREGS, came to Rs 1.5 lakh. Called a community soak pit, or liquid waste management system, Poolankulam's is one of



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Sandeep Nanduri receives the award from Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari; (right) villagers maintaining a waste water recycling centre at North Poolankulam village in Tirunelveli.



Arun Janardhanan



106 such systems built or in the process of being laid down by the Tirunelveli district administration, including 101 vertical and five horizontal systems, at a total cost of Rs 81.15 lakh.

Tirunelveli District Collector Sandeep Nanduri, who received the award in the category 'Implementation of Central Schemes', at the first The Indian Express Excellence in Governance Awards, on Wednesday, said, "This project is unique, never attempted before. If you look at any typical village, you'll see a lot of waste water flowing onto the streets. When we came up with the idea of recycling this water and putting it to use, we discussed with people and came out with cost-effective solutions. In one village, we noticed that this treated waste water is being used by farmers for irrigation. So there's a lot of acceptance among villagers. Initially, they were curious about what was happening, but seeing the benefits they are happy."

Njanammal, 80, who stays next to the soak pit at Poolankulam, says, "The water level has increased in our borewells and farm well. The nearby vegetable farm also has a

better yield." She is also grateful for the new arrangement ridding them of the foul smell given off by stagnant water, as well as the mosquitoes that bred in it.

C Madasamy, who owns a paddy field, says the system helped save his crop. "Now I have 10 ft water in my well, which was hardly 1ft-2ft earlier."

North Poolankulam, about 2 km away, and Andipatti panchayat, around 10 km away, have similar successful systems in operation, treating at least 20,000 litres per day.

O P Poochendu, Assistant Engineer with the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA), who is one of the many engineers in Tirunelveli district who helped execute the system, says it consists of multiple layers of crushed stones, charcoal, gravel and sand.

A Palani, a DRDA Project Officer, stresses that now what is needed is proper maintenance, once every three years. Or, he warns, the filtering process would become slow, and there may even be reverse flow. Optimistic, Palani adds, "It is a matter of one day for us to open the soak pit, take out the filtering materials, and clean them."

War of words begins between Cong, JDS

JOHNSONTA
BENGALURU, AUGUST 23

SENIOR LEADERS of the Congress and JDS are engaged in a war of words over the collapse of the coalition government in Karnataka barely 14 months after coming together.

On Friday, former CM and leader of the Congress in the Assembly Siddaramaiah blamed JDS president H D Deve Gowda and his sons for the collapse, alleging that they did not take MLAs into confidence while governing.

Siddaramaiah was reacting to Deve Gowda's comments over the last couple of days insinuating that it was Siddaramaiah who pulled the coalition down because he was



Siddaramaiah on Friday. PTI

upset at the Congress going behind his back in May 2018 to forge an alliance with the JDS — his former party — to make his rival H D Kumaraswamy the chief minister.

The remarks by the two vet-

eran leaders are the first direct allegations between the Congress and JDS regarding the failure of the alliance since the coalition government collapsed last month.

"H D Kumaraswamy, H D Revanna and H D Deve Gowda are the real reasons for the fall of the coalition government and all the MLAs are saying this. All Congress and JDS MLAs should have been taken into confidence and if development work had been done in their constituencies nobody would have probably rebelled," Siddaramaiah said.

Earlier, in media interactions, Deve Gowda had suggested that Siddaramaiah used his supporters in the Congress to trigger rebellion in the coalition and cause its premature downfall.

"Siddaramaiah, who was CM for five years, was not taken into confidence by Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi who decided that Kumaraswamy will be the chief minister. This did not go down well," Deve Gowda said on Thursday.

Denying Deve Gowda's allegation, Siddaramaiah said on Friday that he had accepted the Congress high command's decision without protest and cooperated in running the coalition.

State Congress president Dinesh Gundu Rao said the former PM should have refrained from blaming the Congress. "We worked together in Lok Sabha polls and tried our best despite local level problems," he said.

Kumaraswamy refused to react to Siddaramaiah's statements.

Ramdev aide admitted to AIIMS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
DEHRADUN, AUGUST 23

YOGA GURU Ramdev's close aide and co-founder of Patanjali Yogpeeth Acharya Balkrishna was admitted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Rishikesh on Friday.

He was admitted in a state of 'altered consciousness' reportedly after consuming a sweet offered by a visitor.

Balkrishna was first taken to a hospital in Haridwar, from where he was referred to AIIMS in Rishikesh, where his condition was reported normal as he was recovering after treatment.

In a tweet, Ramdev said that



Acharya Balkrishna

a person had brought *peda* (a sweet) on Janmashtami and offered it to Balkrishna.

Soon after consuming it,

Balkrishna fainted. Ramdev also tweeted a video in which he said that there were symptoms like food poisoning, but Balkrishna had recovered 90 per cent.

In the same video, AIIMS Director Professor Ravi Kant said that all vital parameters of Balkrishna were normal and he was completely healthy.

While Ramdev claimed that Balkrishna fell ill after consuming a sweet offered by a visitor, Uttarakhand Police has not started any investigation in the matter because they have not received any complaint.

Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat will visit AIIMS on Saturday to meet Balkrishna.

Uttarakhand: Helicopter makes emergency landing

Dehradun: A helicopter of a private agency, carrying relief material for cloudburst-affected areas in Uttarakhand's Uttarkashi district, made an emergency landing on Friday. Both the pilot and his technical assistant sustained injuries.

Uttarkashi district disaster management officer Devendra Patwal said, "The helicopter took off from Arakot and was on way to Chiwa village for dropping relief material when the pilot made emergency landing near Lagwada to avoid touching a cable at around 1:30 pm..."

The helicopter too was damaged in the incident. **ENS**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

1. Air Officer Commanding, Air Force Station, Race Course, New Delhi- 110003 invites sealed tenders only from **war widows/widows of Defence personnel martyred while on duty, disabled solders, widows/ Spouses of Ex- serviceman, Ex-servicemen** having sound financial status for the following Regimental shops at Race Course Camp, Old Willingdon Camp, New Willingdon Camp, AF Naraina Camp, Sekhon Vihar and Shopping Complex at VSV (Gurgaon) for the period commencing w.e.f. 01 Oct 19 for one year extendable as per terms and conditions and mutual consent for maximum period of five years.

2. The following SI Regimental Shops are on offer against Rebate (in Rs. Per month for SI). The Rent and Allied charges fixed for each shop will be charged as per scales and rates laid down by Government and as amended from time to time :

(a) Location at Race Course Camp (RCC)

Sl. No.	Shop's Name	Sl. No.	Shop's Name
01	Shoe Shoppe	02	CSD Car Facilitation and Finance/ Insurance
03	Ladies Tailor Shop	04	Tailor Shop (Uniform, Gents clothing) with workshop No. 8
05	Frozen Food Shop-I	06	Dry Cleaner Shop
07	Cobbler Shop	08	Barber Shop
09	High-End Grocery Items	10	Photocopy, Mobile Repair and Recharge Shop
11	Tea and Snacks Bar (MT)	12	Electronic Shop (Gen)-II
13	Tailor Shop (Officer and Airmen) with workshop No. 15		

(b) Location at New Willingdon Camp (NWC)

Sl. No.	Shop's Name	Sl. No.	Shop's Name
01	Tea & Snacks Bar	02	Vegetable Shop
03	Ladies Corner		

(c) Location at Old Willingdon Camp (OWC)

Sl. No.	Shop's Name	Sl. No.	Shop's Name
01	High End Bakery Shop	02	Fast Food Shop
03	Stationery Shop		
04	Tailor Shop	05	Vegetable Shop

(d) Location at Sekhon Vihar

Sl. No.	Shop's Name	Sl. No.	Shop's Name
01	Ironing Shop-I	02	Ironing Shop-II
03	Ironing Shop-III		
04	Cable TV	05	Hair Salon
06	Provision Shop		
07	Bakery Shop	08	Electronics Shop
09	Beauty Parlour		

(e) Location at AF Camp Naraina

Sl. No.	Shop's Name	Sl. No.	Shop's Name
01	Bakery Shop	02	Tailor Shop
03	Cafeteria		
04	Gift Shop	05	Vegetable Shop
06	Barber Shop		
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(f) Location at Vayu Sena Vatika (Gurgaon)

Sl. No.	Shop's Name	Sl. No.	Shop's Name
01	Electronic and Repair Shop	02	Meat Shop
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04	Dry Cleaning Shop	05	Provision Shop-II
06	Barber Shop		
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09	Commercial RO Water Plant *		
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3. The Tender forms can be obtained from SI Fund Office, Air Force Station, Race Course, New Delhi- 110003 on all working days from 0900h to 1300h (Mon- Friday) from 26 Aug 19 to 29 Aug 19 on cash payment of Rs. 500/- each (**non-refundable**). A sum of Rs. 5,000/- is to be deposited as Earnest Money (**refundable**) in the form of Cash/ POS/ Demand Draft/ Pay Order in favour of "OIC SI Fund, AFND".

4. Tenders forms duly completed in all respects together with Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) receipts are to be dropped/ deposited in the Tender Box kept in C Adm O's Conference Hall, Air Force Station, Race Course, New Delhi- 110003 addressed to "OIC SI Fund, Air Force Station, New Delhi- 03". All details concerning Rent and Allied charges documents to be attached, last date and place of dropping/ depositing of tender in tender box will be mentioned in the tender form itself. In case of any vendor bidding for more than one shop, only one shop will be considered for allotment, if all other criteria for allotment are being met. No bid below benchmarking and MRP will be accepted. Benchmarking will be done based on Reasonable rates as per last rebates offered by shop owners in earlier contract. Highest/ single bids will not be necessary to be accepted. Allotment will be done by Board of Officers taking into account Rebate offered, documents attached, filling up all particulars/ details financial status of bidders, rates of items proposed to be sold in shops, character verification, welfare of troops and other parameters as mentioned in the tender form.

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BUDGET REVISITED

FM's announcements signal government's willingness to respond to ground reality. But long-term impact remains to be seen

MARKETS ARE ABOUT sentiment and the state of confidence among businessmen to invest, and in consumers to spend. Both were dented by the 2019-20 Union Budget, which was seen by many to be not doing enough to address a deepening economic slowdown, and even as one containing proposals that were retrograde. Thus, while regular car and two-wheeler sales were showing a clear contraction trend from late-2018, the budget dished out sops, including income tax deductions, for purchase of electric vehicles. Instead of making Indian industry globally competitive by bringing down the corporate tax rate to a uniform 25 per cent (as promised in the 2015-16 budget), Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman increased the surcharge on individual taxable incomes beyond Rs 2 crore and hiked the customs duty on gold, polyvinyl chloride, newsprint, books and a host of other items. When the effect of the higher surcharge on foreign portfolio investors (FPI) registered as trusts or associations was pointed out, they were simply told to "convert" themselves into companies. Adding insult to injury was a Companies Act amendment that made not spending the mandatory 2-per-cent-of-profits on corporate social responsibility (CSR) activity a criminal offence.

The markets responded in the only way they could: Since the budget's presentation on July 5, the BSE Sensex has shed 3,207 points or over 8 per cent, while the domestic currency has weakened by Rs 3.16 against the US dollar, with FPIs alone making net sales of \$3.5 billion-plus in Indian equities from last month. Meanwhile, real sector data — whether relating to core industries' output, auto sales or reports of job losses — has continued to worsen. It has taken this worsening crisis for the Narendra Modi government to finally respond. On Friday, Sitharaman announced withdrawal of the enhanced surcharge on capital gains against equity sales by both FPIs and domestic investors, while CSR violations shall be treated only as a civil liability. To boost flagging auto sales, an additional 15 per cent depreciation, taking the total to 30 per cent, has been granted on all vehicle purchases made till March 2020. Further, the earlier proposed increase in registration fee for new petrol/diesel cars and two-wheelers has been deferred to June 2020. Sitharaman has further assured consumers that their BS4 vehicles bought before March 31 will not face de-registration after the new BS6 emission norms come into effect.

Whether these measures will have the desired impact — in terms of bringing back investment and consumption demand in the economy — remains to be seen. For now, they send out a positive signal of the Modi government's willingness to engage with and respond to the reality on the ground. What began as PM Modi's Independence Day address extolling the role of "wealth creators" has now been taken to a pragmatic reaching-out on Friday.

ONE-SIDED BOUT

Opposition protests on abrogation of Article 370 frame the incoherence within its own ranks

THE RALLY OF Opposition parties held at the initiative of the DMK in Delhi on Thursday to protest the Centre's move in Jammu and Kashmir showcased the fissures within their ranks. An array of leaders, from the Congress and the communist parties to the Trinamool Congress, Samajwadi Party, and RJD besides the DMK, addressed the rally. However, the dissonance within came to the fore when most of the leaders limited their speeches to demanding the release of politicians detained in Jammu and Kashmir. Even the DMK, which had proposed the rally to protest the abrogation of Article 370, a move it had termed as an attack on federal principles, restricted itself to criticism of the detention of mainstream politicians.

It is nearly three weeks since the Centre removed Jammu and Kashmir's special status and bifurcated the state into two Union Territories, while detaining nearly all the major non-BJP politicians in the Valley, and in Jammu as well. Soon after the government action, the Left parties held protests in Delhi and elsewhere. But a joint Opposition rally had to wait till Thursday. Even then, it is telling that the initiative came from a regional party and not the Congress, the largest Opposition party in Parliament. The Congress itself has been a divided house with several of its prominent leaders backing the Centre on Article 370. Clearly, the BJP's move to situate its actions in J&K within the framework of nationalism and national interest has left the Opposition confused and listless. The Janata splinters and the DMK, historically vocal on the need to safeguard state interests, have toned down their critique of the government and only raised procedural matters while feebly protesting the detentions. This is in stark contrast with the aggressive advocacy by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah of the government's decision in the Valley.

It is evident that the Opposition is unable to provide a collective and coherent response even as the government effects major policy shifts. This doesn't augur well for democracy — a healthy polity calls for a strong and alert Opposition. The Congress, in disarray since its May 23 rout and the resignation of its president, has been unable to hold itself or the Opposition together. The vacuum in the Opposition space has never been so conspicuous.

FAILURE TO BOOM

The gun salute at Jagannath Mishra's cremation was a damp squib, and he went silent into that night

THE FUNERAL OF three-time chief minister Jagannath Mishra marks an important moment in the political saga of Bihar. Either it has proved its credentials as a peace-loving but wilfully misunderstood state. Or it has become identical with its stereotype — that of a place where nothing works, and where politics and corruption have gutted everything, and may have even siphoned off the powder from .303 cartridges. Mishra's funeral pyre was to be lit in the presence of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, accompanied by a 22-gun salute. The kindling caught, but all the 22 rifles produced flashes in the pan, creating an embarrassment unprecedented in the state's history.

Well into the Nineties, Bihar was one of India's most gun-happy states where it was possible to buy, rent or borrow illegal firearms on shockingly easy terms. The handmade arsenal extended to "chain guns", bizarre automatic weapons fashioned out of the metal tubes of a bicycle frame, and actuated by hauling a bicycle chain through the breech. The state teemed with heavily armed militias representing caste and political interests, which often garnered more headlines than the government. Now, the consecutive failure of 22 firearms suggests that this unique legacy is lost.

Of course, these were police weapons, and the Bihar Police were a meme before the internet was even born. But at least they have something to put in the breech, unlike their peers in UP, who wade into encounters armed with empty magazines and raw courage, uttering the onomatopoeic war cry of, "Thain! Thain!" Besides, throughout his extremely successful life — barring the unpleasantness of the fodder scam conviction — Jagannath Mishra had kept his powder dry. He did not need the colonial hangover of a gun salute for a cue, as he bowed off the stage of life.



C RAJA MOHAN

Old new friends

Why in a more uncertain world order, India and France are natural partners in building the new coalitions

FOR NEARLY FOUR decades, successive French presidents — Francois Mitterand in the 1980s, Jacques Chirac from the mid 1990s to the mid 2000s and Nicolas Sarkozy after that — made repeated efforts to elevate the engagement with India to a higher level. If Paris was an eager suitor, Delhi was distracted. Preoccupied with other major powers — US, Russia and China — and burdened by its inherited Anglo-Saxon bias, Delhi could hardly appreciate the pivotal value of France, and more broadly that of Europe, in transforming India's international position.

The one-sided love affair has begun to change as Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid greater strategic attention to France and Europe in the first term. While many pending issues relating to Europe were sorted out during 2014-19, it was the boosting of ties with France that stood out as an important feature of Modi's foreign policy in the first term. The PM's summit with French President Emmanuel Macron this week and participation in the G-7 outreach next week mark the injection of some real content into the bilateral strategic partnership that was unveiled more than two decades ago in 1998.

The Modi-Macron bromance could not have come at a more critical time for the two countries. The relative harmony between the major powers witnessed after the Cold War is now becoming a distant memory. The growing tensions between the US on the one hand and China and Russia on the other are roiling the international waters. Meanwhile, thanks to Donald Trump, the cracks in the political West are widening.

As they come to terms with the breakdown of the post-War order, India and France recognise the urgency of constructing coalitions that can provide a measure of stability in an increasingly unstable world. France, which had sought strategic autonomy within the framework of its alliance with the US, and India, which has valued independent foreign policy, are natural partners in building the new coalitions for an uncertain era.

The rapid rise of China — and the expanding gap in the national power indices in favour of Beijing — have altered the balance of power in India's neighbourhood. During the Cold War, India had turned to the Soviet Union to ensure a stable regional balance.

In the last few years, Russia has been drawing steadily closer to China. This movement is not defined by any problem be-

tween Moscow and Delhi, but Russia's larger global calculus. That Russia has a broader and deeper economic and political relationship with China means the new entente between Moscow and Beijing can only make it harder for Delhi to rely on the former to balance the latter.

After the turbulent 1990s when Delhi and Washington argued over non-proliferation and Kashmir, the two sides settled into a period of stable and expanding partnership under the presidencies of George Bush and Barack Obama lasting from 2001-2017. The arrival of Donald Trump in the White House in early 2017, amidst an unexpected turn in American domestic politics, has begun to produce complications for India on a range of issues — from bilateral trade to regional and global affairs.

Trump was, by no means, trying to target India in particular. Delhi has been affected by sweeping changes in the foreign, economic and national security policies unleashed by Trump. He has turned hostile to the WTO and walked away from many multilateral arrangements. He has spewed venom on long-standing US allies for being a burden on the American exchequer. As he withdraws from some of the conflict zones, Trump insists that America's allies and friends do more for their own security. His recent call on India to join the fight against Islamic State in Afghanistan is part of that belief system.

Whether these new emphases will survive the Trump presidency or not, they have unnerved most of America's partners in Europe and Asia. For many nations, including India and France, coping with the muscular assertiveness of China, the resurgence of Russia and the retrenchment of America become the central challenge of their foreign and security policies.

As they look for options in a world where the old political certitudes look shaky, India and France see that strengthening bilateral cooperation and building coalitions with like-minded countries is critical for the protection of their long term interests. The new imperatives driving India and France have manifested themselves in a five-fold agenda for Modi and Macron.

First, enhancing bilateral cooperation in strategic sectors. France has always been an important partner in the development of advanced technologies. This is set to advance further with the consolidation of civil nu-

clear cooperation and enhancing space cooperation. The summit this week saw the placing of artificial intelligence and the unfolding digital revolution at the top of the bilateral agenda.

Second, the new commitment to go beyond the buyer-seller relationship in the field of weapons procurement. When India comes up with clear policies for making arms in India, the synergies between India's large defence market and the French strengths in armament production would come into full play.

Third, political cooperation between India and France is relatively new; it began with French support for India in limiting international sanctions on Delhi after its 1998 nuclear tests. Today, France has emerged as India's most reliable partner on issues relating to terrorism and Kashmir.

Fourth, the relationship between India and France has gone beyond the bilateral to focus on the regional. Modi and Macron this week have agreed to intensify maritime and naval cooperation in the Indian Ocean and more broadly the Indo-Pacific. There is a sweeping and ambitious ocean agenda awaiting the two countries — from maritime governance to oceanographic research and from interoperability between their armed forces to capacity building in the littoral.

Finally, it is the prospect of global agenda-setting that is beginning to make the India-France strategic partnership very exciting. After their joint efforts to limit climate change and develop the Solar Alliance, India and France have turned to more ambitious ideas. The road map on cybersecurity and digital technology issued by Modi and Macron this week provides the framework for long-term cooperation on a set of issues, whose weight is growing by the day.

France also opens the pathway for deeper engagement with Europe on global issues. Since independence, India has experimented with different institutions — including the NAM and BRICS — to shape global norms. The new partnerships with France, Germany and other like-minded countries like Japan would hopefully turn out to be far more consequential for India's influence on the global stage.

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EVERYONE LOVES TURKISH DRAMA

A new book in Pakistan looks at the phenomenon that is gaining worldwide popularity



KHALED AHMED

PAKISTAN TELEVISION LEANS heavily these days on entertainment to distract Pakistanis from the burdens of ideology and, among other foreign borrowings, shows a lot of dubbed Turkish drama. Needless to say, the Turkish contribution to Pakistani entertainment is quite popular. And it is not surprising: Turkey sold 1,35,000 drama hours to 75 countries in 2015, generating approximately US \$300 million, which was surpassed by the \$350 million earnings in 2017.

A book — perhaps the only one today — has come out in Pakistan looking analytically at the phenomenon. On the face of it, Turkish drama is pure entertainment with pretty girls falling in love with strapping Turkish boys as, for instance, in "Golden Butterflies" showing these days on Pakistani channels. But the book delves deeper into the whole phenomenon of modernisation/westernisation in Turkey and how it carries within it cultural values that are purely Turkish and appeal to audiences in Pakistan.

The writer of the book, *Aslan's Roar: Turkish Television and the Rise of the Muslim Hero* (2019), is Navid Shahzad, herself a legend in the field of showbiz and higher education in the country, as a student and teacher. She is the daughter of a great man, Sheikh Abdur Rehman (1903-1990), Chief Justice of

Pakistan. Today Pakistan would do itself a lot of good by acknowledging his book, *Punishment of Apostasy in Islam* (1972), and quitting killing people indiscriminately for blasphemy. A keen follower of the Turkish TV drama, Shahzad got deeper into it after she fell ill and was "addressed" while in delirium by her favourite Turkish actor, Engin Akyurek: "Come! We are all waiting for you!" The result in 2019 is her well-produced book on the phenomenon that is worth \$3 billion of TV ads in Turkey today.

Turkey may be fighting Kemalism but the rights 'modernisation' has bestowed on women can't be taken away easily; and President Erdogan is wise enough to not upset the great tradition still radiating from television: "This forceful top-down approach created a class of political elite which embraced an active, rapidly moving reformist trajectory congruent with the pace demanded by modernisation". The book notes how Atatürk adopted and educated a number of girls, prominent among them Sabiha Gokcen — Turkey's first woman fighter pilot after whom one of Istanbul's airports is named.

Author Shahzad also takes note of the "reaction" to "modernisation" in Turkey, as elsewhere in the Muslim world: The upending of the vision of Jinnah in Pakistan based some-

what directly on the example of Turkey, as Jinnah avidly read the biography of the great Turkish leader; and the less relevant "reaction" through Narendra Modi in India to post-Raj "enlightenment". For Shahzad, the inspiration came through Faiz Ahmed Faiz and Faiz's favourite Turkish poet, Nazim Hikmet.

She writes: "At present, Turkey's status as a modern, Muslim, secular republic with its ideologically polarised and segmented society remains contested; even as it offers an intriguing comparison with issues similar to those being faced by an equally polarised Pakistan still trying to recover from an anti-secular, rigid Islamist agenda perpetrated by a military dictatorship which created deep schisms within the body politic of Pakistani society. It is in this context that the content of present day Turkish TV series appears to wedge itself, that is, between the binary opposites of an Ottoman past, and a modern secular society in what are obviously thinly disguised, semi-symbolic narratives. This has resulted in an intriguing hybridity constructed by the presence of perceived commonalities rather than the differences between ideologies to tell contemporary stories."

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AUGUST 24, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO



PUNISH THE PRESIDENT THE JANATA LEADERSHIP accused President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy, of acting hand-in-glove with Prime Minister Charan Singh, in denying Jagjivan Ram an opportunity to form government at the Centre. Addressing a mammoth public meeting at Ramlila grounds, the leaders, including Morarji Desai, Jagjivan Ram, Chandra Shekhar and A B Vajpayee, appealed to the people for a mandate to punish the President who they said had acted against the spirit of the Constitution and interest of the nation and democracy. The Janata leaders also announced the launching of their election campaign.

BANK LOAN CHECKS THE RESERVE BANK OF India has announced several measures to achieve the objective of controlling the increase in bank credit with a view to combating inflationary trends in the economy. In the case of all cash, credit and bill accounts of Rs 25 lakh and above, the effective drawing power under the cash credit for the period August 23 to December end would be limited to 80 per cent of the peak levels of actual utilisation reached during the two-year period ending June 1979.

TRIANGULAR FIGHT FROM THE DEBRIS of the Sixth Lok Sabha, a triangular contest for power has begun tak-

ing shape. While politics will remain in a flux and hazy for quite some time, it can safely be said that the three major contenders for powers at the polls this winter will be: The alliance led by outgoing prime minister Charan Singh, the Janata Party led by Jagjivan Ram and Indira Gandhi's Congress (I). There will be a realignment of forces. Individuals and smaller parties may have to make choices, but by and large they will have to join hands with the three major contenders in the field. Although the parties have yet to draw their campaign plans, top leaders have started holding consultations on election strategy. The fight, it appears, is already on.

13 THE IDEAS PAGE

The business of politics, the necessity of values

Elections are short term contests, but the political project of democracy is a long game



MUKULIKA BANERJEE

DEMOCRACY IS NOT just a set of institutions but also a set of values. The institutions are, minimally speaking, free and fair elections, an elected Parliament containing an executive and an Opposition to hold it accountable, an independent judiciary, a nonpartisan bureaucracy, a free media, and security of existence for all citizens. Democratic values include the ability to accommodate a diverse range of viewpoints that requires civility of conduct, a commitment to egalitarian ideals, the idea of universal citizenship — encompassing rights but also duties, allowing all sections of the populace to be heard despite the louder voice of the majority, and, a general commitment to the common good over individual desires. The relationship between democratic institutions and democratic values is symbiotic: The former are there to safeguard the latter and to exemplify them in their own conduct. In turn, the foremost democratic value is respect for institutions. Thus, both institutions and values are essential for any country to be democratic.

Elections are a key indicator of the health of a democracy and are a complicated mechanism involving ratios of population size to the number of representatives, calendars, machines and processes. They are designed to safeguard against majoritarianism — this is why a referendum is not a democratic election through which popular representation can be established. Also, by making them free and fair, it allows ordinary people to experience and perform citizenship by participating in elections, when they are treated equally and with respect by a system that is transparent and well-ordered. For elections to be orderly, it is imperative that other institutions perform their respective roles, to create a set of checks and balances to ensure that elections are, in fact, free and fair. Thus, the election commission had to be a body that functions with complete integrity and transparency, fulfilling its duty as an impartial referee towards all political parties; the judiciary maintains a check on violation of norms and human rights; the media covers the entire range of political opinion and campaigns; and, crucially, the citizen exercises her franchise with complete faith in the system.

As a result, Indians voted with a certain faith in the democratic system, as my research (see *Why India Votes*, 2014) demonstrated. It is for this reason that India developed the 'Model Code of Conduct' in the 1980s, after the experience of a few decades of electoral democracy — to introduce some self-regulation, to maintain a modicum of decorum during a campaign. All Indian political parties signed up to it, in recognition of the fact that it was critical to maintain democratic values even and especially during an election campaign. Because those in politics knew that elections are by nature combative and carnivalesque, because in the heat of the moment anything could be said, desperate measures could be taken and power could be misused



C R Sasikumar

simply to secure a win. A democratic win is achieved only while maintaining democratic values, and within certain shared constraints. The means and ends of winning a democratic election had to be aligned.

But something quite profound has shifted in this relationship between democratic values and elections in recent years because of a combination of factors, including mass technology and institutional failures. The credentials of a "democratically elected government" are now simply one that has won the largest number of seats in Parliament without any accounting of how those seats were won, which institutions were trampled upon in the march to the finishing line, the quality of conduct and veracity of utterances during the journey. Elections have now become a free-for-all affair in which utterances earlier unthinkable even in private, are broadcast to thousands. Discourse has been cheapened such that an incumbent prime minister can be called a thief — and the riposte is to lower the discourse further, rather than aiming for a higher standard (unlike what Michelle Obama said, here the policy is "when they go low, we go lower").

The role that money now plays in elections and democratic politics is, perhaps, key to this: Money cannot buy votes, but it can certainly buy advertising space, the partiality of journalists, the time and labour of social media coordinators, and, even the loyalty of rival politicians. Money has always played a murky role in violating democratic norms in Indian politics, but the new mechanism of electoral bonds has been a game changer. It has now not only made financial contributions legitimately opaque, but allowed unprecedented sums of money to go to one single party, to do as it wishes in order to win an election, without any checks and balances.

Elections are short term contests, but the political project of democracy is a long game; building a democratic polity requires the meticulous building of robust institutions while also cultivating the values associated with it. But such democratic values can seem irrelevant once democracy is reduced to winning an election at any cost. No longer is it then necessary to strive for truth and integrity, or urge people to be better versions of themselves.

Elections are short term contests, but the political project of democracy is a long game; building a democratic polity requires the meticulous building of robust institutions while also cultivating the values associated with it. These values are not esoteric or artificial and many already exist in society — basic decency in speech, learning to live with the Opposition, cooperating with everyone in common purpose, playing by the rules even when they are personally inconvenient, not lying all the time and so on — because they are essential to live with others. But they are not the easiest values to adopt because they take discipline and self-cultivation, and the work of creating a democracy is to identify and cultivate them and make them essential to the business of politics and social life. No country or citizen is born democratic, they are made so. These values and institutions also need protection because they are vulnerable — they take years to grow but can be uprooted in days.

Such democratic values can seem irrelevant once democracy is reduced to winning an election at any cost. No longer is it then necessary to strive for truth and integrity, or to urge people to be better versions of themselves. A politics based on hate and chauvinism, disregard for norms and conventions, the capture of institutions and individuals with naked cash takes relatively less effort (think of how much easier it is to let your child pluck flowers in a park, than teaching them why they must not). And such a politics, unencumbered by restraints, is much better suited to winning elections because it stirs emotions easily and mobilises support, in the short term. Such a politics may win elections, but democracy is lost.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Mr Trump combines a belief that everything ought to be for sale to him with an inability to understand what it might be worth to anyone else. That helps to explain his numerous bankruptcies and later failures as a diplomat." —THE GUARDIAN

A different kind of nationalism

In his I-Day address, Prime Minister Modi sought to connect patriotism with day-to-day conduct



VINAY SAHASRABUDHE

ALMOST A WEEK from now, Ganesh Utsav will be celebrated in many parts of the country. With the resurgence of a more integrative national spirit on top on his agenda, Bal Gangadhar Tilak had converted Ganesh Chaturthi, a traditional family festival for worshipping the deity of knowledge, into a social festival. He established the practice of its collective celebrations, and with the same approach, he also established Shivaji Maharaj's birth anniversary every year as a public festival.

Years later, Mahatma Gandhi realised that although a sufficiently awakened national spirit was giving impetus to the freedom struggle, to join civil disobedience and court arrest every now and then was not easy for the commoners. This prompted him to invent some set of actions in the form of activities pertaining to everyday personal conduct. Spinning yarn on an easy-to-operate charkha or wearing clothes made of khadi, thus, eventually became acts of patriotism, and thereby, symbols of joining the freedom struggle. Veer Savarkar, too, appealed to countrymen to stop using clothes made abroad and campaigned for swadeshi, or country-manufactured clothes. Almost during the same period, K B Hedgewar, yet another creative thinker, evolved the practice of joining RSS shakhas for, largely speaking, evening games. Thereby, he cultivated the new apparatus called "shakha". Over the years, the shakha became an instrument for generating social consciousness, assimilation and national spirit.

Like every other lofty ideal, patriotism too is easy to preach and difficult to practise. Visionary leaders like Gandhi, Hedgewar, Savarkar, and leaders like Lal Bahadur Shastri too, tried to simplify patriotism and bring it closer to one's day-to-day conduct. Shastri, in 1965, appealed to the countrymen to forego a meal to save food, and many took a vow and started observing a fast on Mondays all through their lives. For them, it remained a mark of serving the cause of the nation.

What Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made a fervent appeal for, through his Independence Day address last August 15, is precisely in keeping with the traditions established by the likes of Gandhi. But unlike Gandhi, both Shastri and PM Modi made their appeals while in office. Naturally then, their appeals also reflected

an attempt to link governance issues to the personal conduct of the countrymen. Just about three years back, Modi asked the people to buy at least one khadi apparel annually, and it worked wonders. According to the KVIC, in 2015, Khadi saw a phenomenal 60 per cent increase in its sales. Similarly, his appeal to fellow citizens — who had the ability to afford — to forego subsidies on cooking gas or sleeper-class train tickets for the sake of the underprivileged classes, also received a highly encouraging response.

Two years back, addressing a youth gathering to mark the birth centenary of Nanaji Deshmukh, Modi posed a piercing question to the youth. He asked, "How can we chant Bharat Mata ki Jai and in the next moment unhesitatingly dirty the very land of Bharat Mata by either spitting or littering at public places?" Similarly, a set of appeals that he made during his recent Independence Day address, could be seen as the articulation of a brand of patriotism that is in practise. In the past, on several occasions, he has reiterated his appeal to every citizen to work towards water conservation, and in the same spirit this time, he appealed to the countrymen, saying "from October 2, let us pledge to make the country free of single-use plastic... On Diwali let us gift people cloth bags instead of plastics... That will be an advertisement for your company as well". Notably, he also urged start-ups to come up with ideas to recycle plastic in the country. Sharing his concern about the excessive use of chemical fertilisers, he has also appealed to farmers to pledge to reduce the use of fertilisers by at least 10-15 per cent.

PM Modi's appeal to the countrymen to visit at least 15 tourist destinations within the country by 2022, along with family members, is also remarkable in this context. However, what is more noteworthy is his attempt to change the mindset. Equally remarkable is his attempt to link social reforms to patriotism. Without mincing words, in his Independence Day address Modi said, "Population explosion in the country will create various problems for the coming generations. Those who follow the policy of small family also contribute to the development of the nation, it is also a form of patriotism." Never before in the past has any prime minister come forward with such clarity on a subject considered so sensitive.

The message is loud and clear. Nationalism can certainly not be a bad word as some would want us to believe. However, it is also not about mere emotions and slogans. It has an actionable aspect to it, and the prime minister has been consistently emphasising the same, while denying any room for mere lip service.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CALLOUS APPROACH

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Stateless in Assam' (IE, August 23). Although the exclusion of roughly about 40 lakh people from the draft NRC published in July last year in Assam is a matter of grave concern, it reflects the ham-handed approach of concerned authorities in preparing the humongous register. While the scarcity of resources, continual flux of population, and natural calamities like floods may be some of the major plausible causes making the task all the more difficult to be completed in a limited period, slackness and indifference are other factors responsible for its lopsided preparation.

Ravi Mathur, Ghaziabad, UP

SAFER SPACES

THIS REFERS TO the article "For a safer world of work" (IE, August 23). The ILO's Convention Number 219, which recognises the right to freedom from violence and harassment of everyone in the "world of work", is a quantum leap in making workplaces safe and dignified. The convention has shifted the focus from the duty of an employer to the right of a worker, from prevention of harassment to its elimination. As a founder member of ILO, let India be the first nation among its 187 members to ratify and adopt it. If it makes freedom from violence and harassment at work a Constitutional right and "zero tolerance towards violence and harassment" a state policy, it will motivate more women to join the workforce.

YG Chouksey, Pune

BISCUIT LESSONS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The biscuit crumbles' (IE, August 23). The sale of passenger cars and commercial vehicles is a fair indicator of the direction of the economy. But if people, especially in

LETTER OF THE WEEK

REAL DEMOCRACY

"THIS REFERS TO the editorial 'World and valley' (IE, August 19). A majority of Kashmir's population is suffering because of its partition and people in the rest of India are celebrating the "conquering" of Kashmir. India's diplomatic moves can be appreciated but they are of no use if an internal conflict becomes inevitable. Retain the rights of the people of Kashmir, then take further steps. That is democracy."

Archana Santhosh, Bhatinda

DOWN MEMORY LANE

THIS REFERS TO the article 'Crucible for the steel frame' (IE, August 23). It made an enjoyable read for someone who has been to the same Academy years ago. But it felt a tad incomplete without the accompanying story of how life spins a completely different narrative from what is scripted for each one of us in the hallowed precincts of the Academy.

Sangeeta Kampani, Delhi

When privacy was made supreme

Two years after historic SC judgment, its promise has not been fully realised



APAR GUPTA

THE MONTH OF August marks a momentous event in the story of our nationhood as we celebrate our independence from colonial rule. The very basis was a constitutional choice, which civil rights lawyer K G Kannabiran put it as the "termination of imposed suzerainty". Two years ago, this sentiment seemed to be achieved with the historic decision of the Supreme Court in the Puttaswamy Privacy case, in which nine judges unanimously affirmed the fundamental right to privacy. This newspaper reported the apex court's decision on the front page with the electric headline — Privacy Supreme.

Though two years is not a fair measure of time in the life of a constitutional judgment, it does provide perspective on early beginnings that may set its future course. Constitutional law builds on precedent, which was an inherent recognition within the privacy judgment. Each of the six concurring opinions comprising it emphasised that the privacy doctrine would develop on a case-by-case basis. Within its large jurisprudential expanse, concepts of personal autonomy, dignity and liberty provided fertility to future adjudication. Almost immediately, constitutional lawyers seized on it, clutching copies of the judgment as they entered courtrooms. Its centrality was felt in *Navej Singh Johar v. Union of India*, which wa-

tered down the unconscionable criminalisation of consensual homosexual activity. This built in part upon the autonomy doctrine of personal choice from the privacy doctrine. Similar victories were felt in cases of *Joseph Shine v. Union of India* which decriminalised adultery and *Shafin Jahan v. Ashokan KM* that restrained the courts from dictating the choice of an adult woman to choose her partner. Many other cases made extensive reference to the judgment.

There were considerable setbacks too. Disappointment was felt most acutely within the Puttaswamy Aadhaar case. The privacy reference arose in the midst of arguments on the constitutionality of Aadhaar, but in many ways the Supreme Court failed in application of the privacy doctrine to it. It was captured most eloquently in the searing dissent of Justice D Y Chandrachud, who repeatedly cautioned against the centralisation of personal data as a tool for surveillance and authoritarianism. This may seem incongruous with the larger development of privacy to India, but to many practising lawyers such a setback did not elicit shock.

Two specific, structural explanations in the nature of constitutional adjudication may explain this incongruity, which forms part of the hidden curriculum of the Supreme Court.

The first is the composition of the court, which changes from case to case and hence, carries a margin of discretion. Judges often disagree amongst themselves, which becomes more varied with the flexibility provided by constitutional doctrine. The second is of a more troubling nature and concerns the investment by the political executive in the continuation of a programme or policy irrespective of its impact on fundamental rights. Here the independence of the judiciary, not only in form but in substance, becomes vital. For it to resist the soothing sirens of reward or gentle whispers of consequence, the institutional strength of the adjudicatory body becomes central. Let us honestly recognise that phantoms today confront the Supreme Court in instances where constitutional adjudication pits citizens against the government. This has an impact on the development of the privacy doctrine in varied discretionary choices, from the procedure for listing to the choice of hearings that subsequently flow into more obvious markers of reasoning and reliefs contained within court judgments.

The answers to this conundrum are found to an extent in the privacy judgment. In the opinions of Justices Chandrachud, Rohinton Nariman and Sanjay Kaul, who expressly overruled the abhorrent decision of

ADM Jabalpur by which the Supreme Court had once affirmed the suspension of fundamental rights during the Emergency. They recognised the dissent of Justice H R Khanna in the *ADM Jabalpur* that natural rights such as privacy are not recognised but protected by the Constitution, hence are ever-persistent, everlasting.

But Justice Khanna's dissent was not merely an act of finely crafted judicial reasoning, but an act of principled courage at the time of Emergency and at grave personal cost. His lifelong labour towards being the Chief Justice of India was disturbed when he was superseded by the political executive. Timing matters and in more ways than one: Justice delayed is justice denied. Today, the privacy doctrine may only offer cold comfort as the autonomy, dignity and liberty of many Indians is violated in deep and pervasive ways. The Supreme Court has occasion to correct many of these moral and constitutional wrongs. For the privacy judgment to fulfil its true promise, it needs to go beyond spirited dissents to firm, binding judgments that keeps the political executive within clear, limited constitutional boundaries.

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TOP OF THE WORLD



Vladimir Putin

RUSSIA

Putin orders 'reciprocal' response to US missile test

Moscow: Russian President Vladimir Putin on Friday ordered a like-for-like response to a recent US missile test, which he said showed Washington aimed to deploy previously banned missiles around the world. The Pentagon said on Monday it had tested a conventionally-configured cruise missile. Putin told his Security Council Friday Russia could not stand idly by, and that US talk of deploying new missiles in the Asia-Pacific region "affects our core interests as it is close to Russia's borders".

FRANCE

Probe into rape, abuse claims against Epstein

Paris: French prosecutors said they opened an inquiry into the suspected rape and sexual abuse of minors linked to the scandal surrounding US multimillionaire Jeffrey Epstein. The move came after calls for French investigators to look into allegations of abuse at Epstein's sumptuous apartment near the Champs-Élysées in Paris. "The investigations... will focus on potential crimes against French victims committed on national territory as well as abroad, and on perpetrators who are French citizens," Prosecutor Remy Heitz said.

UK

Pak minister punched, pelted with eggs

London: Pakistan railway minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmad was punched and pelted with eggs during a visit to London, according to Pakistani media reports. The minister, chief of Pakistan's Awami Muslim League (AML), was accosted when he stepped out to smoke his cigar at a London awards ceremony earlier this week. According to reports, two officials of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) admitted to the attack a day later, on Wednesday, as retribution for "abusive language" against PPP leader Bilawal Bhutto Zardari.

WORLD MUST STEP UP, SAYS UN CHIEF

UNSC targets China, Pakistan over persecution of minorities

YOSHITA SINGH
UNITED NATIONS, AUGUST 23

CHINA AND Pakistan were targeted for their persecution of religious minorities, with western powers such as the US and UK calling out both nations at a UN Security Council meeting on Thursday for the oppression faced by Christians, Ahmadis, Uighurs and other ethnic minorities.

The Arria-Formula Meeting of the Security Council on 'Advancing the Safety and Security of Persons Belonging to Religious Minorities in Armed Conflict' was organised by Poland, the Council President for August, to mark the first International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief.

Addressing the meeting, US Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom Samuel Brownback said religious freedom is essential for achieving peace and stability within nations and among nations. He then called out

GLOBAL COMMUNITY'S STATEMENTS



GROUPS IN CHINA
A US ambassador said many members of religious groups in China including ethnic Uighur, Kazakhs and other Muslims, Tibetan Buddhists and Catholics, Protestants face severe persecution, repression

UK, FRANCE, CANADA
The countries spoke out against the oppression of religious minorities. Canada envoy Marc-Andre Blanchard spoke of calling out attacks on groups, including Christians in Pakistan, in the Middle East and elsewhere

Pakistan for the persecution religious minorities in the country. "In Pakistan, religious mi-

norities continue to suffer from persecution, either at the hands of non-state actors or through

discriminatory laws and practices," Brownback said.

Brownback also voiced concern over the "undue restrictions" on religious freedom in China, strongly calling on Beijing to end its "war on faith" and to respect religious freedom for all.

Addressing the meeting, UN chief António Guterres called for an end to the persecution of religious groups. "Jews have been murdered in synagogues, their gravestones defaced with swastikas; Muslims gunned down in mosques, their religious sites vandalized; Christians killed at prayer, their churches torched."

He stressed that the world must step up to stamp out anti-Semitism, anti-Muslim hatred, the persecution of Christians and other religious groups, and all forms of racism, xenophobia, discrimination and incitement to violence.

UN human rights chief Michelle Bachelet, in a video message from Geneva, voiced alarm by the rise of xenophobia, racism, religious intolerance globally. PTI

GERMANY

\$1.1-MN REWARD TO PROVE CITY DOESN'T EXIST

A German city that's been the subject of a long-running light-hearted conspiracy theory claiming it doesn't really exist is offering big bucks to whoever proves that's true. Officials in Bielefeld said Wednesday they'll give 1 million euros to the one who delivers solid proof of its non-existence. The idea that Bielefeld doesn't exist was first floated on the Internet in 1994 in an effort to poke fun at online conspiracy theories



Protesters form a human chain during a rally in Hong Kong on Friday. Reuters

Citing coordinated campaign to smear Hong Kong protests, YouTube disables 210 channels

Consistent with recent observations and actions related to China announced by Facebook and Twitter: Google

KATE CONGER
SAN FRANCISCO, AUGUST 23

YOUTUBE ON Thursday said it disabled 210 channels that appeared to be part of a coordinated influence campaign against pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong.

The action by the Google-owned service came this week as Twitter and Facebook accused the Chinese government of backing a social media campaign to discredit Hong Kong's pro-democracy movement and sow political discord in the city.

"We disabled 210 channels on YouTube when we discovered channels in this network behaved in a coordinated manner while uploading videos related to the ongoing protests in Hong Kong," Shane Huntley of Google's security threat analysis group said in an online post.

"This discovery was consistent with recent observations and actions related to China announced by Facebook and Twitter."

Twitter and Facebook announced Monday they had suspended nearly 1,000 active accounts linked to a coordinated influence campaign, while

EXPLAINED

Large presence on Western platforms

THIS WEEK'S announcements by Google, Facebook and Twitter, regarding the deactivation of over 200,000 accounts, are seen by security experts as a sign of China's presence on social media platforms that are blocked within its borders.

Some also drew parallels between China's techniques and the ones allegedly used by Russia to fan inflammatory rhetoric in the 2016 US election, as per an NYT report. After the recent incident, Twitter had on Monday said it would stop state-backed media from posting ads on the platform.

Twitter said it had shut down about 200,000 more before they could inflict any damage.

"These accounts were deliberately and specifically attempting to sow political discord in Hong Kong," Shane Huntley of Google's security threat analysis group said in an online post.

Facebook said some of the posts from accounts it banned compared the protesters in Hong Kong with Islamic State group militants, branded them "cock-

roaches" and alleged they planned to kill people using slingshots.

Behind the scenes online though, the Chinese government is seeking to sway public opinion about Hong Kong, according to Twitter and Facebook.

"We are disclosing a significant state-backed information operation focused on the situation in Hong Kong, specifically the protest movement and their calls for political change," Twitter said. It said it had pulled 936 accounts originating in China that were spreading dis-

information. NYT



Activists protest in London, Friday, calling on Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro to act to protect the Amazon rainforest. AP

Amazon fires prompt alarm in Europe, anger at Bolsonaro

RICHARD PÉREZ-PEÑA & MATINA STEVIS-GRIDNEFF
LONDON, AUGUST 23

EUROPEAN LEADERS have reacted with growing fear and anger to the fires ravaging Brazil's rainforest, calling it a worldwide crisis that is accelerating global warming—and one that Brazil's leader appears unwilling to combat.

President Emmanuel Macron of France went so far, on Friday, as to accuse President Jair Bolsonaro of Brazil of lying about being committed to fighting climate change and protecting the Amazon forest. As a result, Macron said, he would try to kill a major trade deal between Europe and South America that has been years in the making.

The French president and



Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany both said that the Amazon fires should be added to the agenda of the Group of 7 summit being held this weekend and that Bolsonaro replied by telling them to keep their noses out of Brazil's business.

The fires prompted a widespread backlash against Brazil and its far-right president, who has cut back on protection of wild lands and wants to open more rainforest to farming and ranching.

Environmentalists and celebrities have called for a boycott of the country, and Germany and Norway have halted payments to a \$1.2 billion Amazon conservation program after Bolsonaro's government interfered with its leadership.

While many of the fires have been set by farmers on lands that have been previously cleared, others are set by people who want to clear rain forest anew. The number of fires has increased sharply this year, and environmentalists say Bolsonaro's government has enabled and even encouraged the destruction, which it denies. NYT

Amid global outcry, Brazil tells envoys to fix its image

Brasilia: Stung by a global outcry over deforestation and wildfires in the Amazon rainforest, Brazil launched a diplomatic offensive to persuade the international community of its environmental credentials.

President Jair Bolsonaro's administration has distributed a 12-page circular to its foreign embassies, outlining data and statistics that diplomats are meant to cite to defend the government's position on the crisis. The circular, reviewed by Reuters and reported here for the first time, attempts to address 59 areas where Brazil has come under fire. REUTERS

JOYCE LEE & HYNHEE SHIN
SEOUL, AUGUST 23

NORTH KOREA'S top diplomat said on Friday that US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo was a "diehard toxin" who only complicates denuclearisation talks and North Korea was ready for both dialogue and standoff.

Talks aimed at dismantling the North's nuclear and missile programmes have stalled since a failed second summit between US President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in the Vietnamese capital of Hanoi in February.

Trump and Kim met again in June at the inter-Korean border and agreed to reopen working-level negotiations, but that has not happened.

Since the Vietnam summit, North Korea has demanded that Pompeo be replaced with a "more mature" person, while lauding the rapport built between Kim and Trump.

North Korean Foreign



Mike Pompeo. Reuters

Minister Ri Yong Ho, who took part in the Hanoi summit along with Pompeo, called the chief United States negotiator the "diehard toxin of the US diplomacy" who employs "hackneyed sanctions rhetoric".

Ri referred to Pompeo's remarks in recent interviews in which he said sanctions would be kept until North Korea takes concrete actions on denuclearisation.

"He is truly impudent enough to utter such thoughtless words which only leave us disappointed and sceptical as to whether we can solve any problem with such a guy," Ri said in a statement. REUTERS

Sri Lanka ends emergency 4 months after Easter attacks

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
COLOMBO, AUGUST 23

SRI LANKA has ended a four-month state of emergency declared after Easter suicide bombings by Islamist extremists that killed 258 people, officials said Friday.

President Maithripala Sirisena has been extending the emergency on the 22nd of each month since the April 21 attacks on three hotels and three churches. However, his office confirmed that Sirisena had not extended it for another term and thereby allowed the emergency to end on Thursday.

"The president did not issue a fresh proclamation extending the emergency by a further period," an official source said.

The official government printer also confirmed there was no notification reimposing the state of emergency, which gives sweeping powers to police and security forces to arrest and detain suspects for long periods.

'ANY ACCIDENT... MIGHT HAVE SERIOUS IMPACT ON THE FRAGILE ENVIRONMENT OF THE ARCTIC'

Chernobyl on ice, say critics, as Russia launches floating n-reactor

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MOSCOW, AUGUST 23

RUSSIA WILL launch the world's first floating nuclear reactor and send it on an epic journey across the Arctic on Friday, despite environmentalists warning of serious risks to the region.

Loaded with nuclear fuel, the Akademik Lomonosov will leave the Arctic port of Murmansk to begin its 5,000 kilometre voyage to northeastern Siberia.

Nuclear agency Rosatom says the reactor is a simpler alternative to building a conventional plant on ground that is frozen all

year round, and it intends to sell such reactors abroad.

But environmental groups have long warned of the dangers of the project, dubbing it a potential "Chernobyl on ice" and a "nuclear Titanic."

A deadly explosion this month at a military testing site in Russia's far north, causing a radioactive surge, has prompted further concerns.

The reactor's trip is expected to last between four and six weeks, depending on the weather conditions and the amount of ice on the way. Work began on the 144-metre Akademik Lomonosov in Saint



The Akademik Lomonosov sailed away from Murmansk with three tugs. Reuters

Petersburg in 2006.

When it arrives in Pevek, a town of 5,000 in the Siberian region of Chukotka, it will replace a local nuclear plant and a closed coal plant.

It is due to go into operation by the end of year, mainly serving the region's oil platforms as Russia develops the exploitation of hydrocarbons in the Arctic.

Rashid Alimov, the head of the energy sector of Greenpeace Russia, said environmental groups had been critical of the idea of a floating reactor since the 1990s.

"Any nuclear power plant produces radioactive waste and

can have an accident, but Akademik Lomonosov is additionally vulnerable to storms," he told AFP.

The float is towed by other vessels, making a collision during a storm more likely, he said.

Because Rosatom plans to store spent fuel onboard, Alimov said "any accident involving this fuel might have a serious impact on the fragile environment of the Arctic." He added that there is "no infrastructure for a nuclear clean up" in the region.

Global warming and melting ice has made the Northeast Passage -- which connects the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific

along Russia's northern coast -- more accessible.

The vessel weighs 21,000 tons and has two reactors with a capacity of 35 megawatts each, close to that of those used by nuclear icebreakers.

It has a crew of 69 and travels at a speed of 3.5 to 4.5 knots. The nuclear industry, seeking to reinvent itself in a gloomy market, is developing smaller, cheaper reactors to attract new customers. They follow the examples of submarines, icebreakers and aircraft carriers, which have long used nuclear power, and are intended for isolated areas with little infrastructure.

15 BODY & MIND

Forget IQ and EQ, it is all about PQ

We are going round and round in the journey of our life, missing what matters the most – playfulness



IMAGINE
BY SHELJA SEN

I WAS on my regular walk in my park when I spotted two little boys getting into a scuffle, pushing each other in anger. I was wondering if I should intervene or let them sort it out when I spotted a little baby, possibly just over one year of age, pad up to them, gaze at them for a moment or two. Then with a chortle, she pushed one of them hard, who, caught off guard, went crashing to the ground taking the other one down too. Both the boys looked at her clapping in glee with her toothless, drooling smile for a moment, and as I watched (by now holding my breath), they broke into peals of laughter. In no time, they were going round in circles, chasing each other, falling on the ground and laughing some more.

As I resumed my walk reluctantly, joining all the adults in their daily march around the pathway – no eye contact, earphones on, no smiles – the metaphorical poignancy of the situation hit me. We are going round and round in the journey of our life missing what matters the most – playfulness. As I trudged along, it struck me yet again that when we grow up, we believe we have to do away with

all the silliness, and what we perceive as flakiness and get serious about life. But why? As a passionate playfulness campaigner, I would strongly recommend that what we adults need more than anything else is just that – more whacky, crazy fun. In our grown-up world, it does seem a little ridiculous to talk about playfulness. It sounds frivolous, juvenile and inane. But do hear me out.

Playfulness is the best de-stresser: Have you noticed how when you have to give your dog a bath or make him do something that he dislikes, he reacts by slowing down, covering, ears and tail down? But as soon as the ordeal is over, he jumps up and is springing around the house as if shaking off that suffering. In a moment or two, the whole experience is behind him, and he is as playful and frisky again. It is very similar with little children. After a painful experience like an injection or taste of a bitter medicine, they are back on their feet and running up and down, giggling with an extra spring in their step. Again, it seems they are shrugging off the negative energy residue through their playful activity. That is what makes children resilient. Resilience is the ability to bounce back after an ordeal. It is our playfulness that can help us spring back after going through difficult times. There is a fantastic body of evidence which indicates that playfulness brings down the cortisol levels (the stress chemical) and enhances happiness chemicals like endorphins and oxytocin.

Playfulness is good for the brain: In his wonderful book *Play: How It Shapes the Brain, Opens the Imagination and Invigorates the Soul*, psychiatrist Dr Stuart Brown talks about how important play is to our growth and survival and how it is more than just having fun.



Illustration: Suvajit Dey

He cites research on rats where they found that when deprived of play, their brains did not grow! Forget about adults, it is outrageous and appalling the way we are cutting down on playtime in our children's lives. Long school hours, tuitions, homework, excessive screen time (not play at all) means most children are not getting much time or opportunity to play and build their brains.

Playfulness enhances creativity: Playfulness is one of the most essential ingredients for creativity. Bring a spark of play, imagination and fantasy into your life and see your creative juices flowing and make even the dreariest household work more fun. It is fascinating to see how many com-

panies like Google encourage creativity through their adult play areas, with slides and poles, taking the employees from one floor to another.

Playfulness is essential in parenting: Kids respond best to play. Words, orders, reminders, instructions, "have to", "should" or "must" do not make sense to them at times. Add a dash of laughter, silliness, song, dance, fun element and see the monotonous day-to-day activities become such a breeze. So brushing teeth could be about declaring war on the germs with heavy toothbrush artillery, a war song ending with a "yoo-hoo" of victory. Colouring could be about feeding different colours to

the hungry flowers who shout out "thank you" as they are fed happily.

Well, more than anything, we should not need a reason to be more playful. We are so burdened by the seriousness malaise and what we all need is high doses of playfulness to make life more enjoyable. When I talk about being playful, I mean getting in touch with the free, spontaneous child within each one of us and just being uninhibited. Think about a child totally absorbed in her play. It could be just the gleeful giggling as she swings up in the air in the park, or merrily chasing the butterfly in the garden. Living totally for the moment. Extracting every bit of joy from it. I read somewhere that adults laugh only four times in a day on the average whereas a kid child laughs around 400 times. No laughing matter, this!

That's why I think concepts like IQ (intelligence quotient), EQ (emotional quotient) are overhyped and what we actually need is PQ (playfulness quotient) – a practice of shaking off our grown-up-ness, being light on our toes and spirit and being funny, spontaneous, whacky, absurd and free. So amp up your PQ – a term I coined myself with the help of my kids – and see how it to enhances the quality of your life, work and relationships. And, unlike IQ and EQ, we all are wired for playfulness and it is tucked deep down there somewhere buried in all the layers of adult-ickness – adult + sickness. As George Bernard Shaw reminded us, "We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing."

Notch up Your PQ

PQ DIET: Start by keeping ten minutes a day for a nourishing PQ diet. Isn't it great that you do not need a nutritionist for it and that all you have to do is to roll up your sleeves, loosen that tie and let your hair down. Crawl with your toddler, jive with your spouse,

dance as if nobody is watching, laugh for no reason (those wise oldies who smirked at in the parks know the magic of PQ). Anything that has no hidden agenda (losing weight, practising dance steps). The only agenda you need to stick to is sheer fun and only thing you have to lose is your adult-ickness.

BABY STEPS: We have grown up hearing "don't be silly" for so many years that to do the opposite might be a little tough at first. However, do not give up and start with baby steps. It could start with dancing to your favourite Bollywood number behind closed doors (move those hips), belting out an old favourite while driving (just ignore those stares), goofing around with your kids and feel the tension slipping away, leaving you with more capacity for joy.

CULTURE OF SILLINESS: What we need are safe spaces where we are allowed to be playful and silly, especially in our homes. Your teen might roll up her eyes and dismiss your nuttiness with "so lame!" but actually she will love it as you are definitely more relatable and fun despite your annoying "uncoolness". At home, we have a deal with our kids that they will let us be weird as long as we do not embarrass them in front of their friends, and it works. Well, most of the times. In fact, I would strongly recommend that workspaces need to build spaces for a culture of silliness. It could be a once-a-month "silly dress code", silliness breaks of 10 minutes or team away days with a focus on building PQ. Make a proposal to your boss and convince her with a trial phase. As Dr Sueess very wisely said, "If you never did you should. These things are fun and fun is good."

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DIET DIARY

Increasing incidence of diabetes in 'thin fat people'



BY ISHI KHOSLA

CONVENTIONAL BELIEF suggests Type 2 diabetes results from obesity and excess body weight. However, according to a recent study, while most diabetics in the west are overweight and obese, in India nearly 20 to 30 per cent people suffering from diabetes are non-obese and lean.

The new study has busted the myth of increased obesity being the main causative factor, implying that diabetics can result even in the absence of obesity. Excess body weight and obesity results in insulin resistance (hormonal imbalance), where the insulin in the body is only partially effective.

The study concluded that non-obese (BMI below 25) and even lean (BMI below 19) Indians have high body fat, especially in the abdomen and skeletal muscles, but lesser muscle mass. In particular, they have fat in the liver (non-alcoholic fatty liver disease or NAFLD) and pancreas (non-alcoholic pancreas disease), which may contribute to insulin resistance, leading to diabetes even in an young age.

Along with high body fat and abdominal fat, researchers also found elevated levels of insulin in lean diabetics. These "thin fat people" are at risk of metabolic diseases like high blood pressure, autoimmune diseases and heart disease. This means that Indians are more prone to diseases at lower body weights and BMI.

A possible explanation could be the increase in inflammatory components in diets. According to a recent study published in August in the scientific journal *Nature*, the gut microbiota has a greater contribution towards shaping body fat than even diet. Clearly the risk to diabetes is not purely because of genetics, being overweight or obese, and being sedentary or eating sweets. Deeper issues like inflammation, at the level of the gut and immune systems, need to be addressed too.

This also explains why despite increased awareness about obesity and poor diet, incidence of diabetes has been showing an upward trend in India and the world. Only a holistic approach towards managing underlying risk factors will provide sustainable solutions to arrest the epidemic of diabetes.

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Scared of the turbulent skies? Learn to go with the flow

For anxious fliers, letting go is the biggest obstacle

NANCY STEARNS BERCAW

LATELY, AT airport gates and security lines, I'm increasingly hearing other frequent fliers share stories of spilled coffee and sudden drops on planes. Threaded through nearly every conversation are questions about whether there has been an upswing in air turbulence, and whether climate change is to blame.

Turbulence was never a concern for Ashwin Fernandes, who takes more than 200 flights per year as regional director to the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia for Quacquarelli Symonds World University Rankings, until a bad flight in 2013 left him spooked. "We were over the Bay of Bengal during monsoon season and the plane started shaking violently and then dropped suddenly," he recounts. "I didn't know what to do, except wonder how much worse it would get and when it would end."

Since then, Fernandes has followed a strict set of self-imposed rules, which includes taking daytime flights whenever possible. Red-eye flights, he says, can be more anxiety-provoking because of fatigue. But one question continues to haunt him: Is global warming making the skies less friendly?

Maybe, but only at certain altitudes, said Paul D Williams, professor of atmospheric science at the University of Reading, who is the co-developer of a turbulence-forecasting algorithm that has helped make flight travel more comfortable by avoiding rough air and greener by reducing carbon dioxide emissions via "low turbulence" routes.

"Climate change is altering temperature patterns and wind speeds in the upper atmosphere," he says. "The main consequence for aviation is an increase in clear-air turbulence, or in-flight bumpiness at high altitudes in regions devoid of significant cloudiness or nearby thunderstorms, as the jet stream becomes more unstable." But severe turbulence, the kind that causes passengers who aren't wearing their seatbelts to lift up from their seats, remains a very rare occurrence.

"Only around 0.1 per cent of the atmosphere at flight cruising levels contains severe



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turbulence, so even if that figure were to double or treble because of climate change, severe turbulence will still be very rare," Dr Williams says, also offering grounds for optimism. "Hopefully, a combination of improved turbulence forecasts and better technology will reduce the number of aircraft encountering turbulence in the future, despite the effects of climate change."

The takeaway is to remain buckled throughout the flight, as is routinely instructed by the cockpit crew before takeoff. "No matter how scary it might feel, our pilots are in control and there is no question of structural integrity," explains Rich Terry, a captain and managing director of fleet support for Delta Air Lines. "Modern aircraft are developed and tested to sustain any level of conceivable turbulence."

Captain Terry says the easiest way to make sense of turbulence is to think about ocean

He embarked on a cognitive behavioural therapy of his own design, which included educating himself in the laws of space and physics, and then flying to re-establish his sense of courage. The outcome was a complete reset of his mental state

waves cresting and falling. "That same movement happens in the air, so now picture those same movements throughout the atmosphere. When airplanes intersect those waves, you have turbulence."

In other words, it's a natural occurrence and should be expected – not dreaded. Learn to go with the flow. "Expect, accept, allow" is the self-regulating advice offered by Martin N. Seif, a psychologist with private practices in New York and Connecticut who co-founded the Anxiety and Depression Association of America and is a co-author of *What Every Therapist Needs to Know About Anxiety Disorders and Overcoming Unwanted Intrusive Thoughts*.

When experiencing turbulence, Dr Seif suggests replacing "what if" thoughts with "what is" thoughts. "Stay present," he advises. "Anxiety is fueled by catastrophic thoughts and is maintained by attempts to avoid it."

Ashley Nicholls, who frequently flies with her marketing and communications firm, says that when the going gets rough, she distracts herself with math – subtracting from 100 by three's. "By the time I get to 1, the bumps are done. If they aren't, I start over."

What about preparing in advance for turbulence by monitoring weather reports and checking the latest phone apps for flight conditions? Both Fernandes and Nicholls believe that this may help to keep the element of surprise at bay, but Dr Seif disagrees.

"All that stuff reinforces anxiety and puts the focus on the need to avoid turbulence," he warns. "The best thing you can do is nothing." Adam Bluestein, a freelance journalist, grew weary of his worries over weather and decided to rewrite the script in his head. Previously reliant on an array of spiritual talismans – a Ganesh necklace, a tiny Buddha statue, a pouch of crystals, and 36 cents wrapped in a piece of aluminum foil as a Jewish blessing for life – Bluestein found a better way to check in and zone out.

He embarked on a cognitive behavioural therapy of his own design, which included educating himself in the laws of space and physics, and then flying to Thailand to re-establish his sense of courage. The outcome was a complete reset of his mental state. He no longer obsesses about what's out of his control. Letting go, he knows, is the biggest obstacle for anxious fliers.

"Now I go up with a calmer state of mind. I observe what's happening, I don't react. When I see the wings bend, I know that's what they are meant to do," he says, also crediting yoga for helping him "muster of a sense of detachment" even in turbulence.

"Recently, I was on a 747 from Amsterdam, in a middle seat, when out of nowhere, the plane dropped by what seemed like 100 feet and my arms flew up," he says. "When things like that happen now, it causes me to feel a greater calm because I've spent so much time working on it. I like when there's stuff going on. It's almost reassuring."

Ultimately, Bluestein landed on what could be the most grounding response to turbulent skies I've encountered: "It's not about me." **NYT**

SHORT COURSE

[0-20 YEARS]

Marijuana may undermine fertility treatment success



WOMEN UNDERGOING fertility treatment who smoke marijuana may have more success if they quit, recent research suggests. Among more than 400 women undergoing treatment with assisted-reproduction technology, the small fraction who reported using cannabis at the time were more than twice as likely to lose a pregnancy than those who had never smoked marijuana, or who had only used it in the past. "The bottom line remains that we know way too little about the reproductive health effects of marijuana," said researchers. "The scarcity of information is particularly concerning given the increased perception that marijuana poses no health hazards and increased consumption among men and women of reproductive age, including among pregnant women." **REUTERS**

[20-50 YEARS]

Air pollution linked to risk of mental disorders: Study



EXPOSURE TO air pollution may be associated with an increased risk of developing bipolar disorder and depression, according to a study. Researchers at the University of Chicago suggest a significant link between exposure to environmental pollution and an increase in the prevalence of neuropsychiatric disorders. "Our studies in the US and Denmark show that living in polluted areas, especially early in life, is predictive of mental disorders," said a researcher. "These neurological and psychiatric diseases – so costly in both financial and social terms – appear linked to the physical environment, particularly air quality". The researchers used a US health insurance database of 151 million individuals with 11 years of inpatient and outpatient claims for neuropsychiatric diseases. **PTI**

[50+ YEARS]

Cutting back on vegetable protein tied to unhealthy aging



OLDER ADULTS who cut back on the amount of vegetable protein in their diets may be more likely to experience age-related health problems than their peers who increase the amount of plant protein they eat, a study suggests. Researchers examined data on 1,951 people aged 60 and older who completed dietary surveys and questionnaires to detect four types of unhealthy aging: functional impairments; reduced vitality; mental health issues; and chronic medical problems or use of health services. Overall, study participants got an average 12 per cent of their calories from animal protein, including meat and dairy, and about 6 per cent from vegetable protein, including sources such as legumes, nuts, grains, root vegetables and green plants. **REUTERS**

E-Tender Notice
For and on Behalf of Chairman, Airports Authority of India, Airport Director, JPNI Airport, Patna invites e-Tender for "Restaurant" at JPNI Airport, Patna with Bid Invitation No. 2019_AAI_30698_1. For further details please visit our website www.aai.aero or <https://etenders.gov.in> in this regard any corrigendum/clarification, if any, the same will be provided on respective portals only.

Airport Director, Patna

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE
No. SNT-JU-17-2019-20
Dated: 22.08.2019
Open E-tender is invited by DRM (S&T), Jodhpur for and on behalf of the President of India for S&T work. Details as below. 1. Name of Work: Upkeeping & periodical maintenance of control equipments of Jodhpur-Luni-Marwar Jn. and Jodhpur-Merta Road-Bikaner sections of Jodhpur Division, North Western Railway. 2. Estimated cost of the work : Rs. 3267547/- 3. Address of the NIT Issuing office : Sr. DSTE NWR, DRM Office Harish Joshi Marg Jodhpur. 4. Earnest money to be deposited: Rs. 65400/- 5. Last Date & time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender: 12.09.2019 Upto 15:00 Hrs through E-tendering online submission on IREPS, Tender will be opened at 15:00 Hrs. 6. Website particulars, where complete details of tender can be seen and participated: www.ireps.gov.in Note: This is an E-Tender, so tenderer can participate through e-tendering process only on mentioned website.

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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE
The Divisional Railway Manager, E.C. Railway Danapur invites sealed open tender for the valid electrical contractors license from any state/Central Govt. licensing board and on behalf of the President of India for the following works.
1. Tender No. : (A) TRD/DNR/OT/05/19-20, Name of work with its location: OHE work in lieu of Provision of crossing station with loop in either direction at Barakalan station. Approx cost of the work (NIT value) : ₹1,67,77,516.44. Earnest money to be deposited : 2,33,900/-. Cost of tender document : 5,000/-.
2. Tender No. : (B) TRD/DNR/OT/06/19-20, Name of work with its location: OHE work in lieu of (i) Provision of 20 feet wide FDB at Jhajha station of Danapur Division (ii) Provision of 10 feet wide foot over bridge including raising of UP PF to HL PF at Sachivalaya Halt station and raising of PF no. 2 & 3 at Phulwarsharif station. Approx cost of the work (NIT value) : ₹39,03,229.74. Earnest money to be deposited : 78,100/-. Cost of tender document : 3,000/-.
3. Tender No. : (C) TRD/DNR/OT/07/19-20, Name of work with its location: PSI work in lieu of Interlocking of level crossing gates (13 nos.) Approx cost of the work (NIT value) : ₹50,99,317/-. Earnest money to be deposited : 10,200/-. Cost of tender document : 5,000/-.
4. Date & time for selling, submission and opening of tender : The tender have to be submitted online on www.ireps.gov.in upto 12.00 hrs. on the date of opening i.e. 23.09.2019 and will be opened on the same day at 12.30 hrs. 5. Website particulars, notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender can be purchased etc.: Detailed tender notice, eligibility criteria & tender documents can be seen from the CRIS website : <http://www.ireps.gov.in> & full details of notice can be seen on notice board of Sr. DEE/(TRD) E.C. Railway/Danapur. All corrigendum will be uploaded on website if required.
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E-NOTICE OF INVITING TENDER
Divisional Railway Manager, N.W. Rly., Bikaner for and on behalf of President of India invites sealed open tender for the following works on the date shown as below. Tender No. : S&T/BKNET 148 Name of work with its location : "Annual maintenance contract for testing/repairs/replacement of various modules/components IPS (Integrated Power Supply) system of Amara Raja Make as per Annexure-A for 03 years over Bikaner Division." Approx. Cost of Work : Rs. 5916282.12 Earnest Money : Rs. 118300/- Date & Time of for submission of Tender & opening of tender : Up to 15.00 Hrs. of 30.08.2019. Website from which complete Tender details can be seen & download : www.ireps.gov.in 812-CT/19
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES-FIRMS SELECTION)
Assignment title: Appointment of Consultant for Study of Crowding at Stations, Foot Fall Survey, Passenger Flow Study, Simulation Studies along with measures to reduce congestion & improve passenger flow and Designing an Integrated Modern Signage & Passenger Information System, Station Illumination & Surveillance System at Stations Mumbai Suburban Railway System.
Reference No. MRVC/M/Consultancy/Station Crowding-Signages/REOI.
The Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Ltd., India now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the QCBS method. Detailed REOI with Draft Terms of Reference are available on MRVC website www.mrvv.indianrailways.gov.in. Further information can be obtained in a written form at the address below during office hours between 10.00 hrs. to 17.00 hrs. on working days. Expression of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person or by email) by 24.09.2019 (If REOI is being sent by email, hard copy may also be submitted shortly thereafter).
Address for correspondence: Ashutosh Malhur, CPM-IV Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Ltd., 2nd Floor, Churchgate Railway Station Building, Mumbai-400020
Tele: 022-22092992, Fax: 022-22096972 Email: cpm4@mrvvc.gov.in and/or dycpm6@mrvvc.gov.in Website: www.mrvv.indianrailways.gov.in

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL CONSULTANT
Expression of Interest is invited from Architects/ Consultancy firms for providing DPR including Architectural Planning, Design Services & Estimate for "Construction of Academic Block-V and Central Library Building at Govt. College of Engineering, Keonjhar." The detail EOI notice can be seen in our website www.idco.in (in tenders EOI / REP/ Others). The bid document can be downloaded from 5.00 P.M. of 27.08.2019. The last date of submission of the EOI is 18.09.2019 by 5.00 P.M.
Sd/-
Chief General Manager (Civil)
IDCO, Bhubaneswar

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Dated: 22.08.2019
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S.No.-1, E-Tender Notice No. & Name of the work: IREPS Tender No. 93-Rail Heritage Museum, House keeping of Rail Heritage museum, Gorakhpur for 12 Months., Estimated Cost: ₹ 25,75,934/-, Earnest Money: ₹ 51,500/-, Cost of Tender Forms: ₹ 3,000/-, Period of Contract: 12 (Months), Last Date of Tender submission: Upto 15:15 Hrs., Date 23-09-2019.
S.No.-2, E-Tender Notice No. & Name of the work: IREPS Tender No. 01-MWS-GKP-2019-20. Conversion of BG Coaches into 35 No. Camping Coaches. Estimated Cost: ₹ 6,02,67,946.20, Earnest Money: ₹ 4,51,300/-, Cost of Tender forms: ₹ 10,000/-, Period of Contract: 12 (Months), Last Date of Tender submission: Upto 15:15 Hrs., Date 24-09-2019.
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सं. सी-4/0/एटीएम/ईकोआर/2019
दिनांक: 21.08.2019
मंडल रेल प्रबंधक (वाणिज्य) उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे, अजमेर द्वारा अजमेर मंडल के 74 रेलवे स्टेशनों एवं क्षेत्रीय रेल प्रशिक्षण संस्थान (ZRTI) उदयपुर पर स्वचालित टेलर मशीन (एटीएम) का संस्थापन हेतु राष्ट्रीयकृत एवं रिजर्व बैंक द्वारा अभिव्यक्ति बैंको से "अभिरुचि की अभिव्यक्ति" आमंत्रित की जाती है। इस संबंध में विस्तृत जानकारी उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे की वेबसाइट www.nwr.indianrailways.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है। 1. कार्य का नाम : अजमेर मंडल के 74 रेलवे स्टेशनों एवं क्षेत्रीय रेल प्रशिक्षण संस्थान (ZRTI) उदयपुर पर स्वचालित टेलर मशीन (एटीएम) का संस्थापन। 2. बयान राशि प्रति एटीएम : रुपये 2,100/- 3. प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत करने की दिनांक व समय : 24.09.2019 को 15.00 बजे तक। प्रस्ताव खोलने की दिनांक व समय : 24.09.2019 को 15.30 बजे। 4. कार्यालय का पता जहाँ से प्रस्ताव प्राप्त किया जा सकता है : वाणिज्य शाखा, मंडल रेल प्रबंधक कार्यालय, उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे, माल रोड, अजमेर।
812-CT/19
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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
(SHORT TERMS NOTICE) E-TENDERING PRESS NOTICE
The Executive Engineer, CD-XII, Irrigation & Flood Control Department, GNCTD Opp. ESI Hospital, Basai Darapur Office Complex New Delhi-110027 invites on behalf of the President of India, online Item rate tender from approved and eligible contractors for the following works:- 1. NIT No. EE/CD XII/19-20/42-ID No.2019_IFC_178506_1) -HOA-4515-DVDB WORKS IN NCT OF DELHI. SW-Widening and Strengthening of Road from village Neelwat to Tikri Kalan in Distt. West. (Including Maintenance for Six Years). E.C. Rs.77,33,075/- Earnest money Rs.1,54,662/- period of completion 60 Days. (Date of submission & opening of bid on 29-08-2019 at 3:00 P.M. & 3:30 P.M respectively) AE-I. 2. NIT.No.EE/CD-XII/19-20/ 43-ID.No.2019_IFC_178507_1)-HOA-27111-NON-PLAN- A/R & M/O DRAINS -SW-Restoration of RMC Road along Right Bank of Mundka Peripheral Drain between RD. O. M. to RD. 960 m. E.C. Rs. 39,52,172/- Earnest money Rs. 79043/- period of completion 45 Days. (Date of submission & opening of bid on 29-08-2019 at 3:00 P.M. & 3:30 P.M respectively) AE-II.
Note :- 1)Details of above mentioned works & eligibility criteria can be seen and downloaded from the web site <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>. 2)Amendment(s)/ alteration(s) /corrigendum if any, will be available at website only. 3) EMD in the form of Banker's Cheque or Demand Draft or Fixed Deposit Receipt (drawn in favour of EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CD XII, I&FC DEPTT., GNCT OF DELHI) shall be scanned and uploaded to the e-tendering website within the period of bid submission. The original EMD should be deposited in the office of EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CD XII, I&FC DEPTT., GNCT OF DELHI within the period of bid submission.(The EMD document shall only be issued from the place in which the office of receiving division office is situated). Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER/CD-XII, DIP/Shabdarth/0569/19-20

Government of India, Ministry of Defence,
Principal Directorate, Defence Estates, Southern Command, Kondhwa Road, Pune : 411040

SHORT NOTICE
Subject: Recruitment for the post of Sub Divisional Officer Grade-II in offices of Defence Estates Department, Govt. of India, Ministry of Defence.
F.No. 551/XIII/P/23/DE/SDO II/CR/IX: Govt of India, Min. of Defence, Directorate General of Defence Estates is going to conduct the Sub Divisional Officer Grade-II Examination 2019. The details of vacancies are :
Name of the Post and Pay Scale, Total No. Of Vacancies, Vertical Vacancies (Composition of Vacancy: UR, OBC, EWS, ST), Horizontal vacancies (ESM (Ex-Service men), PH (Physically handicapped)), Age as on 31.08.2019
Sub Divisional Officer, Grade-II Group 'C' (Level-4 of Pay Matrix as per 7th CPC)
13 04 05 02 02 03 02 (PH*(HH)) 18-27 Years
In this context, it is informed that detailed advertisement, application Form along-with eligibility criteria, terms & conditions etc. for the above said examination are available on the following websites i.e. <https://www.dgde.gov.in>, www.punecantonmentboard.org, <https://nidem.dgde.gov.in> and <https://cbbarrackpore.org>. Any subsequent corrigendum to this advertisement will be hosted on these websites only. Accordingly, interested candidates may apply. The last date for receipt of application is 20.10.2019 (17:00 Hrs). The last date of receipt of applications for candidates residing in remote area is 05.11.2019 (17:00 Hrs)
Principal Director, Defence Estates
Southern Command, Near ECHS
Polyclinic, Kondhwa Road,
Pune-411 040 (Maharashtra)

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
मंडल रेल प्रबंधक, इंजीनियरिंग, उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे, जोधपुर द्वारा भारत के राष्ट्रपति के लिये एवं उनकी ओर से ई-निविदा के माध्यम से प्रचलित निम्नो के अन्तर्गत निर्धारित प्रयोजनों में निविदा निम्न कार्यों के लिए क्रमनुसार आमंत्रित की जाती है - ई-निविदा सूचना सं. 2019-20 : 49 कार्य का नाम व स्थान : Out sourcing of day to day maintenance activities to railway colonies & Service buildings under ADEN/Samdari of Jodhpur Division. अनुमानित लागत मूल्य : Rs. 48,02,342.67 बयाने की राशि रुपये : Rs. 96,100.00 ई-निविदा सूचना सं. 2019-20 : 50 कार्य का नाम व स्थान : Out sourcing of day to day maintenance activities of Railway Colonies & Service Buildings under ADEN/Bamer of Jodhpur Division. अनुमानित लागत मूल्य : Rs. 29,38,505.69 बयाने की राशि रुपये : Rs. 58,800.00 ई-निविदा सूचना सं. 2019-20 : 51 कार्य का नाम व स्थान : Outsourcing of day to day maintenance activities of Railway Colonies & Service Buildings under SSE/W/RKB in the jurisdiction of ADEN/Jaisalmer of Jodhpur Division. अनुमानित लागत मूल्य : Rs. 72,52,167.26 बयाने की राशि रुपये : Rs. 1,45,100.00 ई-निविदा सूचना सं. 2019-20 : 52 कार्य का नाम व स्थान : Outsourcing of day to day maintenance activities of Railway Colonies & Service Buildings under SSE/W/RKB in the jurisdiction of ADEN/Jaisalmer of Jodhpur Division. अनुमानित लागत मूल्य : Rs. 52,64,560.62 बयाने की राशि रुपये : Rs. 1,05,300.00 ई-निविदा सूचना सं. 2019-20 : 53 कार्य का नाम व स्थान : Outsourcing of day to day maintenance activities of Railway Colonies & Service Buildings for Two years under SSE/W/BJ in the jurisdiction of ADEN/HQ/Jodhpur. अनुमानित लागत मूल्य : Rs. 1,37,07,930.61 बयाने की राशि रुपये : Rs. 2,18,500.00 ई-निविदा सूचना सं. 2019-20 : 54 कार्य का नाम व स्थान : Outsourcing of day to day maintenance activities of Railway Colonies & Service Buildings for Two years under SSE/W/D/BGKT in the jurisdiction of ADEN/HQ/Jodhpur. अनुमानित लागत मूल्य : Rs. 1,00,73,178.17 बयाने की राशि रुपये : Rs. 2,00,400.00 निविदा प्रस्तुत करने की तिथि (उपरोक्त सभी निविदाओं के लिए) : 13.09.2019 ई-निविदा का विवरण जहाँ पर ई-निविदा देखी व मरी जा सकती है : www.ireps.gov.in 814-CT/19
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E-TENDER NOTICE
Following E-tenders are invited by DRM (WA) NWR/Ajmer at 15.00 Hrs on the mentioned date. 1. Tender No. : 148/2019 Name of work : Ajmer Division - Removal of DFWR (Welds) of 52kg-90T's in Ladpura-Marwar Jn. and Ajmer-Chittargarh-Udaipur city Section. Approximate Cost : Rs. 1,05,57,545.28 Earnest Money : Rs. 2,02,800.00 2. Tender No. : 149/2019 Name of work : ADEN (Line) - All sub div. - Deep screening of Points & Crossings and Yard Lines in Madar-Haripur section. Approximate Cost : Rs. 62,99,560.64 Earnest Money : Rs. 1,26,000.00 3. Tender No. : 150/2019 Name of work : ADEN - Rana Pratap Nagar Sub. Division : Hiring of one vehicle TATA SUMO/QUALIS/Mahindra Bolero or similar type (Non AC vehicle) for ADEN-Rana Pratap Nagar (For 21 months). Approximate Cost : Rs. 7,25,762.27 Earnest Money : Rs. 14,500.00 4. Tender No. : 154/2019 Name of work : ADEN-Rana Pratap Nagar Sub. Division : Zone No. 30 (2019-20) - Hiring of Utility, Tractor with Trolley, JCB, Hydra, Truck in jurisdiction of ADEN-Rana Pratap Nagar. Approximate Cost : Rs. 25,47,276.00 Earnest Money : Rs. 51,000.00 5. Tender No. : 156/2019 Name of work : ADEN-Rana Pratap Nagar Sub. Division : Zone no. 31 (2019-20)-Water supply through Road Tankers at way-side stations & Level Crossing Gates. Approximate Cost : Rs. 28,31,385.00 Earnest Money : Rs. 56,600.00 Tender Closing Date (For All Above Tenders) : 18.09.2019 The detailed information of the above tender is available on website www.ireps.gov.in and Tender Notice Board of DRM Office, NWR/Ajmer. 815-CT/19
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H.R.DUAGANJ THERMAL POWER STATION Superintending Engineer, ECCC, Kasimpur, 1- E-Tender No. 017/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>) 16.09.2019 upto 02.00 Hrs., Extended e-bid Openingdate/ time (Part-I) 17.09.2019 at 04.00 Hrs. or later. Time of completion 06 Months. Superintending Engineer, MMC, Kasimpur (Aligarh) 2- Tender No. & Name of Division: ET-70/MMC/EPD/CTPS/HTPS/2019, Name of Supply Procurement of miscellaneous electrical consumable for EMD-II, "DTPS 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: 11.09.2019, Tender shall be opened on Extended date: 12.09.2019 (Part-I), 13.09.2019 (Part-II). E-Tender ID: 2019_RVUNL_359231_1 Eligibility Conditions: Only manufacturers/their authorized dealers /Experienced Suppliers can participate in this tender. Superintending Engineer, ELECTRICITY CIVIL MAINTENANCE CIRCLE, Kasimpur 3- E-Tender No. 17/ECCM/ECMD-II/HTPS/2019-20, Name of work "Construction of R.O. shade & installation of 2000 LPH RO (Reverse osmosis) system at Village-Basera, Tehsil-Khair (ALIGARH) & nearby Harduaganj Thermal Power Station, UPRVUNL KASIMPUR, ALIGARH". Estimated cost 18.16 Lac, Earnest money 38,000.00, E-Tender cost Rs. 1,900.00+342 GST (18%) = Rs. 2,242.00. Tender date Extended date and time for submission of e-bid (<http://etender.up.nic.in>) 09.09.2019 up to 14:00 Hrs., e-bid Opening extended date/time (Part-I) 10.09.2019 at 16:00 Hrs. or later. Time of Completion- 12 Month. Note: - For further details please log on our web site i.e. <http://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 contractors 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 53/अधी.अभि. (यु) विज्ञापन/कैम्प-1 (44)/19 दिनांक 22/8/2019

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THE KITCHEN
 ★★

Director: Andrea Berloff
Cast: Melissa McCarthy, Tiffany Haddish, Elisabeth Moss, Domhnall Gleeson, Brian d'Arcy James, Margo Martindale

SHALINI LANGER

THE IDEA is promising. It's 1978, Hell's Kitchen, New York, and ruling the streets are Irish gangs, bell bottoms, boots and wavy hair. When three Irish hoodlums are caught by police, their ignored wives step into their shoes, and rise swiftly to run the gang.

In McCarthy, Haddish and Moss, writer-director Andrea Berloff has three actors with varied talents, who can make the above look easy. The problem is it is all too easy, with misguided doses of feminism post-MeToo supposed to divert our attention. Logically too the film takes many leaps, starting with the fel-

Out of Place

ity with which the three women rise given the low positions their husbands held in the mob ranks — which itself is no surprise given the one job we see them doing and failing at.

The Kitchen also struggles to keep a narrative tone, transitioning from jaunty to dark and back again for no obvious reason. Its three main leads try their best to keep up, but as the film enters more serious territory, bringing in some Jew jewellers and Italian Brooklyn gangs, there is no explanation or pondering over their changing motivations.

We meet up with Kathy (McCarthy), Ruby (Haddish), Claire (Moss), and their respective husbands, in the month of March 1978. Kathy's is the gentlest of the lot, but wants her to concern herself with only running the household and managing their two

children. Ruby's husband is abusive, with a mother (Martindale in a nice but too short a role) who heaps insults on his wife, particularly for being Black. Claire has the hardest time of them all, with her husband freely laying his hand on her.

When the three men get arrested by the FBI and are put away for three years, it is the minimal money and the insults that their 'gang family' hands out to the wives that makes Kathy, Ruby and Claire decide that it is time they took matters in their own hands. That is, to start collecting protection money from the neighbourhood, assuring them full support (as opposed to the neglect by the men of the gang), and hiring cheap muscle to do the dirty work. That soon involves a lot of shooting, and a lot of

blood, but Berloff would have us see all that through the prism of women empowerment, while barely raising questions about the ethics or the morality of what her heroines are doing.

McCarthy is clearly meant to shoulder most of the burden, and it is her Kathy who lays out that feminism message in so many words, more than once. The logical concerns of her father given that she is the mother of two small children are brushed away.

Gleeson, in the thankless role of a "psycho" with a thing for Claire, decides that his performance doesn't require him to stir much. Even when the two of them dismember a body in a bath tub, all he does is hand her a knife saying it is "sharper".

In the end, the coolest part about *The Kitchen* may be its title — in its suggestion of a place where sexual politics simmers, where fires can burn longer than hell, and where blood can be shed without any knives.

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Thrill of the Chase

ANGEL HAS FALLEN
 ★★

Director: Ric Roman Waugh
Cast: Gerard Butler, Morgan Freeman, Danny Huston, Nick Nolte, Piper Perabo, Jada Pinkett Smith, Tim Blake Nelson

MIKE BANNING (Butler) is done saving Presidents after *Olympus Has Fallen* and *London Has Fallen*. This time he is out to save his own skin, after he is set up as the culprit following an assassination attempt on the President. The inept FBI, led by a hard-working Pinkett Smith, can't go wrong with this one. The clues are laid out like a bread crumb trail, from DNA matches, to Banning being the lone Secret Service agent who survives the attack, to \$10 million dollars in an off-shore account, to links with Russia.

Moscow has time and again shown that it is far from as transparent as every second Hollywood script makes it out to be. But you can't fault them for not trying. Here, Vice-President Kirby (Nelson, looking as untrustworthy as always) even talks about the ambiguity that helped Russia escape the "election tampering" taint — in a precise, logical way that seems out of sync with this often mess of a film.

But then, there are several such impressive moments strewn about this film where Butler again gets to flex his Secret Service muscle. Take the assassination bid itself, targeting the President with drones that appear into the sky like swarming bats, and



take out his entire Secret Service fleet in a series of blasts that have bodies flying up and landing down charred. The President is out fishing at the time, so it's as beautiful as it gets amid the mayhem.

Banning on the run is efficient, mechanical and deadly, whether it is a car chase, hand-to-hand combat or dodging a gun trained directly on him — despite being on pills to keep out nausea, dizziness and migraines (which last briefly anyway). Halfway through that, he runs into his long-missing dad, in the form of a much-bearded Nolte, an actor who has earned his chops doing precisely all this.

Here, he takes off half the bad men having wired the forest area around where he stays with bombs — surprisingly well-equipped for a man trying to cut himself off from the world.

It's when the plot thickens that the film leaks. There is no suspense, as the bad guy is revealed much too early — even if few would have any doubt as to who that would turn out to be. There is no complexity as all of America's many wars are bundled together in one sentence — Iraq, Vietnam, and Korea, with Russia looming over the horizon. And there is no original thought with dark taint back on the role of

private military contractors.

Into the third film of this series, Aaron Eckhart is out and Morgan Freeman is in the White House as 'President Trumbull' (Perabo has replaced Radha Mitchell too inexplicably, as Banning's wife, but really, do you care?). Clearly, they couldn't have had an idealistic, pacifist White man called Trumbull occupying the Oval Room. And clearly, Freeman — as "Presidential (a word he himself uses)" as they get, again and again, in film after film — can't be anything but.

Guess Russia knows better.

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Feels like Family

YOMEDDINE (ARABIC WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES)
 ★★ ★★
Director: Abu Bakr Shawky
Cast: Rady Gamal, Ahmed Abdelhafiz

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THIS IS a road trip with a real difference. A disfigured man and a bright-eyed boy set out from a leper's colony on a journey. Both want to know more about themselves: who were they before they came to be here, abandoned and alone? Do they even have a past, or have they been erased from memory?

The 93-minute *Yomeddine* (*Judgement Day*) was in competition at the Cannes Film Festival 2018, and Egypt's entry to the Oscars 2019. And you can see why the film became such a favourite. The middle-aged Beshay is played by Gamal, a man who lives in a leper's colony because he used to be one, and right there you see the power of authenticity: Gamal doesn't have to crunch his eyes, they are practically hidden under layers of scarred tissue. He doesn't have to turn his fingers inward; his hands are stumps. He is free of the disease, but the ravages are imprinted on his face, and his body.

But, and this is the real strength of this film, you never see Beshay feeling sorry for himself. You go along with him, glad that he has a smart young companion (who goes by the name of Obama, 'like that guy on TV'), who will save him from the many disasters that duly follow: he is robbed, his donkey dies, he is bugged in prison. But never at any point does he look like giving up.

A few things do stick out awkwardly. Some lines seem crafted too carefully, and they become dialogue. Suddenly, a natural, free-flowing moment appears rehearsed. But these moments are few and far between. Most of this picaresque journey, which thankfully stops just short of being picturesque, is treated with a light touch. At one point the travellers are passing by a grand looking structure, and one of them asks is that a pyramid? It is, but they pass it by without fuss, just another thing on the road, and no one stops to take pictures: when your meager belongings fit into a cart, and your wad of money is so slim as to be invisible, that's what you do.

There's pleasing camaraderie between man and boy, but it is not cloying. And their encounter with a one-legged man and his variously challenged companions, all of whom exist on the periphery of town, raises discomfiting questions about people who are forced out on the fringes. Why does 'normal' society create so little space for those with differences or difficulties?

A climactic speech throws out a heavier curve: Beshay was left in the leper's colony, he is told, for his own good. It leaves you thinking: what, after all, is good for someone who is too young and too disadvantaged to make their own choices? Do we have the right to decide for someone else? And can we ever go home again?

Do we want to see the downbeat Don Quixote-Sancho Panza pair who have stuck together through all their travails, go out on an upbeat note? Oh, absolutely. Strangers can often be closer than family.

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Final Call

ELEMENTARY (SEASON 7)
 ★★ ★★
Creator: Robert Doeherty
Cast: Jonny Lee Miller and Lucy Liu

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BY THE time you are choking to death on your own vomit, he could be on another continent," says Sherlock Holmes to a soon-to-be victim of an assassination attempt. "Anyone ever tell you two that your bedside manner sucks," the victim replies to Holmes and Joan Watson, the tag team of consultant-detectives to the New York Police Department, in episode 5 of the final season of *Elementary*. The acerbic conversations are one of the standout features of the police-procedural show, set in New York, that started in 2012 with the two most loved mystery solvers of the literary world — but with a twist. Watson, the faithful sidekick of the eccentric genius, was a woman, and someone who could give Sherlock a run for his money. Lucy Liu, who has played Watson to perfection, was an interesting casting choice opposite British actor Jonny Lee Miller who played Holmes. The sixth season was supposed to be the last one and it seemed a fitting finale, where Holmes and Watson had moved to London and were staying at 221B and 221A Baker Street. "We're two people that love each other," Holmes had said, and we all had breathed a sigh of contentment. But then came a shortened 13-episode finale, and we wondered why.

Last season did throw some interesting curve balls — we saw a blonde Watson clearly



struggling with the move across the pond, while Holmes was thriving on his home turf. But the attempt on the life of Captain Gregson (Aidan Quinn) prompts the duo to come back to New York, and we are back to familiar territory. Some life-changing events take place, but they were hurried, and at times felt retro fitted by show creator Robert Doeherty.

All said and done, the show needs to be remembered for its take on gender. Here, even the nemesis of Holmes, Moriarty, is a woman played by Natalie Dormer. Watson started off as a sober companion for Holmes but over the next six seasons, their relationship grew into a "bromance" that was touching.

Elementary is not the first show to have adapted Doyle's work. We have had *House* where Hugh Laurie played an offensive but brilliant diagnostician, who unraveled mysteries of the ailments that plagued the human body. Steven Moffat made Benedict Cumberbatch a household name with his portrayal of Sherlock Holmes, and Martin Freeman finally got his due as Watson. Robert Downey Jr has had his fun with the character. *The Mentalist* too had some Sherlockian overtones. But none of them have done what *Elementary* has done — humanised Sherlock Holmes like never before.

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BREAKING DOWN NEWS

Ninety Minutes in Jor Bagh

P Chidambaram's appearance at the Congress headquarters and his subsequent arrest at home, all played out in front of TV cameras



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THE HUGE Dalit protest in Delhi against the demolition of a Sant Ravidas temple didn't get half the airtime it deserved, having been outplayed by various dramas unfolding around P Chidambaram, in person and in absentia, in the 90 minutes that elapsed between his appearance at the party headquarters and his arrest at home. It was actually a theatrical contest, with the Congress

opening with a press conference where there were so many high-profile lawyers that it could have been mistaken for a courtroom drama. And then, exeunt omnes by the back door, and lights up on the CBI scaling the walls of Chidambaram's Jor Bagh home. That was distinctly Shakespearean, rather like nemesis catching up with Macbeth in Dunsinane Castle. But the quote of the day did not figure in Chidambaram's magisterially libertarian speech. Far away from then action, BJP spokesperson Shahnawaz Hussain gave it to PTI, insisting that the investigative agencies have complete freedom and no political compulsions. The caged parrot has been elevated to a condor, ranging where it will?

Of course, Hussain was being consistent. He has always spoken up for the agencies, and against political interference. He told

Zee's highly appreciative *Desh ki Baat* anchor that the Modi government had always promised zero tolerance for corruption, and that consistent with his stature as a politician and a lawyer (he revealed that he charged "Rs 10-20 lakh" to meet clients for a few minutes), Chidambaram should have "gone to the CBI office rather than the Congress office". Last year, when the heat was on the Teflon-coated Robert Vadra, he had accused the Congress of intimidating the agencies and back in 2011, he had accused Chidambaram as home minister of controlling the agencies — a party clip of his press conference is still accessible.

The drama continued after Chidambaram's arrest, now in the vein of the folk jatra of the east. Abhishek Manu Singhvi fielded Rajdeep Sardesai's questions in all seriousness while seated on a silver

throne and clad in a tunic of some kind of velvet, very richly embroidered, which would not have looked out of place at the coronation of Haile Selassie. And old habits die hard so, though Arnab Goswami and his insistent desire to know are distant memories, Times Now's Big Question was: why didn't Chidambaram take questions at his conference? That was actually the least intriguing element of an eventful day.

The habits of real estate tycoons die even harder, so President Trump banged the phone down on the government of Denmark when he learned that it had no intention of selling Greenland. He immediately cancelled his tickets on Air Force One to Copenhagen with one hand while tweeting with the other: "The Prime Minister [of Denmark] was able to save a great deal of expense and effort for both the US and Denmark by being so direct." From which, we

must conclude that making a strategic real estate investment was the only purpose of a presidential visit. Why Greenland? Because Thule isn't room enough?

But it would be unfair to put this down entirely to Trump's business instincts. The US has a history of purchasing territory — Washington bought Louisiana from France for 68 million francs in 1803, and Alaska from Russia for \$7.2 million in 1867. *The Washington Post*, *The Roanoke Times*, *Dallas Morning News*, *USA Today* and *AFP* have taken note of the nation's real estate dealings in a largely jocular vein, and the idea of purchasing the world's biggest island for cash on the barrel may seem perfectly reasonable to some citizens.

But diplomatically, Trump has yet again revealed himself to be a chump. The Danish tabloid BT's front page headline was "Donald Dumb". The diplomatic fallout was manifest on

Tuesday, when Iceland's Prime Minister Katrin Jakobsdottir declined to meet US Vice President Mike Pence. She told the national broadcaster RÚV that she preferred to honour a prior commitment — to address the Council of Nordic Trade Unions in Malmö. Never before has a US Vice President been passed over in favour of trade unionists, and if NATO member Iceland has chosen to do it, it must be read as a diplomatic message.

NBC News caught Donald analysing the situation in Kashmir: "Kashmir is a very complicated place. You have the Hindus, and you have the Muslims, and I wouldn't say they get along so great. And that's what you have right now." Many irate Americans responded, challenging him to locate Kashmir on a map. And several news outlets in the US, the UK and Europe have compiled lists of the extraordinary behaviour of POTUS in the 24 hours after Denmark spurned him. They are impressively endless and include a messianic statement: "I am the chosen one." Much less would cause an ordinary citizen of a democracy to be placed in the care of the state, as an elementary precaution for public safety.

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Rana omission in court

Delhi rifle body moves plea in High Court after Dronacharya snub

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THE DELHI State Rifle Association, on Friday, moved the Delhi High Court over the government's decision to omit junior national coach Jaspal Rana from the Dronacharya Awards winners' list this year. Reacting to the plea, Justice Navin Chawla asked the sports ministry to produce the records related to the selection of awardees, who will be honoured at the Rashtrapati Bhawan on August 29. The report has to be submitted by August 27.

The Delhi State Rifle Association alleged that there was "lack of transparency in the process." The court's interim direction came after advocate Rahul Mehra, appearing for the association, argued that he is not seeking stay on the award ceremony, but the authorities be directed to award the Dronacharya to Rana.

The bench said the petition needs to be withdrawn since it has not been filed by Rana himself. Mehra argued that Rana is in Rio de Janeiro for the World Cup, which gets underway next week, and will get his authorisation through e-mail or procure a scanned copy of vakalatnama by Monday.

Agreeing to the same, the court stated: "respondent no. 1 (Ministry of Youth Affairs and



The court was told that chief national jr coach Jaspal Rana has mentored several budding shooters, including Manu Bhaker. Express

Sports) will produce the record on Tuesday relating to the selection process of the Dronacharya Award 2019..."

As per the plea, the 43-year-old Rana, the national junior pistol coach, was not nominated for the Dronacharya Award despite him meeting all requisite criteria under the scheme notified by the ministry. Central Government Standing Counsel Ripudaman Bhardwaj, however, contended that "this is not the end of the world". To which, Mehra reacted: "This the government say every time, despite the fact that several shooters have trained under him".

Mehra apprised the court

Nagal enters final round of qualifiers

INDIA'S SUMIT Nagal moved one step closer to his first ever Grand slam appearance with a hard fought win over Peter Polansky in the second round of the US Open qualifiers, here.

Nagal, placed at a career-best 190, knocked out the 192nd ranked Canadian 7-5 7-6 (0) in two hours eight minutes on Thursday night in the men's singles qualifiers. The Indian began the match on an attacking note, breaking Polansky in the second game to take an early 2-0 lead but then failed to hold his serve twice, handing back the advantage to the Canadian.

However, Nagal fought back to break Polansky twice to take the first set.

The second set followed in a similar pattern with Nagal drawing the first blood but Polansky came from behind to break back the Indian. The set went to tie break with Nagal holding his nerve to emerge victorious. The 22-year-old from Haryana will now take on Brazil's Joao Menezes, who is ranked 210, in the final qualifying round later in the day. Last year, he had competed in the qualifiers of the Australian Open, the French Open and the Wimbledon Championships but could not register a single win.

This is Nagal's first attempt at making the Grand Slam singles main draw this season in which he enjoyed considerable success and broke into the top-200. Meanwhile, India's top singles players Prajnesh Gunneswaran got a tough draw as he is up against fifth seed and Cincinnati Open champion Daniil Medvedev in the first round.

Earlier, India's top women's singles player Ankit Raina crashed out of the women's singles US Open qualifying event after a hard fought three-set loss to Czech Republic's Denisa Allertova. PTI

Liverpool ideal testing ground for Arsenal

REUTERS
MANCHESTER, AUGUST 23

THE TWO remaining teams with 100 percent Premier League records this season go head-to-head on Saturday when Liverpool host a new-look Arsenal at Anfield in an encounter that will act as a barometer to measure the London

club's progress. Emery's Gunners have made a strong start to the campaign with wins at Newcastle United and at home to Burnley but they do not need to look too far into their history to realise this will be a very different challenge. In December, amid talk of progress in Emery's first season, Arsenal were crushed 5-1 at Anfield with Firmino helping

himself to a hat-trick. It was a display which emphasised just how far the club had fallen behind the genuine title contenders and was the latest in series of crushing losses at Liverpool. The two previous meetings at Anfield ended in 4-0 and 3-1 defeats for Wenger's Arsenal teams, but there is a fresh optimism around the club after a successful transfer window.

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