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DIGITAL MEDIA CAPPED AT 26% VIA GOVT ROUTE

Doors open for 100% FDI in coal mining, contract manufacturing

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

THE UNION Cabinet Wednesday cleared the proposal to ease the local-sourcing norms for single-brand retailers, in addition to allowing 100 per cent foreign investment in coal mining and contract manufacturing as part of the government's efforts to



Ministers Goyal, Javadekar on Wednesday. Anil Sharma

boost economic growth. Also, a decision to prescribe a 26 per cent FDI limit in digital news media via the government route has been spelt out.

The proposal to relax local-sourcing norms was announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Budget for 2019-20 and the move is expected to benefit multinational

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HC judge: War and Peace about another country, so why keep it?

SAILEEDHAYALKAR
MUMBAI, AUGUST 28

THE BOMBAY High Court Wednesday questioned an activist arrested in connection with the Elgaar Parishad case on why he had Leo Tolstoy's *War and Peace* at his home when the book was "about a war in another country".

The court was hearing the bail plea of Vernon Gonsalves, who was arrested by Pune Police on August 28 last year for his alleged links with the banned CPI-Maoist.

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MAKING A POINT

Political thinker Ashis Nandy with *The Indian Express* Literary Editor Pratik Kanjilal and National Opinion Editor Vandita Mishra at the Express Adda on Wednesday. Praveen Khanna

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Boosting investor sentiment

THE LATEST measures come on the back of the stimulus announced last week. This will boost investor sentiment and signal that the government is proactively responding to voices of distress in the industry.

HEARING IN OCT; YECHURY VISIT HAS RIDER

Larger SC Bench will hear pleas against J&K move

CJI bench overrules Centre's plea that it will have 'cross-border repercussions'

Pak uses Rahul remark on J&K, he draws BJP fire

ANANTHAKRISHNANG, MANOJCG & SOMYA LAKHANI
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

BUSINESS AS USUAL

By UNNY



LIZ MATHEW & MANOJCG
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

A LETTER written by a Pakistani Minister to UN officials, which includes a reference to Rahul Gandhi's comments on J&K, has triggered a political firestorm with the ruling BJP accusing the Congress leader of "insulting the country" and "giving a handle to Pakistan" to target India.

The Congress, meanwhile, **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Inside leaders' lockdown: Frazzled nerves, hunger strike threat and a huddle in hotel

MUZAMIL JALEEL
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

BEFORE AUGUST 5, far from the noise of the street outside, the Sher-e-Kashmir International Conference Centre here was an oasis of calm. Built by Jammu and

Kashmir's political establishment and connected to the Centaur Hotel, a high wall and a tight security ring fenced off lush manicured lawns that played venue to many a conference and concert.

Today, it's a "subsidiary jail", its Reception lobby doubles up as the meeting area of a prison.

Centaur is where almost the entire top rung of Kashmir's mainstream is detained. Only close relatives are allowed but not before

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Union Minister demands apology from former Cong chief

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MP minister says illegal mining rampant, BJP slams govt

MILIND GHATWAI
 BHOPAL, AUGUST 28

EMBARRASSING THE Congress government in Madhya Pradesh, state minister Govind Singh has alleged that illegal mining is rampant in Datia and Bhind, among other districts, and that he is unable to do anything to stop it despite being a senior minister.

Singh, the minister for Cooperatives and General Administration Department, said that despite a change of guard in the state, illegal mining has not stopped. He alleged that even senior police officers in Datia district, of which he is guardian minister, are involved.

He told the local media that each police station in-charge in the area makes between Rs 50 lakh and Rs 60 lakh per month, and that money collected by these police personnel reaches senior officers.

Following the allegations, Inspector General (Chambal range) D P Gupta set up nine checkpoints in Bhind and seven in Datia district and installed cameras for round-the-clock surveillance.

Chambal range comprises Bhind, Datia, Morena and Sheopur districts. Singh is an MLA from Lahar constituency in Bhind. I-G Gupta told *The Indian Express* that security is provided to teams of mining and revenue officials who carry out raids. He said action will be taken against any police official found doing anything wrong in his range.

Reacting to the allegation, former CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan said: "A minister has disclosed the rate of a police station in-charge but the CM is silent. Natural resources like rivers and mountains are being looted in the state."

Without referring to Singh's allegations, the CM's media co-ordinator Narendra Saluja slammed Chouhan and said the BJP leader has no right to accuse the eight-month-old Congress government of allowing illegal mining because MP stood at third place in illegal mining when Chouhan was CM.

IAS officer who quit over J&K asked to rejoin immediately

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
 DAMAN, AUGUST 28

IAS OFFICER Kannan Gopinathan, who resigned last week and stated that he did so as the denial of "freedom of expression" to the people of Jammu and Kashmir was not acceptable to him, has been asked to resume duty and continue to work till his resignation is accepted.

Gopinathan, who was the secretary, power department of the Union Territories of Daman and Diu, and Dadra and Nagar Haveli, submitted his resignation to the Home Ministry on August 21. The Personnel Department of Daman and Diu has now asked him to report to work till it is accepted. Citing Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) rules, the notice said resignation "becomes effective when it is accepted".

"Therefore, you are hereby directed to continue attending to your assigned duties immediately, till a decision is taken on your resignation," it said. When contacted, Gopinathan said he was aware of the notice, but declined to comment further.

FROM PAGE ONE

100% FDI

companies operating or planning to begin operations of retail stores with items sold under a single brand. These include US technology major Apple, Swedish firms Ikea and H&M among others.

The Cabinet's announcement on FDI has come within a week of Sitharaman unveiling a slew of measures to drive higher economic growth.

"The changes in FDI policy will result in making India a more attractive FDI destination, leading to benefits of increased investments, employment, and growth," Commerce & Industry Minister Piyush Goyal told reporters at a Cabinet briefing.

He said 100 per cent FDI under automatic route in coal mining and sale of coal, as also associated infrastructure activity, has been allowed to help attract international players to create an efficient and competitive coal market. Currently, 100 per cent FDI under automatic route is allowed in coal and lignite mining for captive consumption in power projects, iron and steel and cement units, which has not been extended to the sale of coal and mining, including associated processing infrastructure such as coal washery, crushing and coal handling.

An analyst tracking the sector said while the opening up of the coal mining sector sends out "the right signal", the government needs to first start auctioning the merchant mines. "Once the auction of merchant mine starts, it will take 4-5 years to reap benefits of the reform. Also, investment in infrastructure needs to be made to evacuate all the extra coal that will be mined as a result of this move," the analyst said.

Kameswara Rao, Leader — Energy, Utilities and Mining, PwC India, called it a positive step for the coal sector and said: "The discoms are really the beneficiaries of this as they can now attract larger global operators with lower cost of capital to undertake end-to-end coal mining of their allocated blocks to reduce the fuel costs."

Further, 100 per cent FDI under automatic route has been allowed in contract manufacturing to give a boost to domestic manufacturing. Currently, there is no specific provision for contract manufacturing in the policy. In order to provide clarity on contract manufacturing, it has been decided to allow 100 per cent FDI under the automatic route in India as well, Goyal said. In single-brand retail trading (SBRT), the definition of 30 per cent local sourcing norm has been relaxed and online sales permitted without prior opening of brick and mortar stores.

"Online sales will lead to the creation of jobs in logistics, digital payments, customer care, training and product skilling," Goyal said. The sourcing requirement has to be met, in the first instance, as an average of five years' total value of the goods purchased, starting April 1 of the year of opening of the first store. After that, it needs to be met on an annual basis. Single-brand retailers were not allowed to set off annual incremental procurement from India for their global operations against the domestic sourcing requirement after five years.

H&M said the move will help attract investment from global companies. "We are delighted! H&M has been sourcing from India since the last 30 years for its international markets, it's great to see global sourcing is now part of the 30 per cent local sourcing norms. We see this supporting the ease of doing business in India and driving in larger investments from global companies," H&M India Country Manager Janne Einola said. The

government has also decided to include global sourcing by the single brand retailers for adjusting their 30 per cent mandatory local sourcing norm.

Swedish furniture giant Ikea, which currently operates a store in Hyderabad, said the move would enhance ease of doing business in India. "Ikea India welcomes the relaxation of local sourcing norms for single brand retailers. Government of India's efforts to enhance ease of doing business for single brand retailers is encouraging. Ikea has been sourcing from India for more than 30 years," Ikea India said in a statement.

With a view to providing greater flexibility and ease of operations to SBRT firms, the Union Cabinet decided that all procurement of goods from India by such entity for that single brand shall be counted towards local sourcing, irrespective of whether the goods procured are sold in India or exported.

"Prevalent business models involve not only sourcing from India for global operations by the entity or its group companies, but also through an unrelated third party, done at the behest of the entity undertaking single brand retail trading or its group companies. In order to cover such business practices, it has been decided that 'sourcing of goods from India for global operations' can be done directly by the entity undertaking SBRT or its group companies (resident or non-resident), or indirectly by them through a third party under a legally tenable agreement," a government statement said.

Further, the current ceiling of considering exports for five years only is proposed to be removed to give an impetus to exports.

"Adding exports to the local sourcing norms may help build larger capacities, reinforcing India's stand as a potential global manufacturing hub. Allowing single brand retailers to start online stores, while meeting local sourcing norms, aligns well with the 'Digital India' initiative, giving them time to build their brick-and-mortar presence in parallel," said Harsha Razdan, Partner, Consumer Markets, Life Sciences and Internet Business, KPMG in India.

Lockdown

they have applied to a Deputy Superintendent of Police.

Like the over 50 men detained, their relatives — wives, children, mothers, sisters and parents — are all former VIPs. Until recently, their faces and names were a free pass through any official door in Kashmir. Today, they are frisked, questioned, allowed entry only after depositing everything — from handbags and phones to even sunglasses.

After extensive interviews with officials and relatives of those detained, *The Indian Express* has pieced together details from inside — an account of how the once political elite is now detained, their security personnel now prison guards and how they feel pushed against the wall in ways more than one.

"We never even imagined such an experience. This is not a real jail but I can fully understand how difficult it is to have a loved one inside a jail," said a relative who spoke on the condition of anonymity. "If you even mention my gender and relationship with the detainee, that can add to our hassle. They can refuse visitation rights. Who knows they may even shift them out? At least, he is here in Kashmir and we can go see him."

A detainee's relative said that for the first week, the administration didn't allow detainees to meet each other. "At the most, they met, briefly, at

Larger SC Bench to hear pleas

amendment to Article 370 revoking the special status of Jammu and Kashmir and its bifurcation into two Union Territories.

The bench of Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and Justices SA Bobde and S Abdul Nazeer, which issued notice on a clutch of petitions and referred the matter to a Constitution Bench, said it will be heard in the first week of October.

The judges allowed CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury, who had moved a writ of habeas corpus seeking production of party colleague Mohammad Yusuf Tarigami, to visit J&K only to enquire about his health and "for no other purpose".

They made it clear that if Yechury was "found to be indulging in any other act, omission or commission", it will be construed "a violation of this Court's order". His lawyer, senior advocate Raju Ramachandran, was told that Yechury, once he returns to Delhi, will have to "file a report supported by an affidavit in connection with the purpose of the visit as indicated in this order".

The judges also allowed a student of Jamia Millia Islamia, Mohammad Aleem Syed, to visit his parents in Anantnag, Kashmir SSP (Security) Imtiaz Hussain Mir has been directed to facilitate both visits.

In another decision, the bench issued notice on a petition by Kashmir Times Executive Editor Anuradha Bhasin who has challenged the "communication blackout" in

J&K. Advocate Vrinda Grover, appearing for Bhasin, said Wednesday was the 24th day of the "communication blackout" since restrictions were put in place there.

On petitions challenging the validity of changes to Article 370, Attorney General K K Venugopal said the court "may not issue notice".

"Why not? It has to go to a five-judge bench," the CJ replied.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta backed the AG and said the happenings in court will have repercussions outside the country.

"Notice is issued for the purpose of intimating parties to be present for hearing. We are here. Your Lordships may hear us", Mehta said, adding "it has repercussions in other countries... This may also be misused... it has international implications. Whatever statements made here are sent to the UN".

But the bench did not relent and issued notice to the Centre and other respondents.

On Mehta's submission that Tarigami had Z category security and was "not the kind of person who would go missing", the CJ said "whether it's Z or Z plus, if a citizen wants to visit a part of the country, he must have access to it".

Raju Ramachandran, who appeared for Yechury, said "in spite of best efforts, he has not been able to enquire about the welfare of his said colleague and his attempt to meet him personally by going to the State of Jammu & Kashmir has also not succeeded, as he has been

refused entry into the State."

The bench then enquired if Yechury would like to go to J&K to visit Tarigami. Intervening, Mehta said people, who wanted to visit family members, have been doing so and this appeared to be a "political gimmick".

But the court did not seem to agree. "Here is a citizen of the country who wants to go and meet his colleague. Let him," the CJ said.

The bench then said "we permit the petitioner to travel to Jammu & Kashmir for the aforesaid purpose and for no other purpose".

Mehta then expressed the fear that the visit may be used for other purposes. The court said it will direct that the visit is only to enquire about Tarigami's health. Accordingly, it made it clear in the order "that if the petitioner is found to be indulging in any other act, omission or commission save and except what has been indicated above i.e. to meet his friend and colleague party member and to enquire about his welfare and health condition, it will be construed to be a violation of this Court's order." It also asked Yechury to "file a report supported by an affidavit in connection with the purpose of the visit as indicated in this order" on his return to Delhi.

The bench also asked senior advocate Sanjay Hegde, appearing for Jamia Millia Islamia student Mohammad Aleem Syed, if he wanted to go to Anantnag. "Yes, if it can be safely done," Hegde replied. The bench then ordered that

Judge to activist: Why do you have 'War and Peace'?

Referring to a list submitted by the police of books, documents and CDs allegedly found during a search at the home of Gonsalves, including 'RCP Review', 'Marxist Archives' and 'Rajya Daman Virodhi' by Kabir Kala Manch, and a documentary titled 'Jai Bhim Comrade', Justice Sarang Kotwal said, "Title (of the documents) itself says it is against the state".

On 'War and Peace', Justice Kotwal said: "Why would you keep a book about a war in another country at your home?" The court also asked Gonsalves' lawyer to address the books and documents found while continuing his arguments Thursday.

Published in full in 1869, 'War and Peace' is based on the French invasion of Russia and its aftermath, and is considered a masterpiece of world literature.

Last August, police also arrested activists Sudha Bharadwaj, Vara Vara Rao, Arun Ferreira and Gautam Navlakha, while alleging that they were part of a larger plan of CPI-Maoist to form a front called "Anti Fascist Front" to overthrow the government.

The activists have been accused of playing a role in organising the Elgaar Parishad on December 31, 2017, a day before of the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Bhima Koregaon. Pune Police have claimed that

speeches made at the Parishad were, in part, responsible for inciting violence during the anniversary event, leading to the death of one person. During arguments led by senior counsel Mihir Desai for Gonsalves, Justice Kotwal sought detailed information on the contents of an electronic device and CDs allegedly recovered from Gonsalves' house.

Additional Public Prosecutor Aruna Pai said the investigating agency has found nothing in the device and are waiting for a final report from FSL.

Pai said they are relying on material found during the house search. When she said

that some CDs were found, Justice Kotwal said: "Have you inspected them? Where is the description of the content found in CDs? What if they are blank? Don't you think the content of the CDs is important?"

Justice Kotwal also noted that the content of the CDs is not part of the chargesheet. "You have to show the material, which you have, that is incriminating. If you can't point that out, then what is the point of seizing those CDs? The content should be part of the chargesheet. These CDs merely being a part of muddamal (evidence recovered) will not help you. You will have to show there is incriminating content."

On Wednesday morning, Gandhi tweeted: "I disagree with this Govt. on many issues. But, let me make this absolutely clear: Kashmir is India's internal issue & there is no room for Pakistan or any other foreign country to interfere in it. There is violence in Jammu & Kashmir. There is violence because it is instigated and supported by Pakistan which is known to be the prime supporter of terrorism across the world."

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the new arrangement. They have been working on him for days, sending officers who come for a chat...it's a nightmare for the entire family, especially for children. He is firm not to join but he isn't sure what to do next. I think some would prefer to leave the country because the cost of staying here and taking either route is so high," he said.

The arrests of mainstream political leaders began hours before the Centre abrogated J&K's special status, bifurcated the state and downgraded it to Union Territories on August 5. But much before that, separatists were picked up, their leadership is in jails outside the state. Many young men picked up for participating in protests or the possibility of joining protests were ferried to jails outside J&K in special aircraft. Many of their relatives, unlike the ones in the Centaur lobby, are unaware of where they are and when they can meet.

Rahul Gandhi

slammed Pakistan for "mischievously" dragging Gandhi's name in the letter. However, the BJP went on the offensive with senior leader and Union Minister Prakash Javadekar demanding an apology from Gandhi.

On Tuesday, Shireen M Mazari, Human Rights Minister in the Imran Khan government, posted on Twitter the letter that, she said, was addressed to "18 Un Special Procedures mandate-holders". In the eight-page letter, Mazari levelled allegations of "violations of international human rights law" in J&K, and listed Pakistan's complaints about J&K's special status under Article 370 being revoked.

In this context, the letter claimed: "These, and other, acts of violence have even been acknowledged by mainstream politicians, such as the Leader of the Congress Party, Mr. Rahul Gandhi, who has noted 'people dying' in Jammu and Kashmir, in light of events 'going very wrong there.'"

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Chief Minister, Delhi



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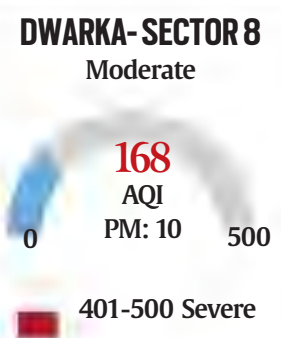
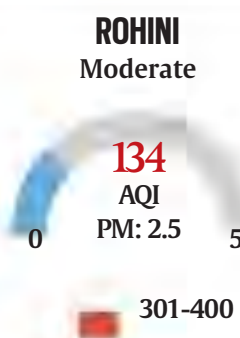
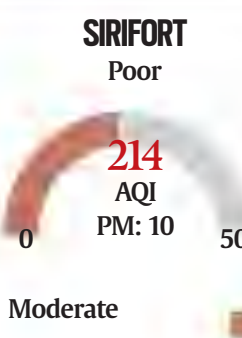
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4 THE CITY



With new campaign, Delhi govt adds sting to its mosquito fight

SHIVAM PATEL
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Health Minister Satyendar Jain announcing the campaign on Wednesday. Amit Mehra

TO TACKLE vector-borne diseases dengue and chikungunya, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Wednesday launched a campaign that aims to increase the participation of residents in preventing their spread.

The initiative is named as '10 Hafte, 10 Baje, 10 Minute - Har Ravivar, Dengue Par War'. As part of it, the government has asked residents to take 10 minutes from their schedule every Sunday to clear potential mosquito breeding spots from their homes.

Launching the campaign Wednesday, Kejriwal said he will start the initiative from his home on September 1. "I will check my home, and so will my ministers, MLAs, officers and the whole of Delhi... There's a positive energy in the city, and people are working with the government. They will make this campaign successful and remove dengue and chikungunya from Delhi," he said.

Delhi recorded 15,867 cases of dengue in 2015, which came down to 2,798 in 2018 and 75 cases so far this year. Chikungunya cases in 2016 stood at 7,760, and were reduced to 165 in 2018, and 21 so far this year, data shared by officials shows.

A fall in the number of deaths caused by the diseases was recorded - from 60 in 2015 to 4 last year and none so far in 2019. "We don't want this figure to increase; we want it to go down further and slowly get rid of dengue and chikungunya in Delhi," Kejriwal said.

The World Health Organisation suggests a number of measures to prevent the breeding of the Aedes mosquito, which can spread dengue and chikungunya. These include covering water containers, changing water from vases, pouring it out from pots and safely disposing objects that can accumulate water.

Kejriwal also asked residents to change water from pots and air coolers in their homes and ensure that their neighbours have also checked their surroundings for possible breeding spots.

"Dengue mosquito breeds in clean water that has been stagnant for a few days. If you don't change it, the mosquito will lay eggs. This mosquito cannot go further than 200 metres, so if dengue happens in your homes it's possible it's breeding nearby," he said. The campaign will run for 10 weeks, from September 1 to November 15.

The CM said many steps are taken to prevent spread of dis-

eases every year, including creating around 500 fever clinics, building mohalla clinics, and appointing a nodal officer in every hospital for dengue and chikungunya.

He added that provision for dengue beds has been made in every hospital, and private hospitals would be given permission to increase their capacity by 20% to deal with the diseases, if the need arises.

Kejriwal also said the government will involve municipal corporations, residents' welfare associations, students and government officials in the campaign.

THE CHALLENGE

Year-wise data of vector-borne diseases

DENGUE	2015	15,867
	2016	4,431
	2017	4,726
	2018	2,798
	2019*	75

CHIKUNGUNYA

2016	7,760
2017	559
2018	165
2019*	21

* Data till August 24, 2019

Dengue deaths

2015	60
2016	10
2017	10
2018	4
2019	none so far

The campaign

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Man held for sexually assaulting boy has 8 cases against him

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

A DAY after a 48-year-old AC technician was arrested on the charges of kidnapping and sexually assaulting a teenage boy in Central Delhi, Delhi Police have uncovered that a total eight cases, including six related to sexual assault, were registered against him since 1996.

The first case of sexual assault against him dates back to 2000, police said, adding that his victims include both boys and girls.

On Tuesday morning, the accused, Shahid, was arrested from his rented accommodation, and a teenage boy was rescued from his house.

"Police had been investigating a missing child complaint lodged on August 20. The victim left home after his mother refused to give him money and scolded him. The victim alleged he was 'normal' for the first two days, and even taught him basic repair work. But for three days afterwards, he allegedly sexually abused him," a senior officer said.

On Tuesday, he was produced before a Delhi court, which sent him to 14-day judicial custody.

During investigation, police found that the first case against him was lodged by his wife in 1996, alleging that he was demanding dowry. Three years later, a case of attempt to murder was filed against him, also by his wife.

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To create 'competition, open market', DDA opens doors to pvt developers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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LAND AUCTION for housing projects by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA), which has been opened to private developers for the first time, is expected to start around September 16, officials said.

The authority started auctioning smaller residential and commercial plots to individuals, societies and private developers as an experiment last year, which received a good response, officials said. As a result, group housing projects across the city for plots of over 5,000 square metres have been opened to individuals, societies, partnership firms and con-

sortiums for the first time. DDA vice-chairman Tarun Kapoor said, "We didn't want to keep constructing houses on our own. Involving private developers will enable the utilisation of new technology. It will create competition and an open market not dominated by the DDA."

The developer will have to adhere to the guidelines specified in the Delhi Master Plan-2021, with 15% of the floor area ratio (FAR) for community service personnel and economically weaker sections (EWS), an official said.

"The auction purchaser will have to complete the EWS portion first and obtain occupancy certificate. The developer should not give possession of other flats to anyone before handing over EWS

flats to DDA," a senior DDA official added. The move was approved in a DDA meeting on August 13, and is aimed at meeting the growing demand for housing in the capital, another official said.

"Our plots were lying vacant and being encroached upon, when they should be used for building housing for Delhi. A recent auction showed there is a

real demand for property. With private players coming in, the quality of construction will improve," he added.

The official added that land parcels in South Delhi's Basant Nagar, North Delhi's Rohini and North East Delhi's Vishwas Nagar are among the sites that are to be auctioned.

said the move was good, but could result in flats becoming unaffordable. "The cost of flats can shoot up. The person who bids the highest and develops the project would want to sell the flats at a premium rate. Issues may also arise in the acceptance towards the EWS segment in these flats. The DDA should reserve some pockets for the EWS."

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2	68195938B	BRAKE RIGGING KIT	16-SEP-2019

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Chief Materials Manager, Goldenrock

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No. AO/RP Cell/EDMC/2019/D-426
Dated: 26.08.2019

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Pre-bid Meeting Venue : Chamber of AC/R.P.Cell, EDMC
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The tender document with map containing detailed terms and conditions and schedule of the tender is available at EDMC website www.mcdonline.gov.in

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1.	Seed and grain cleaner cum grader, grain destoner, motorized dal mil, motorized millet de-huller, food dehydrator, dry and wet pulverizer, flour mill, rice mill, centrifuge oil extractor, seed hammer, oil expeller unit, oil filtration unit, decorticator machine, cold oil press machine, conveyer, rice grader, polisher, husk grinder	28/08/2019	17/09/2019 up to 1100 hours

Bid Ref:- 1467 ILSP/GC-4/2019-20/dated-26/08/2019

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1.	Spice (Masala) Mill, Mixer/Grinder, Garlic Peeler, Drying and Heating Dehydrator, Turmeric Powder, Pulveriser, Coriander Power Pulverizer, Chilly Powder Pulverizer, Masala Mixing Machine, Solar Dryer with Accessories, Multipurpose pulveriser.	28/08/2019	18/09/2019 up to 1100 hours

Bid Ref:- 1466 ILSP/GC-7/2019-20/ dated-26/08/2019

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1.	Office Furniture: Office chairs (500), Executive Chairs (250), Conference Tables (25), Executive Tables (250), Almira (100)	28/08/2019	18/09/2019 up to 1100 hours

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Sr. No.	Name of materials	Download Start Date and Time	Download End Date and Time
1.	Desktop computers, Laptops, Laserjet printers, LCD Projector, Inverters	28/08/2019	17/09/2019 up to 1100 hours

Bid Ref:- 1463 ILSP/GC-1/2019-20/ dated -26/08/2019

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Dressing India's champions

Shiv Naresh Sports Private Limited has come up with a state-of-the-art sports apparel store in Delhi near Kirti Nagar Metro Station where one can find everything that a sports and fitness enthusiast needs

TODAY, Shiv Naresh Sports has become a brand that needs no introduction. It has become a part of every sports stars journey to glory. From P T Usha, Karnam Malleshwari, Anju Bobby George to Mary Kom, Abhinav Bindra or Sania Mirza, the brand has dressed the champions time and again in various national and international sports events.

The brand is not only associated with every Olympic sport discipline team in India like boxing, weightlifting, wrestling, athletics etc., but has successfully delivered garments to IPL teams such as Delhi Daredevils, Kolkata Knight Riders, Kabaddi Premier League teams. Another feather in the cap is being the official kit sponsors for the Indian Hockey Team. Shiv Naresh can be spotted in a lot of Bollywood films such as Mary Kom, Azhar, Soorma to name a few.

The humble beginnings of the success story that Shiv Naresh today has become was not easy. Back in the 1960s, the brand was started as a small tailoring shop by Kusuma Devi the lady who has become the driving force of the company and is being carried forward by the third generation of the family.

This iron lady then went on to break stereotypes and caste her mark on the then male-dominated business society. She helped her husband, Mr R K Singh, a national level athlete at the time, by sewing his shorts. The duo began their



R K Singh, Founder and Chairman, Shiv Naresh Sports Pvt Ltd

journey by stitching sports garments and selling them at the sports events that he was performing at. And the rest, as they say, is history.

In the age of zero long distance communications, it was the couple's simple nature and pleasing personality that attracted customers to come time and again. The brand was just starting to build up and Mrs and Mr Singh started hiring tailors for the growing demand. The company has grown from a small tailoring room to a 500 tailoring units, from a small counter in Karam-Pura to more than 1,000 sellers across India.

The persistent efforts put in by the couple in delivering high quality products to



Team Shiv Naresh

sportsmen who did not have the necessary means to purchase expensive products. The brand still today is extremely famous for its exceptional quality and durability at very cost effective prices. The couple is blessed with three wonderful children who had seen their hard work and developed a wonderful business acumen that transformed the small tailoring shop to the world famous brand that is adorned as Desh Ki Vardi.

Shiv Naresh has been dressing the champions of India for more than three decades now. And in this journey they have learned and mastered the art of making garments of international quality at par with major brands like Adidas, Nike or Under Armour. With a modern production plant with the manufacturing capacity of 30,000 garments per day, in house sublimation, cutting and sewing machines, Shiv Naresh is changing the game for the fit-

ness and sports enthusiasts of India without actually burning a hole in your pocket.

Shiv Naresh has been carrying this legacy forward and making high quality garments since 1987. The brand today has transformed itself from a small unit to an international quality brand. They have come up with a one-of-a-kind sports apparel and goods experience store in Delhi where you can find all that is required by the sports and fitness enthusiasts under one roof. The



Mrs Kusuma Devi, Co-founder, Shiv Naresh Sports Pvt Ltd

MBO boasts of brands like Adidas, PUMA, SG, SS, Yonex, Yonker and their own apparel ranges Shiv Naresh and OOK Europe. The store also has a floor dedicated to gym machines and equipment by Aerofit.

The state-of-the-art outlet by Shiv Naresh is located near the Kirti Nagar Metro Station, New Delhi and is a must visit for every sports and fitness enthusiast. The brand has definitely come a long way and is writing a success story that is making our country proud as it is the only national sports brand that has come to the levels of Adidas, PUMA and Nike. Be sure to visit the store with your family to start your walk journey to fitness.



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27-year-old shot dead over Rs 15,000 loan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28



The victim was shot seven-eight times, said police

A 27-YEAR-OLD aspiring model was shot dead in central Delhi's Prasad Nagar, allegedly by one of his friends Tuesday night, police said. According to police, the victim, Vinay, had borrowed Rs 15,000 from the accused over a month ago, but did not pay it back. Two men have been arrested in connection with the crime, said police.

"The incident took place at around 10.30 pm when Vinay was going back home with his younger brother. Their vehicle was intercepted by one Akash at Kikar Wala Chowk, who asked him to return his money. Vinay al-

legedly refused. This led to a scuffle," a senior officer said.

As the argument escalated, Akash whipped out his pistol and fired at Vinay, said police. "Vinay tried to run, but Akash chased him down. He fired seven to eight rounds. The accused managed to flee," an officer said, adding that they were arrested with help from CCTV footage. Vinay was rushed to a hospital, where he was declared dead on arrival, said police.

Labourer's daughter cracks NEET — with some help

ANANYA TIWARI
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

"I WANT the rest of my children to aim as high as their sister," said Akhilesh (49), a daily wage labourer, whose daughter cracked the NEET entrance exam this year. Shashi (19) has now taken admission in Lady Hardinge College.

In 2018, she enrolled for Delhi government's Jai Bhim Mukhyamantri Pratibha Yojana scheme, under which coaching is provided to Scheduled Caste students at subsidised rates or free of cost for national-level examinations, including NEET. "I want to be of service to the society. This was my second attempt; the first

time, I studied by myself but this time, the scheme helped me get guidance," said Shashi. The scheme is set to expand with a hike in financial assistance per student from Rs 40,000 up to Rs 1.5 lakh, more private institutes, and extension of coaching duration to one year.

"We have only one room, I studied there as my family slept," said Shashi. Akhilesh, who earns Rs 300 a day, said: "My younger daughter Ritu (18) is also now preparing for NEET exam through the scheme, and my son wants to study at IIT."

Minister for Social Welfare Rajendra Pal Gautam said: "The yojana is ensuring that poverty is longer a handicap for students."

2 MEN ACQUITTED IN MURDER CASE

Same key witness in multiple cases, court pulls up police

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

ACQUITTING TWO men in a murder case, a Delhi court has pulled up Delhi Police for producing a "stock witness" during deposition. It observed that "the investigating officer, in the name of conducting and concluding the investigation, apparently arranged for a stock witness and concluded the investigation in a very clandestine manner".

The case relates to the murder of a man near a factory in East Delhi's Brahmपुरi. The victim, Savej Raza, had come to Delhi in search of work and was staying at the factory. He was

found dead with stab wounds on February 7, 2008. Police arrested two men, Nasir and Kamil, in connection with the murder.

The prosecution examined 22 witnesses. Out of them, prosecution witness number 2, Mirza Jafar, was the 'star witness'. Jafar had claimed to be a factory owner who saw the accused wielding knives and threatening the victim on the street. He claimed to have told police that the man the accused were threatening was murdered by them.

Additional Sessions Judge Raghbir Singh acquitted the two men after it held that "the sole eyewitness/star witness is not at all a reliable and trustworthy witness. He, rather in a way,

can be said to be a stock witness who himself had faced/had been facing criminal charges in several cases and had also been a prosecution witness in other cases, including murder cases. It also stands proved on record that he deposed as a prosecution witness by showing different names and also disguising/manipulating the factum of his own age, etc."

When the 'star witness' was cross-examined, the court held that the prosecution story was doubtful and concocted. This came to light when Jafar was asked about his deposition in previous court cases. It was then found that he had testified in an Arms Act and murder case in

2004 under a different name and age.

The court also expressed doubt on whether Jafar was indeed the owner of the factory, where the victim used to stay.

The court also found that there were several contradictions in the prosecution story and that of the 'star witness', including the date when the witness approached police.

The court also held that the prosecution version is heavily shadowed by doubts and ambiguities, including the police claims that they recovered the murder weapon and a purse containing certain photocopies of ration card and other certificates from an open field.

JNU candidates announced, J&K takes centrestage

ARANYA SHANKAR
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

ABROGATION OF Article 370 and Kashmir will be one of the central poll issues in the upcoming Jawaharlal Nehru University Students' Union (JNUSU) polls scheduled on September 6.

At a press conference held in campus Wednesday, almost all presidential candidates from various organisations spoke of the issue. ABVP's presidential candidate Manish Jangad dedicated a large part of his speech to: "While the whole country was celebrating

the abrogation of Article 370, the Left in campus was mourning the move. In Kashmir, reservation can be implemented now, women have got equal rights. But the Left is silent. Even Ambedkar was against Article 370. Today, the Valmiki community has got equal rights there, why isn't BAPSA (Birsamba Ambedkar Phule Students' Association) saying anything?"

In a break from previous year, this time the ABVP and the Left Unity Panel, comprising Students' Federation of India (SFI), All India Students' Association (AISA), Democratic Students' Federation and All India Students' Federation,



JNUSU presidential candidates at the press conference

are the only two fielding candidates on all four central panel seats.

The Left Unity panel's presidential candidate this year is

Aishe Ghosh from SFI. She was the only candidate who did not mention Kashmir in her eight-minute speech. However, she told *The Indian Express* that the omis-

Man who ran over buyer for his car still untraced, say police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GHAZIABAD, AUGUST 28

DAYS BEFORE a Ghaziabad resident was crushed to death under the wheels of a car he was planning to buy, the owner of the vehicle had met the victim and allegedly used fake documents to gain his trust. On August 20, Barkat Ali travelled to Hapur from Ghaziabad to show his Swift to potential buyer Arif. The two had got in touch through an online portal.

Satisfied with the vehicle and the owner's credibility, Arif and his cousin Farmaan visited Ghaziabad on August 25 to pay Ali Rs 2.65 lakh and take the vehicle home with them. However, while taking a test drive, the owner asked Arif and Farmaan

to step out and push the vehicle, on the pretext that the car had broken down.

While pushing the vehicle, Ali sped away with the car as Arif hung on to the window. Arif was later crushed under the vehicle and died during treatment in Ghaziabad's Yashoda Hospital. The 35-year-old is survived by his seven-month pregnant wife and three children. "He had been saving up for the past 2-3 years for the car. Little did we know that the car would cost him his life," said Arif's father Nusrat Haji.

"He showed us a fake RC which claimed that the car was bought in 2016. He even faked having relatives in Hapur," said Farmaan. "We are trying to trace the vehicle. It is possible that the accused fled the area," said a police officer.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SHRI MATA VAISHNO DEVI SHRINE BOARD, KATRA
ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of the Chairman, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Katra, sealed tender are invited from Principal firms or their authorized franchisees for providing Catering Services at Bhojanalaya Saraswati Dham, Rail Head Complex, Jammu, of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, on leave and license basis "on as is where is basis". Sealed technical bid and commercial bid should reach the Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Katra, upto 1500 hrs. on 17th of September 2019. Bidders are advised to visit the premises in advance in order to be well versed with the economic potential of location before submitting their bids. Offers should be complete in all respect and duly signed by the tenderer. Incomplete / conditional tender or tender received after the stipulated date and time shall not be considered.

Tender Performa along with detailed terms and conditions of the tender can be downloaded from our official website (www.maavishnodevi.org), free of cost.

Sd/-
Dr. J.C. Mehra) KAS
Dy. Chief Executive Officer

No.: Co/Cat/338/676
Dated: 28.08.2019

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE

Name of work with its location	12/Sr.DEE/IG/MB/2019 (Ind Call):- Setting up of Quick watering arrangement at Bareilly Railway Station.
App. Cost of the work (In Rs.)	81.24,898.80
Cost of Tender Form (In Rs.)	5,000/-
Address of office from where the tender form has been issued	Electrical Branch, Divisional Railway Manager's office, Northern Railway, Moradabad.
Earnest Money to be deposited (In Rs.)	1,62,500/-
Completion period of the work	03 (Three) Months
Date & Time for submission of tender & opening of tender	Tender will be received upto 15.00 hrs. shall be opened at 15.00 hrs. on 20.09.2019
Website particulars & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.	website www.ireps.gov.in Notice board is located in the Electrical Branch, Divisional Railway Manager's office, Northern Railway, Moradabad.

Tender Notice No.- 11/2019 Dated: 28.08.2019 2764/19
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BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD
(POWER WING)

Corrigendum-1 NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER Dtd.: 22.08.2019
NIT No. 460/PHD/BH-1469 Dated: 15.07.2019

Name of office: Chief Engineer / System Operation, Planning & Design (Power Plant) Dte., BMBM (PW), Flat No. 75 SLDC Complex, BMBM, Industrial Area, Phase-I, Chandigarh-160002. Tel-Fax: 0172-2637035

Name of Work: Procurement of 2 no., 5 Tonne capacity, heavy duty Monorail wire rope Electric Hoist, one each at forebay at Ganguwli and Kotla Power Houses.

Tender documents Download Start Date & Time: 19.07.2019 from 1100 Hrs.

Tender documents Download End Date & Time: 25.09.2019 upto 1700 Hrs.

Last date & time of online bid submission: 26.09.2019 upto 1700 Hrs.

Date & time of online bid opening: 27.09.2019 from 1100 Hrs. onwards

The Bids are to be submitted online, for cost of specification, Earnest money Deposit and detailed NIT, please visit BMBM website <http://bmbmeproc.abcpocprocure.com>, www.bmbm.gov.in

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice (through e-tendering)

Name of work with its location: Comprehensive AMC of GPS clock installed at Anand Vihar Station, office complex New Delhi and important S/O of Delhi division for three years. App. Cost of the work (₹): ₹767471.76 only. Tender Document Fee (₹): ₹2,300/- only. Earnest Money Deposit (₹): ₹154000 only. Address of the office: Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-I, Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annex-1, DRM office, New Delhi-110055. Date & Time for upload the tender/closing of tender: Tender uploading/closing date & time 25.09.2019 up to 15.00 hrs. Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.: See the Northern Railway website www.ireps.gov.in and Notice board at S&T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055. Tender No.: 558-Sig-16-Tele-AMC-559, Dated: 27.08.2019 2762/19

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Office of the Executive Engineer, R.C.D, Road Division, Garhwa
CORRIGENDUM
Tender Reference No- RCD/GARHWA/732/19-20 Dated 21.08.2019
[PR 215003 (Road) 19-20 (D)]

Name of Work	Reconstruction of Garhwa Majhiaon-Kandi-Sone Bridge Road. (Total Length 47.45 km.)
Corrigendum Title	Changes in Date of available online on MORTH portal and e tendering portal of MORTH
Corrigendum Detail	Tender will be available online from 29.08.2019 to 11.09.2019 upto 18.00 Hours.

बूट - बूट नहीं बदरेंगे तो बूट को तटरेखें Executive Engineer
R.C.D.Road Division, Garhwa

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क्रमांक/लेखा/वि.158/2019-20/2727/2019 अरुल नगर रायपुर, दिनांक 27.08.2019

निविदा आमंत्रण
छत्तीसगढ़ राज्य सहकारी विपणन संघ मर्यादित, रायपुर खरीक बर्ष 2019-20 के लिये धान उपजान हेतु वित्तीय व्यवस्था करने भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक की सूची 'A' एवं 'B' में अनुबद्ध बैंकों/वित्तीय संस्थाओं से प्रस्ताव आमंत्रित करता है। विस्तृत विवरण www.markfed.cg.nic.in में देखा जा सकता है-
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2. प्रस्ताव खोले जाने की तिथि 12/9/19 समय 3:00 बजे

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WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, NARMADA CANAL PROJECT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, FIELD WORKSHOP DIVISION, SANCHORE
TENDER NOTICE NO 02/2019-20

E-tenders are hereby invited on behalf of the Governor of State of Rajasthan for operation and maintenance work of various pumping stations at Narmada Canal Project for 2 years enlisted contractors of the appropriate class of the Water Resources Department or Contractors enlisted with CPWD, Postal, Telecom, Railway equivalent suitable Class of Rajasthan are also eligible after giving prescribed Earnest Money. Date of online downloading of tender document is 26.08.2019 at 9.30 am to 16.09.2019 up to 9.30 am and Date of online uploading of tender documents is 26.08.2019 at 6.00 pm to 16.09.2019 up to 6.00 pm. Technical bid will be open on dated 17.09.2019 at 3.00 pm. Pre-Bid Meeting of these works mentioned in the NIT will be held on 04.09.2019 at 3.00 Pm in the office of undersigned. The detail of estimated Cost of work, earnest money and processing fees is available on website www.eproc.rajabhawan.gov.in and www.diprline.org.
www.wppp.rajabhawan.gov.in
NIB Code: NCP1920WSOB000011, NCP1920WSOB000012

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Field Workshop Division
N. C. P. Sanchore

DIPR/C/6951/2019

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
Mumbai International Airport Ltd.
INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL) invites reputed contractors with experience in trolley management at various airports for undertaking trolley management services at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport. Interested parties having relevant experience may submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) within 7 days from the date of this advertisement with their credentials, list of clients, the company's turnover details for last three years etc. to the below mentioned address.

MVP - Operation Procurement, Mumbai International Airport Ltd., Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, 1st Floor, Terminal-1B, Santacruz-East Mumbai - 400099

This invitation for EOI does not give rise to any right to the prospective contractors and is not an offer or an invitation to offer. MIAL reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the EOIs or modify the terms hereof without assigning any reasons.

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD
E-Tender Notice
No: AGRA/ELE/OP/TENDER/2019/03 Dated: 26.08.2019

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer (OP), North Central Railway, Agra, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites the following E-Tender on prescribed form the details of the tenders are as under:

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Name of Work	Approximate Cost (In ₹)	Earnest Money (In ₹)	Cost of Tender Doc (In ₹)
1	AGRA/ELE/OP/TENDER/2019/03	"Real Control Treatment of Loco Pilot's Aasthi- Loco Pilot's & Guard's Running Room, AGC, IDRI & MTJ for Two Years"	209748.00	4206.00	1120.00

Completion Period (in months): 24 Months, Date of opening of tender: 17.09.2019. Note: 1. The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders will be available on website www.ireps.gov.in up to 15.00 hrs. on 17.09.2019 the due date of tender opening. 2. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act -2000. 3. Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entry in any other form / letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered. 4. Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. 5. This tender notice has also been uploaded on www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in 6. Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Document Cost in respect of e-Tendering shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. 7. In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. 1243/19 FA

North central railways @CPRONCR

NORTHERN RAILWAY
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Name of work and its location: 30-Elect-01-T-R1-2019-20-E3 Electrical work in connection with renovation of house no. SC-11 to accommodate ORH-2AC suits and construction of one non AC suit for Southern Railway and renovation of room no.449 of Annex-I and establishing an operating command center cum conference room, GM building at Baroda House New Delhi and construction of 02 number type-II quarters for staff of SSE/W/S Marg, construction of 02 number out house and construction of additional third bathroom for third bedroom in block number 22, 23, 24, 41 & 55 at S.P. Marg, New Delhi.

Approx. cost of the work in Rs. 43.39 lacs

Address of the office: Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi

Earnest Money: Rs. 86800.00

Date & time of submission of tender: 23.09.2019, 15:00 Hrs.

Opening of tender: 23.09.2019, 15:15 Hrs.

Website & notice board: www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi 2767/19

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UJJAIN MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, UJJAIN (M.P.)
Administrative Building Chhatrapati Shivaji Bhawan, Agar Road, Ujjain (M.P.)
TENDER NOTICE

NIT NO. PMAY/440/2019 DATE: 24/08/2019

Online Percentage Rate Tenders are invited for the following work based on UADD SOR 10/05/12 and amendments till date from Contractors/Reputed firms who have successfully executed works of similar nature and magnitude.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Probable Amount of Contract (Rs. in Lakhs) (PAC)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of Bid Document (Rs.)	Period of Completion (in Months)
1.	Construction of Houses, Commercial Complex and Development of Infrastructure for Urban Poor in Ujjain, M.P., Under PMAY at Karipura, Manchaman, Maksi Road & Alakh Dham.	9101.19	45.51	50,000.00	24 Months (Including Rainy Season)

Note: The EMD shall be in the form of online payment using Debit Card/Credit Card/ Internet Banking or System Generated Challan in favour of name and particulars given in Bid Data Sheet.

Important Dates for Tender processing is as under:

1. Last date for purchase of Tender document and Online Submission	03/10/2019 before 17:30 hrs.
2. Pre- Bid meeting will be held on	06/09/2019 15:00 hrs.
3. Last date for submission of Hard Copy of Technical Bid and Earnest Money Deposit receipt.	04/10/2019 before 17:30 hrs.
4. Earnest Money Deposit and Technical Bid will be open on	05/10/2019 at 11:00 hrs.

If the office happens to be closed on the date of submission of Hard Copy and Opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

Tender document and other details shall be available on:-
Website: www.mptenders.gov.in
Visit us at www.mptenders.gov.in

Executive Engineer (PMAY)
Ujjain Municipal Corporation, Ujjain

Information about website contact no. 18002748484 & 18002745454

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Don't divide and rule, says BJP after AAP charge

'HYGIENE SHOULD BE PRIORITY'

Clean up toilets, canteen at Rajghat, says HC

PRITAMPAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

TERMING THAT Mahatma Gandhi's memorial at Rajghat is an "important place", the Delhi High Court Wednesday directed authorities concerned to maintain the area regularly, including toilets and the canteen, where hygiene should be a "priority".

A bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice C Hari Shankar also said that though there is no

need to give details of money collected through a donation box installed at Rajghat, records of the amount collected should be maintained under the the Rajghat Samadhi Committee (RSC) rules.

The court was informed that the donation box was put up by the Harijan Sevak Sangh, founded by Gandhi himself, and the money goes to the organisation. The bench said it is not concerned with this, and that records of collection in the charity box should be maintained.



HC has directed CPWD to monitor maintenance

The bench further directed the Central Public Works Department (CPWD), through

the RSC, to monitor maintenance of toilets and canteen at regular intervals.

It directed that stones damaged in and around the memorial be either replaced or repaired.

The court issued the directions on being informed by advocate Satyakam, who was tasked by it to inspect the site and file a report, about the state of affairs. He apprised the court that while there is no problem at the main Samadhi, the area adjacent to it requires maintenance.

Satyakam had been asked to assist the court in a PIL which alleged the memorial was not being maintained properly.

The PIL was filed by Shyam Narayan Chouksey, a resident of Madhya Pradesh, who claimed that despite the problem being brought to the notice of the RSC and the Ministry of Urban Development, there has been no change in the situation.

In the PIL, Chouksey submitted photos of issues he had come across during his visit to

the monument in 2014 and then again in 2015 and 2016, when he claimed the situation had worsened.

He alleged there were betel stains at the entrance, broken floor tiles, rubbish around the monument, darkened marble and a damaged carpet that had been laid out for visitors.

The court recorded in its order that since some work has been done by authorities and because it has issued directions, the PIL has been disposed of.

HC directs publisher to give books to needy

PRITAMPAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

THE DELHI High Court has directed a publisher to hand over to a Delhi-based advocate 8,455 books used in preparation of Bachelor of Engineering entrance exams, who will then distribute them free of cost to deserving and needy students.

In September 2017, Sultan Chand Publishing's counsel had stated that they will neither publish nor sell the 8,455 books in question, after a copyright suit was initiated against the publisher and author RK Rajput, who was accused by the Birla Publication Pvt Ltd of breaching an agreement with them.

When the matter came up for hearing before Justice RS Endlaw on August 21, the counsel for Rajput contended that he "will not write any book" on the topics concerned and refrain from using material from the books.

While enquiring the fate of the 8,455 published books in the custody of the Sultan Chand Publishing since September 2017, the court directed representatives of the Birla Publication and the author to visit the premises of the publisher and paste "stickers of its own name" on it. After the exercise, the books were directed to be given to "Mr Ashok Agarwal, advocate...who has graciously consented to distribute the same free of any charges to the deserving and needy students."

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

THE BHARATIYA Janata Party Wednesday dismissed AAP's suggestion that its Delhi unit leaders are fighting among themselves over candidature for the chief minister's post in the upcoming elections.

Aam Aadmi Party's Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh addressed a press conference during the day, where he claimed that the Delhi BJP president Manoj Tiwari, veteran party leader Vijay Goel and Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Vijender Gupta were all keen on being picked as the Chief Minister face and competing with each other.

"There are so many battles going on between BJP leaders for the post of Chief Minister that these people are not able to decide who will run which programme. In the race to take credit, BJP leaders are constantly working against the people of Delhi," Singh said.

Delhi BJP media co-incharge Neelkant Bakshi hit back at Singh, saying that AAP's attempt to "divide and rule" will not work in the city.

"Delhi is not going to forgive AAP this time because they have not worked for its betterment in past 54 months," Bakshi said.

The capital is expected to witness Assembly polls in less than six months.



HANGING ON

Spotted near Noida cricket stadium. Abhinav Saha

Fake notes and fake cop: How aspiring actor directed a fraud

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

THE 'CURRENCY note' said Bharatiya Manoranjan Bank instead of Bharatiya Reserve Bank. But it was only after Faridabad-based tile contractor Manoj Sahani got home that he realised he had been fleeced by an aspiring Bhojpuri film actor.

A month later, on Tuesday, the accused Shahid aka Raj Singhaniya (24) was arrested from Badarpur, along with accomplice Hemraj (44). DCP (South East) Chinmoy Biswal said, "During questioning, he said he wanted to be a hero in Bhojpuri films and produce a movie, and needed to make a quick buck." Shahid moved to Delhi six years ago from Poonia in Bihar, and



Accused ran an acting school in Nizamuddin

gave himself the name Raj Singhaniya, inspired by movies.

Police said that over a month ago, he opened an acting school in Nizamuddin called "Shahid Stars", where he employed four people. "Each employee was promised Rs 10,000 a month, and it was getting difficult for him to bear the cost," Biswal said. On June 23, Shahid duped

Sahani, an acquaintance. "He had earlier given him two old Rs 2,000 notes and said that since they're in a filthy state, they are of no use to him. The complainant was able to easily use those in the market. Shahid then told the complainant he had more such notes amounting to Rs 6 lakh, and would give it to him for Rs 3 lakh," said Biswal.

Shahid and Hemraj allegedly gave the bundle covered in newspaper to Sahani. "On top, there were two original Rs 2,000 notes and under it there were fake ones. When the victim tried to check the stack, they pointed at a man in a police uniform standing at a distance," said police. That man, police said, was Shahid's second accomplice Salman, who had bought the uniform from Kashmir Gate.

LOVE & THERAPY

To fix 11-month-old's fracture: Rod, ropes and a doll

ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

A TRACTION rod, ropes and a doll — these are among crucial elements being used to treat the fractured leg of 11-month-old Zikra Malik. In the orthopaedic block of Lok Nayak Hospital, bed number 16 has not one, but two "patients" lying down with their legs attached to a traction rod — Zikra and her doll, Pari, being used by doctors to get the toddler to cooperate.

Malik fell off the bed at her residence in Delhi Gate on August 17, fracturing her left leg.

The family rushed her to the hospital, where doctors suggested putting her on gallows traction.

Traction, which means 'steady pulling', is a method used for children under two years of age. It is a way of treating a fractured shaft of the femur (thigh bone) in children weighing less than 15 kg. The technique is also used to stretch the tendons and muscles within the child's hip before surgery to treat a dislocated hip.

"Even at home, she is always moving from one place to another and it's impossible to make her sit down for five minutes. On the first day at the hospital, she



The child and her doll at the hospital

wasn't ready to lie down on the bed. She kept moving and doctors asked us to keep her legs straight for proper alignment. Then I asked my husband to get her favourite doll to the hospital. We just thought of putting Pari in the same position as Zikra — and it worked," said Faren, her mother.

The ward now calls her the "gudiya waali bachi" (the girl with the doll). She has been admitted to the ward for two weeks, and will take another week to recover.

"She feels someone is lying down next to her. Even at home, we would treat the doll in the

same manner as her since Zikra considers it her friend," said her father Mohd Shehzaad, who runs a vegetable shop in Okhla mandi.

Doctors in the hospital were pleasantly surprised when they saw the doll on the toddler's bed. "The baby girl was crying continuously since the day she was admitted to the hospital. We tried painkillers, got some chocolates for her, but nothing worked. She couldn't lie down on the bed for even an hour and in this procedure, we need to her to be in the same position for days," said Dr Ajay Gupta, director, professor, department of orthopaedics, Lok Nayak hospital.

Builder booked under NSA for collapse

Noida: Gautam Budh Nagar administration has initiated action under the National Security Act (NSA) against a Shahbri builder whose building collapsed last year, killing nine people. The accused, Shahbuddin (47), had earlier been detained in July, after which he had sought bail.

"This is a first-of-its-kind move against any builder. He has been detained under Section 3(2) (preventing him from acting in any manner prejudicial to the security of the State) of the NSA. Actions will continue against rogue builders in the future," said B N Singh, district magistrate, Gautam Budh Nagar.

According to the administration, Shahbuddin, along with other accused, allegedly posed as a property dealer in order to construct the six-storey building. The administration has claimed that he was aware of the use of sub-standard material in construction.

"As a result of this, the building collapsed on July 17 last year. This was akin to a murder attempt since people lost their lives," said Singh. ENS

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8 GOVT & POLITICS



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TELLING SILENCE

UNION HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank's remark at IIT-Kharagpur on Tuesday, describing Ram Setu as an "ancient Indian engineering marvel that astonishes the world even today", appears to have embarrassed many in the party and government. When his predecessor, Prakash Javadekar, who happened to be in the party office for a press conference on Wednesday, was asked if he believed Nishank's remarks on Ram Setu and the Himalayas — Nishank had said the Himalayas guard against pollution by developed countries, absorbing poison "like Nilkantha" — he evaded the question with a smile.

GREEN DRIVE

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi's warning note on pollution caused by single-use plastic in his Independence Day speech seems to be having an effect. At an event for community radio stations on Wednesday, just before Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar's arrival, the organisers realised that they had placed plastic water bottles on the stage. So there was a last-minute scramble, and the bottles were removed. Javadekar is also the Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

A NEW RECORD

THE DELHI High Court is set to designate its youngest-ever Senior Advocate. Advocate Tanmay Mehta, a 2006 graduate of National Law School of India University, is set to outdo Supreme Court Judge Rohinton Nariman's record. Justice Nariman was designated a Senior Advocate by the Bombay High Court when he was 37 years old. Mehta, son of Delhi High Court Judge Valmiki Mehta who died in March and son-in-law of Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, is 33.

Mayawati re-elected BSP national president

expressed gratitude to all her party workers and followers and assured them of her continued commitment to take forward the BSP movement. She said she would remain ever ready as usual to pursue the humanitarian missions of sants, gurus and great men, born in the Dalit, Adivasi and other backward classes (OBC) from time to time. Mayawati said the excellent work of the former BSP governments in Uttar Pradesh is an example on the strength of which the BSP can seek people's support in the upcoming elections in various states.

Moily: Jairam speaking like BJP leader, party should take note

MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

SENIOR CONGRESS leader and former Union minister M Veerappa Moily on Wednesday slammed party colleague Jairam Ramesh for his remark that demonising Prime Minister Narendra Modi all the time is not an effective strategy to confront him.

Moily said Ramesh should not have spoken like a BJP leader and asked the Congress high command to take "serious note" of his statement.

Moily's comment came a day after the Congress leadership in Kerala sought an explanation from party MP Shashi Tharoor, who had backed Ramesh and argued that Modi should be praised "whenever he says or does the right thing".

Stating that Tharoor was never considered a mature politician, Moily said the Thiruvananthapuram MP is "on and off" fond of giving statements and finding place in the media.

On Ramesh, Moily said he was among ministers because of whom an impression of policy paralysis was created during UPA-II, which affected the Congress's poll prospects. Such people, he



Veerappa Moily says Jairam Ramesh was among ministers who gave the impression of policy paralysis in UPA 2. File



At times, Moily said, it appears Rahul Gandhi is "fighting the battle alone". He said Congress leaders should not be "allowed to give such naive statements reflecting the party (in poor light)", as it will demoralise the party and "let it down". "I think the high command will have to take serious notice of this so that this kind of a trend to demoralise the Congress is stopped forever... I don't think the Congress can allow such people to go on giving such comments," he said.

Asserting that the impression of policy paralysis was created during the latter half of UPA-II because of some ministers like Ramesh, Moily said: "He was the Environment Minister. Every decision of his was negative.... It is because of Jairam Ramesh and Jayanti Natarajan that the whole process of investment got stopped. Because of non-clearance (of projects). He also came out with the land acquisition law. It was too extreme, as a result no land acquisition could take place.

"(Those) who want to go out (of the party), let them go...not sabotaging the party and its ideology being within the party," Moily was quoted as saying by PTI.

EXPLAINED Cong at a loss on plot to counter Modi

WHILE THE Congress may have settled, at least for the time being, the leadership issue, the other question arising out of the outcome of Lok Sabha polls for the grand old party is how to effectively fashion their counter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. On that, there is no unanimity, and party leaders seem to be at a loss on how to effectively take on Modi. For now, it appears to be a free for all in the party.

said, should "restrain themselves from making such statements."

Moily told *The Indian Express*: "He (Ramesh) presumes we are demonising Modi. That is not correct. The Congress is a responsible party; a national party

which has more than 135 years of heritage and history. How can he make such statements about the Congress? I can understand a BJP man speaking like that; he should not speak in the language of BJP."

Chidambaram playing victim card: ED

Money laundering was going on when case was booked, agency tells SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) on Wednesday accused former Union minister and Rajya Sabha member P Chidambaram of playing the "victim card" and said alleged money laundering, for which he was booked, was going on as on the date of registration of the Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) in May 2017.

The court on Wednesday extended interim protection from arrest granted to the Congress leader in the money laundering case until Thursday.

Appearing for the ED, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told the bench of Justices R Banumathi and A S Bopanna, "A ghost is created playing (the) victim card."

The bench is hearing Chidambaram's plea seeking protection from arrest in the money laundering case, which is an offshoot of the INX-Media case be-



'A ghost is created playing the victim card'

ing probed by CBI.

On Tuesday, Senior Counsel Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for Chidambaram, had told the court that the alleged offences for which he had been booked were not offences under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) on the date on which they were allegedly committed - in 2007-08 - and could not be made so retrospectively.

Referring to this, Mehta told the bench that "as on date of registration of ECIR (ED's equivalent of a police FIR), laundering is going on". He said money from the transaction committed in 2007-08 continued to be laundered.

He told the court that it takes an "intelligent" mind to indulge in

money laundering, as "layers and layers of concealing" has to be done. In crimes of this nature, the evidence is mostly digital and "can disappear in seconds", Mehta argued. The case, he said, is still at the investigation stage and evidence had to be submitted to the adjudicating authority under PMLA in "sealed cover". "The statute contemplated sealed cover," he added.

The ED, Mehta submitted, is empowered under the PMLA Act to arrest Chidambaram if it has the statutory material, and the question of custodial interrogation will be decided by the Special Judge. Chidambaram has strongly objected to the agency trying to hand over investigation material to the court in sealed cover, saying that he did not know what it was and hence did not have any way to contradict it.

On this, Mehta said, "We are at a stage of investigation where he (Chidambaram) wants access to these records which even statutory authority is not entitled to."

Mehta said he is saying this only to underline that the "material in my possession cannot be used arbitrarily, and is sacrosanct till the chargesheet is filed."

Mehta asserted that copies of evidence collected during the probe cannot be shared with accused before the chargesheet is filed. Taking exception, Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Chidambaram, said his side had never asked for copies of evidence but said that only such evidence which the accused has already been confronted with should be shown to the court.

Referring to Chidambaram's assertion through his lawyer that the ED is seeking his custody only to "humiliate me, humiliate me, humiliate me", Mehta said it's not for that but "only for Prevention, Prevention, Prevention, with capital P". Mehta submitted that statutory entities abroad have given "specific inputs" of properties — such as their location, ownership, etc — in detail, he pointed out.

Cabinet nod to 75 medical colleges

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

THE Cabinet on Wednesday approved setting up of 75 new government medical colleges. The move will add 15,700 MBBS and postgraduate seats. Announcing the decision, Minister for Information & Broadcasting and Environment, Forest & Climate Change Prakash Javadekar said underserved and aspirational districts will get preference in the setting up of medical colleges.

With a sanctioned expenditure of Rs 24,375 crore, the medical colleges are to be set up by 2022. The government said in a statement that "establishment of new medical colleges... would lead to an increase in the availability of qualified health professionals, improve tertiary care in government sector... and promote affordable medical education".

The Cabinet also decided on a lumpsum export subsidy of Rs 10,448 per metric tonne to sugar mills for the 2019-20 season. The

government said the cost to exchequer will be Rs 6,268 crore. This comes months before polls in Maharashtra and Haryana — two major sugar producing states.

The Cabinet also approved establishment of an International Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure with its secretariat office in Delhi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch it during the UN Climate Summit in New York on September 23.

The Council of Ministers met later in the evening. Sources said Home Minister Amit Shah briefed the members about the scrapping of the special status of J&K, the situation there and steps being taken for its development. The Prime Minister, sources said, suggested ministers to engage with people from J&K in their area of work and constituency.

In a separate presentation, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman briefed the Council of Ministers about measures announced last week to deal with the prevailing economic situation.

Judge who rejected Chidambaram bail to head PMLA tribunal

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28



Justice Sunil Gaur retired from Delhi HC on August 22

THE GOVERNMENT is believed to have appointed Justice Sunil Gaur, who had rejected the bail plea of former finance minister P Chidambaram in the INX Media case, as chairman of the PMLA Appellate Tribunal.

While no government notification or order appointing Gaur as chairman has been made public so far, sources in the know said the appointment has been cleared. Once the formal order comes, he will replace Justice Manmohan Singh who joined as chairman on September 22, 2016 for a three-year term.

A finance ministry spokesperson did not take calls made to confirm the appointment.

Justice Gaur retired as a Delhi High Court judge on August 22, two days after he rejected Chidambaram's plea for anticipatory bail and said the former finance minister appeared to be the kingpin in the INX Media case.

Meanwhile, Congress spokesperson and Supreme Court lawyer Brijesh Kalappa

said in a tweet, "Which is the only job in the world in which you get highest marks if you copy-paste the answer sheet provided to you? Judgeship. BTW Heartfelt congratulations to Justice Sunil Gaur for his appointment as Chairman, Appellate PMLA within a week of his retirement."

In his order on August 20, Justice Gaur had dismissed Chidambaram's plea to grant him interim protection from arrest by the CBI in the INX Media case.

Justice Gaur has heard several high profile cases. He had also passed an order clearing the decks for the prosecution of top Congress leaders, including Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, in the National Herald case. Justice Gaur was elevated to the Delhi High Court in April 2008. He was designated as a permanent judge in April 2012.

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AWARD CATEGORY: EDUCATION

With extra classes, motivated teachers, Telangana district races to the top in Class 10 results

SREENIVAS JANYALA
JAGTIAL (TELANGANA),
AUGUST 28

IN 2017-18, Jagtial district of Telangana recorded the highest pass percentage in the state among government and private schools in secondary school examinations (Class 10). The distinction, coming for the second year in a row, underlined how far Jagtial had come from the time before 2015 when more than half its students would fail to clear the exam.

It was in 2016 that District Collector A Sharath took it upon himself to change this. He did this by introducing an initiative called Uttejiam, which involved encouraging teachers to give extra classes to weak students and introducing special classes to prepare the children for the exams.

In 2017-18, Jagtial district's pass rate was 97.56 per cent, slightly more than the 97.35 per cent registered the previous year. Of the 200 government schools in the district, 117 had cent per cent results.

Sharath, 54, was recognised under the category 'Education' at the first The Indian Express



Excellence in Governance Awards. "It was the product of teamwork by the entire district administration, the teaching community, and parents and students. We identified the gaps, filled them and motivated the students," says Sharath.



Jagtial DC A Sharath receives the award from Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Ram Vilas Paswan; (right) a Class X student speaks about self-motivation at a government school in Jagtial.



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Airman shoots self at Kasauli Air Force Station

Shimla: A 24-year-old airman allegedly committed suicide by shooting himself in Solan district, police said on Wednesday. Leading Air Craftman (LAC) Krishnendu Chowdhary shot himself with his service rifle when he was on sentry duty at Kasauli Air Force Station on Tuesday evening, Solan Additional

Superintendent of Police Shiv Kumar said. No suicide note was recovered from the spot. Police were trying to ascertain the reason that forced Chowdhary, a resident of Tripura's Gomti district, to take the extreme step. The body has been sent for post-mortem.

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A major fire broke out at a timber yard in Mumbai's Byculla. No casualties or injuries were reported. PTI

EAST

13 injured in acid attack after assault on miscreants

Patna: Thirteen people, including three women, were injured in an acid attack on Wednesday morning after villagers beat up at least four bikers who tried to sexually harass women in the area in Vaishali district on Tuesday evening. Hajipur Deputy Superintendent of Police

Raghav Dayal said, "We have arrested five persons, who are injured in the same area. We might arrest some more people after talking to local residents." Eight of the injured have been admitted to Sadar Hospital, Hajipur, while the rest have been taken to another hospital in Vaishali.

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WEST

Kidnapped and sexually abused, 3-yr-old dies; 1 held

Pune: A three-year-old girl, who lived on the streets of Pune with her mother, died after she was allegedly abducted and sexually abused on Tuesday. The girl, who was abducted in the early hours of Tuesday, was later found with critical head injuries, said police. She was rushed to a hospital, where she succumbed to injuries on

Tuesday evening. Police have arrested a 19-year-old man in connection with the incident. "Our teams sifted through lots of security camera footage and also worked on some information from sources... the suspect had a dispute with the girl's mother's lover and his friend," said a senior police officer.

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SOUTH

3 children dead, 28 injured as school bus overturns

Hyderabad: Three children died and two were injured when a private school bus overturned at Vemulawada in Rajanna Sircilla district, police said on Wednesday. The bus carrying 28 children rammed into a divider and overturned. Two children died on the spot while another died on the way to the hospital, they added.

The driver of the vehicle was taken into custody. His blood samples were sent for medical examination to ascertain if he was driving under the influence of alcohol, police said. Health Minister E Rajender said the state government would extend necessary assistance to the families of the deceased.

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Govt preparing ordinance for ban on e-cigarettes

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

THE UNION Health Ministry is preparing to bring out an ordinance banning the production, import, distribution and sale of electronic cigarettes. The ordinance will be sent to a group of ministers for scrutiny.

A senior official said: "ICMR has recommended a complete ban on e-cigarettes. A petition that had asked for prohibition of an ordinance banning e-cigarettes has been rejected by the court. The ordinance will give legal backing to the ban." The ministry had earlier sent advisories to states asking them to ban e-cigarettes, but the move was challenged in court.

The Prohibition of E-cigarettes Ordinance 2019 will provide for a maximum imprisonment of up to one year along with a penalty of Rs 1 lakh against first-time violators. This can go up to three years of jail and a penalty of Rs 5 lakh for repeat offenders.

The Delhi High Court had stayed a government circular banning sale and manufacture of electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS). It said the products were not a "drug" and authorities did not have the jurisdiction to issue such a direction. More than 3,000 users of these devices had recently written to the Prime Minister, requesting him to legalise ENDS, saying their health had improved after they switched to vaping from smoking.

Banning e-cigarettes is one of the 100-day goals of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

'Have gone to jail 30 times... those jailed become leaders'

50,000 govt jobs in three months, Internet will take more time: J&K Governor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, AUGUST 28

DECLARING THAT the Centre will soon make a "big" announcement on J&K, Governor Satya Pal Malik Wednesday said 50,000 jobs will be available over the next three months as part of a large recruitment drive.

Addressing his first press conference after the state was bifurcated into two Union Territories and its special status revoked on August 5, Malik took a swipe at leaders of mainstream parties in the Valley. The Governor said: "Don't you want that people should become leaders? I have gone to jail 30 times. Those who go to jail will become leaders. Let them be there. The more time they spend in jail, the more they will claim during elections... that I have spent six months behind bars."

"So if you sympathise with them, do not be sad over their detention. And they all are in their homes. I was jailed in Fatehgarh during the Emergency



Satya Pal Malik

where it used to take two days to reach. If someone is detained on any issue, if he is wise, he will take political benefit. I am wishing them well," he said.

While Farooq Abdullah is at his home, his son Omar has been kept at Hari Niwas and Mehbooba Mufti is at Chashmeshahi hut. The other politicians have been kept at the Centaur Hotel in Srinagar.

He also justified the restrictions in place since August 5, saying these were necessary to prevent any civilian casualty. The Internet, he said, is a handy

tool for anti-national elements and restoration of connections will be deferred for some more time.

Malik said that pellet guns were used by security personnel during protests in the Valley, and that security forces took utmost precaution to prevent injuries. He also maintained that the identity and culture of people of Jammu and Kashmir will be preserved.

Urging the youth to come forward and participate actively in "the largest single recruitment drive ever in Jammu & Kashmir or Ladakh", Malik said, "They are at multiple levels. We will fill these 50,000 vacancies in the next few months. This will generate employment for our youth."

The Governor also said that the government is working with central agencies to put together a scheme to provide minimum support price for apple crop in the state and that NAFED was willing to commit over Rs 5,000 crores to procure over 50 per cent of J&K's apple production.

Referring to the situation in the Valley, Malik said that a num-

ber of important decisions had recently been taken. "These decisions are historic and will open new vistas for the growth of all three regions — Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh," he said.

He said that the decisions were taken keeping interests of the people of J&K in mind and "to ensure that they benefit from the rapid economic growth taking place in the rest of the country". According to him, restoration of normalcy and deepening of democracy remains the government's priority and as a first step, elections to Block Development Councils would be conducted and completed before the end of October.

Meanwhile, the administration on Wednesday night restored calling facility on mobile phones across Jammu region, except in Poonch district and Banihal sub division.

Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Sanjeev Verma, said that mobile internet facility will also be restored soon.

WITH ENS JAMMU AND PTI INPUTS

Detained cleric solemnises nikah

ADIL AKHZER SRINAGAR, AUGUST 28

AMONG THE visitors Wednesday at the Centaur, a hotel on the banks of the Dal lake that currently serves as a detention centre for mainstream political leaders in J&K, were Bilal Ahmad and Ghulam Hussain.

The two were part of a group that had travelled over 30 km from Sonawari in Bandipore to reach the Centaur. But unlike many others, they weren't here to visit detained relatives. They had come to bring some cheer — and solemnise a nikah.

The couple getting married, Barkat and Irfana, didn't come but insisted that their relatives, including Ahmad and Hussain, get the nikah solemnised by Shia cleric Imran Reza Ansari. A senior leader of the Peoples Conference, Ansari is among those being detained at the Centaur.

"Barkat and Irfana were rep-



With PCO services back in Srinagar, people await their turn to make a call outside a shop in Jawahar Nagar. Naveed Iqbal

resented by their attorneys. But relatives from both sides were present as the nikah was solemnised by Maulana sahib," said a

relative outside the SKICC, which is connected to the Centaur.

Hussain, the bride's relative, said the ceremony was sched-

High schools reopen, students stay away

Srinagar: Students stayed away from schools in Srinagar, while some of the staff reported for work, as high schools reopened across the Valley on Wednesday. The authorities had earlier announced the decision to "reopen high schools in areas where restrictions have already been lifted".

Asked about attendance in schools reopened on Wednesday, Director (Education), Kashmir, Mohammed Younis Malik said attendance continues to remain "thin" but did not give details about attendance percentage.

"No student turned up today as well. We didn't even send school bus on any route," a security guard at New Era Public School, located at Raj Bagh in Srinagar, said. A staff member at a renowned school in Lalchowk said, "The staff have come, but there are no students." ENS

Faesar seeks copy of lookout circular

New Delhi: Bureaucrat-turned-politician Shah Faesar has moved the Delhi High Court for a copy of the lookout circular (LOC) issued against him.

Taking note of his plea, a bench of Justices Manmohan and Sangeeta Dhingra Sehgal asked the Centre to file its response by September 3, when the court is scheduled to hear Faesar's habeas corpus plea challenging his "illegal detention".

HC disposes Farooq daughter plea

Jammu: A writ petition by former CM Dr Farooq Abdullah's daughter Safia Khan, challenging restrictions on her and her family's movement, was disposed of by the Srinagar bench of J&K High Court with the observation that as per submission of the Advocate General, they "are free as any other citizen of the state".

Pointing out that she was suffering from certain ailments and requires medical attention, Safia

asked for removal of police barricade outside their residence. Advocate General D C Raina submitted a report, pointing out that a team, including two medical officers, visited the residence of petitioner with an offer of medical diagnosis and medicines, which she declined.

Justice Sanjeev Kumar observed that the purpose for which the writ petition was filed has been served. ENS

Bihar minister says Shiv, Hanuman from Bind community; BJP defends

SANTOSH SINGH PATNA, AUGUST 28

SENIOR BJP leader and Bihar mines and geology minister Braj Kishore Bind on Wednesday courted controversy by saying that Shiv and Hanuman belonged to the Bind community, categorised under Extremely Backward Classes (EBC) in Bihar. Hanuman was an incarnation of Shiv, the minister told reporters in Kaimur.

Talking to reporters, BJP's Champur MLA Bind said, "Both Shiv and Hanuman are from the Bind community... There has been such a reference in the Shiv

Puran and it is also mentioned in a history book taught in master's classes." Without mentioning the portion of Shiv Puran or the history book, the minister went on to call himself a "descendant" of Shiv and Hanuman.

"Hanuman-ji is one of the incarnations of Mahadev," he said, adding that the Hanuman Chalisa also mentions Hanuman's "Bind connection".

RJD Rajya Sabha MP Manoj Kumar Jha said, "When hallucinations and delusional postures get traction in public life, such statements are made... It also is a sad commentary on our public life. The Ram we knew would have been the first one to send such

people for critical medical care." JD(U) national spokesperson KCTyagi said, "God and Goddess have no religion or caste... For mere purpose of electoral politics, no one should ever try to lower the dignity of deities."

However, BJP spokesperson Nikhil Anand said, "God is present in every living being and everyone is free to interpret God according to one's belief based on social and cultural background. Our minister Braj Kishore Bind is a very grounded person and not at all wrong when he reposes his faith in Shiv, interpreting him in his own way. We respect his Hindu religious sentiment."

Pak violates ceasefire along LoC in Rajouri

Jammu: Pakistani troops on Wednesday resorted to unprovoked mortar shelling and small arms fire along the Line of Control in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Defence Ministry spokesperson Lt Colonel Devender Anand said that at "about 0800 hours, Pakistan initiated ceasefire violation by firing of small arms and shelling with mortars in Rajouri district's Keri sector". "Indian Army retaliated befittingly," he said, adding that the firing from across the border stopped at 11.30 am.

Pakistani troops had on Tuesday evening resorted to unprovoked mortar shelling and small arms fire for nearly three hours in Poonch district.

Tensions have escalated along the LoC in Jammu and Kashmir since last month. ENS

Three cops suspended as UP couple attempt suicide at police station

AMIL BHATNAGAR NOIDA, AUGUST 28

THREE POLICEMEN were suspended and an FIR was filed against them for negligence after a couple attempted suicide by immolating themselves at a local police station in Mathura on Wednesday, allegedly due to police inaction on their complaint.

The couple, identified as Jugendra and Chandravati, residents of a village under Surir Police Station, alleged that they were being harassed by a local resident, Satyapal, and that the police did not file an FIR. According to the police, the cou-

NSA-level meet today, France keen to sell second batch of 36 Rafales

SHUBHAJIT ROY PARIS, AUGUST 28

FRANCE IS keen to sell 36 more Rafale fighter aircraft to India among a series of other defence equipment, including helicopters for the Navy and the Coast Guard and submarines, it is learnt. This will be one of the key points on the agenda when France's President Emmanuel Macron's diplomatic adviser Emmanuel Bonne meets National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval in New Delhi on Thursday.

Sources said that the meeting at the level of NSA will be the first high-level contact a week after Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Macron held bilateral talks in Paris, and then again met in Biarritz during the G-7 summit.

Sources said Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is expected to visit France in the latter half of September for the handing over of the first of 36 Rafale fighter jets — the first aircraft is likely to be delivered in the third week of September.

Indian Air Force pilots will be trained for the next few months in France before the Rafale aircraft are sent to India, it is learnt. Besides the first batch of 36 Rafale aircraft, France is interested in bagging procurement order for a second batch of 36 more, sources said. Terms and conditions of the next batch is yet to be confirmed, but it is expected to have "Make in India" component, as against the first 36 which are to be procured in a "flyaway condition".

France is also looking at selling helicopters for the Coast Guard and the Navy, besides submarines and new engines for jet fighters, among the next set of defence equipment.

The delivery of the first Rafale combat aircraft from this year was the key takeaway in the India-France joint statement.

Sources said Modi and Macron had noted with "satisfaction" the progress in implementation of agreements

EXPLAINED More defence deals likely

WITH ELECTIONS over and the ghost of Rafale allegations now seemingly history, New Delhi and Paris will engage in consultations on more defence equipment from France. France has expressed eagerness to give more Rafale aircraft, and India will be in a better negotiating position for a better deal and terms, especially since the critical purchase of 36 jets will be met with the first batch.

signed, reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthen co-operation in the field of defence industry, 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.

While the new helicopters for the Coast Guard will be Caracal — the number is likely to be between 16 and 18 — the helicopters for the Navy will be Panther, sources said. The two sides are learnt to have come very close to signing the orders for new Caracal helicopters for the Coast Guard last year, but could not do so due to the not-so-conducive conditions, ostensibly given the political climate over Rafale aircraft, and New Delhi's seeming reluctance to sign the deal before the Lok Sabha elections this summer.

Doval and Bonne will also discuss opportunities for collaboration on defence, nuclear, security and space during their talks.

While this is the 32nd round of consultations at the NSA level, it offers an opportunity to follow up on a more realistic and pragmatic terms since it comes right after the PM's visit to France.

World has changed, but India-Russia ties remain constant: Jaishankar

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA MOSCOW, AUGUST 28

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS Minister S Jaishankar has said that in the last 40 years the world has changed, but what has been constant is actually the relationship between India and Russia.

Jaishankar, who arrived here on Tuesday on a two-day visit to finalise the preparations for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's forthcoming visit to Russia, said, "I first came here almost to the date exactly 40 years ago and in 40 years lot of things have changed, the world has changed, Russia and India have changed."

Jaishankar was posted in the Indian mission in Russia from 1979 to 1981. "I would say relatively speaking, a constant in these 40 years has actually been our relationship (India-Russia). If



'India-Russia remained a much more stable factor' PTI

you look 40 years ago at the big relationships that characterised international relations... India-Russia has remained a much more stable factor in the international relations than almost any other significant relationship of our era," he added.

Delivering a speech at the discussion platform of the Valdai Discussion Club on "The prospects of India's policy in the Indo-Pacific region" on Tuesday, Jaishankar said India's economic interest has shifted towards the Pacific, so the policies that started from 'Look East' to 'Act East' have matured into 'Indo-Pacific'.

Satyapal twice previously and Satyapal had spent time in jail briefly. On August 23, Satyapal allegedly assaulted the couple again. They filed a complaint at the Surir Police Station and a medical examination was conducted but no FIR was filed, the couple alleged.

According to sources, several officers were deployed in view of security arrangements for Janmashtami when the couple came in to complain. The couple also alleged that the kasba in-charge, Deepak Nagar, refused to take action. "We will take the necessary action as per the report submitted by the SP (City)," Mathur said.

According to the police, the couple was assaulted by

Soon, special protection force for Corbett National

LALMANI VERMA DEHRADUN, AUGUST 28

THE UTTARAKHAND Cabinet on Wednesday gave its nod for the creation of a Special Tiger Protection Force in Corbett National Park, during a meeting that was chaired by Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat.

Corbett national park, covering an area of 521 square km, is situated at the foothills of the Himalayas.

Cabinet minister and government spokesperson Madan Kaushik said after the meeting that the Centre will fund the force. A total of 85 posts have been sanctioned. These include the posts of one Assistant Conservator of Forests, three forest ranger officers and 81 special tiger guards.

According to the another proposal the Cabinet approved,

the state will use 697 hectares of land in Haridwar for Kumbh Mela, 2021. The land currently belongs to Uttar Pradesh and Kaushik said a decision on the transfer of its rights to Uttarakhand will be taken at a later time.

The division of various government assets between the two states has been pending since the formation of Uttarakhand. Recently, Chief Secretaries of both states had met to discuss the unresolved issues.

The Cabinet also gave its approval to a proposal giving a concession of Rs 4.04 crore in royalty on construction material to be used in the development of the 17.23-km Rishikesh bypass, being developed at cost of Rs 514 crore under the Char Dham Road project.

The state government had received a request from the Centre in this regard.

Case a plot to malign Yogi govt, being framed like Sengar: ex-MP

Booked for kidnap, Chinmayanand says 'missing' woman part of conspiracy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, AUGUST 28

A DAY after former BJP MP Chinmayanand was booked in a case of alleged abduction of a Law student of a college in which he is the president of the managing committee, the BJP leader on Wednesday claimed that his name is being maligned as part of a conspiracy, and likened the case to that of Uttar Pradesh legislator Kuldeep Singh Sengar, an accused in a case of rape who was recently expelled by the BJP.

Chinmayanand, 72, alleged that the young woman, whose family has filed a complaint against him, is part of the alleged conspiracy.

Speaking with the media from his ashram in Haridwar, Chinmayanand claimed innocence and alleged that four youths are involved in the conspiracy against him, and that they are trying to extort from him.

The conspiracy, he claimed, is part of an attempt to malign the image of the UP government, led by Yogi Adityanath.

"There is a conspiracy to set me up, just like it happened to Kuldeep Sengar," Chinmayanand alleged.

Sengar, MLA from Bangar Mau, in Unnao, is in jail in a rape case and is also accused of orchestrating a road accident, which left the rape victim seriously injured and her two aunts dead.

On Tuesday evening, an FIR was registered at Kotwali police station of Shahjahanpur against Chinmayanand under IPC Sections 364 (kidnapping or abducting in order to murder) and 506 (criminal intimidation). The FIR was registered on the complaint of the woman's father.

The woman is allegedly missing since Saturday.

On Tuesday, ADG (Bareilly zone) Avinash Chandra had told The Indian Express that 2-3 days ago, the police had found CCTV footage that ostensibly showed the woman entering a Delhi hotel with a youth on Friday.

According to police sources, the woman allegedly called her mother the same day.

On Wednesday, Shahjahanpur Superintendent of Police, Shivsimpi Channappa, said police are trying to trace the woman and have picked up a suspect for questioning in connection with the alleged extortion text sent to Chinmayanand on WhatsApp on August 22.

An FIR has been registered



Ex-MP Chinmayanand

against an unidentified person in the case on a complaint by Chinmayanand's lawyer Om Singh. According to the complaint, the message carried a demand for Rs 5 crore and threatened that Chinmayanand's name will be maligned unless the money was paid.

Channappa told the media: "We have (some) leads against the person who sent the (alleged extortion) text. We are questioning one person and have recovered the SIM card used to make the extortion threat. We have information that the person who owns the number (SIM) sent his WhatsApp code to a girl; she sent the text by logging into WhatsApp with that number. We are investigating."

UP DGP Om Prakash Singh said the Special Task Force has

been assigned to trace the woman.

Meanwhile, the National Commission for Women has issued a notice to UP Police, asking it to expeditiously investigate allegations of harassment levelled by a student against Chinmayanand before she went missing.

Priyanka slams, Yogi adviser hits back

Stating that the Chinmayanand case "appears to be a repetition of the Unnao case" — allegedly involving Sengar — Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra tweeted, "There is not a single day in Uttar Pradesh when the state government is successful in assuring women that they are safe and will get justice if something happens to them... The girl who raised her voice is either missing or has been kidnapped... How long this will go on?"

Countering Priyanka, Mrityunjay Kumar, CM Adityanath's media adviser tweeted: "Read newspapers, know the truth and stop doing politics in the shadow sympathy. People know everything. You have been unmasked and your true face is in front of everyone."

Babur neither visited Ayodhya nor built mosque, SC told

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

MUGHAL EMPEROR Babur neither visited Ayodhya, nor ordered the demolition of a temple to construct a mosque in 1528 at the Ram Jambhoomi-Babri masjid site, a Hindu outfit claimed before the Supreme Court on Wednesday.

The Akhil Bhartiya Sri Ram Janam Bhoomi Purnarudhar Samiti, a defendant in a lawsuit filed by a Muslim party in the case, referred to books like 'Tuzuk-i-Baburi' or 'Babumama', 'Humayunnama', 'Akbarnama' and 'Tuzuk-i-Jahangiri' before a five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi to highlight its point that none of these talked about the existence of Babri Masjid.

Senior advocate P N Mishra, appearing for the outfit, said these books did not talk about destruction of the temple or construction of the Babri mosque in Ayodhya by Mir Baiqi, the commander of the first Mughal emperor.

"Babur did not enter Ayodhya and, therefore, he had no occasion to direct demolition of the mosque in 1528 AD and moreover, there was no person with the name of Mir Baiqi as his



commander," Mishra said.

"Babumama" is the first historical book so far as the case of Muslims is concerned, Mishra said, adding, "I, being the defendant, want to disprove their case. They said that the our temple be declared as mosque. If any building is to be declared a mosque then they will have to prove that Babur was the 'wakif of the place'."

It was established that Babur did not make the mosque and it was built by Aurangzeb, who destroyed temples at places like Mathura and Kashi, Mishra responded, adding that in a civil lawsuit, the defendant's duty is to disprove the case of the plaintiff.

The bench then asked what would happen to the prayer of the Muslim party seeking a declaration of the place as the mosque after the demolition of the structure. The lawyer said that he was seeking a dismissal of the suit on the grounds of incorrect pleadings.

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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE The Divisional Railway Manager (Engg)/E.C.Railway/Samastipur for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open Tender from experienced and financially capable tenderers for the following works in E-Tendering mode of IREPS web portal of Indian Railways:-

MANOJ CG NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28 THE CONGRESS, which is tackling turmoil in its Haryana unit, could plunge into a crisis in Jharkhand too. Union Minister Subodh Kant Sahay, are not happy with Oraon's appointment. And in the line of fire, is AICC in-charge for Jharkhand, R P N Singh.

SEARCH FOR MISSING General public is hereby informed that this person (depicted in the photo) namely, Vikash Kumar Mishra S/o Sunil Kumar Mishra R/o B-128, Amar Jyoti Colony, Delhi has been missing/ kidnapped from the area of P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi since 05.08.2019 in this regard a DD No. 61-A dated 08.08.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY RAJA RAMANNA CENTRE FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY e-TENDER NOTICE NIT NO: RRCAT/E/2019/134A Date, 23.08.2019 Online item rate tenders are invited through e-tendering mode by Chief Engineer, RRCAT, PO-CAT, Indore, 452013, on behalf of President of India in two bids, from eligible contractors for the work 'Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of 132/11kV/1820 MVA transformer at Main Receiving Substation RRCAT, Indore'. Estimated cost: ₹ 2,10,00,000/-, EMD: ₹ 4,20,000/-. Completion Period: 10 (Ten) months, Tender Processing Fee: ₹ 59,000/-

'Ex-Union minister bought land near Amaravati ahead of Capital announcement' SREENIVAS JANAYALA HYDERABAD, AUGUST 28 THE ANDHRA Pradesh government on Wednesday accused former Union Minister and BJP Rajya Sabha member YS Chowdary of purchasing 623.12 acres of land through shell companies and in the name of his family members at throwaway prices in areas abutting the capital city of Amaravati before its creation was announced in September 2014.

उत्तर प्रदेश शासन न्याय अनुभाग-8 (लखनऊ) संख्या-ए-159 / सात न्याय-8-19-24/28-91 टी.सी. लखनऊ दिनांक: 21 अगस्त, 2019 विज्ञापन न्याय अनुभाग-8 (लखनऊ) को विभिन्न संख्या-ए-114/88-न्याय-8-19-24/28-91 टी.सी. दिनांक 03 अगस्त, 2019 में अर्जित विधिक के सुविधा अर्जित-पर विचारित करने को विधिक दिनांक 05-09-2019 तकका 5-00 घंटे तक का समय का दर है। विधिक में विधिक को संशोधन कायदा करें।

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE, COIMBATORE TENDER NOTICE Tender Notice No. 4 / 2019-20 / HDO / Dt. 27.08.2019 For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received up to 01.10.2019, 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Coimbatore Circle for CRIP, 2019-20 Works, (Package No. 1 to 35) pertaining Coimbatore (H) C&M Division and Pollachi (H) C&M Division.

Families face split as D-day nears

ABHISHEK SAHA
SILCHAR, GUWAHATI,
AUGUST 28

NAYANMONI Das (14), a resident of a decades-old refugee settlement colony in Silchar town of Assam's Cachar district, will not be included in the updated National Register of Citizens (NRC) to be published on August 31 because her long-dead grandfather Prasanna Das is still marked as a Doubtful Voter (D-Voter) in the state's electoral rolls.

According to updation rules, a person declared foreigner by a Foreigners Tribunal (DF), a person marked Doubtful Voter (DV) by the local election officials or a person whose case is pending at an FT (PFT) and their descendants who have drawn 'legacy' from such persons will be excluded from NRC.

Moreover, for children born after December 3, 2004, it is mandatory that both parents (even the one from whom legacy is not drawn) is not a DF, DV or PFT, for inclusion into the NRC.

Like Nayanmoni, a large number of children stand to be excluded from the NRC. The Central and state governments have said that no one excluded from the NRC will be put into detention camps, and will get a chance to file appeals within 120 days at an FT.

There is no provision which discounts minors from appearing at FTs to appeal against their exclusion, according to lawyers. The D-Voter category was introduced in Assam in 1997 to mark people in electoral rolls who

were unable to prove their citizenship during verification. The FTs are quasi-judicial bodies which opine whether a person is a foreigner as per the Foreigner's Act, 1946. An FT sends notices to D-Voters and those against whom a reference has been made by the Border wing of Assam Police.

But Nayanmoni is clueless about the citizenship conundrum. She is oblivious that her expected exclusion — along with that of her father Sanjit (37), paternal uncle Monojit (28) and sister Tina (9) — renders her to appear at an FT and even risk being stateless. Tina was excluded in the draft NRC published July last, the family said. While Sanjit, Monojit and Nayanmoni made it then, their names were dropped in the additional exclusion list published on June 26. The reason said, "descendant of D-Voter".

"My father died in 2005 and till then the voters' list did not mark him 'doubtful'. But in the 2013 voters' list, he was marked D. The 2019 list also features him as D. This is confusing. I have been requesting local administrative officials that something needs to be done but to no avail," said Sanjit, who earlier pulled a hand-cart and now runs a small shop.

Metres away, Ratish Das (45) is puzzled. He, his wife Kalpana and youngest child, Rajib (14) are out of the draft NRC while their two elder children Robindro (23) and Poomima (18) were included.

Das had submitted a Citizenship Certificate of his father from 1956, which acknowledged his father as a refugee coming into India. Says Rajib, "I get worried as



Nayanmoni with her father Sanjit and sister Tina. Abhishek Saha

NRC COUNTDOWN

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to what will happen if we are not in the NRC. Will our family be divided? Will we be put in a camp?"

Poornima is more hopeful. "They cannot exclude my parents and brother. If we two are included, how can they be excluded?"

The birth certificates of Ratish and Rajib were "fake documents" while Kalpana's submitted documents were unable to prove her ancestry, the NRC letter to them after the final draft said.

Over 400 km away, in Lower Assam's Barpeta district, Mizanur Hoque (10), too, is unaware what awaits him. His father Mofizuddin Miya (40), a Bengali Muslim, sells fish on a cycle in Guwahati. Mizanur's grandfather, Feddus Miya, is a "foreigner" declared by an FT and is in a detention camp in Goalpara district. He was arrested in 2017,

and a case regarding his citizenship is pending at Gauhati High Court. Mofizuddin claims they are genuine Indians and will leave no stone unturned to prove so. He says, "My father's name as a one-year-old boy is in the 1951 NRC. My grandfather Madhu Miya's name is there as a 30-year-old."

Although Feddus Miya claims his father's name is Madhu Miya, the police case against him suspecting him to be a foreigner said his father was Kandu Miya. While they wait for the HC order, Mofizuddin gets "very scared" over the fate of his family. Mizanur has no idea of the vexed situation.

In Kamrup district, Fulchan Ali (44), a sweets vendor, is a DF out of a detention camp in Goalpara after the High Court granted him bail this year in an order dated February 26, setting aside an FT order dated January 2018. The HC said the FT order was "unsustainable" and referred the case back to the FT for a re-trial. "I was again declared a foreigner by the FT and

I have approached an HC lawyer to appeal against it," says Fulchan. He has four daughters, Farida (17), Nafeeza (15), Mamoni (12) and Majoni (8) and a son, Ariful (4). Farida says, "I have heard our names will not be in NRC because our father has a FT case. I don't know what it means."

Asks Fulchan, "I have faced an FT. Now they are saying all excluded from NRC will have to appeal in an FT. So will I have to take my children to the FT now?"

Apart from being descendants of persons falling in DF, DV, or PFT categories, many children might be excluded because of other reasons, including their parents' failure to provide documents acceptable by NRC officials and establish a 'linkage' to the eligible ancestors.

The entire family of Arshad Ali (36), a driver in Barpeta, was included in draft NRC except for his daughter Amana Khatoon (11).

"Her birth certificate was not accepted, I think. It is from Delhi. From 2006 to 2009, I was in Delhi. I fear about her fate if she is out of the NRC. During 'claim' hearing, they [officials] asked me for more documents — I said what more documents can a child have,"

For cases like Ali's — where only children (14 years or below) have been left out from draft NRC while their parents have been included — NRC's Supreme Court-approved standard operating procedure for 'claims and objection' round said there would be "specific hearings for the composite family in respect of these minor children and oral/written evidences from parents will be admissible".

SUSPICION OF CHILD-LIFTING

Man taking 7-yr-old nephew to doctor lynched in Sambhal

AMIT SHARMA
MEERUT, AUGUST 28

A 40-YEAR-OLD man accompanying his seven-year-old ailing nephew to a doctor was on Tuesday afternoon lynched by a mob on the suspicion that he was a child-lifter. The incident took place at Asalapur Jarai village in Chandausi police station area of Sambhal district of Uttar Pradesh.

The brother of the deceased was seriously injured in the attack. Police have arrested six people and are conducting raids in the area to nab the other accused.

According to police, Raju (40) and his brother Ram Avtar (42), residents of Chabra village in Sambhal, were taking their nephew Ravi to a doctor in Chandausi when the incident took place.

"Raju and Ram first took the boy to a Community Health Centre at Reeth village, but the doctors there suggested them to take him to Chandausi as he was not getting respite from an acute stomach ache. On the way to Chandausi, the boy was screaming with pain. Residents of Asalapur Jarai village, about 4 km from Chandausi, mistook them to be child-lifters and attacked them with iron rods, sticks and stones. Raju died on the spot. Ram was taken to a Chandausi hospital from where he was referred to a Moradabad hospital," said Dharam Pal Singh, in-charge of Chandausi Police Station.

Based on a complaint filed by younger brother of the deceased, police registered an FIR under IPC sections 302 (murder), 307 (attempt to murder), 147, 148 (rioting) among others. Madan Lal, brother of the deceased, also alleged that the mob took away Rs 15,000 and a mobile phone from his brother. "Six persons have been arrested. We are conducting raids to arrest others," said SP, (Sambhal) Yamuna Prasad.

Bihar mob assaults 5, including minor, police say 3 arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PATNA, AUGUST 28

TWO CASES have been lodged after five people, including a nine-year-old, were assaulted by a mob near Gaya on Sunday on the suspicion that they were child-lifters. One of the FIRs has been lodged on a complaint by Mohammed Qaisar, one of the victims, in connection with the assault. The other has been lodged by forest officials, accusing Qaisar and three others of hunting down four doves — a protected species — at Maher forest near Gaya.

According to Qaisar's complaint, he, his friends Lyaqat Ali, Saif Ahmed, and Waliur Rahman and Rahman's nine-year-old son were out for dinner. "We left Gaya in Saif's car for Fuddi-Chanan village where an acquaintance Shivbalak Yadav lived. As Yadav was not home, we proceeded to Navagarh via Maher," says the complaint.

On the way, the complaint says, a group of 15 people stopped their car, accused them of being child-lifters and started beating them up with sticks. Rahman, who has suffered head injuries, has been shifted to a hospital in Ranchi and the three others are in hospitals in Patna.

The FIR has been lodged against 19 identified and 110 unidentified people and three people have been arrested, said police.

Rahman's sister Farhana said his brother and the others were out for a "litti-chokha party". "Initially, the mob accused them

of being child-lifters, but his son told them to let his father go. When the mob found that they are Muslims, they were assaulted again. My brother has blood clots in the lungs. His son has bruises all over," she said, adding, "Mob assault has become a norm."

The Gaya forest department has lodged a case under non-bailable sections of Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, against the four victims of mob violence for allegedly killing four doves. They have seized a rifle, two airguns and the birds' carcasses. The minor has not been booked.

According to the forest department complaint submitted in a local court, the five were spotted near Nawagarh around 8 pm on Sunday. "Our patrol chased them... Their car took the Fatehpur-Gaya road and met with an accident. Several villagers started gathering. We could not keep a track of what happened because of the crowd and darkness," said the Gurpa forest area officer in the application to the court.

The forest police said they would arrest Qaisar and the others after they recover.

Tankuppa police station in-charge Vikas Chandra Yadav said they have arrested three people and are looking for the others. Asked about Farhana's allegations, he said the FIR does not mention anything about the assault being linked to the victims' "religious identity". "It is a case of a mob assault over rumours," he said. **WITHENS RANCHI**

Not having any mode of communication worst punishment: Javadekar

KRISHNA KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

STRESSING THE importance of communication, Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar said on Wednesday that not being able to contact anyone or not having any mode of communication is the "worst punishment".

Speaking at an event to felicitate winners of awards for community radio stations, Javadekar said: "Logon ko mann mein sara pada rahe, aur kisi se kuchh na bolo, isse badi saza kya hoti hai? Kisi se sampark na ho, kisi se baat na kar sakte ho, aur apke paas communication ka koi saadhan na ho — yeh sabse badi saza ho sakti hai (People keeping everything to themselves, what can be a bigger punishment than not being able to say anything to anyone? Not being able to contact anyone, to talk to anyone, and not having any mode of communication — this can be the worst punishment.)"

Javadekar said this was why community radio was "such an important communication tool". He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi recognised the "trustworthiness" of radio soon after coming to power in 2014. "Radio jitni takat kisi mein bhi nahin, radio jitni vishwasniyata kisi mein bhi



Prakash Javadekar

nahi (No other medium has the same power and reliability as radio)," he said.

"When we first met the Prime Minister in 2014, he spoke about about the trustworthiness of radio and how we should encourage it," he said. That is how Mann ki Baat started, he said, adding that it has now "become desh ki baat, dil ki baat".

Javadekar also launched a booklet on 75 days of the Modi government's second term. He listed the scrapping of Jammu and Kashmir's special status under Article 370, criminalisation of triple talaq, and the number of Bills passed in the first session of Parliament as the government's achievements.

He said Rajya Sabha, which was considered a "speed-breaker" earlier, had now become a "highway" to pass legislation.

Shah: Era of third degree over, use forensics to nail criminals

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

HOME MINISTER Amit Shah on Wednesday said the era of third degree torture to solve crimes was over and that police must increasingly use forensic science to investigate cases. He also announced setting up of a forensic science university and called for a nationwide discussion on amendments needed in the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC).

Shah was speaking at an event to mark the 29th Foundation Day of the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) at the agency's headquarters at Mahipalpur.

According to MHA, Shah expounded on the need for old systems to adapt with changing times and revamp policing techniques. "Old methods need to be readopted. Merely phone tapping is not good enough," he said.

The Home Minister said maintenance of law and order was of utmost importance to realise PM Narendra Modi's dream of a 5 trillion dollar economy. He highlighted the role of a modern and robust police force as essential towards development, and said the BPR&D was playing the role of a national police think tank.

Insisting that police should be ahead of crimes and criminal-minded people, Shah said,



Home Minister Amit Shah at the headquarters of Bureau of Police Research and Development. Prem Nath Pandey

"The era of third degree is gone. Use forensics as evidence to nail criminals."

Calling for the establishment of a National Police University and Forensic Science University, Shah said this would help create skilled manpower to tackle complex cases requiring advanced forensic science. He also noted the growing gap between demand and supply of forensic science skills in the country. "If a 12th pass student wants to make

a career in policing, there should be an established system that he can avail of to ease his entry. BPR&D has made a proposal and the same will be put before Cabinet soon," Shah said.

Shah called for a country-wide consultative process to make changes in IPC and CrPC and encouraged BPR&D to play a leading role.

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, AUGUST 28

A 65-year-old man was killed when two groups of villagers clashed on Tuesday at Salarpur village in Mahoba district of Uttar Pradesh over driving away stray cattle from their farms. The incident also left seven people injured.

Circle Officer, Charkhari, Dinesh Kumar Singh Yadav said families of Prayag Das, who was killed in the clash, and his neighbour Hargovind Yadav (58) clashed over driving away stray cattle. SHO, Salarpur police station, Rakesh Singh Saroj said they got

information about the clash on Tuesday evening. A police team rushed to the spot and took the injured people to hospital where Prayag Das was declared dead.

"During preliminary investigation, we came to know that the family of Das accused Hargovind's family of forcibly driving cattle toward their house. Hargovind's family responded with similar allegations. A heated argument took place and the situation took an ugly turn when relatives of both families reached the spot," said Singh.

The villagers, police said, attacked each other with sticks and sharp weapons.

Two persons, including a woman, suffered serious injuries in the incident and have been referred to Jhansi Medical College. They are now stable, said doctors. Five others, including two women, suffered minor injuries.

Based on a complaint filed by the grandson of Das, an FIR has been lodged against eight people on various charges, including culpable homicide not amounting to murder and rioting, said police.

Six people, including three who were injured, have been arrested, said Mahoba SP Swami Nath. District Magistrate Avadhesh Kumar Tiwari said, "The families were locked in an old dispute."

STERLING BIOTECH CASE

Ahmed Patel's son to be questioned by ED for 3rd time today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

SENIOR CONGRESS leader Ahmed Patel's son Faisal is being questioned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with the Sterling Biotech case. Faisal, who was questioned twice last week by the agency, has been called again on Thursday, ED sources said.

An ED official said that in the last two rounds of questioning, Faisal was asked about his alleged links with a witness and the promoters of Sterling Biotech. The witness has given a statement to the agency about alleged financial transactions between Faisal and Sterling promoters Chetan and Nitin Sandesara.

The ED probe is based on an FIR registered by CBI against Sterling Biotech Ltd in October 2017. The CBI had alleged that the group had wilfully defaulted on loans of over Rs 5,000 crore from a consortium of banks led by Andhra Bank and diverted the money for personal purposes of the promoters.

"Rs 5 lakh" to his driver in Khan Market on the instructions of Chetan Sandesara, one of the promoters of the Vadodara-based pharmaceutical firm, the sources said.

Yadav told the ED that the cash was "meant for Faisal Patel", the sources said. Last month, the ED had questioned Patel's son-in-law Irfan Siddiqui in connection with the case. He, too, was questioned on the basis of Yadav's statement.

It is alleged that the pharmaceutical firm and its main promoters Nitin Sandesara, Chetan Sandesara and Deepthi Sandesara — all of whom are absconding — perpetrated a Rs 8,100-crore bank loan fraud.

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Applications are invited for admission to MBBS course stray vacancy round (NRI Seats) 2019-20 in M.M. Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, a constituent institute of M.M. (Deemed to be University), Mullana, Ambala from NRI eligible candidates as per the Guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P. (C) No. 689/2017 dated 22-08-2017; out of the list of candidates as per DGHS, Govt. of India.

Last date of receiving duly filled in applications with processing fees of Rs.5000/- through Demand Draft in favour of M.M. (Deemed to be University) payable at Ambala is 29-08-2019 upto 3 P.M. positively in University office. Physical counselling shall be held on 30-08-2019 at 9:00 A.M. in the University Campus.

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Notice is hereby given that, the 90th Annual General Body Meeting of members of the State Bank of India Employees' (M. S. Patel) Co-op. Credit Society Ltd., Mumbai, will be held on Saturday, the 14th September, 2019 at 04.00 p.m. at Sir Sitaram & Lady Shantabai Patkar Convocation Hall of S.N.D.T. Women's University, 1, Nathibai Thackersey Road, Queen's Road, Churchgate, Mumbai - 400 020. All members are requested to attend the meeting. The Annual Report & Audited Statement of Accounts have been despatched to all members at their Branch/office. Notice is available on Society's Website www.sbmipatel.com and displayed at the registered office, for information. **Bank's Identity Card is compulsory to attend the meeting.**

By order of the Board,
SANTOSH BAMUGADE
HON. SECRETARY & CEO
Mumbai, 04.08.2019

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Request for EOI for Appointment of Agency for Design Consultancy for conceptualization and submission of schematic design and layout for Museum on Prime Ministers of India

EOI No. ...MOPM/EOI/DESIGN CONSULTANCY/2019

Nehru Memorial Museum & Library (NMML) have floated the above REOI on 7th August, 2019. Corrigendum No. 1, dated 20/8/2019; Clarification dated 27/8/2019 and Corrigendum No.3, dated 28/8/2019 have been issued and uploaded on websites www.tenderwizard.com/NMML, www.nehrumemorial.nic.in, www.eprocure.gov.in. The prospective applicants are requested to visit the above websites. The last date for submission of response to REOI has been extended to 9th Sept., 2019 up to 11:59 PM (IST).

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- **Best College-** For outstanding work in awareness generation and prevention of alcoholism & substance abuse.
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PERSONAL

I, Sudesh Kumar S/o Sh. Jagarnath Prasad R/o B-333, Gali No.7, Inder Enclave, Phase-I, Kirari Suleman Nagar, Delhi-110086 inform that my father's name has been wrongly written as Jagrnath Ram in my Passport No (K-3334262) instead of Jagarnath Prasad. 0040509482-8

It is for general information that I, Priyal Jain D/o Amit Kumar Jain R/o P-51 Gali No.3, Shankar Nagar Ext. Delhi-110051, inform that name of my father, my mother has been wrongly written as Amit Jain, Sapna Jain in my Educational Documents & other Documents. The actual name of my father, my mother are Amit Kumar Jain, Sapna Rani Jain respectively which may be amended accordingly. 0040509789-4

It is for general information that I, Saroj Devi W/O Jitendra Ram, residing at Barakala, Bara, Imamganj, Gaya, Bihar-82406, informs that my name has been wrongly written as Suman Devi in my son's aged 13 in Class 9th School records. The correct name of mine is Saroj Devi which may be amended accordingly. 0040509732-1

It is for general information that I, Amit Kumar Jain S/O Adish Kumar Jain R/o P-51 Gali No.3, Shankar Nagar Ext. Delhi-110051, inform that name of my mine, my wife has been wrongly written as Amit Jain, Sapna Jain in my minor son Bhavya Jain (17-Years) Educational Documents & other Documents. The actual name of my mine, my wife are Amit Kumar Jain, Sapna Rani Jain respectively which may be amended accordingly. 0040509789-3

It is for general information that I, RADHA V. W/O SURESH C., residing at F-20/72, Sector-15, Rohini, Delhi-110089, informs that name of mine has been wrongly written as RADHA SURESH in my minor son ARJUN SURESH aged 14 years in his School Record. The actual name of mine is RADHA V., which may be amended accordingly. 0040509593-1

It is for general information that I, Jitendra Ram S/O Mohan Ram, residing at Barakala, Bara, Imamganj, Gaya, Bihar-82406, informs that my name has been wrongly written as Jeetu Singh in my son's aged 13 in class 9th school records. The correct name of mine is Jitendra Ram which may be amended accordingly. 0040509736-1

I, Sudhanshu Jaipuria S/O Abhay Jaipuria R/O W-97, Greater Kailash-II N.D-110048, have changed my minor daughter name from Anahira Jaipuria to Mehak Jaipuria for all purposes. 0040509740-1

I, Shalendra Pratap S/o Hari Prasad Singh, R/o B-169, New Ashok No-692, Block-B, New Ashok Nagar, Delhi-110096, have changed my name from Shalendra Pratap Singh to Shalendra Pratap for all purposes. 0040509805-10

I, Rekha Seth, W/O Vipin Seth, R/O-706, Savera Apartment, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed the name of my minor son Devansh Seth aged 15 years and he shall hereafter be known as Dev Prakash Seth. 0040509805-9

I, Vishal Kaushik S/o Vijay R/o-14/114, Near Gurudwara, Geeta Colony, Delhi have changed my name to Veshal Kaushik. 0040509793-1

I, Ketan Chaudhary S/o Shri Krishna Chaudhary R/o-794, Indira Nagar, Unnao East, Uttar Pradesh-209801, have changed my name to Aviraj Chaudhary for all future purposes. 0040509805-14

I, Gianender Kumar Yadav S/o, Shri Kanwar Pal Singh R/o-H.No.78A, Block-D-4, Udyog Vihar, Sector-82, Noida, Gautambudhnagar, U.P. My Educational Document like -10th, 12TH, Graduation and, Post Graduation as per my Name is Gianender Kumar and B.Ed., Pancard, Gov.ID, Aadhaar-card and Voter-ID as per my Name Gianender Kumar Yadav. both Gianender Kumar and Gianender Kumar Yadav is same person. 0040509805-8

I, Vinod Kumar Binny S/o Mr. Rampal Singh R/o-1-D Vidhata Apartment, Vasundhara Enclave Delhi-110096, have changed my minor daughter's name from Sanjeevani Dedha to Sanjeevani for all future purposes. 0040509789-2

I, Vimal Seth S/o Prem Chand R/o-3096, Mohalla-Dassan, Charkhey-Walam, Delhi-110006, inform that Vimal Kumar and Vimal Seth both are same and one person and in future I will be known as Vimal Seth. 0040509777-8

I, Seema R/o H.No.137, Mohamadpur Village, New Delhi-110066, have changed my minor daughter's name from Kirti Rana to Kirti permanently. 0040509826-1

I, Satish Thakur S/O Devendra Thakur R/O-L-18/48, Saurabh Vihar Jaitpur Badarpur New Delhi-110044 Changed My Name To Satish Kumar Permanently. 0040509826-6

I, Raju Choudhary S/O Santram Choudhary R/o-9/5221 Old-Seelampur Gandhi Nagar, Delhi-110031, have changed my minor daughter name from Anjilina to Anjilina Choudhary for all future purpose. 0040509740-3

I, Raju Choudhary S/O Santram Choudhary R/O-9/5221, Old-Seelampur Gandhi Nagar, Delhi-110031, have Changed my name from Raju to Raju Choudhary for all future purpose. 0040509740-2

I, Rajender Kumar Chauhan S/O Tulsii Ram Chauhan R/O-C-213 Gali No.8 Majlis-Park Adarsh-Nagar Delhi-110033, changed my name to Rajender Chauhan. 0040509826-3

I, Puneet Miglani S/O Atam Prakash Miglani R/O 13/5, Indira Vikas Colony, Delhi-110009, have changed my name from Puneet to Puneet Miglani for all future purposes. 0040509801-1

I, Priyanka D/o Balwant Singh Gausain R/o-Plot No.527, Flat No.301, Sector-01, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Priyanka Gausain. 0040509793-3

I, Dimple Kapoor W/O Rahul Kapoor R/O-6/13, Block-6, Nirmalpur, Lajpat-Nagar-4, N.Delhi-110024, have changed the name of my minor daughter, Ahaana Kapoor to Bhavya Kapoor. 0040509818-3

I, Gurjyot Singh born on 22.11.1999 R/o-M-501, Guru Harikishan Nagar, Paschim Vihar, Delhi-87, have changed my name to Gurjot Singh Kohli. 0040509777-2

I, Dhairyaa Aggarwal S/O Rakesh Kumar Aggarwal R/O-4/8, Pocket-A-8, Kalkaji Extension, New Delhi-110019, have changed my name to Dhiren Aggarwal. 0040509818-1

I, Deepthi W/O Omveer Singh R/O-14073, ATS DCOE, Zeta-1, Greater Noida, U.P., have changed my name to Deepthi Yadav for all future purposes. 0040509805-6

I, Deepak Kohli S/O Gopal R/O-B-193, Guru-Nanak Dev-Colony, Gali No.5, Bhalvas Dairy, Delhi-42 Have changed My Name To Deepak Koli. 0040509777-5

I, Sunil Kumar Awana S/O Deshraj R/O H.No-606, Near Shiv Mandir Village-Atta, Sector-27 Noida Gautam buddha Nagar, UP-201301 Have change my Name Sunil Awana for all future purpose. 0040509752-1

I, Sunil Chawla S/O Ram Kishan Chawla R/O-B-272, Gali No.3, Majlis-Park, Azadpur Delhi-110033 have changed my name from Sunil Kumar to Sunil Chawla for all purposes. 0040509793-7

I, Sumarjeet Kaur, D/O Partap Singh, W/O Raghbir Singh R/O H.No.75, Mata-Wali Gali, Sukhrali, Gurugram(Haryana-122001, have changed my name to Samarjeet. 0040509777-10

I, Lalit Kumar H.No.1981, Sector-08, Faridabad, Haryana have changed my name to Lalit Gupta for all future purposes. 0070672028-1

I, Sonu Garg, W/O Manoj Kumar Garg R/O Flat No.304, SPS Heights, Ahinsa Khand-2, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad, My name is Wrongly mentioned as Sonia Garg in my daughter's (Suhani Garg) Birth Certificate. I hereby inform that my correct name is Sonu Garg for all future purposes wherever required. 0040509779-1

I, Shri Krishan S/o Late Sh. Shambhu Dayal Gupta R/o-88 Mreera-Enclave DDA-Colony Chaukhandi-N.Delhi-110018, changed my name to Shri Krishan Gupta. 0040509826-2

I, Shikha Garg S/O Hans Raj Garg R/O-209,20, Onkar Nagar-B, Trinagar, Delhi-110035 have changed my name from Shikha Garg to Shikha for all future purposes. 0040509805-5

I, Shabuddin S/O Salimuddin R/O-V-250, Gali No.18, Vijay Park, Maujpur, Delhi-110053, have changed my name to Shabuddin Khan. 0040509818-2

I, Seema W/O Sher Singh R/O-Flat No.102 Plot-No82, Sukhiram Park, Kiran-Garden, Uttam Nagar ND-59, have Changed my name to Seema Rani after marriage for all future purposes. 0040509728-1

I, Seema Rani W/O Girish Negi R/O-Ward No-6, Durga-Colony, Near Power-House, Samalkha, Nanipat, Haryana-132101. Changed My Name To Seema Negi. 0040509803-7

I, Samim Malik S/O Sh. Shahabuddin Malik R/O H.No. E-14/C-91, New Seelampur, Delhi-110053, have changed my name from Samim Malik to Shamim Sanjeevani for all purpose in future. 0040509761-1

I, Sambhu Parsad S/O Tara Dutt R/O-B-79, 3rd-Floor, B-Block, INA-Colony, Laxmi-Bai-Nagar, New Delhi-110023, have changed my name to Sambhu Prasad. 0040509818-4

I, Roop Chand, S/O Juglal Singh, A-37, Gali No.14, Sanjaynagar, Adarshnagar Delhi-33,, Have Changed My Name To Roop Singh, Permanently. 0040509777-4

I, Renu Chaudhary, w/O Somveer Singh Dala, R/o H.No. A3-403, Tulip Orange, Sector 70, Gurugram, Haryana, have changed my minor daughter's name from Laksha to Laksha Dala for all purposes. 0040509858-1

I, Praveen Kumar Goel S/O Ram Niwas Goel R/O-58, Rameshwar-Nagar, Model Town-III, Delhi-110009. Have Changed My Minor Child Name From Vertika To Vertika Goel. 0040509777-7

I, Praveen Goel S/O Ram Niwas Goel R/O-58, Rameshwar Nagar, Model-Town-III, Delhi-110009. Have Changed My Name To Praveen Kumar Goel. 0040509777-6

I, Piyush S/O Ram Niwas Arichwal R/O.Flat No-104, Shivalki-Apartment, Sector-10-A, Gurgaon, Haryana- Have Changed My Minor Son Name From Paarth To Paarth Arichwal. 0040509777-3

I, Pavneesh Singh S/O Jasvinder Bir Singh R/O-J-157, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi-27, Have Changed My Name to Pavneesh Shahpuri. 0040509803-3

I, Parvesh Mehra S/O Tirath Ram R/O B/4/38A, Keshav Puram Delhi-35, have changed my name to Parvesh Kumar. 0040509805-1

I, Nikhil Kumar S/O Satish Kumar R/O-BA.61-B, Janakpuri, B-1, West Delhi-110058, Have Changed my name to Nikhil Soni for all future purposes. 0040509805-4

I, Nidhi Chaudhary D/o Uday Singh R/O-Village-Chittora, Post-Muradnagar, District-Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201206, Have Changed My Name from Nidhi to Nidhi Chaudhary, for all Purposes. 0040509793-9

I, Naresh Lata Chawla D/o Shri T. C. Popli and W/O Mr. Baldev Raj Chawla, aged 74 R/O 11A/9, Old Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi - 110 060 do hereby solemnly affirm that I have changed my name to Neeru Chawla for all purposes. 0040509782-1

I, NAFIS UL REHMAN S/O Abdul Rehman R/O, H.No.174, Phase-2, Shahzada Bagh, Inderlok, Delhi-110035 have changed my name to NAFEEZ UR REHMAN for all purposes. 0040509774-1

I, Mohd Sohail S/O Aslam Zaidi R/O-Gul Yasmeen R/O-766, (Takiya-Kale-Khan), Meer-Dard, Minto-Road, Delhi-110002, have changed my name to Suhail, permanently. 0040509803-9

I, Meena Khanduri D/O Brig. C.B. Khanduri R/O 1685, Sector-29, Noida (U.P.) have changed my daughter's name from Rimjhim Pandey to Rimjhim Khanduri for all future purposes. 0040509773-1

I, Manasvi N S/O Nandevr Prasad Singh R/O Flat No-10, Hanuman Apartment, Saidul Azaib Delhi 110030. Changed My Name To Manasvi Singh. 0040509793-4

I, Krishna Nandan Prasad Roy/Krishna Nandan Prasad S/O Late Shri Hans Lal Roy, R/O Flat No.-1004 Tower-T1, Gulmohar Garden, Raj Nagar Extension, Ghaziabad-201003, UP. Have inform that both the name are one and the same person for all purposes. 0040509746-1

I, Krishan Singh R/O H.No. 84, D-Block, Gali No.4, Gopal Nagar, South West Delhi-110043, have changed my name to Krishan Singh Yadav. 0070672036-1

I, Jyoti Thakur W/O Satish Kumar, R/O-L-18/48, Saurabh Vihar Jaitpur Badarpur New Delhi-110044 changed My Name To Jyoti Devi Permanently. 0040509826-7

I, Jitin Kapur s/o Sh. Vinod Kapur residing at A-7/2, 2nd and 3rd Floor, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051, changed my name to Jitin Aditya Kapur vide affidavit dt. 27.08.19 sworn before Notary Uttam Singh, Delhi. 0050154135-1

I, Jaswanti Sejwal, D/o Jeet Singh Sejwal, W/O Shailesh Singh, R/O 357, Post-Office se Palam-Vihar Road, Bijwasan, South-West Delhi-110061, have changed my name to Jaswanti Phogat. 0040509793-2

I, Shanaz W/O Naseer R/O 18/18/15, Anar Kothi, Near-Bilal Masjid, Malka Ganj, Delhi-110007. Changed My Name To Shahhaj. 0040509803-8

I, Himanshu Sejwal S/O Om Prakash Sejwal R/O 43, Adchini-Village, Delhi-110017, Changed My Name To Himanshu Sejwal. 0040509803-8

I, Harsh Bhardwaj S/O Late Shri Shiv Kumar R/O H.No. A-2/140, 1st Floor, Hastal Road, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi, inform you that my father died on 05-12-18 and Shiv Kumar and Shiv Kumar Sharma both are my father's name. 0040509750-1

I, HASINA BANO W/o Muzaffar Khan R/O 274/4, Gali No.4, Zakirnagar, Jamianagar, Okhla, New Delhi-110025 changed my name HASINA BANO to HASEEN BANO permanently. 0040509742-1

I, Gurtej Singh born on 22.12.1997 R/O-M-501, Guru Harikishan Nagar, Paschim-Vihar, Delhi-87, have changed my name to Gurtej Singh Kohli. 0040509777-1

I, Gurpreet S/O Niranjan Singh R/O-S-1/186 G/F Gali No.1, Old Mahavir Nagar, Tilak Nagar Delhi-18, have changed my name to Gurpreet Singh. 0040509789-1

I, Jagjit Singh Lamba S/O Pritpal Singh Lamba, H.No.25, Site-2, Jata-Fats, Vikaspuri, Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Jagjeet Singh. 0040509818-6

I, A. Rishabh Karthik, S/O Anandaraj Ponnusamy (whose earlier name was P. Anandaraj) and Muruga Jeyalakshmi Sannasi (whose earlier name was S. Muruga Jeyalakshmi) R/O E1005 Amrapali Platinum, Sector 119, Noida, U.P., have changed my name to Rishabh Karthik Anandaraj, for all purposes. 0040509775-1

I, "VIMMAL GROVER" Son of Sh. Kishan Chand Grover, Resident of H.No.23, Pocket 4A, Sector-23, Rohini, New Delhi 110085 have changed the name of my minor son "DHRUV GROVER" aged 14 Years and he shall hereafter be known as "DHRUVA GROVER" New Name. 0040509810-2

I, Hitherto known as Shabnam W/O Mohd Saleem residing at E-52/2, Gali No-9, Shastri-Park, Delhi-110055 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Bakreedan. 0040509803-2

I, Hitherto known as Reena Srivastava W/O Sh. P.K. Srivastava R/O-12/6 Sewa Nagar Railway-Colony New Delhi-110003 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Reena Narayan. 0040509793-5

I, Sukhwinder Kaur Bajwa W/O Sh. Jaspreet Singh Bajwa R/O Flat No.C-5, Plot No.78, Gyan Khand-1, Indrapuram, Shipra Sun City, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201014 is also known as Sukhwinder Kaur & Sukhwinder. In future I shall be known Sukhwinder Kaur Bajwa for all purposes. 0040509729-3

I, Pramendra Kumar Singha S/O Sh. Pramod Shanker Prasad R/O House No.E-401, Ansaral-Courtyard, Mundirapur, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh-250110 have changed my name to Pramendra Kumar Sinha for all purposes. 0040509729-2

I, Khalid Minhaj Siddiqui R/O Minhajuddin, H.No-86, Thompson Road Near Minto Bridge N.Delhi-110002 Have Changed My Name To Khalid Minhaj. 0040509818-7

I, Jughes S/O Late Sh. Karam Singh R/O D-30, Gali No.2, Mangal Bazar Road, Swami Shardhanand Colony, Libas Pur, Delhi-110042 have changed my name to Yogesh for all purposes. 0040509729-1

I, Aditya Arora S/O A. S. Aditya S/O Late Shri Satpal R/O 749, Pocket GH-13, Pachim Vihar, New Delhi-110087, have changed my name to Aditya Arora for all purposes. 0040509836-1

I, VIMAL KUMAR GROVER, Son of Sh. Kishan Chand Grover, Resident of H.No.23, Pocket 4A, Sector 23, Rohini, New Delhi 110085, have changed my name VIMAL KUMAR GROVER and I shall hereafter be known as VIMMAL GROVER New name. 0040509810-1

I, Aditya Arora S/O A. S. Aditya S/O Late Shri Satpal R/O 749, Pocket GH-13, Pachim Vihar, New Delhi-110087, have changed my name to Aditya Arora for all purposes. 0040509836-1

I, I. GURDEEP SINGH S/O AVTAR SINGH have lost my Original Certificate of Secondary School Examination, Roll No-6108784 Passed in 1995. Address-B-168, Vojana Vihar, New Delhi-110092, Mob-9810528850. 0040509741-1

I, Khem Chand Sharma, S/O (Late) Sh. J.N. Sharma, F.No.1200, Sector 37, Arun Vihar, NOIDA, Distt. G.B.Nagar, UP, have lost original Allotment Letter issued by Builder M/s Gaursons India Limited towards Allotment of Flat No. 308, Gang Gaurga II, Residential Complex in Sector-4, Vaishali Scheme, Vaishali, Ghaziabad (UP). Finder Please contact on Mob: 7567563120. 0040509778-1

I, Bhavika Arora, have lost my Class 10 CBSE marksheet 2008, Class 12 CBSE marksheet (2008), and the first, second and final year marksheets and provisional certificate for BA(H) English pursued at Delhi University's Maharaja Agrasen College during 2008-2011. If found please contact: 995328645. 0040509805-9

I, My original CBSE (Delhi) qualifying secondary examination (10th) year-2010 rollno. 6399670 and senior secondary examination, (12th), 2012 rollno. 9696551 certificate/marksheet have been lost. Ritu D/o Mahender Singh, A-59-11, New Multan-Nagar, Delhi-110056. 0040509793-10

I, Aban Usmani, have lost my master's degree for completion of MA (Convergent Journalism) at AJK MCRJ, Jamia Millia Islamia, in 2013. If found, please contact- 9711086663. 0040509805-15

I, the undersigned, hereby informed to the public at large that my clients (1) Mr. Arif & (2) Mohd. Abd. both residents of late Shri Mohd. Mian both resident of 2184, Gali Mandir Wali, Pahani Bhojia, Bazar Chilli Qabar Turkman Gate, Delhi-110006 are owners and in possession of the entire ground floor of the abovesaid property measuring 200 sq. yards approximately since birth. The said property or its part thereof is not under sale, as on date, if anyone dealing with any other persons except my clients in respect of the above said property shall be doing so at his own risk, cost and consequences and my clients shall not be responsible for any loss or damages sustained by the said persons) in doing so. Anshu Bhatia (Advocate) Ch. No.-E-419, Karkardooma Court, Shahdara, Delhi 110032 Mob. 9871603360

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PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to bring to your attention that I, Mihlesh Kumar, Advocate, at detail of my Client Sh. Ramesh Dwive S/o Late Major Sh. Suresh Mal R/o 214, New Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi has the 50% of Mrs. Durgam Devi in favor of Sh. Mihlesh Kumar, Advocate, property bearing plot no. 214, New Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi, Measuring 130 Sq Mtrs. General Attorney of Sh. Angeram Kumar Seth & Son, Noida. Both sets has some shares in New Rajinder Nagar area. New Delhi-110085. If anyone may kindly be return to the address mentioned in my client's file.

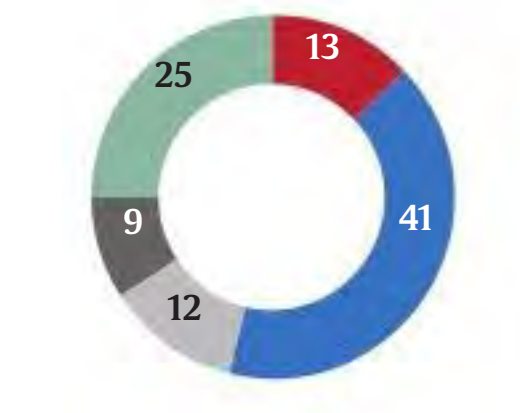
PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to bring to your attention that my client, late Smt. Sushila Devi, W/O Sh. Vishwanath Upadhyay R/O 426, Sector-3, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, New Delhi-201012 have debar their son namely Sh. Sukhvir Upadhyay S/O Sh. Vishwanath Upadhyay R/O 426, Sector-3, Vasund

TELLING NUMBERS

Does political pressure hinder probes? Police reflect in survey

IN A new report that looks at the working conditions of police in India, one key finding is about the political pressure perceived by police, and the extent to which this hampers their investigations. 'Status of Policing in India Report 2019: Police Adequacy and Working Conditions' has been prepared by Common Cause and the Lokniti programme of the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS). Among its findings:

WHAT POLICE SEE AS OBSTACLES



- Related to internal working of police
- Related to legal system
- No response
- Related to pressure on police
- Related to society

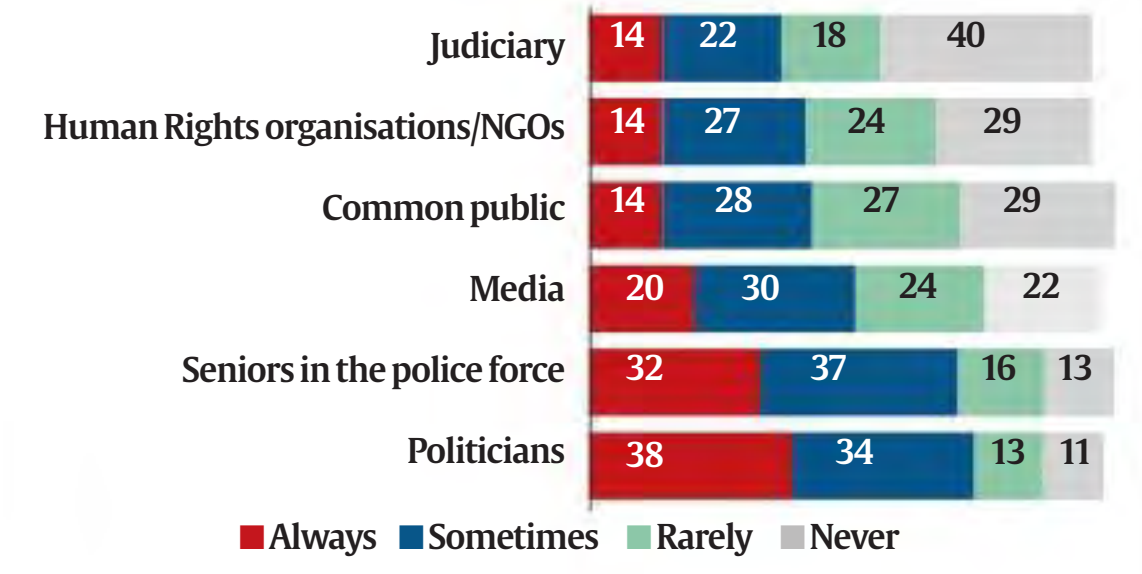
police force. This proportion drops to one-fifth of the police "always" facing pressure from media, while about 14% reported that they "always" faced pressure from human rights organisations/NGOs, judiciary and the common public in cases involving influential people (see bar graphs).

Source for all data: Common Cause & Lokniti-CSDS

28% police personnel believe that pressure from politicians is the biggest hindrance in a crime investigation. Taking into account various kinds of obstacles, 2 in 5 police personnel believe that these pressures are the biggest obstacle in crime investigation. The other obstacles cited were related to society, legal systems and internal working systems in police (see pie chart).

38% personnel reported always facing pressure from politicians in cases of crime involving influential persons. Roughly one third also reported "always" facing pressure from their seniors in the

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THIS WORD MEANS

COPROLITE

Faeces in fossil form. A sample from an ancient puma has unearthed the oldest known parasite DNA

SCIENTISTS HAVE found the oldest parasite DNA ever recorded. The discovery was made in the "coprolite" of a prehistoric puma in Argentina. Coprolites are fossilised faeces belonging to animals that lived millions of years ago. Scientists can analyse and study their shape and size and depending on the location they were found in, they can figure out the animal from which they came as well as uncover what those animals ate. London's Natural Museum of History explains. For instance, if there are bone fragments in the faeces, it tells scientists that the animal might have been a carnivore. Tooth marks can reveal how the animal ate.



A team of scientists from Argentina's National Council of Scientific and Technical Research studied a prehistoric puma's coprolite taken from a rock-shelter in Catamarca province. With the help of carbon dating, they were able to estimate the age of the coprolite at between 16,500-17,000 years. Using ancient mitochondrial DNA analysis, they were able to confirm that the coprolite came out of a puma. This led to the identification of the oldest parasite DNA found yet. Parasite DNA has been found in coprolites before, but this is the oldest since the evidence found earlier dated back to a few thousand years ago only. The study is published in the journal *Parasitology*.

SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

How the forces protect VIPs

Former PM Manmohan Singh's security cover has been downgraded from SPG to Z plus. How are such decisions made? How are SPG, Z plus, other categories different? Who are the forces deployed in each?

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

THE GOVERNMENT recently downgraded the security cover of former PM Manomhan Singh, from Special Protection Group (SPG) to Z plus of the CRPF. The security cover of several other VIPs too has been downgraded.

How does the government decide the level of protection an individual needs?

The Home Ministry takes the decision based on inputs from intelligence agencies, which include the Intelligence Bureau and the Research and Analysis Wing. They largely give a subjective measure of threat to life or injury to a person from terrorists or any other group, based on information from their sources.

Certain individuals, by dint of their position in government, are automatically entitled to security cover. These include the Prime Minister and his immediate family. The Home Minister and officials such as the National Security Adviser too generally get security cover on the basis of their position.

Since none of the intelligence agencies in India is accountable to any statutory body, barring the internal oversight of the Home and External Affairs Ministries, VIP security is sometimes seen as open to manipulation. A number of protectees, it has been alleged, are under security cover for political reasons and not necessarily due to any real threat.

What are the various protection levels?

There are largely six types of security covers: X, Y, Y plus, Z, Z plus and SPG. While SPG is meant only for the PM and his immediate family, other categories can be provided to anyone about whom the Centre or state governments have inputs about facing a threat. The X category on an average entails just one gunman protecting the individual; Y has one gunman for mobile security and one (plus four on rotation) for static security; Y plus has two policemen on rotation for security and one (plus four on rotation) for residence security; Z has six gunmen for mobile security and two (plus eight) for residence security; Z plus has 10 security personnel for mobile security and two (plus eight) for residence security.

There are various kinds of cover within these levels. These include security of residence, mobile security, office security and inter-state security. Different VIPs are given different kinds of cover depending on threat perception. For example, if the Chhattisgarh CM is assessed to be facing a threat from Maoists only in his state, the Centre may choose to give him residence and mobile security only in his state, and appropriate security by the concerned state police when he travels out. Similarly, some may have a threat only when they travel, so they are given an escort force. Then, different forces may be engaged for residence and mobile security. Many protectees get residence security from



Manmohan Singh with his security cover in 2015. His cover has been downgraded from SPG to Z plus. Renuka Puri/Express Archive

state police and mobile security from a Central Armed Police Force (CAPF).

Who are SPG? Whom do they protect?

The SPG is a force raised specifically for the protection of the PM, former PMs and their immediate family. The force is currently 3,000 strong and protects only four people — PM Narendra Modi, Congress president Sonia Gandhi, her son Rahul Gandhi and her daughter Priyanka Gandhi.

The elite force is highly trained in physical efficiency, marksmanship, combat and proximate protection tactics and is assisted by all central and state agencies to ensure foolproof security. SPG Special Agents assigned to the PM security detail wear black, Western-style formal business suits, with sunglasses, and carry a two-way encrypted communication earpiece, and concealed handguns. They wear safari suits on occasions. Then there are special operations commandos who carry ultra-modern assault rifles, and wear dark-visor sunglasses with inbuilt communication earpieces, bulletproof vests, gloves and elbow/knee pads.

The SPG was raised in 1985 in the wake of the killing of PM Indira Gandhi in 1984. Earlier, Delhi police (before 1981) and Special Task Force (raised by the Intelligence Bureau in 1981) provided residence and proximate security to the PM. Following Indira Gandhi's killing, a review committee of secretaries recommended formation of a special group under a designated officer and for STF to provide immediate security cover both in New Delhi and outside as a short-term measure.

In 1985, the Birbal Nath Committee set up by the Home Ministry recommended raising a Special Protection Unit (SPU), and 819 posts were created under the Cabinet Secretariat. The SPU was then re-christened

WHO PROTECTS WHOM

VIP	Category	Force
Amit Shah	Z plus	CRPF
Rajnath Singh	Z Plus	NSG
Nitin Gadkari	Z Plus	CISF
Ajit Doval (NSA)	Z Plus	CISF
Kiren Rijju	Z plus	CISF
Ram Vilas Paswan	Y	CRPF
Ravi Shankar Prasad	X	CRPF
Mohan Bhagwat	Z plus	CISF
Mayawati	Z plus	NSG
Akhlesh Yadav	Z plus	State police
N Chandrababu Naidu	Z plus	NSG
Raman Singh	Z plus	NSG
Bhupesh Baghel	Z plus	State police
Sarbananda Sonowal	Z plus	NSG
Farooq Abdullah	Z plus	NSG
Ghulam Nabi Azad	Z plus	NSG

SPG and the post of Inspector General of Police was re-designated as director.

For three years, SPG functioned under executive orders. In 1988, Parliament passed the SPG Act. Then, the Act did not include former prime ministers. When V P Singh came to power in 1989, his government withdrew SPG protection given to his predecessor Rajiv Gandhi. After Rajiv's assassination in 1991, Singh faced much criticism and the SPG Act was amended to offer protection to all former PMs and their families for at least 10 years.

In 2003, the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government again amended the SPG Act to bring the period of automatic protection down from 10 years to "a period of one year from the date on which the former prime minister ceased to hold office" and beyond one year based on the level of threat as decided by the government. During the Vajpayee regime, the SPG cover of former PMs such as H D Deve Gowda, I K Gujaral and P V Narasimha Rao were withdrawn. Vajpayee himself enjoyed SPG protection until his death last year. Under the current SPG Act, family members of an incumbent or former PM can decline security cover. Manmohan Singh's daughters declined SPG cover after his tenure ended.

And who are the National Security Guard?

The NSG was founded as a special commando unit for surgical strikes against organised terrorist attacks within the country. It was envisaged in the wake of high casualties and damage during Operation Blue Star in 1984.

According to NSG's website, it is a "Federal Contingency World Class Zero Error Force" to deal with terrorism. It says it is a force "specially trained and equipped to deal with specific situations and therefore to be used only in exceptional circumstances to

thwart serious acts of terrorism".

Yet its mandate of the force has been diluted over the years with the burden of VIP security. NSG has two groups of personnel and officers: Special Action Group (SAG) and Special Ranger Group (SRG). SAG is drawn from the Army and focuses on counter-terror training and action; SRG is used for VIP security.

NSG personnel have always been in high demand among politicians. The force has often argued that Black Cat commandos, as NSG personnel are popularly known on account of their combat dress, has become a status symbol and the government must take it off VIP security duties. That has not happened.

NSG is not a protection unit; its core ability is in handling terror, hijacking etc.

How do these protection levels compare with VIP protection in other countries?

In the US, the security of the President and his family is handled by the Secret Service, which also looks after the safety of the vice president, his immediate family, former presidents, their spouses, and their minor children under age 16. It also provides security to major presidential and vice presidential candidates and their spouses, and foreign heads of state; security for the White House, the Treasury Department building, the vice president's residence, and foreign diplomatic missions in Washington, DC.

In the UK, VIP security, including of the PM, is handled by the Protection Command under London's Metropolitan Police Service. It has two branches: Royalty and Specialist Protection (RaSP), providing protection to the Royal Family, the PM and government officials, and Parliamentary and Diplomatic Protection (PaDP), providing security to government buildings, officials and diplomats.

Did a planet whack Jupiter and get swallowed?

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JUNO, THE NASA probe orbiting Jupiter since 2016, has been sending back information that are giving scientists new insights into the evolution and structure of the planet. One new study suggests that 4.5 billion years ago, when the Solar System was still young, Jupiter received a massive whack from a planet still being formed, and swallowed it up. Another study looks at the reasons why the "stripes" on Jupiter do not run deep into its surface.



Artist's impression of a collision between a young Jupiter and a massive, still-forming protoplanet. Astrobioogy Center, Japan, via Rice University

Collision with a proto-planet

Information sent by Juno shows that Jupiter's core is not mainly ice and rock as previously thought, but a "fuzzy core" that

includes lighter elements like helium and hydrogen. This, scientists suggest in the journal *Nature*, could be explained by a head-on collision with a still-forming planet about 10 times the size of Earth.

Researchers from Rice University in the US and Sun Yat-sen University in China worked on the idea that a colossal event stirred up Jupiter's core, diluting it. Computer simulations suggested a growing Jupiter could have disturbed the orbits of nearby "planetary embryos", and that there was at least a 40% chance that Jupiter would swallow a planetary embryo within its first few million years, Rice University said in a statement.

Skin deep stripes

There is a reason why Jupiter's stripes are only skin deep, the Lawrence Livermore

National Laboratory (LLNL) of the US said in a statement. A team looked to the Juno mission that revealed how far zonal winds around Jupiter descend — to a depth about 4 percent of Jupiter's radius.

It is these zonal winds — alternating east-west jet streams — that are seen in photographs as colourful stripes on Jupiter. In a paper in *Physical Review Fluids*, researchers have shown that these zonal winds can only descend to 3,000 km in the atmosphere.

Magnetic fields can make fluids that conduct electricity (like Jupiter's atmosphere) behave more like honey than water. Deeper into the planet, where the pressure is higher, the atmosphere becomes more conducting and is more strongly influenced by the planetary magnetic field. It's also the same place where the stripes stop, LLNL explained.

10 years of H1N1 influenza: outbreaks in India, infection trends in the states

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IN APRIL 2009, the first case of influenza A H1N1 was reported in Mexico. Later the infection spread and a total of 214 countries were affected by the pandemic worldwide. Ten years since, influenza H1N1 has become a seasonal virus, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta. Yet, in India, the past decade saw as many as 1.58 lakh persons being infected by the virus and over 10,000 succumbing to it.

Maharashtra toll highest

An analysis shows that Maharashtra has reported the highest number of cases (33,284) and deaths (3,637) since pandemic influenza struck in 2009. Continuous and intensified surveillance, testing of throat swab samples at both National Institute of Virology

(NIV) in Pune and private laboratories and death audits helped the state health authorities towards early identification of cases. According to Dr Pradeep Awate, Maharashtra's surveillance officer, the surveillance systems and diagnostic capacities in the state are strong, which led to the reporting of the maximum number of cases and deaths. Awareness levels were high especially regarding home-based isolation of persons with the flu. In other states, surveillance may not be as good, experts have pointed out.

Virus in circulation, evolving

Unlike the temperate countries, where peak influenza activity is recorded in winters, in the tropical and sub-tropical countries, the primary peak of influenza activity is during the monsoon. However, in some places, influenza also peaks during winters and in some tropical countries, influenza sustains throughout the year.

THE HIGHEST BURDENS

YEARS WITH THE MAXIMUM H1N1 DISEASE BURDEN	STATES MOST AFFECTED BY H1N1 IN 2017	
	Cases reported	Deaths
2009	27,236	981
2010	20,604	1,763
2015	42,592	2,990
2017	38,811	2,266

Source: National Centre for Disease Control/ National Medical Journal of India

STATES MOST AFFECTED BY H1N1 IN 2017	STATES MOST AFFECTED BY H1N1 IN 2017	
	Cases reported	Deaths
Gujarat	7709	431
Maharashtra	6144	778
Rajasthan	3619	279
Madhya Pradesh	802	146

Source: Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme

According to experts at NIV Pune, scientists have tested over 65,000 patients' samples in the past 10 years. If testing is stopped, it would seem there is no disease. But the virus is very much in circulation. Overcrowding leads to increased transmission of airborne infection. Some areas in the country may have a sparse population but with diagnostic testing facilities being set up, more cases are being detected.

Rajasthan worst hit in 2019

Increased testing in states like Rajasthan and Gujarat has resulted in more cases being reported. According to the National Centre for Disease Control data, Rajasthan is the worst hit this year with 5,040 cases and 206 deaths. From 2010 till mid-August this year, Rajasthan has seen 21,107 cases reported and 1,638 deaths while Gujarat has reported 25,219 cases and 1,897 deaths. This year Gujarat has reported 4,819 cases and 149 deaths, followed by Maharashtra which has registered 2,135 cases and 202 cases.

N-E states also affected

In the National Medical Journal of India, NCDC researchers have, in their 2019 study 'Influenza A (H1N1) in India - changing epidemiology and its implications', reported that 2017 was an unusual year. According to researchers Dr S Kulkarni, Dr S Singh and others, the geography of the influenza A

(H1N1) virus seems to have been affected. While cases used to come mainly from western parts of India and localised to districts like Pune in Maharashtra and Jaipur in Rajasthan, northeastern states like Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura, which had never reported influenza A (H1N1) cases in the past, notified 44 cases in 2017.

This year, Tripura registered 31 cases, Sikkim reported eight, while Meghalaya and Manipur reported two each. According to Dr Kulkarni, in 2017 the virus showed epidemiological characteristics different from previous years. Researchers said these observations require further probe to understand the changing ecological and transmission dynamics, as well as potential changes in awareness and testing. Monitoring of the genetic character of the virus and surveillance for drug resistance in the context of influenza A (H1N1) and other influenza viruses remain a high priority, said Dr Kulkarni.



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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

JOIN THE DEBATE

Congress must let its leaders reflect on the causes that led to its defeat in the 2019 general election

SENIOR CONGRESS LEADER Jairam Ramesh caused a flutter some days ago when he warned fellow Opposition leaders that if they were “going to demonise him (Narendra Modi) all the time, you are not going to be able to confront him”. He also added that “unless we recognise that he (Modi) is doing things, which people recognise and which have not been done in the past, we are not going to be able to confront this guy”. Congressmen such as Abhishek Manu Singhvi and Shashi Tharoor have defended Ramesh’s remarks and suggested that the party should nuance its criticism of the prime minister. A flustered Congress leadership, initially, brushed aside the remarks as personal views of the speakers, but it has now sought to discipline the plain-speaking leaders. On Tuesday, the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee chief, Mullappally Ramachandran, has sought an explanation from Tharoor, the Lok Sabha MP from Thiruvananthapuram, for remarks that have been construed as justification of the prime minister.

The Congress, however, should be thankful to Ramesh and Tharoor for flagging a debate on the party’s strategy and tactics against Modi and his politics. Despite the successive drubbing in the general elections, the Congress leadership has refused to reflect on its tactical failures and explained away its defeat on external factors, for instance, the electronic voting machines. The Congress campaign before and during the 2019 general elections had focussed on Prime Minister Modi, turning the polls into a presidential style contest while claiming that the government was a failure on all fronts. It failed to convince the voters who preferred to endorse Modi’s leadership and governance claims. While Ramesh wants the Congress to re-examine its stated position on Modi government’s record, including its claims on the delivery of public goods such as cooking gas, housing and latrines, Tharoor has sought to warn about the perils of blind criticism. What both these leaders seem to hint at is that the Congress’s strategy to focus all its guns on Modi may have backfired and helped the BJP to consolidate its vote. It is an admission that the Opposition’s electoral strategies failed, surely, but to call it an endorsement of Modi or the BJP is a stretch. In fact, a rethink of strategies without abandoning core values may help the Congress — and the Opposition — at this moment to recover lost ground.

However, the instinctive response of many Congressmen seems to be to close ranks with the leadership and stall any introspection. The reluctance for honest debate within the party has only hurt its electoral prospects in the past. It ought to change track, even if that will force the leadership on the backfoot.

THE COST OF WATER

Delhi government’s waiver scheme should occasion revisiting debates on pricing of scarce resource, while also ensuring equity

IT IS TEMPTING to describe the Delhi government’s move to waive the pending water bills of consumers as a sop with polls in mind. But the move should occasion a broader debate on water pricing. The arrears for domestic consumers in the city amount to more than Rs 6,000 crore, which includes a late payment surcharge (LPSC) of Rs 3,500 crore. Arrears for commercial consumers amount to Rs 10,000 crore, of which Rs 9,000 crore is LPSC. The surcharge would be completely cleared for domestic consumers and a rebate of 25 to 100 per cent will be offered to them, depending on the colony they live in. For commercial consumers, the LPSC would be cleared if they pay the principal amount before the deadline of November 30. The Delhi government has clarified that the waiver is a one-time move. But the AAP government’s admission that lot of the arrears are a result “of wrong meter readings” should occasion discussion on water billing mechanisms, especially at a time when providing piped supply to all households in the country is high on the Centre’s agenda.

The Standing Committee of the Ministry of Water Resources, which submitted its report to Parliament in 2015, found that the percentage of districts with over-exploited groundwater level increased from three in 1995 to 15 in 2011. The situation has worsened, since then. Twenty one Indian cities including Delhi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Chennai are racing towards zero groundwater by 2020, according to a Niti Aayog study. At the same time, about 80 per cent of rural India lacks access to piped water. In such a situation, subsidies — as well as payment-waiver schemes like the one in Delhi — are likely to draw the criticism that they work to the benefit of the well-heeled. A water pricing policy should facilitate the extension of supply while also ensuring that the affluent do not milk the system. As per the UN’s Dublin Principle, water is an economic good and its pricing should, therefore, reflect its scarcity value. But at the same time, policy shouldn’t compromise on the principles of equity.

Since water is a state subject, charges for domestic, agriculture and industrial consumers vary across the country. But the determination of water charges for the different sectors is largely ad hoc and the processes are non-transparent. Most states have dragged their feet on the National Water Policy 2012 directive of setting up an independent Water Regulatory Authority. The Delhi loan waiver scheme should occasion revisiting this policy document.

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Controversy over photograph of Melania Trump and Justin Trudeau demonstrates the power and peril of still images

THE PHOTOGRAPH, AT first glance, might seem like a medium whose time has gone. The ubiquity of images, of every mundane thought and moment being shared world wide on the web with an Instagram-filtered visual aid, has made a photograph that reveals more than the sum of its pixels a rare commodity. But the picture of US First Lady Melania Trump, leaning in to air-kiss Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau at the end of the G7 summit in France is indeed worth a thousand words. And then some.

Social media is abuzz (as it always is), making much ado about nothing. Melania’s kiss, the *faire la bise*, is the common greeting, the way to be polite in France and much of Europe. And it is likely that most of the people who are trying to mischievously read more into the photograph are aware of this. But the fact is that the picture does indeed lend itself to analysis. And the point of focus isn’t the First Lady’s embrace with Trudeau, its her husband. The brash Donald Trump is captured with downcast eyes, looking sombre, even defeated. It is a side of Trump we do not know. A single frame has made one of the most polarising figures in world politics appear a man filled with subtleties.

Like words, it appears, the image has lost none of its power due to its ubiquity. A good, well-timed picture can, in the words of poet Eminem, “take the moment, freeze it and own it, squeeze it and hold it”. Of course, the danger of the picture, of immortalising a moment, is reading too much into it. Melania Trump is being made to be an anti-Donald Trump figure on Twitter, and Trudeau her Disney prince, the one to rescue her from an ogre. And Trump, in one reading, is a tragic figure, the underdog who has to look on. Both the readings make sense in a still frame. Neither is probably true in life.



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In mutual interest

The dousing of fires for now opens up space to repair ties between the government and the RBI

IN AUGUST LAST year, Mark Carney, Governor of the Bank of England told *Bloomberg* about fixing common errors that happen over history and the attempt by the central bank he heads to ensure a change in thinking to make the system as resilient as possible to “unknown unknowns”. The questions on the minds of central bankers like him are: “What’s the shock that could happen? Do I have enough capital? If somebody fails, can I clean up the mess in an orderly way?”

A few days ago, the chief of the world’s most powerful central bank, the US Federal Reserve, Jeremy Powell, said at the annual meeting in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, that the Fed was examining the monetary policy tools it has used both in calm times and in (a) crisis. Powell, who has come under a savage attack from the US President Donald Trump, said that the Fed is now assessing whether it should expand its toolkit. All these indicate the fraught times for the world’s central banks, in the backdrop of fears of a possible recession, the effectiveness of monetary policy and growing political assaults on these banks in the face of a global slowdown.

Like some of its peers, the Reserve Bank of India, too, should be fortifying itself considering the risks on the horizon. But it may have been partly blinded because of a controversy that erupted late last year on the level of reserves which it maintains, and the quantum of profits or surplus that it should distribute to the government — the owner of the bank. There has been a possible closure to that with the RBI board approving the recommendations of a committee headed by Bimal Jalan, based on which, the central bank will transfer Rs 1.76 lakh crore to the government, including the surplus and excess provisions. The committee has also outlined a clear and transparent policy for the distribution of RBI’s profits over the next few years, which should lead to less conflict. More importantly, it has also set new benchmarks for building capital buffers to equip a central bank which dons multiple hats — that of a monetary policy authority, a regulator of the financial sector and the payments system, debt manager for both the Centre and state governments and the is-

A bilateral agreement on the distribution of surplus or profits and a flexible approach may have worked in India until the blow up last year. But, what makes it easier in the case of many other central banks is that the quantum to be paid out is built into the law — either as a fixed percentage of current net profit or based on a clearly defined criteria. There may not be an optimal model for this but a beginning has been made which should lead to less conflicts, a more transparent process, smoothening of profit flows over the next few years and building up of adequate capital for a modern central bank.

suer of currency. Such a wide mandate for a central bank, including fostering financial stability, will in the normal course call for bullet-proofing against multiple risks relating to credit, operations, contingent risks, financial stability and revaluation of assets.

Wiser, after the balance of payments crisis in 1991, the RBI started building adequate buffers in the form of a few reserve funds. But, over the past decade, successive governments, desperate to raise revenues, have sought hefty payouts from the central bank, arguing that it was far more capitalised than not just its emerging market peers but also in comparison to some of the leading global central banks. Such comparisons may be meaningless considering that quite a few of them have fully convertible currencies. The first major pitch for large transfers of surplus profits from the RBI came during the tenure of Raghuram Rajan as Chief Economic Advisor, a thread which was picked up by his successor, Arvind Subramanian.

The Jalan committee’s review, however, shows that the RBI’s realised risk provisions have dropped below levels equivalent to 1988-89, with progressively higher transfer of surpluses to the government over the last few years. This has been pronounced in recent years with such transfers as a proportion of the bank’s net income averaging 90 per cent between 2014-18 — a sharp spike compared to the average of a little over 50 per cent in the years up to 2004. The committee’s analysis shows that 90 per cent of the net income was transferred to the government when risk provisioning was 10 per cent over the past few years. All this coincides with the period when the government was struggling to meet its mandated deficit targets. The committee’s report also says that close to 73 per cent of the RBI’s economic capital is in the form of unrealised revaluation balances, which reflect changes in the market movements of domestic and foreign securities and gold. Those balances, which may have led many to seek higher payouts, can’t be tapped into, the committee has recommended — a sensible practice.

A bilateral agreement on the distribution

of surplus or profits and a flexible approach may have worked in India until the blow up last year. But, what makes it easier in the case of many other central banks is that the quantum to be paid out is built into the law — either as a fixed percentage of the current net profit or based on clearly defined criteria. There may not be an optimal model for this but a beginning has been made which should lead to less conflict, a more transparent process, smoothening of profit flows over the next few years and building up of adequate capital for a modern central bank. The UK has already done that with the Bank of England and the Treasury, having signed an MoU last year on their financial relationship which lays the ground rules for determining the bank’s capital, dividend payments, among others.

As Adair Turner, former head of the UK Financial Services Authority wrote in the *Financial Times* recently, central bank watching is a preoccupation for many professional economists as minor rate changes matter a lot to asset managers, macro hedge funds, investment banks and their clients, but not as much for consumers and businesses. The issue of the independence of the Indian central bank is now threatening to degenerate into a spectator sport with personalities looming larger than institutions or the sovereign. Even in such a scenario, if both sides have agreed to adopt a new approach to determine the economic capital of the central bank and on future distribution of its profits, it may have to do largely with the fact that two senior members of the committee, Bimal Jalan and Rakesh Mohan, have been on both sides of the divide — in the finance ministry and the RBI.

The dousing of fires for now opens up a window of opportunity to unveil a calibrated public spending programme or to set aside sufficient capital for a new institution to finance long term projects. And if policymakers on both sides can shut out the noise, it could be an opportune time to repair ties between the government and the RBI and to forge a respectful relationship.

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THE DARKEST HOUR

ADM Jabalpur was a test for the Supreme Court. Only the dissenter passed it

COSTA GAVRAS’ 1982 film *Missing* is a haunting story of what a military dictatorship does to its citizens as they go, well, missing. The real-life story set in Chile was also about the actions of the US government, which even had a lawsuit filed against it. The way a society responds to enforced disappearances or “detentions” by the state is often seen as a marker of the health of a democracy. That could well be why the habeas corpus or produce the person writ is a sacred one, that ties democracy to each of its citizens against the power of the state.

On Independence Day, Justice D Y Chandrachud, made a revealing personal statement which holds great relevance today. The Supreme Court judge spoke of how “with seven to eight hours of dictation left in the day, when I finished dictating” the order annulling the infamous *ADM Jabalpur* judgment of 1976, he “told his Secretary that they would close for the day”. He had “told a parent he was wrong.” “I know he (former Chief Justice Y V Chandrachud) believed through his life that *ADM Jabalpur* was wrong.”

The senior Chandrachud was among the four SC judges who sat on the five-judge habeas corpus bench for 37 working days from December 1975 to February 1976, and ruled that personal liberties in India were not to be necessarily upheld in the face of the executive after declaring Emergency. The hearings started on December 15, 1975. The government’s arguments were centred around how the political executive had rights in

The ruling, however, was 4-1. All the judges wrote separate judgments. But the net result was upholding the executive’s prerogative to detain people and so, a citizen had no right to move a habeas in a high court. Justice Beg, amazingly, went on to speak of the ‘care and concern bestowed by the state authorities upon the welfare of detenus who are well-housed, well-fed and well-treated is almost maternal’.

times of war or during an Emergency to restrict personal liberty. When Justice H R Khanna, the only one who was ultimately to dissent, asked the attorney general, Niren De, if “supposing some policeman, for reasons of enmity, not of state, kills someone, would there be a remedy?” De is said to have replied: “My Lord, not so long as the Emergency lasts.”

Several senior advocates including Shanti Bhushan, Soli Sorabjee, V N Tarkunde, argued the habeas cases and maintained that with the remedy of habeas denied, the securing of a citizen’s life and liberty was “dead”. The ruling, however, was 4-1. All the judges wrote separate judgments. But the net result was upholding the executive’s prerogative to detain people and so, a citizen had no right to move a habeas in a high court. Justice Beg, amazingly, went on to speak of the “care and concern bestowed by the state authorities upon the welfare of detenus who are well-housed, well-fed and well-treated is almost maternal.”

ADM Jabalpur is seen as one of the darkest spots in the history of the Supreme Court. The motives of those gave that judgment have been a matter of great speculation ever since. Notably, Justice Y V Chandrachud maintained that he had read the law right, even if it was not right to follow it. This does not hold much water now.

Another unique reasoning accorded was of rescuing the Court by going along with the government. On January 30, 1976, a resolu-

tion was moved in the Lok Sabha, recommending changes which would have resulted in significantly changing the Constitution to clip the wings of the judiciary. Legal scholars like Upendra Baxi felt had the Court acted differently in *ADM Jabalpur*, “it would have imperilled the Courts’ existence”. That argument about saving the Court reminds of the apocryphal tale about the American military officer in Vietnam arguing that they had to destroy a village to save it.

Once the Janata Party government was in place after Indira Gandhi lost the elections, in 1978, Justice Y V Chandrachud had said: “I regret that I did not have the courage to lay down my office and tell the people, well, this is the law.” But one man had that courage at the time — Justice H R Khanna. He was superseded, his dissent, now legendary, formed the grounds of the rejection of *ADM Jabalpur* in 2017.

The then government did not stop at Justice Khanna. From nine high courts, 16 judges who had anything to do with upholding personal liberties were swiftly transferred within two months. As legal scholar Gautam Bhatia put it in *Transformative Constitution*, Justice Khanna’s dissent would constitute a “contrapuntal” or something that appears as a counterpoint, often solitary, against the tide at the time, but something that conceals the kernel of the future and the way ahead, which lives on to speak forcefully, another day.

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AUGUST 29, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

URS LOSING GROUND THE RULING KARNATAKA Congress received a further setback, with its majority in the 225-member Assembly reduced to five after six more of its MLAs joined the Congress-I. The strength of the Congress-I has gone up to 41 and the Karnataka Congress has fallen to 114 MLAs. The Congress-I, which had a strength of 14 MLAs at the time of the July split, has gained 35 more in the past fortnight, including six from the Janata. President of the ad-hoc KPCC (I) committee, S Bangarappa, at a press conference in Bangalore said his party would stake its claim to form government in the next two or three days “since the

Devaraj Urs Government had been reduced to a minority”.

JANATA’S HAND FOR URS THE JANATA PARTY will be willing to come to the rescue of the Karnataka Chief Minister Devaraj Urs if he seeks its help. This was clearly indicated by the Janata Parliamentary Party leader Jagjivan Ram. According to information available with Ram, Urs has not yet formally approached the Janata central leadership for help.

LORD’S FUNERAL BRITISH PRIME MINISTER Margaret Thatcher cut short her holiday vacation to hurry back

to London for urgent security talks at 20 Downing Street following Monday’s bloody bombing in which 23 people, including Lord Mountbatten and 18 soldiers were killed. Buckingham Palace announced that Lord Mountbatten’s funeral ceremonies will be held at the Westminster Abbey. Thereafter, the body will be taken to Komsey Abbey near his Hampshire home at Broadlands for a private burial. The former war hero is related through his great grandmother Queen Victoria, to most of Europe’s royal houses. The Earl made plans for his funeral in 1976, expressing the wish that all the nations whose soldiers served under him in World War II should be represented.

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The consensus builder

Arun Jaitley brought together states with vastly different views on the GST to ensure the country's economic integration



SUSHIL KUMAR MODI

HE WAS ARGUABLY the greatest consensus builder of modern India. What Sardar Patel did for the country's polity, Arun Jaitley did for the Indian economy. He brought about economic integration in a federation as diverse and as vast as India, something which no modern federation has achieved. But for him, GST would have remained a pious intention — something everyone agreed to but had a different version of. Even though Arun ji made immense contributions in every field that he handled, in this article I would confine myself to the implementation and evolution of GST. This process is something I was closely associated with and I had the opportunity to observe and interact with him the most.

The biggest stumbling block was the issue of CST compensation, which the previous government had announced and made an allocation in the Union Budget but never gave to the states. Arun ji ensured that the compensation was given to the states on the basis of the recommendation of the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers (EC). This fostered an environment of trust between the Centre and the states; the latter could now feel positive about being compensated for GST losses.

The Constitution Amendment Bill (CAB) had been hanging fire since 2010 — there were differences between the Centre and the states on crucial issues such as a constitutional guarantee for compensation, subsumption of entry tax and inclusion of petrol and diesel. Arun ji met a group of state finance ministers in December 2014 to resolve the differences. The rough edges were further smoothed when he joined the EC in its deliberations and the result was the 122nd CAB, which virtually everyone agreed to in principle as well as in broad details. It was a testimony to Arun ji's negotiating skills that the CAB was debated and passed unanimously by Parliament and ratified by the state legislatures.

Initially, the GST Council had to grapple with the contentious issues of dual control — which a dual GST implied — and the rate path under the new tax regime. The Council's first five or six meetings were devoted exclusively to arriving at a consensus on these thorny issues. It was only Arun ji's credibility in a body split down the middle (between the Centre and the states), his skills of persuasion, wisdom, commitment to a united vision, democratic way of functioning and his ability to take everyone along that ultimately helped in forging a consensus.

The vexed issue of compensation got resolved when he suggested protecting the revenues of the states at a compounded annual growth rate of 14 per cent over the base year revenue levels; this masterstroke got even the states, which were till then demanding compensation of several kinds to agree to the compensation mechanism. In the meetings of the Council, Arun ji sat for long hours, patiently heard everyone out and evolved a common ground.

He virtually never discussed in the Council issues that had not been previously deliber-



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ated by the committee of officers from across the country. He also put into place an arrangement whereby every meeting of the Council was preceded by a meeting of the officers of the state and the Centre. This meeting of the Officers' Committee proved to be a key strategy in consensus-building: The technical details were thrashed out in such meetings and the Council could then have the benefit of discussing issues over which a broad consensus had already evolved. The Council would then refine this through protracted discussions.

He formed a group comprising about a dozen senior ministers from across the political spectrum, and representing varied view points on the matter, for discussing and resolving the issues that eluded consensus. The issue would get discussed threadbare in the group and almost invariably get resolved in the next meeting of the Council.

Another strategy that he often adopted on particularly contentious issues was to refer the matter for detailed analysis by and consideration of one of the many specialised committee of officers that were constituted for aiding and advising the Council in the exercise of its functions. The issues concerning the real estate sector were particularly vexing and the committees sat over them more than two times and were also directed to hold joint meetings. As Chairman of the Council, Arun ji urged non-member states to join in these deliberations so that the issue could be resolved. The tax rate on lottery was another issue which seemed headed for voting. But Arun ji saved the day by calling for a dual rate structure which found favour with all the concerned states. At times, he would defer discussions on a contentious issue, allow people to mull over it and approach the discussion in the next meeting from a different angle.

The tax rates in case of government works and the tax structure of the restaurant sector had been hotly debated in the Council with feelings running high among the different sides. But the master strategist that he was,

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Arun ji managed to convince everyone in the next meeting by proposing a middle way and concentrating on the agreed points. The issue of taxing powers in territorial waters was another contentious issue, wherein not much was at stake yet feelings ran high. Arun ji explained the constitutional provisions and yet accommodated the viewpoint of the states by charting a middle path. It eventually became Section 9 of the IGST Act.

The taxation of branded food products was also hotly debated in the Council and when the issue seemed to run into legal hurdles, Arun ji actually suggested a formulation for the draft notification. He often let the states argue their position at length, heard every possible viewpoint patiently and resolved the issue by calling for some give and take, but never allowing matters to reach a flashpoint without compromising on the basic principles. Even the most trenchant advocates of a viewpoint were goaded into coming around to a common view. The issue of TDS and TCS were resolved by deferring them till such time as everyone was ready for these taxes while the universal applicability of the national e-way bill system was resolved by permitting flexibility to the states in case of intra-state movements.

Being associated with and having observed the proceedings, I can unhesitatingly state that it was Arun Jaitley who translated the prime minister's vision of GST into reality. This was particularly trying in the initial period when the alliance holding office at the Centre did not have as much representation in the Council as it now has. It is testimony to the immense respect he commanded across the political spectrum that a body comprising the Centre, 29 states and seven union territories did not ever have to resort to voting. He was a politician, an officer and a thorough gentleman. But above all, he was the ultimate consensus builder, ever prepared to walk the last mile and take that extra step to take everyone along.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Ben Stokes's batting to win England the third Test match of the current Ashes series was one of the most extraordinary demonstrations of sporting excellence of the last 50 years." — THE GUARDIAN

Reforming the Law Commission

The government should enshrine in law, the composition, tenure, functions and work procedure of the panel



TAHIR MAHMOOD

OVER A MONTH ago, the media reported that Cabinet will soon take a call on reconstituting the Law Commission (IE, July 15). There has been no further public information on the progress in the matter. The last commission had gone out of office a year ago, on August 31, 2018.

The Law Commission of India — the oldest amongst the national-level parastatal bodies — remains an odd one even in its 65th year. Unlike its sister organisations, established much later, it has no fixed composition, no defined eligibility criteria for its chair and members, and no set functions — everything rests on the government's will. The terms of reference are specified afresh each time it is reconstituted as if it were an ad hoc body. It is an enigma to many as to why this oldest commission is still being treated in such a casual way while three of the other national commissions of later years, those for the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes, are now regulated by the Constitution and there is a parliamentary charter for each of the national commissions for human rights, minorities, women, children and safai karmcharis.

The Law Commission is a legacy of the country's colonial past. In 1833, our British rulers unified, under a centralised dispensation, the three presidencies they had been ruling for long, and planned to enforce the English common law in the whole of what they called "British India". To translate their plan into action they constituted many law commissions. The work of these bodies transformed India into a common law country. After the fourth commission completed its work towards the end of 19th century, the rulers, sensing the beginning of an uprising for home rule, did not continue the exercise.

The eighth year of Independence, the Government of India decided to revive the British legacy of appointing law commissions to study, research and report on legal matters specified in their terms of reference. The first commission, set up in 1955 for a three-year term, assumed charge on September 1 that year and vacated office on August 31, three years later. From September 1, of a given year, to the same date three years later was then irrationally adopted as the fixed term for the commission for all time to come irrespective of when a new commission was constituted and entered office. Consequently, each of the later commissions worked for less — some for much less — than three years, leaving their assigned work half way.

Though the commission's job requires research-oriented juristic learning, which cannot essentially be the outcome of judicial experience, the commission has been a haven for retired judges. The chairpersons of the four pre-independence Law Commissions — C H Cameron, John Romilly, Whitley Stokes and Thomas Macaulay — were eminent jurists, not magicians, and so were many of their members. Independent India initially main-

tained the tradition by appointing the distinguished jurist M C Setalvad as the chairman of its first Law Commission. The policy was later changed, and with the sole exception of the fifth commission which was headed by a non-judge (the first law secretary K V K Sundaram), the commission has always been headed by judges.

Members of the commission are also generally drawn from the judiciary, and the member-secretary is always from the bureaucracy. Of course, there have been some immortal names among them. The eighth commission was headed by the legendary judge Hansraj Khanna who had sacrificed his chance of being CJI by dissenting from the infamous majority judgment in the habeas corpus case of the Emergency days (ADM Jabalpur, 1976). The inimitable jurist-judge V R Krishna Iyer served as a member of the commission before being elevated to the apex court bench in 1973.

Reports of the commission are generally written individually by members including the chairman and placed before the full commission for discussion and adoption. Quite a few of these reports have been on the Hindu and Christian family laws, but none on the Muslim personal law. The apex court had once suggested that the issue of reform of Muslim law be entrusted by the government to the Law Commission which should work on it in consultation with National Minorities Commission (Sarla Mudgal, 1995). Commenting on it, the civil servant-turned-politician Mani Shankar Aiyar remarked: "What faith will the minorities have in the pronouncements of an all-Hindu Law Commission?" (Confessions of a Secular Fundamentalist, 2004).

The 18th Law Commission, with former Supreme Court judge A R Lakshmanan as the chairman and I as its only full-time member, was 50 per cent Muslim but the community still did not have "faith" in it. Three of the four reports written by me for the commission were criticised by Muslim clerics for their indirect "adverse effect" on the community's supposedly sacrosanct law and my learned chairman shied away, for fear of a "backlash", from endorsing my fourth report, seen as directly touching the Muslim law. In light of this experience, I strongly feel that if the commission has to work without regard for extra-legal and political considerations it must have a governing statute defining its powers and responsibilities, and limitations.

Before constituting the 22nd Law Commission — though the exercise is long overdue — the institution should, in my opinion, be placed under a proper parliamentary charter. The government of the day, which has conferred constitutional status on the National Backward Classes Commission, overhauled the governing law of the National Human Rights Commission and set up a Rashtriya Kamdhenu Ayog for the preservation of bovines, will do well to determine by legislation, the composition, tenure, functions and work procedure of the Law Commission. It should be a predominantly jurists' commission, not a retired judges' collective with a sprinkling of legal scholarship and jurisprudential expertise.

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SYED ZAFAR ISLAM

Poised for a leap

Fundamentals of Indian economy are sound. Growth is on the horizon

IF YOU LOOK at the global markets for investors today, two big blocks will come to mind immediately — India and Africa. Unsurprisingly, these emerging markets have attracted maximum foreign investment over the last two decades. India, being the bigger of the two, remains a hot favourite with foreign investors. Narendra Modi's India has received \$250 billion FDI in the last six years, which is equal to the foreign investment in the 14 years prior to 2014. At present, the confidence appears to be slightly low in the Indian corporate world, which can be attributed to their concern over the global economy, where the GDP is likely to come off by over 60 to 70 bps.

Contrary to what detractors are saying, the RBI made a responsible gesture by handing over a big surplus of Rs 1.76 lakh crore to the government. It is in the national interest because it will support the government with the ammunition not only to combat the potential economic slowdown but also help spur investment and sectoral stimulus.

The government is making an all-out effort to put the economy back on the eight percentage plus growth rate. But the private sector appears to have shown little appetite to fight shoulder-to-shoulder with the government. Our private sector and indeed the economists across the ideological spectrum were aware that Modi-1 was about laying the foundation for a robust, modern economy. It was going to be a bit bumpy, but very

fruitful in the long run. Many claim there is a feeling of fatigue in the world's sixth leading economy after a long run of high growth. Even at the forecasted rate of 6.30 per cent, the Indian economy continues to be the fastest growing among the top global economies. The not-so-impressive growth rate of 5.8 per cent in one quarter shouldn't lead to fears.

Yes, there is a slowdown. But we have not entered uncharted territory. Modi-1 had inherited a largely informal, cash economy with a burgeoning, chaotic unorganised sector. Of course, India had changed beyond recognition following the reforms of the 1990s, but large parts of the economic activity had remained ensconced in the past. The Modi government embarked on game changing plans to formalise the economy. Demonetisation and GST were the two bold changes the government had to make in the national interest.

Another factor that has contributed to the slowdown is less-than-normal rainfall in the recent past (thankfully, this year the monsoon is good). Unfortunately, this factor is generally overlooked in the debate. The elections may also have contributed to the slowdown. Forced by the code of conduct during the elections, the government was unable to spend on schemes or announce big reforms. As a result, the growth in capex had slipped to 2 per cent from the previous quarter of 12 per cent and impacted in GDP by around 80

bps. India's slowdown is also firmly linked to the global trend and the ongoing US-China trade war is not helping matters.

It will be a great service to your country if you do not panic. Our economy is on a very sound footing. Our macro indicators are all good. Consider this: Forex reserves are an all-time high at \$491 billion; CPI inflation is tracking at 3.2 per cent and has remained below the 4 per cent mark for nearly 12 months. Core inflation has also decelerated meaningfully in the last 12 months. Gross FDI flows remains robust tracking at close to 2.4 per cent of GDP on a 12-month trailing basis.

PMI manufacturing and services for July saw an improvement compared to a slowdown in previous month. This is encouraging and it suggests that the economy has shown improvement and also accelerated the job creation.

The juggernaut of the Indian economy has generated so much energy over the years that a strong momentum has been in motion for the last few decades. It's continuing to propel the economy forward. The government was not exactly sitting idle before Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced a series of welcome measures at a press conference last week and reiterated her resolve to fix the problem at another meet on Tuesday.

Some in the industry have argued that there was a crisis of confidence between lenders and borrowers and between the government and industry. They had urged the

government to look into it. The FM has done exactly that. The infusion of Rs 70,000 crore to PSU banks will shoot up lending to the tune of Rs 5 lakh crore, assuming banks leverage it seven times. The government is launching structural changes in the agriculture sector, such as modifying the Essential Commodities Act.

Government spending is going to pick up following the good monsoon. Consumption will rise as we are entering the festive season. Growth will come. It will come from improving exports, from investment and from disinvestment. The government is encouraging private investment, as announced in the budget. The foreign investors' shares have been increased. It is bound to attract more investment from abroad. We believe that government can exceed the disinvestment target for the year, which stands at Rs 1.14 lakh crore.

The forecast is not exactly gloomy for the next quarter and beyond, but yes, it's not in double digits immediately. With PM Modi's continued focus on reforms, credit flow and ease of doing business and with his infectious optimism, it's very likely that we will achieve the \$5-trillion mark by 2024/2025 assuming we hit the average GDP of 7.5 per cent and rupee-dollar remains stable around 70.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

INVISIBLE TRAGEDIES

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'When his heartbeat dropped' (IE, August 28). It has been 24 days since the abolition of Article 370 and the curfew being imposed in the Kashmir Valley. A section of media shows pictures of Kashmir where it looks as though the "life is normal". How long will the people be trapped in their houses? Does the government have a plan to end the curfew? **Dhaval Trivedi, Pune**

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'When his heartbeat dropped' (IE, August 28). The writer has expressed his anguish over losing the life of the baby, yet to be born to his sister, likely because of the communication blackout in the Valley. This story has been brought to us as the brother of the unfortunate woman is a journalist. But, as the article says, many similar stories may have gone unnoticed. **Vandana, Chandigarh**

RIGHTS REVOKED

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The verdict of history' (IE, August 28). There will be from time-to-time an over-arching executive, which seeks to change the fundamental nature of a constitutional democracy for its ideological ends. In such times, the judiciary is meant to stand up for the Constitution's "basic structure". The right to free speech and expression stands revoked in Kashmir. People born on Indian soil, "natural cit-

LETTER OF THE WEEK AWARD

To encourage quality reader intervention, The Indian Express offers the Letter of the Week award. The letter adjudged the best for the week is published every Saturday. Letters may be e-mailed to editpage@expressindia.com or sent to The Indian Express, B-1/B, Sector 10, Noida-UP 201301. Letter writers should mention their postal address and phone number.

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izens" could well be denied citizenship in Assam, even as the flawed NRC process hangs over the entire country as a threat. The Supreme Court consists of the finest legal minds in the country. It must have the moral courage to not be swayed by arguments of national or cultural insecurity. There is reason why the judiciary is independent and does not contest elections. **Shatam Ray, via email**

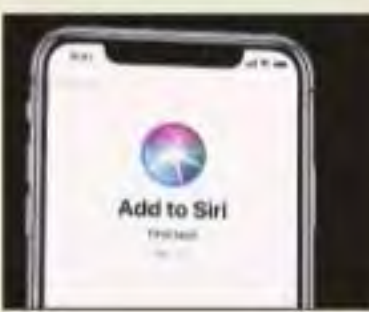


MEANWHILE

GRETA THUNBERG NEARS NEW YORK ON YACHT

Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg was due to sail into a New York harbour Wednesday after a 15-day journey crossing the Atlantic in a zero-carbon yacht. "Land!! The lights of Long Island and New York City ahead," the 16-year-old tweeted early Wednesday alongside a dark, blurry photo of lights in the distance.

TOP OF THE WORLD



Apple's digital assistant under scrutiny. AP

TECHNOLOGY
Apple apologises, changes how humans review Siri audio

New York: Apple is apologising and changing the way humans review audio recordings made through its Siri digital assistant. The company already suspended the practice following the discovery that Apple and other tech firms have been doing this. Apple now says only Apple employees, not contractors, will review the audio when the programme is resumed this fall. In its blog post Wednesday, Apple said the company wasn't living up to its ideals. Facebook, Google, Amazon, Microsoft and Apple have had people review recordings of users' interactions with AI assistants.

YEMEN
Govt forces storm Aden, seize airport

Aden: Yemen government forces on Wednesday captured Aden airport from southern separatists and attacked the city's eastern suburbs, residents and officials said, in renewed fighting that deepened a rift between supposed allies in a Saudi-led coalition. Forces of the Saudi-backed government have recaptured most of the neighbouring towns they had previously lost to the United Arab Emirates-backed separatists before moving on towards Aden, the temporary seat of the government.

USA
Sikh stabbed to death in California

Washington: A 64-year-old Sikh man from India was stabbed to death by an unidentified person in the US state of California while he was on his evening walk, according to a media report. Parmjit Singh was attacked in Gretchen Talley Park in Tracy around 9 pm on Sunday. He died from his injuries, ABC News reported. Detectives say a passerby spotted the man bleeding on the ground and immediately called 911. Police have launched a homicide investigation. Police don't have any clear suspects just yet.

Uproar in Britain as Johnson moves to suspend Parliament ahead of Brexit

Sets Queen's Speech for Oct 14, effectively shutting House for a month, reducing time for MPs to block no-deal exit

WILLIAM JAMES & KATE HOLTON
LONDON, AUGUST 28

PRIME MINISTER Boris Johnson will suspend Britain's Parliament for more than a month before Brexit, enraging opponents and raising the stakes in the country's most serious political crisis in decades. Cheered on by US President Donald Trump, Johnson launched his boldest move yet to take the country out of the European Union by October 31 with or without a divorce deal, by setting a new date for a state opening of Parliament.

Known as the Queen's Speech, the formal event will be held on October 14 and be preceded by a suspension of the House of Commons, meaning Parliament will not sit between mid-September and mid-October. The move, which was approved by Queen Elizabeth, limits the time opponents have to derail a disorderly Brexit, but also increases the chance that Johnson could face a vote of no-confidence in his government, and possibly an election.

"Make no mistake, this is a very British coup," John McDonnell, the second most



Johnson argued that the move was designed to allow his government to press on with its domestic agenda. AP

powerful man in the opposition Labour Party, said. More than half a million people signed an online petition to object and the pound fell sharply.

In a sign that Johnson's move had marked a significant escalation in the long-running dispute, a group of cross-party lawmakers sought a legal injunction and the speaker of parliament said the nation's democratic process was at risk.

A spokeswoman for the European Commission, when asked about the British suspension of parliament, said it was a matter for Britain to answer.

No-trust vote likely

On Tuesday, the leaders of Britain's opposition parties had agreed to seek to use parliamentary procedure to force Johnson to ask Brussels for a delay to Brexit beyond Oct. 31. They may now try to bring him down.

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn said he would call a no-confidence vote when the time was right.

With Johnson holding a working majority of just one seat in the 650-seat parliament, members of his party who oppose a no-deal Brexit will have to decide where their loyalties lie.

EXPLAINED
Suspending House before Queen's Speech is normal; the timing is not

THE QUEEN'S Speech to the Parliament sets out the agenda of the government for the coming year and heralds the start of a new legislative session. Parliament is usually shut, sometimes for up to 20 days, before the Queen's Speech. None of this is controversial. However, the current parliamentary session has lasted for over two years because of the amount of legislative work that goes into Brexit. By setting Oct 14 as the date for the Queen's Speech and suspending Parliament for a month before that, Johnson has left very little time for MPs to legislate to prevent a no-deal Brexit on Oct 31. The fact that the move comes soon after a united opposition agreed to come together in Parliament to stop such an exit from the EU has been seen by opponents as an affront to democracy.

'CONSTITUTIONAL OUTRAGE'



"(Suspending Parliament would) deprive the electorate of the opportunity to have their representatives hold the government to account, make any key decisions and ensure that there is a lawful basis for action taken."

JEREMY CORBYN
OPPOSITION LEADER

"Shutting down Parliament would be an offence against the democratic process and the rights of parliamentarians as the people's elected representatives."

JOHN BERCOW
HOUSE OF COMMONS SPEAKER

"It would be a constitutional outrage if Parliament were prevented from holding the government to account at a time of national crisis. Profoundly undemocratic."

PHILIP HAMMOND
CONSERVATIVE MP AND FORMER FINANCE MINISTER

TRUMP BACKS BORIS



"Would be very hard for Jeremy Corbyn... to seek a no-confidence vote against new Prime Minister Boris Johnson, especially in light of the fact that Boris is exactly what the UK has been looking for and will prove to be a great one. Love UK."

DONALD TRUMP
US PRESIDENT



The US military was sent to Afghanistan in 2001. Reuters

Taliban: Close to agreement on pulling US troops out of Afghanistan

ABDUL QADIR SEDIQI & SAYED HASSIB
KABUL, AUGUST 28

THE TALIBAN said on Wednesday it was close to an agreement with US officials on a deal that would see US forces withdraw from Afghanistan in exchange for a Taliban promise that the country would not become a haven for international militants.

Negotiations over how to end the 18-year war in Afghanistan have been held in Doha, capital of Qatar, since late last year. The ninth round of talks began last week.

"We hope to have good news soon for our Muslim, independence-seeking nation," said Suhail Shaheen, a spokesman for the Taliban's political office in Doha. US officials engaged in talks with the Taliban in Doha were not immediately available for comment.

Two sources with knowledge of the negotiations said the US special representative for Afghanistan, Zalmay Khalilzad, who has been leading the talks, is scheduled to be in Kabul to brief President Ashraf Ghani about the agreement.

A senior security official in Kabul said the Taliban and US officials had agreed on a timeline of about 14 to 24 months for the withdrawal of the US forces. Details would be shared with the Afghan government before they were made public, the official said. Ghani, who is seeking a second term in September, has repeatedly offered to hold direct talks with the Taliban, but the group demanded a complete withdrawal of foreign forces as a precondition to start negotiations. REUTERS

Pak judge stops hearing midway after receiving transfer message on WhatsApp

MZULQERNAIN
LAHORE, AUGUST 28

A JUDGE in Pakistan received his transfer message through WhatsApp in the middle of the hearing of a high-profile political case at the special court in Lahore on Wednesday.

As the hearing in the drug case against opposition PML-N Punjab chief and former law minister Rana Sanaullah was underway at the Special Court for Control of Narcotics Substance, Lahore, presiding judge Masood Arshad announced that he had been asked to stop working through a "WhatsApp message", and therefore he could not continue the proceedings.

"I have just received a message on my WhatsApp. I have been asked to stop working and my services have been repatriated to the Lahore High Court," Arshad told the defence and prosecution lawyers.

During the proceedings the judge observed that the video the prosecution presented in the court regarding recovery of 15 kg heroine from the car of Sanaullah did not actually establish the recovery. The court was hearing the bail application of Sanaullah.

The judge's announcement came as a surprise for those in the court. "What happened today is unprecedented. The government is now deciding from which judge it wants to get a case heard. The manner in which the trial judge was stopped from working is highly questionable," said Sanaullah's counsel Azam Tarar.

The government's justice and law department on Wednesday also transferred the judges who were hearing the case of PML-N leaders Shahbaz Sharif, Maryam Nawaz and Hamza Shahbaz. PTI

Amid Amazon fire, Bolsonaro weakens environment agency

JAKE SPRING & STEPHEN EISENHAMMER
BRASILIA, AUGUST 28

AS THE world recoils at the sight of fires ravaging Brazil's Amazon jungle, the nation's far-right government is undermining the agency charged with protecting the rainforest, Reuters has learned from interviews with ten current and former employees, public records and a review of internal government reports.

Conservative President Jair Bolsonaro has made no secret of his disdain for the public body, known as Ibama, which he has publicly rebuked as an impediment to the nation's development. Since he took office on January 1, Ibama's budget has shrunk by 25 per cent as part of government-wide belt tightening, according to internal government data collected by the opposition PSOL party and shared with Reuters. Among the

cuts: funding for prevention and control of forest fires was reduced by 23 per cent.

New leadership at Ibama also has made it tougher for the agency to crack down on illegal logging, farming and mining that have despoiled nearly 12,000 square kilometres in the Amazon this year, all of the former and current employees told Reuters.

For example, field agents have seen new restrictions on their ability to destroy heavy equipment found at the scene of environmental crimes, a long-standing tactic to slow land-grabbers, five of the people said.

In addition, an elite corps of Ibama forest cops has not seen action in the Amazon this year, a first since the heavily-armed unit was launched five years ago, according to four of the people familiar with the matter. Instead, these special agents have been confined largely to desk duty, the people say, or assigned field tasks far from hot spots in the rainforest. REUTERS



A truck with logs illegally extracted from the Amazon. Reuters



JAPAN ORDERS 870,000 TO FLEE HEAVY RAIN

Two people were confirmed dead on Wednesday as heavy rain pounded southwest Japan, prompting flood and landslide warnings and orders for 870,000 people to seek safety. More than a million more people were advised to leave their homes after the country's weather agency raised the alert to its highest level for parts of northern Kyushu. Reuters

26 killed in fiery attack on bar in southern Mexico

MARK STEVENSON
MEXICO CITY, AUGUST 28

AN ATTACK on a bar in Mexico's Gulf coast city of Coatzacoalcos killed 26 people and injured about a dozen, officials said Wednesday, and they said it was apparently overseen by a man who had been recently arrested but released.

"The criminals went in, closed the doors, the emergency



exits, and set fire to the place," President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said at his daily morning news conference.

Veracruz police said the Tuesday night attack targeted the "Bar Caballo Blanco", or "White Horse Bar". It is located just off a busy street in Coatzacoalcos, a city whose main industry has long been oil and oil refining.

Gov. Cuitláhuac García identified the chief suspect as a man known as "La Loca" and gave his name as Ricardo N because officials no longer give the full names of suspects. AP

TREATIES SIGNED IN THE 18TH AND 19TH CENTURIES PROMISE THEM A SEAT, SAY MEMBERS OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBE

Cherokee Nation seeks to send 1st delegate to US Congress, citing treaties

JOSE A DEL REAL
AUGUST 28

FOR NATIVE American tribes, treaties with the US government have often led to displacement, removal and outright erasure.

But now, the Cherokee Nation is turning to treaties signed in the 18th and 19th centuries to push for a delegate to Congress for the first time in history. The treaties, the Nation claims, promised them a seat at the table.

"These treaties are sacred. They mean something. There's no expiration date on them," said Chuck Hoskin Jr, chief of Cherokee Nation, who last week announced he would fulfil a long-standing legal right to ap-

point a delegate to Congress. "What I'm asking is for the government of the United States to keep its word."

Dr Charles Gourd, 70, director of the Cherokee National Historical Society, said he and others had wondered with incredulity why no Cherokee Nation delegate had ever been seated in Congress despite assurances to that effect. Hoskin's renewed push, weeks after he was sworn in as the new chief, in part reflects how far the Cherokee have come in terms of governance, Gourd said.

"We've talked about it, yes, but we hadn't done anything about it because there were other things that had to be done to get to this point," said Gourd, who has



Kimberly Teehee, the vice president of government relations for the Cherokee Nation, has been nominated to represent the Nation as a delegate to the House of Representatives. AP

studied Native American sovereignty. "In a real sense there was not a fully functioning govern-

ment, and there have been some growing pains. I think this is a measure of the maturity of our

tribal government."

Settled in northeastern Oklahoma after the Trail of Tears, the Cherokee Nation today has nearly 400,000 enrolled members, making it the largest of nearly 600 federally recognised Native American tribes. There are also two significantly smaller, independent Cherokee tribes recognised by the federal government that are based in Oklahoma and North Carolina.

Their effort to seat a delegate in Congress — albeit, a nonvoting member — comes amid a broader push for visibility and political representation among Native Americans. In November, Democrats Deb Haaland (Pueblo of Laguna) of New Mexico and Sharice Davids (Ho-Chunk

Nation) of Kansas became the first Native American women elected to Congress. Congress now has four Native American members, including Tom Cole (Chickasaw Nation) and Markwayne Mullin (Cherokee Nation), both Republicans of Oklahoma.

The right for the Cherokee to send a "deputy" to represent them in the US Congress was first codified in the Treaty of Hopewell of 1785, which defined Cherokee borders and promised certain protections in return. The right to send a "delegate" specifically to the House of Representatives was affirmed in the 1835 Treaty of New Echota — which is better remembered for being the legal basis for the Trail of Tears, which removed Native Americans from

their homelands.

The House of Representatives already has several nonvoting delegates. They represent Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands and the US Virgin Islands. But there has never been a delegate representing a sovereign Native American government.

It remains to be seen how the plan will be greeted by congressional leaders.

In his role as chief, Hoskin has selected Kimberly Teehee as the delegate; she will be considered by the Nation's legislative branch this week. He said he expected Teehee to be confirmed easily by the Nation. NYT

BAGEHOT

Boris's brain

An elite unit of wonks is busily trying to define Johnsonism

AT ITS BEST, the Downing Street Policy Unit can be one of the great engines of British government—a generator of new ideas and a recruiter of bright outsiders. Under Margaret Thatcher it championed privatisation and deregulation. Under Tony Blair it powered public-sector reform. But under Theresa May it withered into insignificance. In Mrs May's glory days—they did exist!—Nick Timothy tried to do all the thinking and after her disastrous election the lights in the Policy Unit went out completely.

They are blazing once again. The Policy Unit is now more than 20-strong, with impressive new recruits such as Liam Booth-Smith, a think-tanker, and John Bew, a professor at King's College London and author of an excellent biography of Clement Attlee. So far the atmosphere is all energy and camaraderie. The unit's members feel like commandos who have been given a momentous mission (taking Britain through Brexit) and have survived a hazing by a tough sergeant (Dominic Cummings). The day starts with a meeting at 8am and ends with another one at 7pm.

Boris Johnson has a journalist's interest in ideas—the bigger and brighter the better. He also has a Churchillian taste for mavericks. During the second world war Churchill surrounded himself with oddballs like Frederick Lindemann ("the Prof"), reasoning that unconventional times required unconventional solutions. Mr Johnson has concluded from the past two years of paralysis that the safest option may be the riskiest, and the riskiest the safest.

The maverick-in-chief is Mr Cummings, who sits above the Policy Unit rather than in it but whose influence is omnipresent. Mr Cummings is nothing if not an ideas man and frequently sets his underlings weekend homework such as finding areas of British comparative advantage that will strike fear into the European Union. The head of the Policy Unit, Munira Mirza, is a former member of the Revolutionary Communist Party, a Trotskyite groupuscule, and enthusiastic contributor to its house organ, *Living Marxism*. Many of her former comrades-in-arms such as Claire Fox, a member of the European Parliament for the Brexit Party, are prominent in Conservative Eurosceptic circles.

Will the Policy Unit be able to preserve its place at the heart of government? It is one thing to work yourself up into a frenzy of enthusiasm when Parliament is in recess and you've been in your job for a month. It is another to keep going when Parliament is in turmoil and hundreds of thousands of protesters are on the streets. Mr Johnson's government could easily end up being one of the shortest-lived in history. Yet if it survives—and particularly if it survives with an enhanced majority after an autumn election—there is a good chance that the Policy Unit will remain at the heart of Boris-world. Mr Johnson has a close relationship with Ms Mirza, forged when she was one of his deputies as mayor of London and reinforced when she defended ill-judged comments he had made about burqas. During Mr Johnson's first few weeks he has demonstrated the value of energy in the executive, setting a clear agenda for government, issuing a flurry of



Boris Johnson during a rugby coaching session at Haverstock School in London in 2015. Though he has basked in the public eye for decades, Mr Johnson is a consummate shape-shifter. Reuters

domestic-policy initiatives and centralising power in Downing Street.

Which all raises an intriguing question: what policies will the Policy Unit produce if Mr Johnson gets to stay in office for the longer term? The easiest way to answer this question is to study Policy Exchange, a centre-right think-tank whose alumni, including Ms Mirza and Messrs Booth-Smith and Bew, dominate the Policy Unit and are scattered throughout government. The think-tank has a library of papers on everything from the Irish backstop to social care. At the moment it is particularly interested in using infrastructure spending to bind the

United Kingdom together. It is a measure of Policy Exchange's influence that Mr Johnson referred to its recent paper on creating a British space programme in his first speech on the steps of Downing Street.

A second way is to study Mr Cummings's voluminous blog postings. Mr Cummings is an inveterate champion of reforming Whitehall and taking on vested interests (which he calls "the blob"). But perhaps his most interesting recent musings focus on how Britain is falling behind in the race to apply science and technology to solving practical problems—for example, using big data to tackle crime and agri-tech to boost

productivity on farms.

Defining Johnsonism

A third way is to study Mr Johnson himself. This is harder than you think. Though he has basked in the public eye for decades, Mr Johnson is a consummate shape-shifter. But a couple of things strike Bagehot about the prime minister in his current incarnation. One is that he sees himself as a liberal Tory who is fulfilling the party's historical function of adjusting to the arrival of a new force in British life—in this case nationalist populism. Mr Johnson is likely to embrace a peculiar mixture of liberal causes (such as en-

vironmentalism) and populist ones (such as stiffer prison sentences). The second is that Mr Johnson sees politics through the prism of City Hall, his former base as mayor, just as Mrs May saw it through the prism of the Home Office, which she ran before Downing Street. His main focus other than Brexit is on basic public services such as policing and transport. He has a (sometimes fatal) fascination with big infrastructure projects. Leaving aside Europe—admittedly a big aside—Mr Johnson is intellectually closer to Michael Heseltine, with his enthusiasm for fixing the problems of the left-behind with state activism, than he is to Thatcher.

All this suggests that, if Mr Johnson survives the next few months, Britain will be bombarded with a strange mix of policies. A bit of liberalism here and a bit of populism there, a flurry of initiatives for left-behind Britain one moment and a flurry for high-tech Britain the next. The challenge for the Policy Unit will not be remaining at the heart of government. It will be trying to produce some coherence out of this mish-mash—and trying to turn hot air into concrete policies that have some impact on the real world.

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CHARLEMAGNE

Ghosts of Terezin

Historical memorials are not enough to stop anti-Semitism in Europe

TEREZIN IS AN old garrison town in today's Czech Republic that was used by the Nazis as a Jewish ghetto during the second world war. Some 33,000 Jews died in Theresienstadt, as it is known in German, and over twice that number were transported from there to death in extermination camps further east. Today it is an eerie site: part town and part ghost-town, walls speckled with commemorative plaques, train tracks overgrown. The ghetto museum contains drawings by children who were imprisoned there. One by Arnost Jilovsky, born in 1931, depicts a wire fence with wheeling birds and fluffy clouds beyond. Doris Weiserova, one year younger, sketched butterflies fluttering through a flowery meadow. Both died in October 1944 in Auschwitz.

The literary immortalisation of Terezin's strange atmosphere came in 2001 with the novel "Austerlitz". Written by WG Sebald, a German author, it recounts the narrator's sporadic encounters with Jacques Austerlitz, an architectural historian whose Welsh foster parents concealed his true origins as one of the Jewish children evacuated to Britain under the Kindertransport initiative. Having for decades avoided 20th-century history, Austerlitz eventually traces his story back to Terezin, where his mother was interned before being killed. In the ghetto museum he finally comes to terms with the facts of the Holocaust. Pacing the streets outside, he particularly notices "the gates and doorways... all of them obstructing access to a darkness never yet penetrated."

Like many European countries, the Czech

A poll by the European Union of 16,000 Jews in 12 member states found that 89% thought anti-Semitism had risen in the past five years. Sometimes resurgent anti-Semitism is violent and proud, as with the beating with a belt of two men wearing skullcaps in Berlin last spring.

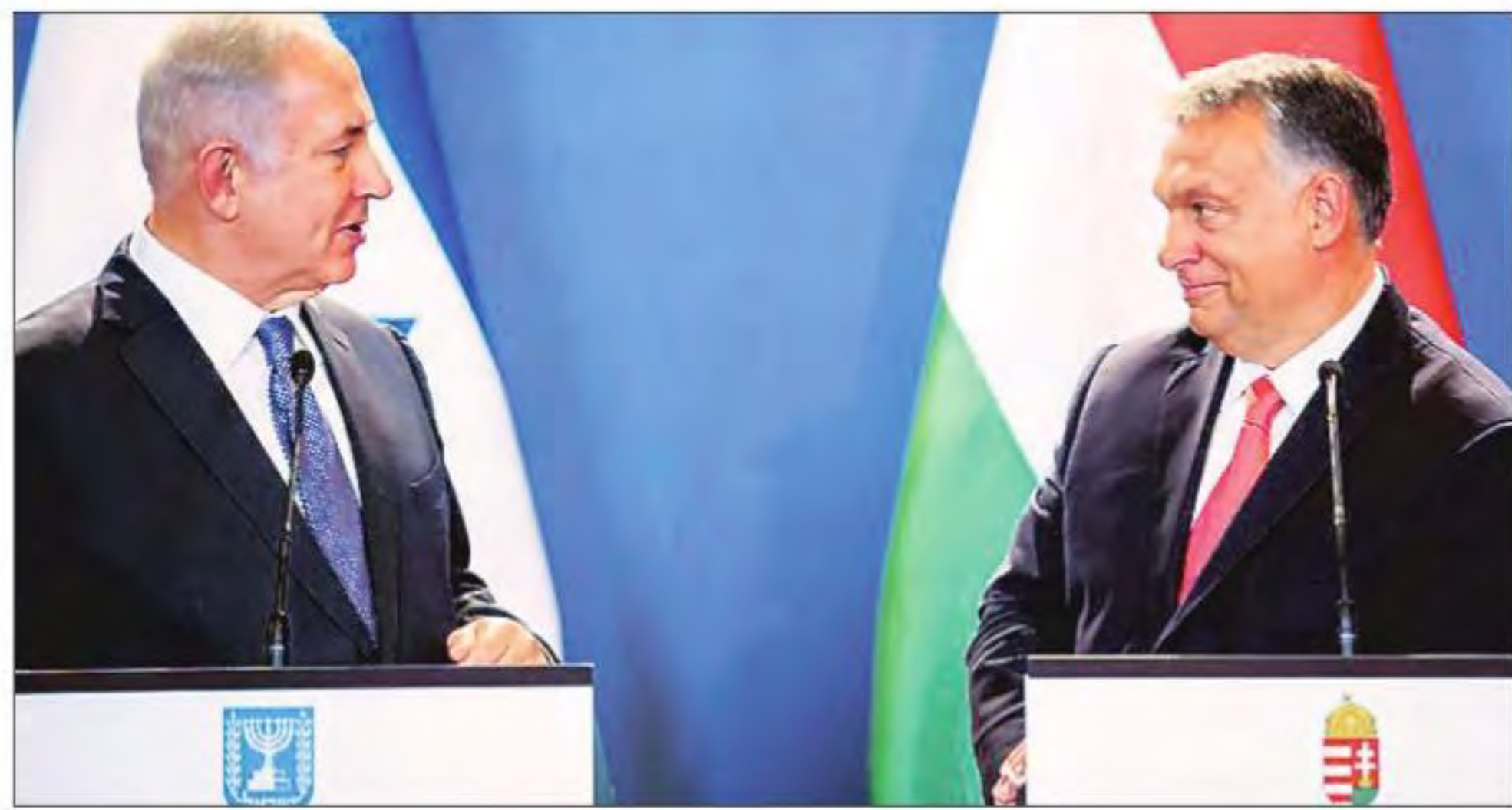
Republic contains myriad historical markers documenting the evil of anti-Semitism. One is a memorial in Prague's main station dedicated in 2017 by children of the Kindertransport to their murdered parents. Reminders of the lessons of history are plentiful for those willing to learn. Yet a report last month by the Federation of Jewish Communities revealed a 189% increase in anti-Semitic incidents in the Czech Republic between 2015 and 2018. Returning from Terezin to Prague, Charlemagne noticed a fresh crack on the Kindertransport memorial. Someone had recently taken a hammer to it.

A poll by the European Union of 16,000 Jews in 12 member states found that 89% thought anti-Semitism had risen in the past five years, and that one in three had experienced harassment in the past year. Sometimes resurgent anti-Semitism is violent and proud, as with the beating with a belt of two men wearing skullcaps in Berlin last spring.

Elsewhere it wears a mask of false innocence. Viktor Orban, Hungary's prime minister, maintains excellent relations with his Israeli counterpart Binyamin Netanyahu—yet he employs anti-Semitic themes in propaganda against George Soros, a Hungarian-born liberal philanthropist. The leaders of Britain's Labour Party have for years tolerated anti-Semitism in the ranks. All this in a continent awash with memorials of what happens when one turns a blind eye to bigotry.

There are two possible conclusions to draw. One is that Europe's commemorations of the Holocaust simply need to be bigger. But ten minutes by cab from the site of last year's belt-beating in Berlin is the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, a sea of gravestone-like pillars taking up an entire city block. If prominence were the key, this should curb the attacks. The more awkward conclusion is that memorials are not enough—that, read wrongly, they can imply that anti-Semitism belongs only to the past, and engender complacency about the present. Mr Orban can point to the cluster of iron shoes near the Hungarian parliament, marking the shooting of Jews there by fascists in 1944 and 1945, as proof that his country takes history seriously. Meanwhile, the opening of Budapest's newest Holocaust museum was delayed for years over complaints that it downplayed Hungarian collaboration with the Nazis.

Formal events and sites marking the Holocaust and other acts of anti-Semitism are of course essential and moving. Terezin is one of many examples. But the lessons to which



Hungary PM Viktor Orban (right) with Israel counterpart Binyamin Netanyahu in Budapest in 2017. Orban maintains excellent relations with Netanyahu — yet he employs anti-Semitic themes in propaganda against George Soros. AP

they bear testament cannot just be compartmentalised as acts of penance separate from everyday life. They must somehow impose themselves outside of commemorative events and memorials. They must invade the comfortable consciousness of ordinary citizens.

Remembering, not just remembrance

A survey by Comres and CNN last September found that 34% of Europeans said they had heard little or nothing of the Holocaust. Education and explanation are understandably at the heart of the European Jewish Congress's recently published action plan to tackle anti-Semitism. It proposes a

clearer definition of the phenomenon, new guidelines for schools and more funding for teaching and researching the Holocaust. But that will be an uphill struggle. Ignorance and indifference are laying fresh tracks on which anti-Semitic hatred can travel.

How to derail the train? Law enforcement must crack down systematically on anti-Semitic crimes. Leaders must shun politicians who blur the boundaries between mainstream politics and anti-Semitic filth. Educators and civil-society organisations must spread the lessons of the past. All must play their part in bridging the divide between memorials and everyday life. "Only when the generation that survived the war is no longer with us," said Angela Merkel last year, "will we discover if we

have learned from history."

Sebald's novel should act as inspiration. Austerlitz's trip to Terezin, to his first reckoning with his past after decades of denial, is prompted by the resonances of the oppressive violence of the past in the buildings he encounters on his travels. He is particularly obsessed with Europe's great train stations: places of happiness, but also silent witnesses to exploitation and oppression, to soldiers marching off to war, to exile and deportation. In Sebald's Europe the past cannot merely be contained by designated places of memory. It seethes and writes insistently, barely below the surface of everyday life. To learn the lessons, that surface must be broken.

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SASHASTRA SEEMA BAL
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e-NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer, Office of the Director General, SSB, East Block-V, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110066 on behalf of the President of India invites percentage rate e-Tenders from approved and eligible contractors of CPWD, and those of appropriate list of MES, P&T and Railways, State PWD and those having experience of works in SSB for similar type of works upto 1500 Hrs. on 13/09/2019 for the following works:-

Sl. No.	Name of Work	NIT No.	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Time of Completion	Cost of Tender
1.	Repainting and Repairing of Fortwall, Boundary Wall and Stadium Shed at 25 th BN, SSB, Ghitorni, New Delhi	217/Ghitorni/2019-20	17,71,843/-	35,437/-	120 days	560/-

Date of Start of tender submission : 30/08/2019
 Last date & time of tender submission : 13/09/2019 at 1500 Hrs.
 Date & time of opening of tender : 16/09/2019 at 1530 hrs

All relevant details like, specification/ qualitative requirement etc. terms & condition are available on the SSB Website www.ssb.nic.in / www.eprocure.gov.in. All tenderers are requested to visit SSB website regularly to check changes, if any, in the Tender document. No separate communication will be made. Tenderer must ensure up-loading of legible documents.

State Bank of India
STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH
 2nd Floor, Patna Main Branch Building, West Gandhi Maidan, Patna- 800 001

Publication of Notice regarding possession of property u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002

Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a demand notice was issued on the dates mentioned against each account and stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13 (4) of said Act read with rule 9 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against each account.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the STATE BANK OF INDIA for an amount and interests thereon.

Name of Account/Borrower & Address	Name of Proprietor/Partners/Guarantors/Owner of property etc.	Description of the property mortgaged/charged	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount Outstanding
M/s Hart Om Enterprises Prop.: Sri Kumar Kashinath, Near Vivek Vihar School, Nawal Kishore Road, Nala Road, P.O: Kadam Kuan, Patna-800004.	Sri Kumar Kashinath, Address: Flat No.202-B, M.P., Regency, Off R K Bhattacharya Road, Patna-800001.	Property owned by: Sri Kumar Kashinath S/o Late Satyadeo Prasad Sale Deed No.15275 dated 30.06.2007. All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Flat No.202-B on 2nd Floor, Area-965 sq.ft. at MP Regency, Off RK Bhattacharya Road, Thana-Gandhi Maidan, Dist.-Patna, Survey Plot No.-79(P), Thana No.137, Tauli No.205, Ward No.18, Circle No.9, Holding No.1126/595/302-B, Bounded by: North-Open Space, South-Common passage, East-Open space & Block-A, West-Flat No.203-B.	06.06.2018	26.08.2019	35,97,712.00 and further interest from 28/05/2018, other charges costs, etc thereon.

Place : Patna Date : 26.08.2019

AUTHORISED OFFICER
STATE BANK OF INDIA, SARB, PATNA

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Prayagraj Nagar Nigam (PNN)
1-Sarojini Naidu Marg, Civil Lines, Prayagraj- 211001 Uttar Pradesh,

[RFP No.: 904/STCE/2019 Date: 27.08.2019]

Online item rate tenders are invited by Prayagraj Nagar Nigam for Supply & installation of open air gyms (outdoor) equipment including necessary civil work in 200 (approx) identified open spaces/parks of prayagraj city under Smart City Mission (SCM) in Prayagraj city.

S. No.	Name of the Package	Estimated amount (Rs)	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.)	Tender Fee non-refundable (Rs.)	Time Period
1.	Package-1 - 75 Locations	2,22,55,278.40	4,45,105.00	5,000.00	6 months
2.	Package-2 - 70 Locations	2,09,67,181.60	4,19,345.00	5,000.00	6 months
3.	Package-3 - 55 Locations	1,66,80,403.90	3,33,608.00	5,000.00	6 months

2. Method of selection : Lowest financial proposal (L1) of qualified bidders

3. Name of the Authority's official for addressing queries and clarifications : Prayagraj Nagar Nigam E-mail: itofficer.mca@gmail.com

4. Proposal Validity Period : 90 Days

5. Time of Completion : 6 Months

Task	Key Dates
Bid upload date/time	28/08/2019, 15:00 Hrs
Bid Start Date	28/08/2019, 15:00 Hrs
Bid End Date	12/09/2019, 15:00 Hrs
Opening of Technical Bids	12/09/2019, 16:30 Hrs
Opening of Financial Bid	To be communicated

7. Consortium to be allowed : No

8. Sub-contracting is allowed : Only for civil works

a. The scope of work, technical specification, terms & conditions, BOQ are given in Request for Proposal (RFP) and the same can be downloaded from <http://etender.up.nic.in>

Sd/-
(Dr. Ujjwal Kumar)
 Nagar Aayukt
 Prayagraj Nagar Nigam

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E-TENDER NOTICE

Cantonment Board Bareilly invites E-tender/bids through Central Public Procurement Portal of Govt. of India (www.eprocure.gov.in) under two bids/cover system i.e. Technical Bid (Cover-1) and Financial Bid (Cover-2) for the following term contract works for F.Y. 2019-20 :-

Sl. No.	Particulars of the Works	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Rs.)	Tender documents Cost Fee (Rs.)
1	Repairs of C.F. Buildings including Schools, C.G.H, Qtrs, Public Toilets, Office and Other Assets.	100.00 lac	2,00,000/-	Rs.1000/-
2	Repair & Maintenance of C.C./Tiled And Interlocking Paver/Path/ Pavements.	35.00 lac	70,000/-	Rs.1000/-
3	Repairs, Maintenance of Drains, Culverts at various locations in Civil Area of the Cantonment.	35.00 lac	70,000/-	Rs.1000/-
4	Periodic White/Colour Washing And Painting of Buildings And Other Assets/ Properties/Premises, Conveniences etc.	20.00 lac	40,000/-	Rs.1000/-
5	Repairs & Maintenance of existing pillars and renovation/ re-erection of dilapidated/missing Boundary Pillars in Cantonment.	10.00 lac	20,000/-	Rs.1000/-

Schedule of Activities/Dates for E-Tendering is as follow :-

Sl. No.	Activity	Date & Time
1	Publishing date of E-Tender	31-08-2019 at 1200 hrs
2	Document Download start date	31-08-2019 at 1200 hrs
3	Document Download end date	22-09-2019 at 1200 hrs
4	Bid submission start date (cover-1 & 2)	31-08-2019 at 1200 hrs
5	Bid submission end date (cover-1 & 2)	22-09-2019 at 1200 hrs
6	Technical bid opening date (cover-1)	23-09-2019 at 1200 hrs

NOTE :- The CEO/Cant Board Bareilly reserves the right to accept/reject any or all applications/tenders without assigning reasons thereof. The estimated cost as shown above is tentative and may increase or decrease as per the decision of Cantonment Board/Competent Authority. The applicants/contractor should note that award of contract and execution of above works are subject to availability of funds with Cantonment Board Bareilly/Corrigendum/Addendum/Amendment to this publication, if any, would appear only on the above mentioned website www.eprocure.gov.in and will not be published elsewhere. The bidders shall be responsible for checking for the same from time to time.

For further details of Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) please log on to website at www.eprocure.gov.in.

Sd/-
(Dr. Anupam Talwar, IDES)
 Chief Executive Officer
 Cantonment Board Bareilly

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Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lacs)
1	कॉन्क्रिट डैम मरिचक, जयपुर-दक्षिण	
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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department
 Notice Inviting Tenders for supply of Cement, Steel Rods, Steel Doors, Windows & Ventilators and transportation of Bitumen and Bitumen Emulsion for the year 2019-20

1. For full details, visit www.tntenders.gov.in

2. e-Bids are invited by the Project Director, DRDA of concerned Districts of Tamil Nadu state under two cover system, for supply of Cement, steel rods, Steel doors, windows & ventilators and transportation of bitumen and bitumen emulsion for the year 2019-20.

3. The bid documents can be downloaded free of cost from www.tntenders.gov.in from 04.09.2019 to 10.10.2019

4. Common date and time for downloading of Bid document, submission and opening:

Sl. No.	Task	Key Dates
(i)	Last Date and Time for downloading and Online Submission of Bid Documents	04.10.2019 upto 3.00 PM
(ii)	Date and Time of online opening of Bid Documents	04.10.2019 4.00 PM onwards
(iii)	Delivery, transportation of bitumen and bitumen emulsion	04.10.2019 onwards
(iv)	Last Date and Time for downloading and Online Submission of Bid Documents	10.10.2019 upto 3.00 PM
(v)	Date and Time of online opening of Bid Documents	10.10.2019 4.00 PM onwards

DIRECTOR,
 DIPR/2948/TENDER/2019 Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority
 Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida-201301 (U.P.)
 Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.com

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited from firms/contractors registered with UPLC Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened / downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on noida authority's official website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com & <https://etender.up.nic.in>. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes /amendments & corrigendum etc.

- 18/SM(Jal)-II/ET/19-20, Strength of Sewerage (Desilting work for commissioning of Sewer line in Sec-75 & 79), Noida. Cost-Rs.30.88 Lacs.
- 20/SM(Jal)-II/ET/19-20, M/o W/s (Repairing, Painting and other works of OHT-37), Noida. Cost-Rs. 31.88 Lacs.
- 23/SM(Jal)-II/ET/19-20, M/o W/s (Repairing, Painting, Strengthening of Water works Compound-100), Noida. Cost-Rs. 32.82 Lacs.
- 24/SM(Jal)-II/ET/19-20, M/o W/s (Cleaning of OHT, UGR for Two Year in Network Sec-100), Noida (Part-B) (R/o Sluice valve, Reflex valve and Some other work). Cost-Rs.29.32 Lacs.
- 29/SM(Jal)-II/ET/19-20, Vill. Dev. (P/L of Sewer Line and Sewer Connection in Village-Garhi Samaspur), Noida. (Balance Work). Cost-Rs. 31.66 Lacs.
- 30/SM(Jal)-II/ET/19-20, Strengthening of W/s (P/L of D.I. Water Line from Ganga Jal UGR Sector-47 to Sector-107), Noida. Cost-Rs. 48.34 Lacs.
- 31/SM(Jal)-II/ET/19-20, Vill. Dev. (P/L of PVC Water Line, M.S. Work, P/F Sluice Valve and Making Chambers of Sluice Valve in Village-Yakubpur), Noida. (Balance Work). Cost-Rs. 30.99 Lacs.

The above tenders can be uploaded by date 13/09/2019 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened /downloaded on date 16/09/2019 at 11.00 AM.

(YOGENDRA KUMAR)
 SENIOR MANAGER (JAL)-II
 SECTOR-37, NOIDA

CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
 Madurai (Construction and Maintenance) Circle
TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.4/2019-20/HDO/Dated: 27.08. 2019

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamilnadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 03.10.2019, 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer, (H) C&M, Madurai Circle for CRIDP 2019-20 Works, (Package No.17 to 21) pertaining Madurai, Theni, Palani, Sivagangai and Ramanathapuram (H) (C&M) Division.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 30.08.2019 onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in>. If any changes/corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H)
 C&M, Madurai Circle
 DIPR/2949/Tender/2019

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
 Salem Highways (Construction and Maintenance) Circle
TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.4 / 2019-20 / HDO / Dated : 26.08.2019

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamilnadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 01.10.2019 - 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer, (H), C&M, Salem Circle, for CRIDP 2019-20 Works, (Package No.1 to 20) pertaining Salem (H) (C&M) Division.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 30.08.2019 onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in>. If any Changes/Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H)
 (C&M) CIRCLE, SALEM
 DIPR/2953/TENDER/2019

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
 Chennai Construction and Maintenance Circle
TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No. 10 / 2019-20 / HDO / Dated 28.08.2019

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 01.10.2019, 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Chennai Circle for works under CRIDP 2019-20 Scheme (Package No. 1 to 18 and one Single work) and two works in Newly Extended Chennai Corporation area under Phase - III 2019-20 pertaining to Chennai City Roads (H) C&M Division

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 30.08.2019 onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in>. If any Changes/Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

Superintending Engineer(H)
 C&M, Chennai Circle
 DIPR/2954/TENDER/2019

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER

e-Tender Notice No. e-Tender/2019/39, dated 26.08.2019. e-Tender is invited by Divisional Railway Manager (Engg), S.E. Railway, Kharagpur-721301 for and on behalf of the President of India for the following work before 15.00 hrs. on the date mentioned against items and will be opened at 15.30 hrs. Sl. No. & Tender Nos., Description of Work : (1) E-KGP-West-49-2019. Monumental flag at Midnapore, Jhargram, Tamlik, Balasore, Baripada stations in Kharagpur Division under the jurisdiction of DEM/West/Kharagpur. (2) E-KGP-West-50-2019. Construction of new bridge (Br. no. 135) in replacement of existing damaged bridge over Kharagpur-Midnapore section under the jurisdiction of ADEN/West/Kharagpur. (2nd Call). (3) E-KGP-West-51-2019. Renewal of hiring of vehicle for official work of Sr DEM/CO/KGP (02 years) (2nd Call). (4) E-KGP-West-52-2019. Renewal of hiring of vehicle for official work of (i) ADEN/West/KGP (02 years) (2nd Call). Tender Value : ₹ 79,57,835.43 for sl. no. 1, ₹ 1,80,04,126.10 for sl. no. 2, ₹ 8,81,951.80 for sl. no. 3 and ₹ 8,55,631.80 for sl. no. 4. Earnest Money : ₹ 1,59,200/- for sl. no. 1, ₹ 2,40,000/- for sl. no. 2, ₹ 17,800/- for sl. no. 3 and ₹ 17,100/- for sl. no. 4. Cost of Tender Document : ₹ 5,000/- for sl. nos. 1 & 2, ₹ 2,000/- for sl. nos. 3 & 4. Date of Opening : 03.10.2019 for each. Completion Period of the work : 06 Months for sl. no. 1, 12 months for sl. no. 2 and 24 months for sl. nos. 3 & 4. Bidding Start Date : From 19.09.2019 and upto 15.00 hrs. on 03.10.2019. Interested Tenderers may visit website www.ireps.gov.in for full details/description/specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for these works will be accepted. N.B. Prospective Bidders may regularly visit www.ireps.gov.in to participate in all tenders. (PR-675)

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD

E-Tender Notice

No. AGR/ELE/OP/TENDER/2019/07 Dated 26.08.2019

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer (TRD), North Central Railway, Agra, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites the following E-Tender in prescribed form the details of the tenders are as under:

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Name of work	Approx. Cost (in ₹)	Earnest Money (in ₹)
1	2	3	4	5
1	AGRA/ ELE/ OP/ TENDER /2019/07	Loading unloading and transportation of Loose pliers and Assil. Loose pliers line boxes from box room to train & train to box room in various platforms of New Delhi Railway Station	8617134.80	172400.00

(6) Cost of Tender Documents: ₹ 900.00 (7) Completion Period (in Days): 730 Days (8) Date of opening of tender: 17.09.2019 Note:- 1. This complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders will be available on website www.ireps.gov.in up to 15.00 hrs. on 17.09.2019 the due date of tender opening. 2. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act 2000. 3. Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entry in any other form / letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered. 4. Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. 5. This tender notice has also been uploaded on www.ncc.indiarailways.gov.in. 6. Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Document Cost in respect of E-Tendering shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. 7. In case of any difficulty/helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached.

North central railways @CPRONCR 1242/19 FA

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
 (A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
 # 49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan Race Course Road Bengaluru - 560 001. Phone No. 22267891 / 40931272 website : www.kiadb.in.

No. IADB/ENG/ETND-EP-12/2019-20 Date: 28.08.2019

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
 (Through GOK e - Procurement Portal Only)

Item rate Tenders under two cover system are invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from Class-I Contractors (Civil) registered in KPWD who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the following works as per the schedule given below:

Sl No.	Name of the Work	Approx. cost put to tender (Rs in lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in lakhs)	Time for completion including Monsoon	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6
KW-4					
1	Up-Gratation of Roads, Drains & Culverts at Thimmanahalli Industrial Area, Hassan District.	330.50	4.95	6 Months	KPWD Class - I (Civil)

Applicants may Download Bid Document & Schedule of Date from the E-Procurement Portal <http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>

Sd/-
 Chief Development Officer & Chief Engineer
 DIPR/DDU/R.C:1087/2019-20

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
 Salem Highways (Construction and Maintenance) Circle
TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No. 5 / 2019-20 / HDO / Dated : 27.08.2019

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamilnadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 01.10.2019 - 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer, (H) C&M, Salem Circle for CRIDP 2019-20 Works, (Package No.21 to 36) pertaining Edappady (H) (C&M) Division.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 30.08.2019 onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in>. If any changes/corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H)
 (C&M) CIRCLE, SALEM
 DIPR/2946/TENDER/2019

एकीकृत आजीविका सहयोग परियोजना (IFAD-ILSP), उत्तराखण्ड ग्राम्य विकास समिति (UGVS) (ग्राम्य विकास विभाग, उत्तराखण्ड शासन)

216, पंडितवाडी, फेज-III, देहरादून, उत्तराखण्ड, दूरभाष: 0135-2773800, E-mail: info@ugvs.org www.ugvs.org

पत्रांक : 1496/प्रकाशन/2019-20 दिनांक 27.08.2019

उत्तराखण्ड ग्राम्य विकास समिति द्वारा एकीकृत आजीविका सहयोग परियोजना के अन्तर्गत स्थापित होने वाले ग्राम सचिवों हेतु निम्न सामग्री की आपूर्ति हेतु GST फ्रीकृत अनुमोदी, प्रतिष्ठित फर्मों आदि से डि-निविदा प्रणाली के अन्तर्गत वेबसाइट www.uktenders.gov.in के माध्यम से ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

Sr. No.	Name of materials	Download Start Date and Time	Download End Date and Time
1.	Generators- 11 nos Bid Ref: - 1461 ILSP/GC-4/2019-20/ dated - 26/08/2019	27/08/2019	17/09/2019 up to 1100 hours

निविदा वेबसाइट <https://uktenders.gov.in> के माध्यम से केवल ऑन लाइन ही स्वीकार की जाएगी। इच्छुक एवं अर्हत निविदादाताओं द्वारा निविदा दस्तावेजों को घंटेदर राशि एवं अन्य सभी सूचनाओं सहित वेबसाइट <https://uktenders.gov.in> से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। वेबसाइट पर निविदा अपलोड करने के लिये निविदादाता को पास DSC(Digital Signature Certificate) होना अनिवार्य है। भविष्य में निविदा के सम्बन्ध में किसी भी संशोधन (amendment/corrigendum) को केवल <https://uktenders.gov.in> पर ही अपलोड किया जायेगा। अग्र परियोजना निदेशक उत्तराखण्ड ग्राम्य विकास समिति

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & DIRECTOR STATE FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE, JABALPUR - 482008 (M.P.)
 (An Autonomous Institute of Forest Department, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh)
 Phone: (0761) 2665540 (Direct), EPABX : (0761) 2666529 Fax: (0761) 2661304
 E-mail: sdfr@rediffmail.com, mpsfri@gmail.com, mpsfri@mp.gov.in
 No./Store/GEN/WL/SEM/2989 Jabalpur, Date 28/8/2019

TENDER NOTICE

Scheduled tender are invited by the undersigned from authorized dealers/reputed manufacturers for the supply of-

1- Global water flow probe	01 No.
2- Water depth finder /Eco Sounder	01 No.
3- Cooling micro Centrifuge	01 No.
4- Thermocycle PCR	01 No.
5- Double beam UV-VIS Spectrophotometer	01 No.
6- Relascope	01 No.

by Tender Form Fee Rs.1000/- on or before dated 09/09/2019. More details of tender can be obtained from the institute website <http://www.mpsfri.nic.in> but in this case one should submit a DD of Rs. 1000/- by name of Director SFRRI, Jabalpur with the form on the date of submission of the form. Tender submitted in any other form (Other than prescribed form) shall be declared invalid and rejected.

Dy Director (D.D.O.)
 State Forest Research Institute
 Jabalpur (MP).

19 ECONOMY

GOLD	RUPEE	OIL	SILVER
₹39,970	₹71.77	\$59.54	₹48,850

Indian basket as on August 26 2019

SENSEX: 37,451.84 ▼ 189.43 NIFTY: 11,046.10 ▼ 59.25 NIKKEI: 20,479.42 ▲ 23.34 HANG SENG: 25,615.48 ▼ 48.59 FTSE: 7,065.62 ▼ 23.96 DAX: 11,589.46 ▼ 140.56

International market data till 1900 IST

RESEARCHERS AT CAFRAL SAID CURRENT CORE CAPITAL OF RBI AT 6.6% IS TOO LOW As RBI picks lower end of risk buffer at 5.5% its think tank pegged ideal level above 16%

SUNNY VERMA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

THE CENTRAL Board of the Reserve Bank of India Monday decided to maintain the realised equity level at 5.5 per cent of the RBI's balance sheet as against the existing 6.8 per cent (as on June 30, 2019), thereby adopting the lower band of the safe range of 5.5-6.5 per cent recommended by the Bimal Jalan Committee that reviewed the economic capital framework of the central bank.

This resulted in Rs 52,637 crore of excess provisions identified under a revised Economic Capital Framework (ECF) adopted by the RBI board, which the RBI decided to transfer to the government along with Rs 123 lakh crore of surplus transfer for 2018-19.

While the RBI has adopted to maintain the level of 5.5 per cent of realised equity, an independent research body promoted by the central bank had in a recent research paper argued that the core capital of the RBI "at 6.6 percent is too low (and) the target number for the RBI core capital should be above 16 percent." The Centre For Advanced Financial Research and

Learning (CAFRAL), which is promoted by the RBI, published a research paper in January 2019 on the subject "Central Bank Equity: Facts and Analytics", which analysed equity levels of central banks of 45 countries from around the world consisting of the 14 developed countries and 31 emerging and developing economies.

"Our estimates, for all confidence intervals, all methods and all time horizons for computing returns, suggest that at 6.6 per cent the current level of the core capital of the RBI is too low. The target number for the RBI core capital, as per our estimates, should be above 16 per cent, which is more than double the RBI's current level of core capital," the report concluded. The authors of the report — led by Amartya Lahiri, director at CAFRAL — had clarified that these are their opinion and do not reflect the views of any organisation.

The report argued that higher equity levels were needed for central banks to manage risks better and to withstand losses in any given year. Low capital reserves compromise the ability of a central bank to manage risks and losses in a given year can push the central bank into negative equity

EXPLAINED

Desired levels of equity: debate settled for now

EVEN AS the Reserve Bank of India has decided to maintain 5.5 per cent equity as a percentage of its balance sheet, based on the lower end of the safe range of 5.5-6.5 per cent suggested by the Jalan Committee, a recent research paper by authors at RBI-promoted research centre had argued that present core capital of the RBI is too low and it should be raised above 16 per cent to cover all risks. Despite varied views on the desired levels of equity for the RBI, the Jalan panel report has settled this debate for now.

CENTRAL BANK CAPITAL RATIOS

Developed Countries	
Denmark	14.65%
Switzerland	13.77%
Singapore	13.42%
United States	0.93%
Emerging Markets/Others	
Hong Kong	18.90%
Croatia	12.52%
Kenya	11.44%
South Africa	9.25%
Indonesia	8.31%
Sri Lanka	6.70%
India	6.60%
Turkey	6.28%
Malaysia	3.87%
Brazil	0.75%

Source: CAFRAL research paper

territory, affecting their operational capability. "We find that negative income shocks amongst central banks are fairly common. In any given year, more than one in seven central banks have negative surpluses with the number rising to one in five in some years. Moreover, when negative income shocks occur they can be large enough to wipe out the entire core capital of the central bank," the report said.

More than one in every seven central banks suffer losses every year with the proportion becoming as high as one in five in some years, the research paper argued, pitching for higher equity levels for the central bank. While the CAFRAL report pitched for 16 per cent core equity level for the RBI, the committee under former RBI Governor Bimal Jalan, recommended the realised equity level to be kept within a band of 6.5-5.5 per cent. At the upper band of 6.5 per cent, excess of risk provisioning would have been Rs 11,608 crore. The RBI has adopted 5.5 per cent level. While recommending the level of equity capital for the

RBI to maintain Contingency Risk Buffer (CRB), the Jalan Committee argued that this buffer is the country's savings for a 'rainy day' (a financial stability crisis).

₹7.3L cr in CGRA account can't be transferred to govt

GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, AUGUST 28

THE CENTRAL Board of the Reserve Bank of India has decided not to transfer any amount from the CGRA (currency and gold revaluation account), which has Rs 730,000 crore of unrealised gains, to the government as recommended by the Bimal Jalan committee.

CGRA comprises unrealised gains or losses on foreign currency assets and gold due to movement in exchange rate and prices of gold. There will be no distribution of unrealised revaluation balances. This effectively means bulk of the RBI's Rs 10 lakh crore surplus — mostly lying in CGRA — can't be touched. This policy, as proposed by the committee, will be in vogue for the next five years. The contention of the RBI Board as well as the Jalan committee is that central bank doesn't have the money in its CGRA account as it's unrealised balance.

For the year ended June 2018, the RBI had total reserves of Rs 9.6 lakh crore, comprising mainly CGRA (Rs 6.91 lakh crore) and contingency fund (Rs 2.32 lakh crore). CGRA has now risen to Rs 7.3 lakh crore. Though the RBI's economic capital could appear to be relatively higher, it is largely on account of the revaluation balances which are determined by exogenous factors such as market prices and the RBI's discharge of its public policy objectives.

The RBI's economic capital has undergone a significant transformation over the past 20 years, with unrealised revaluation balances now accounting for almost 73 per cent of RBI's economic capital. Unrealised valuation buffers will be used as

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risk buffers against market risks. As a result, the excess realised equity as on June 30, 2018, ranges from Rs 26,280 crore (at upper bound of contingent risk buffer, or CRB) to Rs 62,456 crore (at lower bound of CRB).

One of the contentious issues in the conflict between the government and the RBI under Urjit Patel was the size of the central bank's reserves, which at Rs 9.6 lakh crore was then perceived as being excessive by the government. The government last year sought transfer of Rs 3.6 lakh crore surplus, more than a third of the total Rs 9.6 lakh crore reserves of the central bank to the government. The ministry had then suggested that this surplus can be managed jointly by the RBI and the government.

The identified excess capital of Rs 52,637 crore transferred by the RBI to the government is much lower than expectations of a transfer Rs 2-3 lakh crore. However, this disappointment was blunted owing to a much higher than expected normal dividend transfer for the current year which, if used judiciously, can be invaluable in making the Budget math sound more credible.

The RBI witnesses considerable accretion to its revaluation balances (CGRA) during periods of external stress (i.e. 2008, 2011 and 2013) when the trend towards depreciation is markedly strong. Further, a rapidly appreciating rupee can force the RBI to

intervene, increasing the size and currency mismatch of the balance sheet as well as depleting the CGRA. If liquidity absorption operations become warranted, there could be substantial decrease in the RBI's income as open market operations reduce holdings of government securities and interest outgo on account of reverse repo operations (though it may counteract to an extent the increased balance sheet size).

The CGRA can be used not only for meeting the risks of USD-INR, cross-currency and gold price movements, but also for interest rate risks. Similarly, the Investment Revaluation Account-Rupee Securities and IRA-FS Investment Revaluation Account-Foreign Securities can meet currency and gold price risks in addition to the interest rate risks.

In his speech on October 26, 2019, which brought into open the tussle between the Finance Ministry and the central bank, the then RBI Deputy Governor Viral Acharya said how a transfer of excess reserves from a central bank to the government can be "catastrophic," as had been proven in the case of Argentina. The transfer of \$6.6 billion of its central bank's reserves to the national treasury, sparked off "the worst constitutional crises in Argentina" and led to "a grave re-assessment of its sovereign risk", Acharya had asserted.

The RBI transferred a surplus of Rs 265,110 crore to the government during the 2014-18 period. This is 90 per cent of the net income. In 2017-18, the RBI transferred a surplus of Rs 50,000 crore to the government (comprising an interim transfer of Rs 10,000 crore), up from Rs 30,659 crore in 2016-17, but lower than in the previous three years.

SECTOR WATCH PHARMACEUTICAL

China's new drug law may open the doors for Indian generic medicines

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

CHINA'S CHANGED drug law, which removes drugs that are legal in foreign countries but not approved in China from the category of 'fake medicines', could open up the possibility of Indian generic drug manufacturers entering the Chinese market.

These drugs can be used by patients in small quantities from December 1, the newly revised drug administration law of the country said. Until now, all foreign generic drugs not approved in China were clubbed under the counterfeit category and were illegal.

The revision was approved and announced at the end of the session of the National People's Congress (NPC), the country's top legislature, on Monday, according to a PFI report. The change in the law is good news for Chinese patients suffering from ailments such as cancer.

India has been demanding that China open its pharmaceutical market to Indian drugs as part of the efforts to lower the \$57 billion trade deficit in about \$95.5 billion total trade last year. No major Indian pharmaceutical company managed to establish itself in China in view of the rigid regulations and the costs involved.

Legal foreign drugs, including generic drugs from India, will not be treated as fake medicine in China based on a revised drug administration law that will take effect on December 1, state-run *Global Times* reported. The latest revision removes drugs that are legal in foreign countries but not approved in China from the category of fake medicines.

It also stated that people who take these drugs without an official approval into China can be granted leniency if the amount of the drug is small. China figures on the seventeenth position in the list of countries ranked in terms of value of India's exports of

INDIA'S EXPORT OF DRUGS, PHARMACEUTICALS & FINE CHEMICALS

Country	FY19 (in \$ mn)
US	5,820.41
UK	630.17
S Africa	619.08
Russia	485.55
Brazil	452.05
Nigeria	447.95
Germany	445.78
Canada	325.26
Belgium	277.49
France	276.66
Australia	276.19
Kenya	261.01
UAE	260.24
Vietnam	245.09
The Philippines	240.02
Nepal	232.76
China PRP	230.19

(Source: Pharmexil)

pharma and fine chemicals, even below Nepal. In June, India had called for a "clear roadmap" from China to meet its long-standing demand to open up Chinese pharmaceuticals market for Indian exports as the drug regulators of both the nations held their first ever meeting in Shanghai. India has, for long, been pushing China to open its pharmaceutical market, where the prices for cancer and generic drugs are relatively high. The opening up of the Chinese market for Indian pharma exports was seen as a means to address the yawning trade deficit, which last year according to Chinese figures, crossed \$57 billion.

Besides pharmaceuticals, India has been asking China to open up its IT market as well to ensure steady increase of Indian exports.

Officials of India and China have been working to address India's concerns since last year's informal Wuhan summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Following the meeting, China had begun importing rice, sugar and soybean, but the pharma sector has remained a sticking point.

Jalan panel proposes change in RBI accounting year, transparent accounts

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, AUGUST 28

THE BIMAL Jalan Committee on Economic Capital Framework of the RBI has proposed a more transparent presentation of the RBI's annual accounts and change in its accounting year from July to June to April to March from the financial year 2020-21.

The panel's report, which has been accepted by RBI Board, has noted that changes in the format of presentation of balance sheet would need necessary amendments to the RBI General Regulations. "The information may, therefore, be presented as a Schedule to the balance sheet till such time

the processes for completing change in style of balance sheet presentation are formalised," it said. The committee has recommended that the RBI accounting year (July to June) may be brought in sync with fiscal year (April to March) from 2020-21. "The RBI would be able to provide better estimates of the projected surplus transfers to the government for the financial year for budgeting purposes," the committee said.

"It could reduce the need for interim dividend being paid by the RBI. The payment of interim dividend may then be restricted to extraordinary circumstances," it said. It would obviate any timing considerations that may enter into the selection of open market

operations or Market Stabilization Scheme as monetary policy tools. It would also bring about greater cohesiveness in monetary policy projections and reports published by RBI which mostly use the fiscal year as the base, the panel said.

"This is important in light of the very different estimates of RBI's capital which has been mentioned in the public domain," the panel said on the need for transparent accounts. In RBI's balance sheet, while capital and reserve fund are explicitly shown, other sources of financial resilience are grouped under 'Other Liabilities and Provisions' and enumerated via Schedules making it difficult to arrive at total risk provisions, the panel said.

'US-China trade war an opportunity for India'

India could increase its trade footprint in the midst of the US-China trade conflict, mainly under categories on which Washington has imposed tariffs on Beijing, as per a DBS Bank report. India needs constructive policies to counter risks, it said

INDIA'S DIRECT exposure to the US and China is modest compared to its regional peers. China (5%) and US (16%), totally account for a fifth of total merchandise exports



BY CONTRAST, regional economies are more exposed, particularly Taiwan, South Korea and Vietnam where a cumulative 40% of their total exports head to US and China

MORE EXPOSED TO US
■ Between the two, India is more exposed to the US, even as their bilateral trade surplus has been narrowing in recent years, said the report "Trade War and India: Five Factors to Watch".
■ Despite this, India's overall trade balance is in deficit, led by a sizeable gap with China.

MAY INCREASE FOOTPRINT
■ India could increase its

trade footprint in midst of the US-China trade conflict, particularly under categories on which US has imposed tariffs on China
■ Diversion in investment flows is also an opportunity that India could benefit from, as manufacturers seek alternative origination destinations
■ As a counter to tough global conditions, domestic policies will have to be constructive to revive demand, the report said

6% of total investment flows: US FDI into India jumped in 2018. There has been also notable pick-up in flows from China. Larger gains are likely in the medium-term as India continues to ease FDI norms
■ The US and China are locked in a trade war since President Donald Trump imposed heavy tariffs on imported steel and aluminium items in March last year

Gold nears ₹40K/10 gram; silver up ₹2,110 a kg

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

RESUMING ITS record-setting streak, gold price jumped Rs 300 on Wednesday to a fresh all-time high of Rs 39,970 per 10 gram here, according to the All India Sarafa Association, on higher demand from local jewellers and the yellow metal's appeal as safe-haven amid global economic concerns.

Silver skyrocketed Rs 2,110 to Rs 48,850 per kg, helped by positive trend overseas and strong demand from industrial units and coin makers. Traders and analysts said higher uptake by local jewellers ahead of festive season and investors preferring the yellow metal as a safe-haven asset

Global gold eases as investors book profits, dollar firms

Bengaluru: Gold eased on Wednesday as the US dollar strengthened and as investors locked in profit following a more than 1 per cent jump in the last session, but uncertainty over US-China trade dispute and the global economic

supported by increased safe haven demand," said Hareesh V, head (commodity research), Geojit Financial Services.

In the national capital, gold of 99.9 per cent and 99.5 per cent purity jumped Rs 300 each at Rs 39,970 and Rs 39,800 per 10 gram, respectively. Sovereign gold soared Rs 300 to Rs 29,800 per eight grams. Silver ready skyrocketed Rs 2,110 to Rs 48,850 per kg, while weekly-based delivery jumped 1,289 to Rs 46,416 per kg.

Silver coins were in good demand and traded higher by Rs 2,000 at Rs 98,000 for buying and Rs 99,000 for selling of 100 coins.

CABINET DECISION 26% FDI in digital news media creates confusion in the industry

KRISHN KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

THE GOVERNMENT has created a new digital media category, distinct from print and broadcast media, and allowed 26 per cent foreign direct investment (FDI) through the government route. Until now, digital media was not considered as a separate category for the purposes of FDI.

Members of the industry, however, reacted differently to the decision since several digital media outlets have different levels of FDI at the moment. Some digital media companies have 100 per cent FDI, while some others are restricted to 49 per cent. In a press statement after the decision was taken by the Cabinet, the government said: "The extant FDI policy provides for 49 per cent FDI under approval route in Up-linking of 'News & Current Affairs' TV Channels. It has been decided to permit 26 per cent FDI under government route for uploading/streaming of News & Current Affairs through Digital Media, on the lines of print media."

Some industry stakeholders feel this creates a new category for media companies — digital news and current affairs media — for which the FDI has been brought down to 26 per cent, at par with print media. Contrary to the general impression that FDI norms have been eased, some in the industry said, the move is actually "restrictive" as it limits FDI into a

NOT CONSIDERED A SEPARATE CATEGORY TILL NOW

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field which had none earlier.

However, some others feel it could bring clarity which can help the industry in the long run.

Unlike broadcast and print media, digital media has no entry barriers. To broadcast news in India, a broadcast media company needs a uplinking and/or downlinking license; while newspapers or magazines need to register with the Registrar for the Newspapers of India (RNI), both of which fall under the Union Ministry for Information and Broadcasting.

But digital news media companies, which have websites or mobile apps, do not need any such registration. "Will they fire-wall anyone who is not in India," a senior industry source asked. The source mentioned that websites of almost all global news platforms can be viewed in the country, even though their companies may not be registered here. Similarly, there are digital

news platforms in the country, the source pointed out, which are headquartered outside the country. How will the government ensure all these digital news outlets are treated equally, the source said.

Another senior industry member, however, was more optimistic and said the move would bring much-needed clarity. The person said that "logically" it would mean that a company that "creates content and uploads it from India" will be allowed only 26 per cent FDI, while platforms that publish news, including websites or mobile applications could be based anywhere and read in India.

The person said that "if the intent is for big companies" to attract venture funding or strategic partners, it "will be good for everyone" as, the person said. The ambiguity at the moment could have made certain potential investors hesitant.

US 30-year bond yields at record low

REUTERS
NEW YORK, AUGUST 28

US TREASURY yields fell on Wednesday, with 30-year yields setting all-time lows, as fears about a recession and trade tensions between China and the United States stoked unrelenting demand for low-risk government debt.

Inversion is spreading across the US yield curve. Yield curve inversion often precedes a recession. Secondary trading volume of US Treasuries in Europe hit a 30-day

high, as per MarketAxess/Trax.

At 15:41 GMT, the yields on 30-year government bonds were 1.937 per cent, down 2.4 basis points from late on Tuesday. They hit an all-time low of 1.905 per cent earlier Wednesday. The 30-year yield is below 3-month T-bill rates, which has not happened since 2007. The spread on three-month T-bill rates over 10-year yields widened to 55 basis points, a level not seen since March 2007, while premium on 2-year yields above 10-year yields rose to 6.5 bps, as per Refinitiv and Tradeweb data.

Banks Board Bureau proposes names for GIC Re, AIC CMD posts, two managing directors for LIC

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, AUGUST 28

THE BANKS Board Bureau (BBB) has proposed the name of Devesh Srivastava and Malay Kumar Poddar for the post of Chairman and Managing Director in General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re) and Agriculture Insurance Company of India, respectively. It has also recommended Mukesh

Kumar Gupta and Raj Kumar for two Managing Director posts in public sector insurer LIC.

BBB, headed by Bhanu Pratap Sharma, former Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training, conducted the interviews for the posts on Tuesday.

Srivastava is currently a General Manager in GIC Re, the largest reinsurance company in India. Poddar is the General Manager in AIC, the largest crop

insurance company in the country. Alice Vaidyan retired as CMD of GIC Re on July 31, 2019.

In addition to Chairman, LIC has four Managing Directors. The recruitment drive is against the vacancy created by retirement of B Venugopal and Hemant Bhargava in May and July, respectively. Seven officials appeared for the interview for the two posts in LIC. For the top position in the two public sector general insurance

companies namely GIC and Agriculture Insurance, seven candidates were shortlisted.

Gupta is now Additional ED (personnel) in LIC while Raj Kumar is the Chief Executive of LIC's asset management company.

The final decision on the appointment will be taken by Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

India Ratings cuts FY20 GDP forecast to 6.7% from 7.3%

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

INDIA RATINGS has revised down India's GDP growth rate estimate for 2019-20 to six-year low of 6.7 per cent from its earlier forecast of 7.3 per cent owing to slowdown in consumption demand, delayed progress of monsoon so far, decline in manufacturing growth, rising global trade tension and inability of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code to resolve cases in time bound manner.

The recent measures announced by the government are "likely to support growth" only in the medium term, even though GDP growth may pick up in the second half due to base effect, the Fitch group company said.

Tax revenue collections in 2019-20 are expected to fall short by around Rs 1.5 lakh crore from the budgeted figure, it said. Meeting the fiscal deficit target, however, will not be difficult in view of the RBI's decision to transfer Rs 1.76 lakh crore to the

government, it said. "The agency believes that the additional surplus transfer of Rs 0.58 trillion (Rs 0.28 trillion transferred in FY19 itself) over and above the Rs 0.90 trillion budgeted in Union Budget FY20 is unlikely to meaningfully augment the government's ability to ramp up expenditure without undermining its fiscal consolidation roadmap," it said.

This would be the third consecutive year of subdued growth and even on quarterly basis, April-June is expected to be the fifth consecutive quarter of declining GDP growth at 5.7 per cent, India Ratings said.

Private consumption, which has been the mainstay of aggregate demand, has in fact come under pressure in urban as well as rural areas lately, India Ratings principal economist Sunil Kumar Sinha said. "While the reduced income growth of households has taken the sting out of the urban consumption, drought/hear-drought conditions in three of the past five years coupled with the collapse of food prices has taken a heavy toll on rural consumption," he said.

TO CHECK FRAUDS UNDER GST REGIME Set up task force with state, Central officers: Mitra to Sitharaman

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

FLAGGING CONCERNS regarding high instances of frauds under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime, West Bengal's Finance Minister Amit Mitra has written to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman asking for the setting up of task force having state and Central officers to detect all cases of tax evasion and take action against racketeers for recovery of evaded tax.

In a letter dated Tuesday, Mitra has also asked for compilation of a list of all cancelled GSTINs with PAN, email and other details, to be shared with all officers so that the same fraud is not investigated by multiple agencies. Also, he said the new return system with invoice matching needs to be put in place in October (for large taxpayers) and in January (for all taxpayers) "without fail". Government data presented in Rajya Sabha last

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month had showed that 9,385 cases of tax fraud involving amount of Rs 45,682.83 crore has been detected by authorities under the GST regime since its roll-out from July 1, 2017. Mitra said this amount is "understated" since it doesn't include complete data of frauds under SGST, which if compiled for all states may show tax evasion of over Rs 1 lakh crore.

Mitra has requested that the topic of GST frauds and its impact on overall GST collections needs to be discussed in depth in the upcoming GST Council meeting.

DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT IIFL Wealth signs pact to acquire L&T Capital

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MUMBAI, AUGUST 28

IIFL WEALTH Group has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire 100 per cent equity shares of L&T Capital Markets Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of L&T Finance Holdings Ltd, which provides wealth management services for individual and institutional clients.

LTCM, which has client assets of Rs 24,000 crore, offers a portfolio of comprehensive products and services across asset classes, together with a dedicated set of research professionals and senior private bankers.

The move is expected to strengthen IIFL Wealth's platform for serving high net-worth and ultra-high-worth families.

Karan Bhagat, founder, MD & CEO, IIFL Wealth Management,

L&T Capital Markets Ltd, a wholly owned arm of L&T Finance Holdings, provides wealth management services for individual and institutional clients

said, "We are pleased to have this experienced wealth team join us under the leadership of Manoj Shenoy. Born of a genesis steeped in entrepreneurial culture similar to IIFL Wealth and Asset Management, this team brings product innovation, geographical spread and client assets of more than Rs 24,000 crore."

"While most of our growth over the years has been organic, we have also aligned with the right partners in the business in the past.

Going forward, our combined effort will further strengthen our reach and offerings for the high net worth and ultra-high net worth clients across India," he said. Dinanath Dubhashi, managing director & CEO, L&T Finance Holdings, said, "We have grown the wealth management business into a partner of choice for discerning clients aided by research based differentiated advice."

"This move will help the wealth management business scale up further by accessing the broader repertoire of products and services offered by the IIFL Wealth platform, which will benefit the clients and the team. L&T Financial Services will continue to focus on its strategy centered around stable and sustainable growth in businesses where we believe we have clear 'right to win' and can create value for all stakeholders," Dubhashi said.

SURCHARGE ROLLBACK No differential regime between FPIs, domestic investors: CBDT

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

THE GOVERNMENT'S rollback of enhanced surcharge for foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) announced last week has not created a differential regime between FPIs and domestic investors, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said in a statement on Wednesday. The CBDT clarified that differential regime between domestic investors (including AIF category III) and FPIs existed even prior to the 2019 budget and was "therefore not the creation of the Finance (No.2) Act, 2019 or the announcement made by the Finance Minister on last Friday".

CBDT said, following the announcement, the perception that the withdrawal of enhanced surcharge has created the differential regime in certain sections of the media is completely misplaced. "Income arising from derivatives

for the domestic investors including Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) category-III as well as for foreign investors who are not FPIs, has always been treated as business income and not as capital gains, and taxed at applicable normal income tax rates. The differential regime therefore already existed for FPIs through Section 115 AD. Therefore to say, that this year's budget or FM's announcement of last Friday created a differential regime between FPIs and domestic investors is incorrect," it said.

In case of FPIs, Income Tax Act, 1961 (the Act) contains special provisions [section 115AD read with section 2(14) of the Act] for taxation of income from derivatives, it explained. Under this regime, income of FPIs arising from derivatives was treated as capital gains and liable for special rate of tax as per section 115AD of the Act, it said. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman — as part of measures to support the faltering

economic growth — had on Friday announced the rollback of enhanced surcharge on long-term and short-term capital gains arising from transfer of equity shares for both domestic and foreign investors. "The Pre-budget position is restored," she had said at a press conference Friday. Later, Finance Ministry clarified that the relief would be applicable not only on capital gains from transfer of equity shares, but also for income from the sale of derivatives for FPIs.

The surcharge was increased by 3 per cent and 7 per cent on those earning between Rs 2 crore and Rs 5 crore and over Rs 5 crore, respectively, as part of the Budget proposals announced by the Finance Minister on July 5. This had resulted in different taxation outcomes for FPIs registered as Association of Persons (AOPs) or trusts and companies, even as those registered as companies were spared of this surcharge.

BRIEFLY IBBI clarifies on liquidation under IBC

Mumbai: The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) will be applicable to those cases that commenced on or after July 25, which is when the amendments came into effect. **FE**

Rupee slips 29 paise against USD

Mumbai: The rupee declined by 29 paise to close at 71.77 against the US dollar on Wednesday as fears of an impending global recession prompted investors to stick to safe-haven assets. **PTI**

Oil prices rise 1.5% on drop in US inventories

New York: Oil prices were up 1.5 per cent on Wednesday after data showing a steep decline in US crude stockpiles helped ease worries about weakening oil demand. Brent crude futures gained 95 cents, or 1.6 per cent, to \$60.46 a barrel by 1805 GMT. WTI crude futures 1.5 per cent, to \$55.76 a barrel. **REUTERS**

Lakshmi Vilas CEO Mukherjee resigns

Mumbai: Even as the Reserve Bank is yet to take a call on Indiabulls Housing Finance's plans to merge with Lakshmi Vilas Bank, the private sector lender on Wednesday announced the resignation of its chief executive Parthasarathi Mukherjee. Mukherjee quit citing personal reasons, the bank informed the bourses. **PTI**

Nifty 50: Indiabulls Housing to be replaced by Nestle

New Delhi: Nestle India will replace Indiabulls Housing Finance in the benchmark Nifty 50 index from September 27, the NSE said. "The replacement will also be applicable to Nifty 50 Equal Weight Index," the bourse said in a release.

Voda Idea gets nod to raise share capital

New Delhi: Vodafone Idea has received shareholders' nod to raise its authorised share capital to Rs 50,000 crore, according to a regulatory filing. **PTI**

NCLT allows IL&FS to sell 7 wind assets

New Delhi: The National Company Law Tribunal has cleared sale of IL&FS's seven wind energy assets to Japan's Orix Corporation for Rs 4,800 crore, which will partially help reduce its debt burden of over Rs 99,000 crore. **PTI**

Toyota Motor, Suzuki to form capital tie-up

REUTERS
TOKYO, AUGUST 28

TOYOTA MOTOR Corp and Suzuki Motor Corp will take small equity stakes in each other, the Japanese car makers said on Wednesday, as they seek to develop newer technologies and meet sweeping changes upending the global auto industry.

The tie-up is the latest example of automakers chasing scale to manage costs and boost development. Car makers — especially smaller ones like Suzuki — are struggling to meet the breakneck growth of an industry transformed by the rise of electric vehicles (EVs), ride-hailing and autonomous driving.

TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD.
DUE DATE EXTENSION NOTICE
The tender notice pertaining to the Specification No. Coal 58 dated 18.07.2019 published in The New Indian Express (All) and The Hindu (All) dated 24.07.2019, 09.08.2019 and 21.08.2019 for the procurement of coal with due date of submission/opening at 14.00 Hrs/15.30 Hrs on 28.08.2019 is extended upto 14.00 Hrs/15.30 Hrs on 06.09.2019. All other terms and conditions remain unaltered.
CHIEF ENGINEER/MECH/COAL
Viewing and Downloading of documents : www.tangedco.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in/nicgp/appDIPR/2930/Tender/2019

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LTD.
(A Government of India Undertaking)
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
Chief Engineer, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., invites Open Tender in Two Bid system through E-Tendering on IREPS portal from eligible contractors for the following work. Name of Work: Construction of Foot Over Bridge (FOB) connecting Platform No. 1, 2 & 3, 4 and 5 & 6 with Ramps at Madgaon Railway Station of Konkan Railway in Goa State. Tender Notice No.: KR-W-09-2019-09. Estimated Cost: Rs. 325.17 Lakhs (excluding 12% GST). Closing Date/Time: 19.09.2019 Up to 15:00 hrs for submission of online Offers/Bids. Completion Period: Six Months including monsoon. Manual offers shall not be accepted. Please visit www.ireps.gov.in website for details / participation. Corrigendum / addendum will be hosted in this website only.

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
Advt. No. CPRI/BLR/19NIT07 Date: 29-08-2019
Online e-tenders are invited from eligible manufacturers / suppliers / agencies / stockist for the following in conformation to National / International standards wherever applicable:
(1) Communications and Computing Test Bed-CCTB for Advanced Metering Infrastructure-AMI applications (2) Ignitability Test Equipment (3) EMI Receiver (4) Engineering, supply, installation and commissioning of non-IBR coil type diesel operated steam boiler (5) Supply of PVC transparent sheet and associated welding work (6) 630 kVA, 11/0.433 kV, 3 phase Distribution Transformer (7) High Speed Data Acquisition system for AC/DC Inclined Plane Tracking and Erosion Test setup (8) GPS-Local Positioning System clock with antennae and receiver (9) Onsite Comprehensive AMC for Desktop, Laptop, Peripherals, Servers and LAN for period of Three years at CPRI, Bengaluru (10) Transformer Turns Ratio Meter (11) M.S. Plates (12) Cable Slicing Machine.
Tender documents with detailed specifications, terms & conditions, instructions, and other details are kindly availed/downloaded from CPRI website: <http://www.cpri.in> and CPRI e-procurement portal: www.tenderwizard.com/CPRI from 29-08-2019 onwards.
CPRI/ADVT/23/2019 Purchase Authority-CPRI

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
SATISH DHAWAN SPACE CENTRE SHAR
CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP
SRIHARIKOTA-524124.
E-TENDER BRIEF NOTICE
e-Tender Notice No. CMG/CIF/1987028 Date: 27.08.2019
1. On behalf of the President of India, Group Director, Construction & Maintenance Group, SDSC SHAR invites applications from bidders for sealed, item-rate e-Tenders for the following work as a COMPOSITE TENDER:

Sl. No.	Description	Details
1	Title of Work	Package (B): SPP Augmentation Project (SPAG) at SDSC SHAR (Civil, Electrical & Air Conditioning works for 8 buildings)
	NIT No & Date	CMG/CIF/1987028, Dt:27/08/2019
2	Estimated Cost put to tender	₹ 4927 Lakhs
3	Period of Completion	15 Months
4	Period during which the tender documents can be requested	From: 03/09/2019, 10:00 Hrs. To: 16/09/2019, 14:00 Hrs.
5	Last date and time for uploading of tenders	20/09/2019, 14:30 Hrs.

2. Interested bidders may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) from website www.isro.gov.in / www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO. For further details and purchase of tender documents visit www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO. Ph:08623 226447, 226420. Group Director, CMG, SDSC SHAR

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE CIRCLE, MADURAI
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.03/2019-20/HDO/Dated: 26.08.2019
For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 01.10.2019, 15:00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H) C&M Madurai Circle for CRIDP 2019-20 Works, (Package No. 10 to 16) pertaining Theni (H) C&M Division.
Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 30.08.2019 onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in>. If any changes / corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.
Superintending Engineer (H) C&M Circle, MADURAI-2
DIPR/2925/TENDER/2019

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Villupuram Highways (Construction and Maintenance) Circle
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.9/2019-20/H.D.O./Dated: 21.08.2019
For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 01.10.2019, 15:00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Villupuram Circle for CRIDP 2019-20 Works, (Package No.1 to 10) pertaining to Ariyalur (H) C&M Division.
Details of Works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 30.08.2019 onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in>. If any Changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.
Superintending Engineer (H), C&M Circle, Villupuram
DIPR/2915/Tender/2019

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Villupuram Highways (Construction and Maintenance) Circle
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.10/2019-20/H.D.O./Dated: 21.08.2019
For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 01.10.2019, 15:00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Villupuram Circle for CRIDP 2019-20 Works, (Package No.11 to 22) pertaining to Perambalur (H) C&M Division.
Details of Works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 30.08.2019 onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in>. If any Changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.
Superintending Engineer (H), C&M Circle, Villupuram
DIPR/2916/Tender/2019

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Trichy Highways (Construction and Maintenance) Circle
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.05/2019-20/HDO/Dated: 27.08.2019
For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 01.10.2019, 15:00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H) C&M, Trichy Circle, TVS Tollgate, Pudukkottai Road, Trichy - 20 for CRIDP 2019-20 (Package No.1 to 15) pertaining Trichy (H) C&M Division.
Details of Works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 30.08.2019 onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in>. If any changes / corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.
Superintending Engineer (H), C&M Circle, Trichy - 20
DIPR/2917/Tender/2019

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
TIRUPUR (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.02/2019-20/HDO/Dated:26.08.2019
For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 01.10.2019, 15:00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M Tirupur Circle for CRIDP 2019-20 Works, (Package No.1 to 15) pertaining Erode (H) C&M Division.
Details of Works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 30.08.2019 onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in>. If any Changes/Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.
Superintending Engineer (H), C&M Circle, TIRUPUR
DIPR/2911/TENDER/2019

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
TRICHY (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.05/2019-20/HDO/Dated: 27.08.2019
For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 01.10.2019, 15:00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H) C&M Trichy Circle, TVS Tollgate, Pudukkottai Road, Trichy-20 for CRIDP 2019-20 works (Package No.16 to 20) pertaining Trichy (H) C&M Division.
Details of Works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 30.08.2019 onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in>. If any changes / corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.
Superintending Engineer (H) C&M Circle, TRICHY-20
DIPR/2924/TENDER/2019

Ensure quick supply of spare engines to avoid grounding: DGCA to P&W

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

THE DIRECTORATE General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Wednesday directed Pratt and Whitney (P&W) to ensure quick availability of its spare engines to prevent grounding of aircraft at IndiGo and GoAir due to technical snags.

Both budget carriers have been facing glitches in the PW1100G-JM engines that powers 127 of their A320 planes since 2016. There have been

cases of flight shutdown and engine vibrations due to which IndiGo and Go Air planes had to make landing soon after take-off.

The DGCA had ordered grounding of 11 A320 Neos in March 2018 over safety concerns. While IndiGo has 92 such aircraft in its fleet, GoAir presently operates 35 of these planes.

DGCA chief Arun Kumar met the executives of IndiGo and Go Air on Wednesday over the engine troubles.

Ruling out a knee-jerk reaction to completely shut the

faulty aircraft operations, the aviation safety regulator said that most of the engine issues have been addressed. Around 40% of the country's domestic seat capacity is powered by Neo engine planes.

"The manufacturer is in the process of implementing mitigation actions in respect to gear box failure, low pressure turbine failure and engine vibration. DGCA assures all its stakeholders that we are alive to the situation and take the sharpest action, should the need arise," the DGCA said. **FE**

US trade agency affirms extra 5% tariff hike on Chinese goods

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, AUGUST 28

THE US Trade Representative's office on Wednesday reaffirmed President Donald Trump's plans to impose an additional 5 per cent tariff on a list of \$300 billion of Chinese imports starting on September 1 and December 15.

The USTR said in an official notice that on September 1, US Customs and Border Protection

agency will begin collecting a 15 per cent tariff on a portion of the list that contains over \$125 billion of targeted goods from China, including smartwatches, Bluetooth headphones, flat panel televisions and footwear.

A 15 per cent tariff will be levied on the remainder of the list, which includes cellphones, laptop computers, toys and clothing, from December 15, the agency said in the Federal Register filing.

SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA
TRAINING CENTRE, L.B STADIUM, KOLLAM, KERALA
No.SAI/STC/KO/82/Security/2019-20 Date: 19/08/2019
TENDER NOTICE No. 02 /2019
Sports Authority of India, Training Center, Kollam published E-Tender notification for our outsourcing man power services. Further details free download of the E-tender documents visits following Websites: 1. <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.2> www.sportsauthorityofindia.nic 3. www.sainicpe.gov.in
Sd/- Centre Incharge

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(A Govt. of India Undertaking) A Non-Banking Company
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TENDER NOTICE (E-Tendering Mode Only)
Online open tender in Single packet is invited for "Conservancy, Housekeeping & Horticulture services at ICD/DDL (Ludhiana), ICD/TPHR (Phillaur), ICD/Baddi, RCT/DHPR (Dhappan) and ICD/PSWC-DHPR" only through e-tendering mode. The bid document can only be downloaded after paying Rs. 1000/- through online from the website: www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL.

Tender No.	CCIN/RCT/DDL/CK&H/19-201
Estimate Cost	Rs. 1,34,02,744/- (for full period of contract)
Period of contract	2*1 years
Earliest Money Deposit	Rs. 1,38,100/- through e-payment only.
Cost of Tender Document	Rs. 1,000/- inclusive of all taxes and duties (Non-refundable)
Tender Processing Fee	Rs. 5,310/- inclusive of all taxes and duties (Non-refundable)
Date of sale (Online)	From 29.08.2019 at 15:00 hrs. to 18.09.2019 (upto 16:00 hrs.)
Pre-bid Meeting	On 05.09.2019 at 15:00 hrs.
Last date & time of submission	19.09.2019 (upto 15:00 hrs.)
Date & time of opening	On 20.09.2019 at 15:30 hrs.

For eligibility criteria and other details please log onto www.concorindia.com or eprocure.gov.in or www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL. Bidders are requested to visit the websites regularly. CONCOR reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof.
Group General Manager/NK

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(Above) Farmers queuing up to buy urea at a retail outlet in Harda, Madhya Pradesh; A fertiliser point-of-sale machine. Harish Damodaran/Bhupendra Rana

AUGUST PUSH

Monsoon recovery spurs nutrient sales



HARISH DAMODARAN

THE MONSOON'S spectacular catch-up after a very poor start has spurred a recovery in fertiliser sales as well.

Data from the Department of Fertilisers shows retail sales of urea, di-ammonium phosphate (DAP), muriate of potash (MOP) and NPKS complexes (containing different combinations of nitrogen, phosphorous, potash and sulphur) to have been lower in May, June and July, compared to their last year's levels for the same months.

An extended dry spell and rainfall in June — the opening month of the south-west monsoon season — turning out 32.8% below the normal long-period average (LPA) led to poor nutrient uptake by farmers. But July saw the country as a whole receiving 4.6% above average rains, with the surplus even higher, at 19.1%, in the current month so far. Cumulative all-India area-weighted rainfall during June 1 to August 28 has been 0.5% more than the corresponding LPA.

As a result, the gap between the total area planted under kharif crops this year vis-à-vis the corresponding coverage for 2018 has narrowed to just 2.3%, as on August 23. It was a whopping 26.7% till July 5. The pickup in sowing is also reflected in fertiliser purchases. Sales of urea, DAP and NPKS fertilisers this month have higher relative to last year, with only MOP registering a marginal dip (see table).

Fertiliser industry sources expect sales to go up further in the coming months for two reasons.

The first is, of course, the monsoon's late revival, which has substantially bolstered the soil moisture regime as well as enabled water levels in India's major reservoirs to reach 73.3% of their live storage capacity as on August 22. This is more than corresponding 60.8% figure for 2018 and the last 10-years' average of 57.8% for this date. The beneficial impact of it will be felt particularly in the upcoming rabi cropping season from October.

The second reason for the likely higher fertiliser demand is prices. Since October 15, last year, the country's leading nutrient manufacturer-cum-seller, Indian Farmers'

SALES OF FERTILISERS IN 2019-20 (LAKH TONNES)

	Urea	DAP	MOP	NPKS
Apr	8.04 (7.13)	1.73 (1.57)	0.93 (0.93)	2.15 (2.25)
May	11.01 (11.72)	3.03 (3.60)	1.16 (1.37)	2.96 (3.79)
Jun	19.78 (22.71)	6.46 (7.97)	1.59 (2.12)	5.91 (8.81)
Jul	38.88 (41.67)	9.61 (9.84)	2.58 (3.15)	11.00 (12.77)
Aug*	37.77 (34.11)	6.80 (6.57)	2.13 (2.60)	10.13 (10.08)

Note: Figures in brackets are sales for the corresponding month of last fiscal; *For August 1-27.

Source: Department of Fertilisers.

Fertiliser Cooperative, has slashed its maximum retail price (MRP) for DAP from Rs 29,000 to Rs 25,000 per tonne. It has also effected similar reductions in NPKS complexes — from Rs 27,300 to Rs 24,000/tonne for 10:26:26, from Rs 27,500 to Rs 24,200 for 12:32:16 and from Rs 21,300 to Rs 20,000 for 20:20:0:13.

The lowering of MRPs by most companies has been partly in response to falling international prices. Average landed prices (cost plus freight) of imported DAP this month have been \$ 346 per tonne, against \$ 429 a year ago. The landed rates of 10:26:26 and 20:20:0:13 have, likewise, eased from \$ 365 to \$ 358 and \$ 303 to \$ 290 per tonne, respectively.

Moreover, the Narendra Modi government has kept the per-tonne subsidy in 2019-20 unchanged from last year's levels of Rs 10,402 for DAP, Rs 8,739 for 10:26:26 and Rs 8,917 for 12:32:16, while marginally raising it from Rs 7,177 to Rs 7,286 for 20:20:0:13. Companies have passed on the benefit of unchanged subsidy rates, over and above lower cost of imported fertilisers and raw material/intermediates, to farmers. That should, in turn, help prop up nutrient demand in the coming months.

FARM REFORM

From company to kisan

The Modi government is readying a plan to pay fertiliser subsidy directly to farmers through e-wallets

HARISH DAMODARAN NEW DELHI, AUGUST 28

AFTER INTRODUCING a system of disbursing fertiliser subsidy to companies only after actual sales to farmers registered on point-of-sale (POS) machines, the Narendra Modi government is working on moving towards full direct benefit transfer (DBT) through electronic wallets.

"We want to pay the subsidy directly to farmers, as against companies now. The idea is to give it in advance, so that the farmer doesn't feel the burden of paying the unsubsidised maximum retail price (MRP) upfront. One way is to create an e-wallet account and transfer money to that before the kharif or rabi planting season. The e-wallet may be used only for purchase of fertiliser through POS machines. The money transferred would be non-lapsable; the unspent amounts can be taken forward to the next season," a top official told *The Indian Express*.

Currently, the subsidy on di-ammonium phosphate (DAP) is a flat Rs 10,402 per tonne, while it is retailing at about Rs 25,000. The per-tonne subsidy on complex fertilisers with different nitrogen (N), phosphorous (P), potash (K) and sulphur (S) combinations is similarly Rs 8,739 for 10:26:26, Rs 8,917 for 12:32:16 and Rs 7,286 for 20:20:0:13, while their MRPs, depending upon the company, average around Rs 24,000, Rs 24,200 and Rs 20,000 per tonne, respectively. The subsidy is even higher on urea, ranging from Rs 23,000 for gas-based to Rs 38,000 per tonne for naphtha-based plants. Its MRP, unlike other "decontrolled" fertilisers, is fixed at Rs 5,360 per tonne.

If the existing system of paying subsidy to the fertiliser manufacturer or importer is replaced by DBT, farmers will shell out higher MRPs. But net of the subsidy, made as an e-wallet transfer ahead of the season, they would effectively pay the same rates. "Implementing this is a political decision. They (Modi government) would obviously want it to be totally

foolproof, so as to not invite any farmer backlash from a sudden increase in MRPs and having to pay upfront," the official pointed out.

Till early last year, companies were paid subsidy after their fertiliser had been dispatched and received at the railhead point or approved godown of a district. But from March 2018, a new so-called DBT scheme — it really isn't one, as the subsidy is still going to companies and not farmers — has been put in place. Companies are now being paid only after actual sales to the farmer happens.

"In the earlier system, there was scope for diversion of subsidised fertilisers, right from the point of dispatch till the retailer end. This was first addressed by making neem-coating of urea, whether domestically-produced or imported, mandatory from December 2015. It helped stop urea diversion for adulteration of milk (neem oil leads to its curdling). However, unscrupulous animal feed, melamine, plywood and particle board makers have found a way around using even neem-coated urea," the official noted.

Under the new scheme, any manufacturer or importer has to make an entry into 'e-Urvarak' — the DBT platform of the department of fertilisers — the moment its bagged material is dispatched from the factory or port. When this consignment reaches the particular warehouse or rake unloading point, the company's representative there is required to acknowledge its receipt and also enter the system. Similar dispatch and receiving-point entries have to be made again, when the fertiliser moves to the wholesaler and the retailer. The DBT system can, thus, identify any discrepancies in the fertiliser supply quantities between the manufacturer/importer and the retailer.

The country has over 2.25 lakh fertiliser retail outlets where POS machines have been installed, with all sales now being done through these devices. A farmer wanting to buy urea or DAP has to furnish his Aadhaar, voter identification or Kisan credit card number. The quantities of the individual fertilisers purchased, along with the farmer's name and



make sales to multiple farmers using a single Aadhaar authentication," he admitted. But on the whole, the new system has significantly eliminated diversion of subsidised fertilisers. Some pilferage might be happening at the retail level, as the Modi government is still following a "no-denial" policy: Anybody, non-farmers included, can technically buy any quantity of fertiliser through POS machines now, subject to their furnishing Aadhaar biometric or other authentication.

The fertiliser department's online DBT platform has, nevertheless, generated a database with considerable granularity that allows for weeding out of non-deserving beneficiaries. "We have written to state governments to use this database to identify the top 20 buyers or those purchasing frequently at a district level. They can find out whether the quantities bought are justified by their operational holdings, crops sown, etc. Restricting the subsidy to genuine farmers and also capping the number of such bags sold per holding could be an intermediate step before we move to full DBT," the official said.

Full DBT would, first of all, require the payments to farmers being made sufficiently in advance. They, unlike companies, cannot afford delayed release of subsidy. A repeat of the experience vis-à-vis goods and services tax — pending refunds and blockage of working capital — would be a disaster, economically and politically. "We may give the subsidy on a per-acre or per-kg of nutrient (NPKS) basis. One-third of the money can be credited before the season and the balance two-thirds transferred in two installments during the season. The farmer will, then, be able to buy the fertiliser of his choice, while factoring in the per-kg nutrient/per-acre subsidy. We will ensure that the MRPs, even after they go up, are within a band and far-flung areas face no shortages. The government would also retain movement controls — the right to direct companies to sell up to 20% of their production/imports as per mutually agreed supply plans," the official added.

It hasn't been completely smooth running, though. "There are times when the internet does not work. Fertiliser sales peak in June-August (for kharif) and November-January (for rabi). The retailer may have to handle 200-250 farmers daily during this season and they cannot be denied fertiliser because of no connectivity. In such instances, he would resort to manual transactions or

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WHITE REVOLUTION 2.0

What a simple plastic ear-tag can do for milk productivity & profits

India's largest private sector dairy company shows the way through an animal tagging project, covering over 5.6 lakh cows



JOHN HENRY NIEZEN

EVERY YEAR, nearly 7.5 crore artificial inseminations (AI) are performed in India. There's little data on how successful these are, in terms of leading to conception and actual calvings. But since India is producing some 180 million tonnes of milk annually — and that isn't possible without cows and buffaloes calving — it means breeding is definitely happening, through either AI or natural service. The government's own target is to extend AI coverage to 65% of the total breedable bovine population by 2021-22, from the present 25%, and also improve conception rates that average around 35% now.

At Hatsun Agro Product Ltd (HAPL), we do just over 30,000 AIs per month or almost 4 lakh every year. Till three years ago, our animal husbandry (AH) team was providing veterinary and AI services by simply responding to farmer requests. The frontline

staff had some idea of the animal health issues in their areas, as also the rough proportion of cows conceiving to the number of AIs done. However, there was no systematically collated data or analysis undertaken. Milch animals, moreover, require different veterinary and nutritional advice at different stages of pregnancy or lactation. That, too, could not be provided, as the information didn't exist. It was literally inseminate and move on, or treat and move on.

Similarly, the procurement team knew the exact quantity of milk delivered by our three lakh-odd farmers every day — thanks to the company's database that covered purchases from and payments made to each one of them. But they had no idea how many cows it took to produce that milk, leave alone the breed, age or reproductive status of those animals.

It was a complete information black box. In September 2016, HAPL initiated an animal tagging project, aimed mainly at obtaining better information on the cows supplying milk to us and improving the quality of our AH services. Every animal now has a thermoplastic polyurethane tag attached to its ear. The tag has two basic pieces of information printed on it — a 12-digit unique identification number (just like Aadhaar) provided by the National Dairy Development

Board and a QR code corresponding to it. When an AH team member visits a farmer to treat or inseminate his cow, he only has to scan the QR code using his smartphone that has a mobile application called Herdman, developed by an Indian veterinary software firm Vetware Pvt. Ltd.

Till date, over 5.6 lakh cows have been registered in the HAIS (Hatsun Animal Information Service) database. At any given point, we have about 3.3 lakh of those tagged cows giving milk to us. Even after excluding the animals that are dry, have stopped calving or gone out of the system, we believe that the majority of cows from which HAPL collects milk have now been tagged.

How does tagging benefit us? The HAIS software built on the Herdman platform makes it possible to record information on each animal — the name of her owner, breed type, age, number of calvings, current status (expected calving date, if pregnant), number and date of last AI, identity of the bull whose semen was used, and all veterinary interventions. This entire data can be accessed by scanning the QR code and the AH services are provided accordingly. The AH staff would further enter the details of their interventions and even that will go into the HAIS central database, which can be monitored by the company's senior veteri-



narians and extension officers. Just as the company is now making milk payments to farmers directly into their bank accounts, charges for all AH services provided are also being electronically deducted. HAPL has, in fact, recently implemented a "no tag, no service" policy for its farmers.

The real benefit of tagging is that our AH services are now increasingly proactive than reactive. Inseminators are, then, becoming reproduction managers and veterinarians from mere treatment doctors to animal health managers. With tagging, we not only know every animal's pedigree, but also how

many times it has been inseminated and the number of resulting pregnancies; if low, it might call for fertility treatment. Earlier, it was quite possible that the semen used for a cow was sourced from a bull, which had inseminated even her mother or daughter. But now, that is ruled out and we have a comprehensive picture of bull performance. Tagging data actually helped us recently to discontinue semen purchases from one breeder, as the conception rates from its bulls were found too low. Also, once insemination is over today, farmers are being issued SMS alerts after 18 days to check their cows. If the cows have come to heat, it means they haven't conceived and will need fresh insemination. If there's no heat, then pregnancy testing and nutritional advice alerts in the lead up to calving would follow. Previously, farmers often called for assistance way too late, thereby resulting in extended calving intervals and lower economic returns from keeping cattle.

We are now starting to also get a better picture of the milk production performance of the cows of our farmers. The average profile that emerges is of roughly 1.8 cows per farmer, 5-6 litres of milk per cow per day and 9-11 litres per farmer per day. Much more of such data, obviously relevant to a company whose main raw material is milk, can be generated to enable closer monitoring of per-cow milk yields. We have found that while our average animal yield is 5-6 litres/day, it is 10-12 litres for cows in early lactation and can be

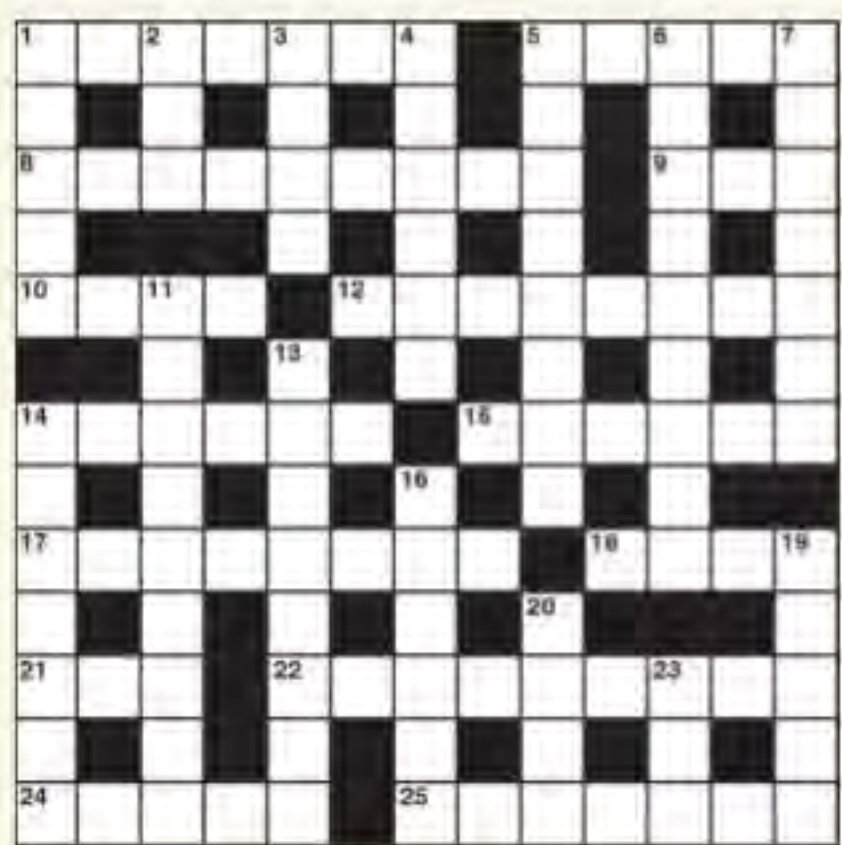
raised to 20-25 litres with better fodder and feed management. By supplementing yield data with proper milk production cost calculations, the farmer, too, would know about the profitability of his/her dairy enterprise.

For Hatsun — rather, for most of India's dairy industry — animal tagging is a totally new technology. Simply put, it has helped turn the lights on what was earlier a black box. There have been issues, nevertheless. Initially, many of our farmers had apprehensions about tagging their cows, given their negative connotations: Tagged cows were always associated with bank loan liabilities or used for insurance purposes. While our company has largely overcome farmer resistance, this could still be an industry-wide issue at a national level.

Data on cows ultimately belongs to farmers. How can they use this information? Some farmers, especially the ones with good cows, have indicated to us that it would help get a better price for their animals. Currently, these are based largely on looks or buyers' blind faith in the claims of farmers. But if proper records of production and breeding performance exist — based on tagging data, which farmers can readily access and show by scanning the QR code with their mobile phones — it would make a huge difference. Quite amazing what a simple tag can do.

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CROSSWORD 3896



- ACROSS**
- Raced round one circuit and made a hit (7)
 - Cook beats a mixture (5)
 - Confirm when definite (9)
 - A politician concerned in current affairs (3)
 - Capricious youngsters (4)
 - Whip - it's possibly used in hunting (8)
 - A way to achieve new spirit (6)
 - Misers may become careless (6)
 - A hot line for the weatherman? (8)
 - Fabulous relation (4)
 - The Roman I found among the Goths (3)
 - Salesman, flier and maintenance-worker (9)
 - It may be drawn or sucked up (5)
 - Precious possession one is not bound to have (7)
- Down**
- A taste of punishment (5)
 - Piece of linear curvature (3)
 - Left harbour (4)
 - Ted has arranged departures (6)
 - They're instrumental in achieving group harmony (8)
 - The property of the firm (9)
 - Not slow to voice an opinion (7)
 - Not to pay a cheque results in shame (9)
 - Recall having a tie (8)
 - Motoring clubs? (7)
 - Support the Spanish cast (6)
 - A Haydn composition made available (5)
 - Member of a body (4)
 - Injure, breaking an arm (3)

Solutions Crossword 3895: Across: 1 Ornament, 5 Golf, 9 Yarns, 10 Tension, 11 Supernal, 13 Hyenas, 14 Durban, 17 Installation, 20 Minimum, 21 Ovate, 22 Nice, 23 Ministers. Down: 1 Onyx, 2 Nurture, 3 Master-at-arms, 4 Noting, 6 Osier, 7 Fending, 8 Instructions, 12 Chairman, 15 Brocade, 16 Alumni, 18 Sonic, 19 Pews.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLER WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given clue.

Hard work without talent is a CPAEE, but talent without hard work is a AELDMT.

Answer: Hard work without talent is a SHAME, but talent without hard work is a TRAGEDY.

SUDOKU 3952

Difficulty Level 4s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.



SOLUTION SUDOKU 3952



Difficulty Level
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
The Moon is in an extremely sympathetic sector, at least for part of the day, encouraging you to make the most of your fiery impulses. It's a perfect moment to take the lead in terms of generous and flamboyant gestures. Don't hold yourself back, at least not today.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
Recent emotional tiffs have stirred up forgotten currents. They have also made you see that partners are not going to let you off the hook so easily. However, you are adept at playing the games demanded by any relationship and will never be caught out. At least not unless you want to be.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
Even though family relationships are looking a bit dodgy, there is room for passion. Hence it may be very simple for you to turn potential conflicts into exciting and pleasurable situations. Accomplish such Herculean emotional tasks with your normal Taurian aplomb.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
The Sun is steadily moving towards a confrontation with Pluto, a celestial fact of no little significance for all you Scorpios. May I take this opportunity to advise you to be one hundred percent straight and open in all your dealings? Oh, and never bend the rules.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
There is little change in your personal stars from yesterday so don't expect too many interesting developments. On the other hand, you should appreciate the opportunity to carry on with tasks you've already begun, without any new hassles. And a relationship could continue to hit you in the pocket.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)
The combination of lunar emotion with Sagittarian energy is one which is bound to galvanise your soul. Overseas contacts and foreign travel are so well indicated that there can be no better way to use your time than to plan your next major expedition.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
Although you may be in peak condition, the Moon has knocked the stuffing out of you emotionally in the past. Now you are facing entirely more routine considerations, the chief of which is money. You'll find that older partners and people you've known for a long time will be the most reliable.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Your monetary situation still seems to be a determining factor, but rather than concentrate on the minutiae of finances it may be worth looking at the psychological dimension. You should always be aware of your deep need for material security and underlying fear of poverty.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
The distant rumblings you hear over financial matters must make you realise that decisions cannot be delayed much longer. In a sense your dilemma is that even while the information you have to work with is still uncertain, firm action is required. Get partners on your side now and they won't be able to criticise you later.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
Much depends on how you cope with provocative actions or statements by people in authority. The last thing you want to do is irritate someone unnecessarily. If you've kept your cool until now, you should get through with a minimum of fuss or disruption.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
Hold meetings and interviews by all means, and do continue to discuss personal matters. However, please understand that all that can take place now is a frank exchange of views, with absolutely no requirement to reach a firm settlement. That can come next week.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
Your intuition is quite remarkable at the moment with the result that you have a much better idea of what is really going on than anyone else. All the better to deal with the questions raised by an important emotional tie, and to begin to heal an old scar.

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

The Dy. Chief Engineer/TMCA/line, Northern Railway, State Entry Road, New Delhi for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open E-tender under Single Packet System for the under noted work:-

1. Name of work and location	Intermediate overhauling of Rail Borne Maintenance Vehicle (RBMV-601) by executing the tender schedule works at TMMD/Tuglakabad zonal depot under the jurisdiction of Dy.Chief Engineer/TMCA/line State Entry Road, New Delhi.
2. Completion period of the work	30 Days
3. Approx. Cost of work	₹ 9.96 Lakhs
4. Earnest Money amount (to be deposited Online)	₹ 19,900/- (Rupees Nineteen Thousand and Nine Hundred only)
5. Cost of Tender Document (to be deposited Online)	₹ 3,000/-
6. Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender	Tenders may be uploaded from 27.08.2019 & upto 15:00 hrs on 12.09.2019 on IREPS website i.e www.ireps.gov.in. The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened soon after 15:00 hrs on 12.09.2019.
7. Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document	The detailed tender notice is available on www.ireps.gov.in from 27.08.2019. Above tender document will be available for online submission of offer on IREPS website i.e www.ireps.gov.in from 29.08.2019 to 12.09.2019. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

Tender Notice No. 1-W-DyCETMCL-RBMV-6-19-20 Dated: 27.08.2019 27/8/2019

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that a girl namely Priya, D/o: Maha Singh, R/o Shiv Colony, Kundli, Sonapat, Haryana has been missing/kidnapped since 02.08.2019 from the area of P.S. Narela, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 127-A, dated 09.08.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Narela, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light so far. The description of missing/kidnapped girl is as under:

Name: Priya, Age: 21 Years, Height: 5'2", Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Black Colour Top, Black Colour Pant and Black Colour Jutti in feet.

If anyone has any information about this missing/kidnapped girl please inform P.S. Narela, Delhi.

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE

Central Academy For State Forest Service, P.O. - New Forest, Dehradun - 248 006

CANCELLATION OF TENDER NOTICE

In continuation this Office Tender Notice No. 6-40/Comp-AMC/CASFOS-2018/1173 dt. 02.08.2019 for AMC of Computers and its peripherals alongwith networking for the period of one year, which was published in daily newspaper Indian express and Amar Ujala on dt. 21.08.2019 is hereby cancelled. The tender notice will be uploaded soon in e-tendering portal <https://moefcc.enuwizarde.com>.
Date: 28th August, 2019 Principal

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

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

N.I.T. No.: 221-S/42/AMC/FSD/2019/ML-IV. Name of work with its location: Annual Maintenance Contract of Fog Safe Device (FSDs) for 04 months from 16 Nov 19 to 15 March 20. Approx. cost of work: Rs. 14,59,293.71/- (Fourteen Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Three and Seventy one paisa only) plus GST as applicable. Earnest Money: Rs. 29,200/- Completion period of work: Four Months i.e 04 months from the date of execution of work. Cost of tender document on Cash/By Post: Rs. 2,300/- with GST @ 18%. Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender: Upto 15:00 hrs. on 20.09.2019 Opening of tender 15:00 hrs. Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen: Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. Dated: 27.08.2019 27/8/2019

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NOTICE OF E-AUCTION

E-auction of property on 03.10.2019 on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" & "WHATEVER THERE IS" on the platform <https://allahabadbank.auctiontiger.net>

E-auction sale notice for sale of Immovable Assets under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and guarantors that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Allahabad Bank Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 03.10.2019. The details of bank's dues, Borrower & Guarantors, Reserve Price, Earnest money & Description of immovable properties is given below:

Sl No	Details of immovable properties	Name of the Borrower(S)	Amount of Secured Debt	Reserve Price (in Rs)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Branch
01	1. All that piece and parcel of land and building along with present and future construction thereon in the name of Sri Om Prakash Choubey S/o Siya Ram Choubey, Ashok Kumar Choubey S/o Siya Ram Choubey, Amarnath choubey S/o Siya Ram Choubey, area admeasuring 76 decimal. Gift deed 1502 dated 14.02.86 bearing Book no.1, volume no.163, Page no 550 to 557, Khata no. 53, Plot no. 336 & 171, situated at Mauza- Balapur, P.O.- Panjar, PS- Karahar, Dist-Rohatas, Boundry as per deed: North- road (Gawahi), South-Dwarika Mishra/ Kamla Devi, East-Daroga Mishra, West-Sukul Singh & Radha Mishra 2. All that piece and parcel of land and building along with present and future construction thereon in the name of Sri Siya Ram choubey S/o Ram Kailash Choubey, Mr. Akhilesh Tiwari & Mr. Kamta Tiwari, Sale deed No. 5943 dated 09.05.2014, Plot No. 1332/2586, admeasuring 4 Decimal, Khata No. 215, Page No 54-64, Mauza Taqiya, sasaram Dist.- Rohatas, bounded as per deed, North- Hal Kharidar/ Rudka Devi, South-Rasta, East-Muneshwari Devi/ Jai Prakash Tiwari, West- Rasta	M/S Thakur Ji Mini Prop: Shri Om Prakash Choubey S/o Shri Siyaram Choubey	₹73,30,794/- (Rupees Seventy Three Lakh Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Four Only) with upto date interest as on 28.08.2018 Cost & Charges thereon till the date of realization	₹67,58,000/- (Rupees Sixty Seven Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand only)	₹6,75,800/- (Rupees Six Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Eight Hundred only)	Sasaram

Last Date & time for Submission of Process compliance Form with EMD amount: 01.10.2019 at Allahabad Bank, Sasaram Branch, Account No. 20970697744.

Date & Time of e-auction: 03.10.2019 from 12.30 PM to 2.30 PM at the platform of <http://allahabadbank.auctiontiger.net>

For further details and Terms & Conditions, Contact: Shri Satyendra Kumar (CM)-Mob-7389780300, Shri M.K.Jha (CM)-Mob- 8004585000 / 9593653562.

For downloading further details and Terms & Conditions, Please Visit: (i) <https://www.allahabadbank.in> (ii) <http://www.tenders.gov.in> (iii) <https://allahabadbank.auctiontiger.net>

Date : 28.08.2019
Place : Sasaram

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KATY PERRY COMES TO INDIA

Pop icon Katy Perry will make her Indian debut at the forthcoming OnePlus Music festival. The concert will be held on November 16, at the DY Patil stadium in Mumbai. British singer Dua Lipa will also be performing at the festival.



Come Rain, Come Shine

ALAKA SAHANI

NEARLY A DECADE ago, two sisters — Sudha Garg and Radha Rani Sharma — gave up their urban life and made village Lahra in Uttar Pradesh their home. Surrounded by green fields, garden and, most importantly, their adopted family of domestic help, Garg, 86, and Sharma, 93, now spend their days in “comfort and harmony”. Last year, filmmaker Tanuja Chandra paid them, her paternal aunts, a visit with a small filming crew. After spending a week with them, chatting about their idyllic life, soaking in the morning sun, eating together and laughing endlessly, Chandra came back with hours of footage. That’s now edited and titled *Aunty Sudha, Aunty Radha*, Chandra’s first documentary.

“In the world of violence and enmity, my aunts have built a life of harmony. Away from the cities, they have found this pocket of warmth along with their caretakers, some of them are as old as my aunts. They are looked after by a bunch of domestic helps who consider this to be a good deed,” says the filmmaker, who was prodded by her mother and writer Kamna Chandra, to make a documentary on their life. With Garg and Sharma showing a zest for a life that is heartwarming, the film adopts an easy-going tone to capture their rare camaraderie and relationship with care-givers.

The sisters took the decision to shift to Lahra, three hours away from New Delhi, after Sharma lost her husband nearly 10 years ago. Garg’s husband, a mathematician, had left home years ago and later declared dead. “Since they had no responsibilities, they moved to the village and lived together. Sisters are like that. They can live with each other very comfortably. My aunts get a decent amount of pension. That’s enough for them to get by,” says Tanuja about her aunts whose movement is now re-

Tanuja Chandra’s documentary debut, *Aunty Sudha, Aunty Radha*, captures the life of her two elderly aunts in a North Indian village



A still from the documentary *Aunty Sudha, Aunty Radha* (top); Tanuja Chandra with her aunt Radha Rani Sharma

stricted by a walker. Garg is childless while Sharma has children and one of her sons stays an hour away from Lahra.

Tanuja says that this documentary ended up teaching her a few things about life as well as cinema. Most of the conversations with her aunts were filled with banter even when they talked of serious subjects such as death. “Eyes can moisten as you are laughing with them. The lighthearted touch in all their conversations is something I am going to try out in my future projects. They were very comfortable with the cameras being around them. That’s

because in this beauty and youth obsessed world, they don’t feel the need to impress anyone or prove anything. They are just happy to share their life and feeling. That’s another realisation I had after I met them,” says Tanuja, who has directed feature films such as *Qarib Qarib Single* (2017), *Dushman* (1998), and *Sangharsh* (1999) among others.

Though the elderly live on their own, they lead quite a happening social life. Lots of chattering and gossiping goes on in the house. What makes their story interesting is the relationship that the two sisters share with each

other as well as with their domestic helps. While Garg is finicky, Sharma is more easy-going. “They argue all the time yet look out for each other,” Tanuja recalls with a laugh. Their domestic helps look after them sincerely but they also gossip about them. Their cook resents the fact that she is told by Garg how to do her job. “I find these dynamics very interesting,” says the writer-director.

“Living on their own in a village has been ultimate liberation for my aunts,” says Tanuja, who adds that telling stories of women has been her passion from the beginning of her career. “I found their life ideal as *Aunty Sudha* and *Aunty Radha* don’t have any attachment. Their story conveys that the life of single women can be extremely satisfying. A woman can have a perfect life whether or not she has children or a husband. After spending a week with them, I learned that life is also about eating well and laughing,” she says. Garg wakes up in the middle of the night to have a chocolate and while cooking, is often generous with ghee.

Tanuja had thought of documenting the life of her aunts two years ago. But, as always, finding a producer for such a project was not easy. She called up her friend Anupama Mandloi to suggest a producer. Mandloi, who was toying with the idea of becoming an independent producer, decided to back the documentary herself. “It came together in the most effortless manner for me from the day I decided to back Tanuja’s passion project. Meeting her aunts in their environment was all I needed to know that I had stumbled upon a gem. The beauty of this documentary lies in the warm, cheerful and utterly delightful personalities of *Aunty Sudha* and *Aunty Radha*,” says Mandloi. After premiering at the Madrid International Film last month, the documentary will be travelling to Chicago South Asian Film Festival and Tasveer South Asian Film Festival in Seattle.

AROUND TOWN

Monsoon Ragas

ZAFAR MAHAL, in South Delhi’s Mehrauli, is considered the last monumental structure built as a summer palace during the fading years of the Mughal era. The palace has a forlorn history because Bahadur Shah Zafar, who wished to be buried in the precincts of the space, was deported by the British to Rangoon, where he died of old age. But as long as he remained in India, the last Mughal would visit this palace for hunting during the monsoon season, and enjoy its lush green beauty and mango orchards.

Revisiting this Mughal-era tradition of visiting Mehrauli during the monsoon sea-



son, the Delhi government’s tourism department has organised a three-day cultural festival at the palace, beginning on Friday. Besides the sounds of mahaars and kajris that will resonate in the palace and, whiff of monsoon-specific cuisine such as pakodas and ghevar, the festival is also aimed at giving a push to the Mehrauli Archaeological Park as a tourist destination. The festival will be spread over three venues — Jahaz Mahal (pictured), Aam Bagh and Jham — starting at 2pm everyday and going on till about 8pm. A series of activities, ranging from melas at Aam Bagh to heritage walks around Hauz-e-



Shamsi, a 13th-century water body, have been planned.

There will also be dastaans, qawwali and dance performances. While the celebrated Qutbi brothers will give a qawwali performance against the backdrop of Jahaz Mahal on the inaugural day, the audience can also witness a Kathak recital by Rani Khanam (pictured) and her group. The second day will open with a folk performance by musi-

cians from Uttar Pradesh, followed by Hindustani classical musicians Kashish Mittal and Shashwati Mandal regaling the audiences, and a ghazal fusion act later in the day. On Sunday, after a Haryanvi folk act, the festival concludes with a late evening concert by Bollywood singer Javed Ali.

Spread over 200 acres in Mehrauli, the park houses over 100 heritage structures. While some of them date back to the 10th century, others such as Metcalfe House were built during the British era. Officials say the place was selected for its historical significance: it’s the only place in Delhi that has witnessed over 1,000 years of continuous habitation.

Entry free on all days. More details at <https://www.facebook.com/events/970876716585591/>

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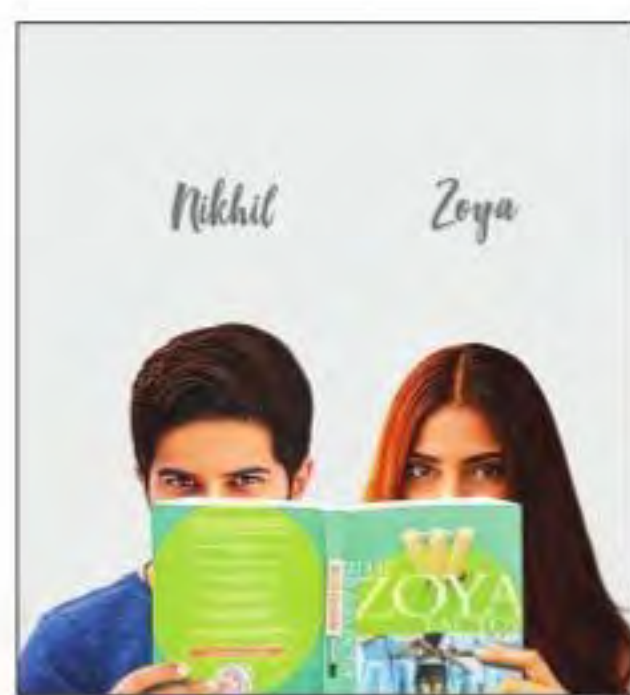
Author Anuja Chauhan on Abhishek Sharma’s upcoming film based on her novel, *The Zoya Factor*, and future adaptations of her work

ANUSHREE MAJUMDAR

“I PHELO-ED like *raita*, slightly,” says Anuja Chauhan at the beginning of our conversation about the work she did for the screen adaptation of her best-selling 2008 debut novel, *The Zoya Factor*, which releases next month, and stars Sonam Kapoor and Dulquer Salmaan. The simile sounds clumsy when one attempts to translate it into English — spread like runny yogurt — but the 48-year-old writer and former ad-woman knows exactly what to say for you

to get the picture. “I’m credited for giving additional dialogues, and I’ve given other inputs in the screenplay. They came to me early last year after they had written all of it. When I read it, I thought it could have done with some...” says Chauhan, her voice fading to indicate that it would be rude to say the actual words in her head. “I dove in and I was brutal and frank, but what was amazing was that so were Pradhuman Singh and Neha Sharma, who wrote the story and screenplay respectively,” she adds.

For the past hour, Chauhan has gamely



Dulquer Salmaan and Sonam Kapoor star in *The Zoya Factor* (left); Anuja Chauhan



answered the same questions inside the Jubilee Room of the Sun-n-Sand hotel in Juhu. “The film’s definitely shorter, because when I was writing the book, I didn’t have

any idea of how long or not it should be, and the it kept getting fatter and fatter,” she says, “But I’m glad that there’s more of the cricket, the locker room and more Nikhil in

the film, because he’s being played by Dulquer — what a cutie!”

The Zoya Factor is a story about Zoya Singh Solanki, an executive in an advertising agency, who was born at the same moment that India won the cricket world cup in 1983. While working on a campaign with the present-day Indian cricket team, the cricketers realise that they win matches when she’s around — overnight, Zoya becomes the team’s lucky charm. “I’ve seen several versions of the film and what I’ve really enjoyed is how real the cricket feels. As well as the advertising world, with all the logos and brands. It has stayed authentic to the book. Sonam went all out for the role, she’s got a perm, and she’s really become Zoya,” says Chauhan, who would have liked to be an extra in the film, but says she wasn’t allowed to be on the set by director Abhishek Sharma.

There’s good news for those of us who watched the ghastly TV adaptation of her excellent third novel, *Those Pricey Thakur Girls* (2013) a couple of years ago —

Chauhan is working on a web series based on it for Hotstar. “Additionally, I’m writing the screenplay for *Baaz*, my last novel that came out in 2017, and a couple of commissioned pieces for OTT platforms. They’re fresh subjects, nothing I’ve done before, so I’m very excited about it. Of course, there’s always an idea for another book in my head but I won’t write it now,” she says.

Chauhan, who will go down in advertising history as the woman who came up with unforgettable slogans such as *Yeh dil maange more* and *Nothing official about it* for Pepsi, *Darr ke aage jeet hai* for Mountain Dew and *Tedha hai par mera hai* for Kurkure, isn’t thinking about writing for products anymore, but keenly feels the need to come up with campaigns for civil society. “Maybe the idea of India is something we should all be writing about, trying to explain it in a way that people understand. There are film stars who appear in these kind of ads but what they’re doing is moral science. That’s not what I think is needed right now,” she says.

Night at the Monument

With the Qutab Minar being illuminated this week to encourage night tourism at heritage structures, a look at other monuments in the Capital that dazzle beyond the sunset



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ON SATURDAY evening, Qutab Minar, the famed 13th century minaret at Delhi’s Mehrauli, will join a group of heritage structures in the Capital that have been illuminated to encourage night-time tourism. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and National Buildings Construction Company (NBCC) began the work of illuminating the minaret in March.

Warm lights will highlight the architectural features on the monument’s facade. Apart from the minaret, all the pathways and the smaller structures around the Qutab Minar have also been lit. As many as 358 lights will be on from 7 PM to 11 PM everyday. Qutab Minar will be open to visitors till 10 PM. In the past few months a slew of monuments in the Capital have been lit up. We take a look at the other spruced up monuments in the Capital.

Safdarjung Tomb

Only last month, ASI had illuminated Safdarjung Tomb with simple yellow and static lighting to accentuate the monument’s silhouette. Here, the duration of the illumination is from 7:30 pm to 11 pm, and warm lights have been used since they won’t adversely affect the monument’s facade. In 2010, during the Commonwealth Games, the tomb was illuminated by the ITDC (India Tourism Development Corporation) at a cost of Rs three crore. But this was discontinued soon after, owing to lack of manpower with ASI to maintain late hours. However, this time the agency is more prepared, making a concerted effort across various popular monuments in the Capital.



Safdarjung Tomb (top) Amit Mehra; Purana Qila

historical vestiges, which date back more than 3,000 years. The major attractions inside the fort include the Qila-i-Kuhna mosque, Sher Mandal, a stepwell and remains of the ramparts.

Red Fort

In August last year, the historic Red Fort came alive in the evenings as it saw the first ever architectural illumination of its front fortification wall and the two important gateways — Lahori Gate and Delhi Gate. The 17th-century Mughal era monument has been lit up with architectural lighting also known as ‘element illumination’ to enhance its architectural beauty after sunset. The lighting has been done on the 1.3 km length of the parapets using around 2,500 lights, and casts programmed light on its domes, ramparts, minarets, arches and balconies from different directions to highlight their architectural details. It uses simple yellow and static lighting, and the duration is 7:30 pm to 11 pm.

Purana Qila

In the recent past, the central government body also completed the lighting of the Purana Qila. The rejuvenated lake and illumination of the Qila was inaugurated in October last year. Purana Qila is one of the major tourist attractions in Delhi and a large number of visitors through the

Humayun’s Tomb

The grand white marble dome of Humayun’s Tomb shines bright at night throughout the year with the monument’s restorer — the Aga Khan Trust for Culture — installing around 800 energy efficient lamps at the 16th-century mausoleum. Beams of LED lights, directed from the bottom towards the top, mimic the moonlight effect. The dome is lit up for five hours after sunset every day since September 2018. LED bulbs have replaced high energy consuming halogen light fixtures, which were installed in 1999. The new lighting has been designed in a way to prevent any shadow on its surface.

As part of the night-tourism initiative, the timings for public entry at Red Fort, Safdarjung Tomb and Humayun’s Tomb have also been extended from 6 pm earlier to 9 pm now. An official from ASI said that they were now expecting an increase in the footfall. In the coming years, the Ministry of Culture proposes to move beyond Delhi and take up the illumination of all its 100 Adarsh Smarak all over India including Hampi, Sun Temple, Mahabalipuram and some forts in Goa and Rajasthan.

WI vs IND
KEEMO IN FOR CUMMINS
 All-rounder Keemo Paul has replaced fast bowler Miguel Cummins in the West Indies' 13-member squad for the second Test against India.

Fastest blade in the Caribbean

Last captain to lead a formidable WI team, Richardson retraces his journey from a shy lad to a batsman of destructive repute



EXPRESS IN WEST INDIES

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RICHIE RICHARDSON was known for two things: his maroon sun hat and that brutal cut shot. The arms would whizz in the air, the bat would come down in a blur at the ball; a shot whose reputation was such that backward point fielders would stand a touch deeper.

You would think it would be the most natural shot that he always had but that wasn't the case. When he was young, Richardson didn't have a violent bone in his batting. "When I was young, I hardly struck the ball firmly. I would just caress it. It would die at my feet. I had really soft hands," says that once-young boy from the Five Islands Village, who went on to become a batsman of destructive repute, skipper, manager, guitarist of a local band, match referee and, as he proudly inserts, "a golfer".

In school, Richie was a shy, self-effacing boy who was bullied around. He was not a regular for the school team as he was considered slow and soft. "They thought I could easily be chickened out. I didn't do anything to change my image either. They all made fun of defensive batting, though I was proud of it. Growing up my idols were Rohan Kanhai and Alvin Kallicharan, who were not destructive batsmen. I wanted to be a steady batsman who can bat on endlessly," he says.

It all changed one evening when the cricket coach of his school, Aubrey Stewart, thought it was high time he changed his student. That evening, Richardson recalls, changed his life. "He (Stewart) marked the return crease maybe 15-16 yards from me. He then asked the bowlers to 'just knock the brains out the boy.' I was so terrified that I was shaking in my boots. And those days we never had helmets."

What followed was the most hostile spell of fast bowling he has faced in his life. "I have faced (Malcolm) Marshall, (Joel) Garner and Michael (Holding) in domestic cricket. (Merv) Hughes, (Craig) McDermott and (Bob) Willis too. But I never feared for my life as much as I did that day," Richardson says. He tried to duck, weave and sway away from the fireballs, but got stuck on his arm, chest and torso. "My cream t-shirt had turned red (with the marks of the cricket ball)."

Then in one angry moment of venting out, he slapped ferociously at a short ball. "I'd never struck a cricket ball harder than that in my entire life. I had shut my eyes when I played the stroke and saw nothing. Even the bowlers said they didn't see the ball."

No one saw the ball again. Some of Richardson's friends said it had sailed over the fence of the school and into the bushes. A shot that made a boy turn into a man.

That day, he learnt how the cut shot can be a weapon of intimidation. "It was a slap on the bowlers' face. His morale is dented. His ego is hurt. It's like boxing. It's like a knockout punch. I came out of the session swaggering with a new perspective towards batting," Richardson says.

"It became an addiction. Later when I started playing first-class cricket, my coaches had to tell me not to play the strokes. But it was not like I became a good player of the cut overnight, I used to practice the shot 1,000 times a day," he says.

Richie's parents were miffed because he dirtied the walls and pounded the ball so hard that it began to crack up. So much so that they had to repair the wall nearly every



Richie Richardson, it can be argued, was the last captain who led a formidable West Indian team. (Above) Richardson during the Hero Cup in Mumbai in 1993. *Express Archives*

week, finally prompting his father to clean up the bushes and make a cricket pitch for him. "I was so thrilled and it remained our haunt for several years before we all went different ways."

By the time Richardson made his first-class debut in 1981 — the year Antigua broke the shackles of British rule, the new nation got its first ground, the Antigua Recreation Ground. Word had spread of an heir apparent to Viv Richards from his own country. On the domestic circuit, he earned the moniker, "fastest blade in the Caribbean", a reference to his twinkling bat speed.

In two years, Richardson made his Test debut, against India in Mumbai. But he tried too hard and got out for a duck. But just three innings later, he scored his maiden Test hundred, against Australia in Bridgetown, and followed it up with another at the Antigua Recreation Ground in the attendance of his coach. "I played a lot of cut shots that day. I

I thought I would be the first person to die on a cricket ground. I thought they will kill me. It was barracking of a different level. What hurt me most was that I was being hurt abuses by my own countrymen."

showed I can't be bullied. I wouldn't flinch." But it wasn't the last time he was bullied.

"We will kill you... We will hang you... You gonna die on the pitch, you bad man..." These chants by the infuriated Bridgetown crowd still boom in his ears when he recounts the West Indies versus South Africa Test of 1992, a match so thrilling that it has a standalone value even if one blurs out the socio-political import of the contest.

It's a multi-layered intrigue. South Africa

were playing their first Test after readmission. Many of the locals were still indignant, though Nelson Mandela had become president and the apartheid era had ended. As if that wasn't reason enough, the Barbadians were unhappy that Richardson succeeded Richards and not the vice-captain during the latter's tenure, Desmond Haynes, who was a Bajan. They sniffed petty board politics, though the reasons were related purely to his conduct when he was the acting skipper during the series against England.

First, Richardson's decision to recall England batsman Nasser Hussain when he was unfairly given out, though it was clear that the catch was not taken cleanly during a tour game against Leewards Island, won him a lot of admirers. Secondly, Haynes resorting to sledging in the third Test against England in Trinidad didn't go down well with the board. Thirdly, they wanted a younger skipper, as Haynes himself was past 35 and

nearing retirement. "But these are sensitive issues in the Caribbean and at that time the inter-island rivalry was huge," he says.

If these two were already reasons enough to stir a storm, the exclusion of Barbados all-rounder Anderson Cummins made the crowd angrier. Richardson walked out to the toss with these threats and chants. "I thought I would be the first person to die on a cricket ground. I thought they will kill me. It was barracking of a different level. What hurt me most was that I was being hurled abuses by my own countrymen. I thought if we lost the Test match, West Indies cricket would fall apart. It was a sensitive juncture in our cricket," he observes.

They almost lost it. And on the penultimate day of the Test, with South Africa cruising to hunt down their target, the crowd lost it. They began throwing bottles and stones and were subsequently evacuated. So low the hope was that hardly 500 people came to watch the fifth day. "Usually, the stands are packed and they are one of the most intimidating crowds in the world. But here, there were only a handful. I felt gutted as much as relieved. Gutted because they didn't have the belief in us. Relieved because I would come out of the ground alive," he says.

As it turned out, Walsh and Ambrose blasted out the remaining eight wickets for 23 runs. "None of us ever felt such joy before or after on a cricket field. Even these days when we meet, we sometimes talk of the match but the bigger thing was it helped us maintain our superiority for a few more years. All that brought the team together and opened the eyes of a lot of people in the Caribbean. We realised we had to unite, because that's the only way forward," Richardson says.



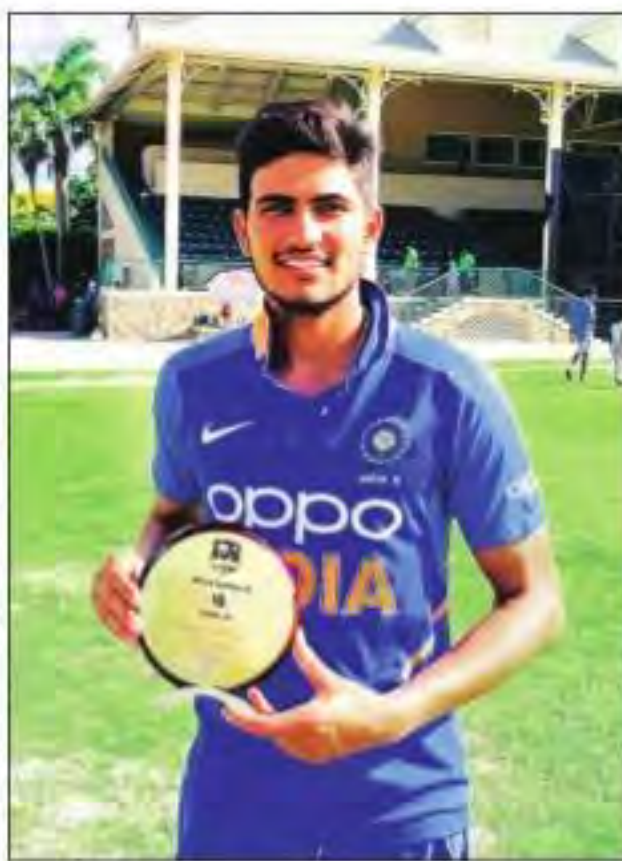
The Cedar Valley Golf Course is a sprawling mass of green, with its bumps and troughs, glistening in the sun like a large, slumbering python, the pathway running like stripes on its body, the neatly trimmed brown trees resembling an inchoate pattern. The northern end of the par-70, 6,157-yard course leads to a ridge, which affords a breathtaking view of the cobalt-blue Atlantic. The western end hugs the backyard of Richardson's house.

Every evening, he spends a couple of hours at the club, stuttering around in his Neptune blue cart — his identity in the club — and indulging in his latest addiction. He promptly files the disclaimer: "You would think I'm here just for fun. No, I am not. I am as serious about it as I was about cricket. I began it for fun. But now it's an addiction," he says.

Just like the cut shots. "No, no, it's not as easy as that," he retorts. It was a hobby that began sometime in the early aughts before it became an obsession. "I don't think I was this much obsessed with cricket. These days, even in sleep I sometimes dream of playing golf. I keep wondering why I missed a shot or this or that. I'm still an average player, still learning a lot of things, but I get a lot of joy from it. And I'm damn serious about the game," he says.

Richardson competes in most of the amateur tournaments in the Caribbean — in Antigua, they even celebrate a Richie Richardson golf day annually — though he sheepishly admits that he ends up mostly in the lower tiers of the leaderboard. "But I'm no quitter."

And in those moments when his motivation dips, he just looks over his shoulder to the high walls of his house and over to the backyard where he tamed the cut shot. And all that drive and desire would fly back from over the walls.



Shubman Gill made a string of good scores during India A's tour of the Caribbean.

All eyes on Shankar, Gill as India A take on SA A

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SHUBMAN GILL will be the cynosure of all eyes when the five-match unofficial ODI series between India A and South Africa begins here on Thursday. Gill, who has been in good form in recent times, shone during the India A team's recent Caribbean tour but missed out on selection for the ODI squad. And the batsman will be keen to prove his credentials during the matches against the visiting Proteas 'A' side.

The stylish Punjab right-hander, who played two ODIs in New Zealand earlier this year, will look to continue the good run he enjoyed in the Caribbean (with the 'A' team) to make a case for himself before the national selectors ahead of the home season.

Besides Gill, all-rounder Vijay Shankar is another player who will be on the selectors' lens after he recovered from a toe injury. Shankar had to return mid-way from the ICC World Cup in England due to the injury and made his return to the field during the recent Tamil Nadu Premier League. With a long home season ahead, the Tamil Nadu all-rounder will be eager to get back into the groove and push his case for selection.

Manish Pandey, who recently made a comeback into the national limited-overs side in the West Indies, will lead the team in the first three games before Shreyas Iyer takes over for the last two matches. Pandey will be eyeing big runs as the battle for a middle-order slot in the Indian ODI side continues.

The team comprises several players who were recently part of the senior limited overs side in the West Indies. The series will also provide a good opportunity for wrist spinner Yuzvendra Chahal to get his touch back.

Chahal has been going through a slump in form since the World Cup, and he will look to hit the straps early against the Proteas as they aren't regarded as great players of spin. Krunal Pandya, who has made a mark with both bat and ball in the T20 series in the Caribbean, will also be seen in action along side talented Ishan Kishan, in-form Ruturaj Gaikwad and Nitish Rana.

India A's bowling will be led by pace duo of Khaleel Ahmed and Deepak Chahar. **INDIA A:** Manish Pandey (Captain), Ruturaj Gaikwad, Shubman Gill, Anmolpreet Singh, Ricky Bhui, Ishan Kishan (wk), Vijay Shankar, Shivam Dube, Krunal Pandya, Axar Patel, Yuzvendra Chahal, Shardul Thakur, Deepak Chahar, Khaleel Ahmed, Nitish Rana.

THE ASHES

Hughes tragedy was the first thing Smith thought of after Archer bouncer

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AUSTRALIA TALISMAN Steve Smith has said he will change nothing in his approach to facing Jofra Archer after being hit by a short ball from England's tearaway pacer but admitted the blow had revived troubling memories of Phillip Hughes. Smith's former Australia team mate Hughes died after being struck with a bouncer during a Sheffield Shield match in Sydney in 2014, shining the spotlight on the dangers of short-pitched bowling.

Smith was floored by a short Archer ball in the second Test at Lord's, and although he returned to bat again after a concussion test, he was later ruled out of the third match at Headingley, which England won in a cliffhanger by one wicket. The former captain said his mind was racing after the immediate impact of the blow from Archer's delivery.

"I had a few things running through my mind, particularly where I got hit," Smith told reporters. "Like a bit of the past sort of came up, if you know what I mean, from a few years ago. That was probably the first thing I thought about. Then I thought, 'I'm actually OK here'. I was a bit sad, but I was alright

mentally for the rest of that afternoon."

With Australia's best batsman sidelined at Headingley, all-rounder Ben Stokes scored a magnificent unbeaten century to carry Joe Root's England to victory and level the five-match series at 1-1 ahead of the fourth Test at Old Trafford next week. Smith did not relish being a spectator at Headingley but said he expected to be back in the thick of it in Manchester. He dismissed the idea that Archer might have an edge against him should they face off again.

"No, I'm not really going to change anything. There's been a bit of talk that he's got the wood over me but he hasn't got me out," said Smith of England's tearaway pacer. "He hit me on the head on a wicket that was a bit up and down at Lord's. All the other bowlers have had more success against me, I dare say. I've faced them a bit more but they've all got me out a lot more, so, yeah, pretty comfortable about that."

Smith sounded equally comfortable with the prospect of an even heavier short ball barrage at Old Trafford.

"If you bowl it up there it means they can't nick me off or hit me on the pad or hit the stumps," he shrugged. "With the Dukes ball, I don't know — it's an interesting ploy, so we'll see what happens."

Governing body Cricket Australia is looking to



Steve Smith was felled by a Jofra Archer bouncer during the second Test at Lord's. The blow forced him to sit out the Headingley Test.

ing to make neck guards compulsory on helmets within a year to give batsmen more protection. Smith said he had tried them out and his heart-rate had gone up about "30 or 40" beats per minute.

"I just feel claustrophobic. I compare it to

being stuck in an MRI scan machine so it was different," he said. "At some point they're probably going to become mandatory

Anderson steps up recovery

James Anderson bowled 20 overs for

Lancashire second XI on Tuesday as he took another step towards proving his fitness for the fourth Ashes Test.

England's leading wicket-taker, who is recuperating from a right calf injury, claimed 1-38 against Durham second XI at Chester on Tuesday. The 37-year-old aggravated his calf injury in the Ashes opener at Edgbaston and missed the following two Tests. As part of his rehabilitation programme, Anderson featured for Lancashire's second XI against Leicestershire's second string last week, picking up two wickets.

If Anderson comes through the four-day match at Chester unscathed he is expected to reclaim his spot in the England side for the fourth Test at Old Trafford starting on September 4, so I am going to have to get used to them."

'Stokes needs less bowling'

England all-rounder Ben Stokes has emerged as one of the team's two best batsmen and must be given assurances by Test skipper Joe Root that he will not be burdened with a heavy bowling workload, former captain Mike Brearley has said. Stokes rescued England's chances of winning back the Ashes on Sunday, hitting an unbeaten 135 against Australia at

Headingley as England successfully chased down a record 359 target to level the series at 1-1. Brearley said that the 28-year-old had to make batting his top priority in the longest format of the game.

"Stokes needs assurances from captain and selectors that he will not be bowled too much, that he will in most conditions be the fourth seamer, not the third," Brearley who played 39 tests, wrote in a column for The Times newspaper. "He cannot regularly bowl 20 overs a day, flat out, and regularly score six-hour centuries. He has to be encouraged to make batting his first, not his second, string."

Brearley said Stokes was among England's top two batsmen following Alastair Cook's international retirement last year.

"A year ago, I said he (Stokes) was already one of England's three best batsmen, along with Cook and Root. Now he is one of, at most, our two best," Brearley added. "I see in him no sign of internal conflict between styles of batting or priorities as to what his best contribution may be. A year ago I wrote ... that he could become the number three that England were looking for. He plays straight, well forward or well back. He pulls, hooks and drives with power and control... And he now builds an innings."

Arpinder falls centimetres short

Asian Games champion wins triple jump gold, but fails to breach world championship mark at inter-state meet

NIHAL KOSHIE
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THE MEN'S triple jump final at the Inter-State Senior Athletics Championships proved to be a high-class competition with just four centimetres separating the top-three – 16.83 metres, 16.80m, 16.79m – and India's best Arpinder Singh putting in a heartening performance yet falling short of making the grade for the World Championships.

The 17-metre mark was not breached but winner Arpinder Singh could not recall a national competition in which the top-three registered such distances during his years at the senior level. If one accounts for the heat and humidity, the jumpers deserve more credit than the result sheet gives them. Thirty five degree centigrade on the temperature gauge, humidity close to 80 per cent and a 2:30 pm start under the sweltering sun, not ideal conditions to take a walk in Lucknow.

Perhaps organizers were trying to be too clever by giving the men triple jumpers a 'real feel' of the conditions in Doha during the World Championships where the average temperature in September-October will be around 38 degrees. There is one crucial difference because the Khalifa Stadium is a state of the art open-air air-conditioned venue, while the PAC Stadium in Mahanagar was hotter than a cauldron.

Asian Games gold-medal winner Arpinder, one of the star athletes, was attempting to meet the World Championships Qualifying Standard in the triple jump, which has been set at 16.95 metres.

Four years ago at this very stadium, in May, when the temperature was 48 degrees, Arpinder had set the then national record of 17.17 metres to qualify for the Commonwealth Games. He was expected to brave the heat and humidity and make the cut for the World Championships.

It started off well for the 26-year-old with a promising jump of 16.74 metres. Arpinder for a moment even miscalculated the distance and raised his arms believing he had crossed the 17-metre mark. But he had taken off well behind the board and lost out on crucial centimeters. There were five attempts to go and the anticipation around Arpinder was rising. His second jump was even better at 16.83 metres giving renewed hope to the fans and coaches who had moved to the far side of the stadium to watch the triple jump. He followed it up with 16.65 yet this was when fatigue started setting in.

To make matters worse, Arpinder was allowed just a two-minute gap between this fifth and sixth jump because of an official gaffe. When he walked back after his fifth attempt, the official told him he had just '10 seconds' to begin the next jump. Arpinder's pleas fell on deaf ears and he ran in again and jumped.

Luckily for Arpinder, the timely intervention by the Athletics Federation of India's high performance director Volker Herrmann ensured this particular jump was annulled and he got another opportunity. So he ended up jumping seven times instead of six and by the end of the competition he was drained and feeling dizzy.

Mohammed Salahuddin, a jumper who has made rapid progress this season improved his personal best to 16.79 metres to take bronze while Karthik U, the second-place finisher, was impressive with a best of 16.80 metres in his fourth attempt.

Arpinder, who is expected to make the cut for the World Championships, believed that a qualification berth was within his grasp on Wednesday but it was not to be.

"I don't want to give excuses but if the competition was held a little later in the day, I could have done better. After three jumps I was down and exhausted. On top of that I was made to jump twice in less than two minutes because of a mistake on the part of an official. So I had two minutes between fifth and sixth jump. Then I had to do the sixth jump again. So in total seven



Arpinder will get another shot at qualification next week at the sixth leg of the Indian Grand Prix in New Delhi. AFI

NADA to begin collecting athletes' samples today

Lucknow: The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) will begin collecting samples of athletes from the third day at the venue, a top Athletics Federation of India official said.

On Wednesday, athletes were informed on the public announcement system at the PAC Stadium in Lucknow that dope control officers from NADA would

collect samples and could also visit them in their rooms at the end of the second day of the competition. "The AFI president Adille Sumariwalla spoke to the sports ministry to ensure that NADA collects samples during this championship. NADA was not present on the first day but by today (Wednesday) evening sample collections will start," the AFI official stated. **ENS**

jumps. But no excuses," Arpinder said.

His top jump of 16.80 metres was his season best improving on the 16.63 in Sotteville, France, in July.

For someone who has been a rolling stone of sorts when it comes to coaches and training centres with stints in London and Chula Vista, not giving him the best results, Arpinder hopes that his four-month old association with Antony Yaich, athletics head coach at the Inspire Institute of Sport in Vijaynagar, works out to be a long partnership.

From bull to cheetah

Yaich gives an interesting comparison when talking about what changes he has been able to bring about in Arpinder's technique. "Most of the time I am trying to tell him to jump like a Cheetah because most of the time he used to jump like a bull," the Frenchman says.

By this Yaich means that Arpinder used to land on the board really hard but now is getting used to just caressing it with his foot in order to maintain his new-found

speed into the jump. "Most of the coaches are confused that aggression means hitting the board hard. But what we are working on for the last four months is trying to maintain the speed from the hop to the jump," Yaich said. The target of qualifying for the World Championships was not achieved yet Yaich talks up Arpinder as someone capable of crossing 17 metres consistently and even going upto 17.30.

"Today he should have jumped 17 metres three or four times. After the first jump he realised he could qualify today but then he tried too hard. And when you try too hard you lose some of your technique," the coach added.

With the September 6 deadline looming for qualification, Arpinder is in a race against time. He has another opportunity to excel next week at the sixth leg of the Indian Grand Prix in New Delhi, which is being held with 24 hours to go for the cut-off date for qualification. "It is wonderful that I have another opportunity. In a week, hopefully, I will meet my goal."

TODAY'S RESULTS

■ **Men: 200m:** 1. Balakumar Nithin (Tamil Nadu) 20.91 seconds; 2. Akshay Nain (Delhi) 21.39; 3. Abhinav Panwar (Delhi) 21.47.

■ **400m:** 1. Alex A Antony (Kerala) 46.17 seconds; 2. Harsh Baljeet Singh (Haryana) 46.64; 3. Sachin Roby (Karnataka) 46.96.

■ **800m:** 1. Mohammed Afsal (Kerala) 1:48.35; 2. Mujamil Ameer (Tamil Nadu) 1:49.03; 3. Ankit (Haryana) 1:49.95.

■ **400m Hurdles:** 1. Mahdi Pirjahan (Iran) 49.33 seconds; 2. Jagdeesh Chandra (Karnataka) 50.85; 3. Jithin Paul (Kerala) 50.92.

■ **Triple Jump:** 1. Arpinder Singh (Punjab) 16.83m; 2. Karthik U (Karnataka) 16.80; 3. Salahuddin Mohammed (Tamil Nadu) 16.79.

■ **Shot put:** 1. Inderjeet Singh (Haryana) 19.73m; 2. Jasdeep Dhillion (Punjab) 17.77; 3. Shakti Rathore (Rajasthan) 17.20.

■ **Decathlon:** 1. Gurpreet Singh (Chandigarh) 6667 points; 2. Durai Murugan (Tamil Nadu) 6662; 3. Krishna Kumar (Tamil Nadu) 6587.

Kargil war veteran's son could be India's next shining star

VISHAL MENON
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AS A Kargil war veteran who served the Indian Army in the Jat regiment, Nem Singh Jurel wanted his son Dhruv to join the National Defence Academy (NDA) after finishing school. But Dhruv was too enamoured by cricket to follow in his father's footsteps.

Nem says he doesn't mind his son's choice. For a reason. At 18, Dhruv, a wicket-keeper and top-order batsman, will lead India in the U-19 Youth Asia Cup in Colombo next month. Even though the boy from Agra is known for his agility behind the stumps, it's his pyrotechnics with the bat that has coaches and selectors swooning. In recent times, the teenager has also earned the tag of being his team's crisis-manager, fashioning wins from the direst situations, much like a certain MS Dhoni.

Dhruv was the chief architect of the U-19 team's recent triumph over Bangladesh in the tri-nation tournament final at Hove in England. Chasing a target of 262, the colts lost two quick wickets and were in a spot of bother before Dhruv's unbeaten 59 helped India cross the finish line. "I relish opportunities when you walk out to bat with your team in trouble... that's the kind of challenge I look forward to," he tells *The Indian Express*.

Now, his father has made peace with his son's career choice. "It's all about doing something for your country. I served the Army during the Kargil war, before retiring in 2008. Now, my son is also serving his country as a cricketer. Even though it's a different field, the purpose is the same," Singh offers.

Despite his son's fairly seamless progression to India's U-19 squad, Nem was initially apprehensive about Dhruv's credentials as a cricketer. Nevertheless, seeing his son's unwavering passion for the game, he would get him enrolled at Agra's Springdale Academy under the tutelage of coach Parvendra Yadav. "He was barely 10 when he got admitted to Yadavji's academy... but I was not convinced that he would make it as a cricketer," Singh admits.

All that changed in the winter of 2015, when his 14-year-old son smashed a scarcely-believable 21-ball 100 in a local T20 match in Agra. "His coach (Yadav) called me up to congratulate me. But when I asked Dhruv about that knock, he didn't seem too excited. He told me 'papa, woh ground bahut chota hain'." That was the day I realised that my son could become a cricketer because there was this burning desire to excel."

By 15, Dhruv had set his sights on playing for India. Back home in Agra, opportunities were few and far between. His coach

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DHRUV JUREL,
INDIA U-19 CAPTAIN

Yadav asked his ward to try his luck in Delhi.

In 2016, with help from a friend, Dhruv came knocking at Billabong High School in Sector-34, Noida, where Phoolchand Sharma operates a bustling cricketing academy.

The shift to Noida would play a decisive role in Dhruv's progression. "When he came to my academy three years ago, I didn't know who he was. But he impressed me with his wicket-keeping and batting, so I decided to persist with him. Soon, he was playing in all the club tournaments in Delhi. He became a regular in Sandeep Suri as well as the Khalsa College T20 tournaments. In just 12 months, he got the exposure which he would not have got had he stayed back in Agra," Sharma quips.

The following year, he would get picked for the Vaibhav Mishra tournament in Meerut. In the final, Jurel, batting at No.6, scored an unbeaten 36-ball 80 that helped his team win. That knock single-handedly earned him a spot in Uttar Pradesh's U-19 squad for the 2018-19 season.

If there were doubts about him adjusting to the rigours of the four-day format of the Cooch Behar Trophy, Dhruv would quell them in his debut season itself. Stacking up 736 runs from 11 matches at an average of 61.33, which included a top score of 153 against Chhattisgarh. Hence, it was no surprise that his name cropped up when selectors sat down to pick India's U-19 team for the 2019 season. Besides his dazzling stroke-play, Dhruv continued to be competent behind the wickets, accounting for over 50 dismissals in his debut season.

"He is a true all-rounder in the sense that he has the game to play any kind of knock and has the confidence and temperament to pull it off in the match. That's a rare talent to have for someone so young," Sharma gushes.

While it's still too preposterous to hail Dhruv as the next Dhoni, a string of all-round performances as captain in the upcoming Youth Asia Cup will only reaffirm his considerable talent and enhance his reputation. Despite his son's success on the field, father Nem Singh has just one wish: "I want my son to complete his formal education. After graduating from the Army School last year, he has taken a break to pursue cricket. I hope he gets enrolled into a college by next year."



Dhruv Jurel with coach Phoolchand Sharma at his academy in Noida.

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Ajantha Mendis retires from all forms of cricket

Sri Lankan mystery spinner Ajantha Mendis on Wednesday announced his retirement from all forms of the game. The 34-year old, who made his debut in 2008 and last played international cricket in 2015, took 288 wickets for his country across the three formats. Famous for his "carrom ball", Mendis snapped 70 wickets in 19 Tests, 152 in 87 ODIs and 66 in 39 T20s. Mendis was the fastest to reach 50 ODI wickets and is the only bowler to take a six-wicket haul in T20s twice. He burst on to the scene at the Asia Cup when he took six for 13 as Sri Lanka beat India in the final. He received a Test call-up against India the same year and picked up 26 wickets in a three-Test series at home which Sri Lanka won 2-1.

Wassan to head Delhi senior selection panel

Former India medium pacer Atul Wassan was on Wednesday appointed chairman of the senior selection committee of the Delhi and District Cricket Association for the 2019-20 season. The other two members of the panel are Anil Bharadwaj and Vineet Jain. The DCCA also formed a three-member junior selection committee which will be headed by Mayank Tehlan and has Chetan Sharma and Pradeep Chawla as members. The junior selection committee will keep an eye on U-19, U-16 and U-14 age group boys.



Red Star Belgrade players and supporters celebrate on Tuesday. AP

Red Star, Dinamo fans in tit-for-tat celebrations

After parking a battle tank at the gates of their stadium, Red Star Belgrade fans packed into an open-top armoured troop carrier with some players to mark their Champions League qualification. The Serbian team reached the group stage following a 1-1 draw with Swiss champions Young Boys on Tuesday. After the match, Red Star fans and players joined the victory parade on the streets of the Serbian capital by riding on a large armoured personnel carrier. It triggered angry reactions in Croatia because they say it symbolises the Serbed army intervention during the bloody breakup of the Yugoslav federation in the 1990s. Dinamo Zagreb fans responded by parking a rusty tractor in front of their stadium in the Croatian capital. The tractor symbolises the exodus of tens of thousands of Serbs from Croatia in 1995 during a Croatian army offensive to retake the rebel Serb enclaves at the end of the war for independence. The Croatian Serbs fled mostly on tractor trailers. Dinamo also qualified for the group stage after a 1-1 draw against Rosenborg on Tuesday.

Bhullar & SSP in action at European Masters

Ace Indian golfers Gaganjeet Bhullar and SSP Chawrasia will look to find their best form this week when they tee off at the Omega European Masters at the picturesque Crans-sur-Sierre Golf Club in Switzerland on Thursday. Arjuna awardee Bhullar ended his challenge at T-53 at the Scandinavian Masters last week and will look for a better finish. Chawrasia, on the other hand, will be looking to improve upon his performance from the last tournament. He missed the cut at the Aberdeen Standard Investments Scottish Open last month. Eyes will also be on the defending champion Matthew Fitzpatrick, looking for his third consecutive Omega Masters titles.



Woods has surgery on knee, will play in Oct

Tiger Woods revealed he had undergone surgery to repair cartilage in his left knee but said he expects to be fit to play at the PGA Tour's inaugural event in Japan in October. In a brief statement on Twitter on Tuesday, reigning Masters champion Woods said he had undergone keyhole surgery last week to mend "minor cartilage damage." Dr Vern Cooley, who conducted the procedure, said in the statement he expects Woods to make a full recovery. "We did what was needed, and also examined the entire knee," Cooley said. "There were no additional problems." Woods said he was already walking following the surgery and expected to return to practice in the "next few weeks." "I look forward to travelling and playing in Japan in October," Woods said.

Tvesa four shots ahead on Women's Pro Tour

Tvesa Malik got off to a flying start in the 13th leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour with a four-under 68 that gave her a four-shot lead over Gaurika Bishnoi and Gurjot Badwal. Playing at Gary Player's Black Knight course at Gurugram's DLF Golf and Country Club, Tvesa started the day with 10 pars in a row, before coming up with three successive birdies. She dropped a shot on the Par-5 15th, but quickly regrouped to close birdie-birdie for a 68. This is the last event before the Hero Women's Indian Open in the first week of October.

Top seeds fail to sprout

Thiem, Tsitsipas and Bautista Agut knocked out of the quarter of the draw devoid of the Big Three

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THE OPENING for opportunity for men at the United States Open appeared to be, as it often is, in the one quarter of the draw without any of the Big Three — Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer. The gap in that relatively barren quarter of the draw is much wider after the first-round losses on Tuesday of all three top-10 players placed there.

The fourth-seeded Dominic Thiem bowed out in four sets, falling 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 to 87th-ranked Thomas Fabbiano of Italy in Arthur Ashe Stadium. The eighth-seeded Stefanos Tsitsipas also lost in four sets to the in-form Andrey Rublev, a 43rd-ranked Russian who defeated Federer at the Cincinnati Masters this month. The No. 10 seed, Roberto Bautista Agut, who was the lone non-Big Three semifinalist at Wimbledon this year, lost in five sets to the 47th-ranked Mikhail Kukushkin of Kazakhstan.

Bautista's exit may have been the most surprising. He has been one of the steadiest players of this year, particularly on hard courts, earning two wins over the top-ranked Djokovic. Bautista, 31, is at an age when players seem to reliably perform at or near expectations in Grand Slams. For the younger generation, that has been a considerable challenge.

Thiem, 25, who is the only male player currently younger than 30 to have won a set in a Grand Slam final, lost in the first round of a Grand Slam for a second straight time, after meekly falling to Sam Querrey at the same stage at Wimbledon.

Thiem carried an illness to New York that made his expectations measured, as he told the news media from Austria, his home country, on Monday. "My goal, of course, is to get through the first round somehow, and then it would be a day off," he said. "So I give myself some time, that I will be fully fit at some point in the tournament — but of course it can also be over tomorrow."

And it was, quickly. Thiem said that he got "very, very tired and exhausted after two sets." He congratulated Fabbiano on the victory but said he could not assess his opponent's form.

"I don't know how much his performance is worth," Thiem said, "because it was not against the real me." As Tsitsipas, 21, lost, he took out his frustrations on the chair umpire, Damien Dumusois, who told Tsitsipas to hurry up when he dawdled on a changeover. Tsitsipas became increasingly animated



Dominic Thiem congratulates Thomas Fabbiano after the latter won their first-round match at the US Open. AP

as he accused the official of bias.

"Because you're French, probably, and you're all weirdos!" Tsitsipas, who is from Greece, said theatrically. He was not penalized for his outburst, but he did receive a time violation. Though disappointed after the loss, Tsitsipas did not have the same reaction that he did after losing in the first round of Wimbledon — that time to Fabbiano — where he was morose in the interview room (and then locked himself in his room for several days).

When Tsitsipas sat at the podium on Tuesday, the first thing he said was: "I'm not going to react again like in Wimbledon. That's the only thing I know." Later, he added: "I saw myself in that interview a couple of days later, and it didn't feel right. My reaction was too much. I mean, there are far worse things in life than losses, and that day

felt like someone was in the grave."

Still, Tsitsipas expressed considerable angst. "I feel like I'm doing the same thing over and over again, and my brain can't really take it anymore," he said.

"I feel like I'm doing the same routines on the court, the same execution, the same strategies and everything. And I feel like my mind is just — I don't feel inspired. I play out on the court, and I don't feel like I'm chasing something."

Tsitsipas met a goal this month when he made his debut in the top five after reaching the semifinals in Washington. The sudden weight of that standard, he said, became crushing, and he lost in the first round of the Rogers Cup and the Cincinnati Masters, then slipped to No. 8.

"I was really excited when I saw that No. 5 and my name next to it; then I realized that

in order to stay up there, I have to be very, very consistent, doing semifinals, finals, winning titles," Tsitsipas said. "I don't know why that got in my brain a little bit."

Only one player left in the quarter, the unpredictable Gaël Monfils, has ever made a Grand Slam semifinal.

In addition to the losses in the relatively barren quarter of the bracket, one top-10 player fell out of a quarter of the draw anchored by the second-seeded

Rafael Nadal. The ninth-seeded Karen Khachanov lost in five sets to the 216th-ranked Vasek Pospisil, falling 4-6, 7-5, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3. In the same quarter, the sixth-seeded Alexander Zverev appeared in complete command of his first-round match against Moldova's Radu Albot, but then wavered in the third and fourth sets before closing out a 6-1, 6-3, 3-6, 4-6, 6-2 victory.

Coco comes back to win US Open debut

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HERE'S HOW new all of this is to Coco Gauff: She didn't quite realise she only has to play every other day at the US Open. "I'm still used to playing juniors," the American said with a chuckle, "so I forgot about the day off."

She's still just 15. She's competing in just her second Grand Slam tournament. And yet she's definitely showing she can perform like someone much older and more experienced.

With her parents jumping out of their front-row seats over and over again, and a raucous partisan crowd backing her at Louis Armstrong Stadium, Gauff trailed by a set and a break, then again by a break in the third set, before coming up big down the stretch to get past Anastasia Potapova of Russia 3-6, 6-2, 6-4 in her debut at Flushing Meadows.

"Honestly, I mean, I really don't remember the match too well," Gauff said, "because everything is still a blur."

Here is what is clear: She displayed the same sort of gumption she did while saving match points in a Centre Court comeback at Wimbledon during her captivating run to the fourth round there last month.

Gauff simply does not give in or give up.

Robust serve

As strong as her serve and other strokes are, she's already showing an ability to make adjustments during a match and figure out ways to win, time and again. Gauff was ranked 313th when she got a wild-card invitation into qualifying at Wimbledon, then became the youngest player in history to make it through those preliminary rounds at that prestigious tournament.

After beating Venus Williams in the first round, then a 2017 Wimbledon semifinalist in the second, Gauff got to Week 2 before her surprising showing there ended with a loss to eventual champion Simona Halep.

It was all enough to persuade the US Tennis Association to provide a wild card into its event, a special entry she needed because her ranking is 140th.

In other women's action, defending champion and No. 1 seed Naomi Osaka dropped her first five games against 84th-ranked Anna Blinkova, wasted a match point in the second set, then finally put together a 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-2 victory.

A couple of years ago, when Gauff was 13, she got a chance to practice with Osaka.

"Her dad and my dad are actually quite cool," Osaka said on Tuesday. "She seems to



Coco Gauff notched up a 3-6, 6-2, 6-4 win against Anastasia Potapova.

be doing great."

Gauff's father and mother were kind of quiet in the early going at Armstrong, until their daughter waved to her guest box after falling behind 3-0 early.

"I was telling them to get hyped up more. I needed more positive energy. I was nervous. Just looking at them when they're giving me a fist pump gives me a little reassurance," Gauff explained. "I think they were nervous. They wanted to stay more reserved, too. I was like, 'No, I need you guys to come on, stand up.'" They obliged, yelling and clapping after what seemed to be each point Coco won. Dad also pounded a fist on his chest repeatedly.

"I think I gave them a heart attack, especially my mom," Gauff said. "And my dad, he looks a little bit tired over there, too."

Gauff did not start well against the 72nd-ranked Potapova. Not well at all.

Gauff, who is based in Florida, double-faulted three times in her first service game on a breezy evening.

Both players hit the ball violently while covering the court well, creating lengthy, entertaining points often introduced by serves at, or above, 100 mph.

Potapova is a past Wimbledon junior champion, and still only 18, so this was the youngest match-up in the first round at Flushing Meadows.

FORMULA ONE

Vettel seeking Belgian break at happy hunting ground

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SEBASTIAN VETTEL returns to the scene of his last Formula One win at this weekend's Belgian Grand Prix and the German four-time champion will hope the Spa-Francorchamps circuit can hand him the break he needs to end a victory drought.

Vettel, winner of 52 races, has gone more than a year since he tasted victory at last year's Belgian race.

While the 32-year-old has looked a pale shadow of the driver that won four titles in a row between 2010-13, his Ferrari team have also failed to produce a car that can match

the might of dominant rivals Mercedes this season. The Maranello-based team have struggled around twisty tracks, with Vettel finishing over a minute behind race winner Hamilton in third at the last race in Hungary.

But Ferrari have been better suited to high-speed layouts like Spa this season.

The track that hosts Sunday's race and Monza, where Ferrari's home Italian Grand Prix will be held the week after, have been singled out as the two best opportunities for the team to shine.

"I think it's more power-sensitive ... but there is nothing that is given," said Ferrari boss Mattia Binotto, whose team have not won since last October's US Grand Prix, after the race in Hungary.

"I think the situation will be different to

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Budapest and we will try to prepare ourselves the best to seek the first victory."

The undulating 7km-long Spa-Francorchamps track, with its fast sweeps and flat-out blasts, is not just the longest but also among the fastest circuits on the calen-

dar and has been a happy hunting ground for Vettel, who has won there three times.

A fourth win would see him draw level with former team-mate Kimi Raikkonen, the most successful of the current crop of drivers at Spa. But he will first have to overcome Lewis Hamilton.

The Mercedes driver, who is also a three-time winner in Belgium, has won eight of 12 races this season and leads the overall standings by 62 points from team-mate Valtteri Bottas.

Neither the 34-year-old nor his Mercedes team, who have won 10 of the 12 races so far, will have been resting on their laurels with Sunday's race marking Formula One's return from its August summer shutdown.

"We're approaching the start to the sec-

ond half of 2019 more like the start to a completely new season ..." said Mercedes team principal Toto Wolff. "We're looking forward to the fight." Max Verstappen will be hoping to make it a three-way battle by putting his Red Bull team in the mix.

Verstappen, who can expect plenty of support from his orange-clad Dutch fans, has won two of the last four races, chalking up more points than even Hamilton since the Austrian Grand Prix at the end of June.

Still, his Honda-powered Red Bull could struggle to match Ferrari and Mercedes at the horsepower-dependent track.

The weekend could also see some driver announcements, with the futures of several drivers, including Hamilton's Mercedes team-mate Bottas, up in the air.



It's more than a year since Sebastian Vettel tasted victory at last year's Belgian Grand Prix. Reuters

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