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Downgrading ties: Pak tests Kashmir waters, India holds response

Pak tells India to recall envoy, puts trade on hold after Imran chairs security meeting

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

A DAY after Parliament ratified the government's decision to end the special status of Jammu and Kashmir and bifurcate the state into two Union Territories, Pakistan Wednesday announced it was downgrading diplomatic relations with India, and asked Delhi to withdraw its High Commissioner from Islamabad. Pakistan also said it would not be sending its High Commissioner-designate to India.

Delhi chose not to respond Wednesday with sources indicating that it did not want to fall for what it considers a bait, and a desperate bid by Islamabad to internationalise the issue. India considers its move against Article 370 as an internal matter, and this has been conveyed to the global community.

Islamabad also announced suspension of bilateral trade with India, review of bilateral arrangements, approaching the United Nations, while declaring that it would observe August 14,

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NSA Ajit Doval with Shopian residents, Wednesday. *ANI* P 7

No chest-thumping please, long haul ahead: PM's message to party

RAVISH TIWARI & LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

EVEN AS the Union Cabinet proceeded to approve a proposal to honour BJP's oldest ideological commitment of stripping Jammu and Kashmir of its special status, Prime Minister Narendra Modi advised his ministerial colleagues that there is no room for triumphalism and reminded them that it's now that the heavy-lifting begins, sources told *The Indian Express*.

"It is a big day for the country. We should demonstrate foresight and statesmanship to take everyone along on this," said a source about Modi's message to the Cabinet on the morning of August 5 while approving Home Minister Amit Shah's proposal to strip Jammu and Kashmir of its special status and bifurcate the state into two Union Territories. "Everyone

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Daughter Bansuri, husband Swaraj Kaushal, Union ministers and BJP leaders bid farewell to Sushma Swaraj in New Delhi on Wednesday. *ANI*

At farewell to Haryana ki Beti, 12 from Delhi leprosy homes

SOMYA LAKHANI
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

HER HANDS clutching a basket of rose petals and a garland, 85-year-old Fatima waited for hours in the queue outside a hall at the BJP headquarters, where Sushma Swaraj's body lay Wednesday afternoon. "Is Sushma didi here?" she asked every few minutes.

It was a long morning for Fatima. She was woken up early to news of Swaraj's death by a family member. She rushed to a flower shop closest to Jeevan Deep Kustha Ashram, a leprosy colony in Delhi's RK Puram, where she has lived for decades and bought a few hundred rupees worth of flowers.

"Every year on her birthday on February 14, Sushma didi would begin celebrations with

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From Kulbhushan Jadhav family: She was one of us

SMITA NAIR
PANJIM, AUGUST 7

AMONG THE stream of messages Wednesday condoling the death of former External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj was a heartfelt tribute from a family whose life her office had touched — with hope. The family of Kulbhushan Jadhav, who is in Pakistani custody, described Swaraj as "very humble, loving, caring and down to earth", and said it was "deeply grieved" at the loss.

Swaraj was the architect of a sustained diplomatic campaign that led last month to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) granting India consular access to Jadhav, the retired Navy officer who has been in Pakistan's custody since March 2016.

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On July 25, Sushma Swaraj tweeted this picture with Kulbushan Jadhav's family.

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RBI cuts rate by 35 basis points, cites concerns over growth

KHUSHBOO NARAYAN & GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, AUGUST 7

MOVING TO address the deepening slowdown, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Wednesday reduced its key policy rate by 35 basis points, the fourth consecutive interest rate cut this year, taking the benchmark lending rate to a nine-year low.

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) decided to lower the repo rate by an unorthodox 35 basis points to 5.40 per cent. The higher-than-expected cut in the key policy rate could bring down lending and deposit rates of banks with State Bank of India announcing a reduction in its Marginal Cost Based Lending Rate (MCLR) by

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Transmission is crucial

THE RATE cut is aimed at tackling the pervasive slowdown, but for this to have real impact, adequate transmission is key. That has not happened so far. The focus has to shift on improving transmission to bank lending rates, alongside renewed policy reforms aimed at restarting investment activity.

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Hafiz Saeed guilty of terror financing, Pak tells court

M ZULQERNAIN
LAHORE, AUGUST 7

MUMBAI TERROR attack mastermind and Jammat-ud-Dawah chief Hafiz Saeed was declared guilty of terror financing by the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) in a Pakistani court Wednesday.

A UN-designated terrorist on whom the US has placed a $10 million bounty, Saeed was presented before the Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) Gujranwala, some 80 km from Lahore, in high security where he was chargesheeted of terror

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He is at the Kot Lakhpat jail in Lahore

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4 dead as thousands rush across Assam for fresh NRC hearings

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, AUGUST 7

FROM TWO sisters on board a bus to a senior citizen who fell ill during a hearing, four persons, including a 14-year-old girl, have died since Monday in Assam. All were among the thousands summoned for fresh National Register of Citizens (NRC) hearings that ended Wednesday.

The Indian Express reported Monday that thousands in lower Assam districts received notices from NRC authorities asking them to appear at new hearings, mostly in far-off towns of Upper Assam, 300-400 km away, between August 5 and August 7.

The fresh set of orders triggered panic as people boarded buses, hired SUVs and multi-purpose vehicles and pick-up trucks to reach towns like Jorhat, Charaideo, Sivasagar and Golaghat.

Rezia Khatun (60) from Dakachang village in Kamrup (rural) district was declared brought dead at a hospital in Nagaon district after she complained of being unwell during her hearing in Kaliabor on Monday. She had to travel more than 250 km for the hearing and police said the cause of death is unknown.

Early Tuesday, Hanif Ali (65) died after the hired camper vehicle he and his family were travelling in capsized around 10 km away from his home in Asalpara village. They were returning from Charaideo district. Ali's relative, Monirul Islam said, "The

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Kerala nun who took on bishop sacked — for learning to drive

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SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUGUST 7

LEARNING TO drive, taking a loan to buy a car, publishing a collection of her poems.

These are some of the charges listed by the Franciscan Clarist Congregation (FCC) of the Catholic Church in Kerala to dismiss Lucy Kalapura, the nun who hit the headlines last September when she participated in a protest by nuns demanding the arrest of a bishop accused of rape.

The decision to dismiss the 53-year-old was taken on May 11 by the FCC, which received approval from the powerful Congregation for the Oriental Churches on August 5 through the Vatican's representative in Delhi. Kalapura was handed the order Wednesday.

"I have been asked to quit the convent within 10 days. But I am not going to vacate the premises. There are not only vows of obedience and poverty, but also of chastity. I have been a nun for the last 33 years. They can't dismiss me like this. I will look at legal options after consulting a lawyer. I want to fight, as a woman I need security. I will seek police protection, if required," Kalapura, who hails from Karikkottakkari in Kannur, told *The Indian Express*.

Kalapura is a teacher with a church-run government-aided school and a member of the FCC convent at Karickamala village in Wayanad. Last year, she was one of the prominent faces of the agitation by nuns demanding the arrest of Bishop Franco Mulakkal, who is an accused in

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Want to fight, will look at legal options: Lucy Kalapura

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FR TOM UZHUNNALIL, RESCUED FROM ISIS CAPTIVITY, REMEMBERS SUSHMA SWARAJ

In September, 2017, then-foreign minister Sushma Swaraj had announced on Twitter that the priest had been released from ISIS captivity. The 59-year-old Catholic priest, who belongs to the Congregation of the Salesians of Don Bosco, had reached Yemen in 2010 and was working with a care home

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SUSHMA SWARAJ PASSES AWAY

We revisit her fiery speeches in the Parliament

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SUSHMA SWARAJ FINAL JOURNEY

Daughter, Bansuri, performed the last rites at Lodhi crematorium

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Why has the RBI cut the repo rate again?

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In this episode of the 3 Things podcast, we look at why the repo rate has been cut for the fourth time this year and why the GDP growth has been revised downwards.

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Haryana ki Beti

us at the colony. This had been going on for 18 years. She loved us deeply, fed us aloo-puri that day, and asked us how we were. This is a personal loss," said Fatima, who was accompanied by five others from her colony, and six from the Lajpat Nagar leprosy colony.

From Prime Minister Narendra Modi his predecessor Manmohan Singh, politicians across party lines gathered at Swaraj's Jantar Mantar home in the morning. Around 1 pm, her body was moved to the BJP headquarters where Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani were present among others. The cremation was held at Lodhi crematorium around 3.45 pm.

Like Fatima, hundreds, whose lives Swaraj touched, showed up at the BJP office — with bouquets of lilies and roses, old photographs of Swaraj, and a heavy heart.

And from a local BJP leader from Kalimpong in Darjeeling to a former East Delhi Mayor, women clearly outnumbered the men at the BJP office.

"For decades, I saw Sushma ji on TV, standing tall with the men at rallies, on stage and for elections. She was an inspiration, she taught a whole generation of women that we too could dabble in politics and be successful. I tried getting an appointment with her in Delhi but couldn't. I had no idea this is how I would first meet her," said Annapurna Chaturvedi, president, BJP Kalimpong, as she held on to two roses she got for Swaraj.

In another corner, a group of women — former East Delhi Mayor Neema Bhagat; Shahdara District President of BJP Mahila Morcha Chhavi Kala Singh; and party member Usha Luthra — exchanged tales of their encounters with Swaraj.

Bhagat said, "Didi was very popular with the masses and she shared that secret with me. She suggested that as a mayor, I should attend weddings of family members of the party workers. They feel supported and it adds to their image." Singh and Luthra said that Swaraj taught them how to balance work and family life, and that "women being ambitious was no crime."

Hindi poet Ashok Chakradhar recalled a chance encounter with Swaraj in a flight over 30 years ago. He said, "Sushma ji recited a verse from a poem I had written for a play titled Bandriya Chali Sasural, which was presented at National School of Drama. I was surprised that she remembered it, though I didn't. She then told me that her daughter Bansuri played Hallam Haathi in the play. She loved poetry."

At the Lodhi crematorium, poet-lyricist and Chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) Prasoon Joshi recounted numerous casual meetings at her home over the years. "There is so much of my work that only Sushma ji was privy too. Whenever I met her, she would ask me about my work-in-progress project, the next poem or the song. I have recited countless poems that I never released to her. I will miss those meetings," he said.

From Narnaul in Haryana came Prithviraj Yadav (60), who said, "She was Haryana's beti and even as she achieved heights, especially becoming the Minister of External Affairs, she didn't forget her homeland, her Haryana."

Jadhav family

On Wednesday, a statement issued by Jadhav's parents and family, and read over the phone to The Indian Express, said: "Sushmaji was an emphatic and compassionate person. The whole world is witness to her efforts in bringing back so many Indians.

"She, the Indian Government and the BJP have put in great effort in our son's case. We met her on several occasions regarding his case. She made us feel very comfortable. She was very humble, loving, caring and down to earth. Because of this, she and the Ministry of External Affairs seemed like an extended family to us.

"On July 25, we met her. It was in the evening that she hosted us. She was very warm and hale and hearty that day. It is difficult to believe she is no more. We extend our sincere and heartfelt condolences to Bansuri and her father. Madam's passing away is a great loss to the world, India, to BJP and her family. Time and words will fall short if we try to list her glory and goodness. We are deeply grieved."

On July 25, Swaraj had tweeted a photograph of her with Jadhav's parents Avanti and Sudhir, and wife Chetna. She was happy that day, the family recalled, even telling them not to thank her repeatedly, as she was only fulfilling her duty.

On Tuesday, just before she suffered a cardiac arrest, Swaraj had called Senior Advocate Harish Salve and asked him to collect his fee of Re 1 for representing India at the ICJ in the Jadhav case.

India had moved the ICJ in May 2017 against the "farcical trial" by the military court of Pakistan, which sentenced Jadhav to death on charges of espionage and terrorism. India has maintained that Jadhav was kidnapped from Iran where he had business interests after retiring from the Navy.

On July 17, in a major diplomatic victory for India, the ICJ granted consular access to Jadhav with the court also asking Pakistan to review the death sentence.

RBI cuts rate

15 basis points across all tenors within hours of the RBI rate cut.

This is the fourth consecutive cut this year, bringing down the repo rate — the rate at which the RBI lends funds to banks — by a total of 110 basis points from 6.50 per cent. Other central banks in Asia too are on a easing mode with the slowdown gripping many economies.

Unveiling the bi-monthly monetary policy review, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said: "Addressing growth concerns by boosting aggregate demand, especially private investment, assumes highest priority at this juncture while remaining consistent with the inflation mandate."

Acknowledging the slowdown in the economy, the RBI also slashed the real GDP growth for 2019-20 from 7 per cent projected in the June policy to 6.9 per cent. The growth is likely to be in the range of 5.8-6.6 per cent for the first half of 2019-20.

Many sectors like automobiles are facing a slump in demand. There has been a distinct slowdown in the economy and the problem has been compounded by the tight liquidity situation in non-banking finance companies (NBFCs), housing finance companies (HFCs) and the reluctance of banks to lend.

The six-member MPC, Das said, felt it is prudent to remain accommodative. "While remaining consistent with inflation mandate, the MPC considered it necessary to calibrate a size of the policy repo rate cut to the dynamics of the situation. Accordingly, the MPC was of the view that the standard 25 basis point might prove to be inadequate in view of the evolving global and domestic macro economic developments," he said.

On the other hand, reducing policy repo rate by 50 basis points "might be excessive" especially after the actions already undertaken by the RBI, Das said. "Reducing the policy repo rate by 35 basis points was, therefore, viewed as a balanced level of cut under the circumstances."

While MPC members Chetan Ghate and Pami Dua voted for a 25 bps cut, Ravindra Dholakia, Michael Patra, BP Kanungo and Shaktikanta Das opted for a 35 bps reduction in repo rate and all six members voted for retaining the accommodative policy stance. This means a rate hike is off the table now.

SBI Chairman Rajnish Kumar said the RBI decision to cut the repo rate by an unconventional 35 basis points is perhaps a recognition that monetary policy works best with unanticipated surprises to the market. "The RBI has unveiled a host of bazooka measures to arrest recent growth pangs even as it has marginally lowered its growth forecast for FY20," he said.

The SBI said the 15 bps reduction in MCLR will be effective from August 10. With the latest cut, SBI home loans linked to MCLR rates are now cheaper by 35 bps since April 10. The one-year MCLR has now come down to 8.25 per cent per annum, from the earlier 8.40 per cent.

Indian Banks Association Chairman and Punjab National Bank MD Sunil Mehta said, "This (repo rate cut) would go to reduce the lending rate offered by banks. Overall banks have reduced the interest rate on fresh rupee loans by 29 bps. With improvement in liquidity position and reduction in deposit rates offered by banks, further reduction in lending rate is expected."

According to the RBI, inflation is currently projected to remain within the target over a 12-month ahead horizon. "Since the last policy, domestic economic activity continues to be weak, with the global slowdown and escalating trade tensions posing downside risks. Private consumption, the mainstay of aggregate demand, and investment activity remain sluggish," the RBI said.

Even as past rate cuts are being gradually transmitted to the real economy, the benign inflation outlook provides headroom for policy action to close the negative output gap, Das said.

Stating that banks should further lower their rates, he expressed confidence that the government would take further measures to revive growth. "There is a demand and investment slowdown. Both put together have a dampening effect on growth... Our understanding, at this point, is that it is perhaps a cyclical slowdown, not really a deep structural slowdown. Nonetheless, we have to recognise that there is room for certain structural reforms, which need to be undertaken," he said.

On transmission of the monetary policy, Das said while there has been a reduction of monetary policy rates by 75 basis points from February to June 2019, banks have reduced their interest rates on fresh rupee loans by only 39 basis points. "Our interaction with both public and private sector banks indicate that steps are being taken by them on an ongoing basis to progressively lower their interest rates so that benefits of the policy rate reductions are passed on to the economy. We expect higher transmission of monetary policy action and stance by banks in the weeks and months ahead," he said.

"In future whatever steps are required for faster transmission of rate, the RBI will not hesitate to take those steps," he said.

On liquidity management, Das said there is an abundance of liquidity in the system currently, warranting absorption of surpluses by the RBI. As on August 6, surplus liquidity parked in the reverse repo window of the RBI is almost Rs 2 lakh crore.

He said the RBI is committed to ensuring that sufficient liquidity is available so that needs of all productive sectors of the economy are met. Towards this objective, the RBI will use its liquidity management instruments to ensure that the system's requirements of both day-to-day liquidity and durable liquidity are adequately provided. Das said the RBI-constituted internal working group on liquidity management is at an advanced stage of deliberations and its recommendations will be available soon for public comment.

NRC hearings

village headman handed over the notice at 8 am on Sunday and we managed to procure a vehicle. We started at Asalpara at 9 pm Sunday and reached the NRC centre at 10.40 am. We left for home at 1 pm and met with an accident at 3 am near our house. All this happened in a day's journey and my uncle died."

And then, on Wednesday morning, sisters Joymon Nessa (32) and Arzina Begum (14) died after the mini-bus they were travelling in from Golaghat to Kamrup met with an accident. A relative of the sisters, Faizur Rehman, said, "Arzina was a Class 8 student in a private school in our village Dakachang. At least 20 people from their branch of the family was called for hearing. They attended it and met with this accident on their way back."

Local police officers in Nagaon and Kamrup (rural) districts confirmed the four deaths to The Indian Express.

Meanwhile, Sunday midnight, another bus from Sontoli in Kamrup travelling to Golaghat, met with an accident near Guwahati, as it collided with a truck carrying tar - and 22 people were injured, some suffering serious burn wounds due to the hot mix, and admitted to the Guwahati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH). Twenty-four hours later, another bus ferrying families who had completed their hearing Monday in Golaghat back to Kamrup was involved in a mishap in Sonapur, which left at least seven injured.

Shakil Ahmed, a volunteer who has been at the GMCH since Monday, said, "They are very poor people. It seems that in a hurry, the vehicles that these people had booked were not apt for travelling, say, a total of 700-800km, up-down, on the National Highway. They have had to book whatever was available in an attempt to reach the NRC hearing on time. Had there been a bit more time - say, 15 days as the SOP approved by the Supreme Court lays out - rather than 36 hours, things could have been arranged in a better way."

"I have appeared in a couple of NRC hearings earlier, but those were near our village. But this time, no one knows why the centres have been kept so far away. Had the distance not been long, there would have been no injuries and deaths. This is not right. How can they do this?," said Ayarul Hoque Bhuyan (26), from his bed at the GMCH as he recovers from burn wounds.

Government officials remained tight-lipped on the deaths and Prateek Hajela, the NRC state coordinator who was earlier censured against talking to the press by the Supreme Court, did not respond to text messages and phone calls.

Hafiz Saeed

financing by the CTD of Punjab Police.

A CTD official told PTI that it submitted a challan in the ATC, declaring Saeed guilty of terror financing. "Since the case is related to Mandi Bhauddin district of Punjab, therefore the prosecution requested the court to shift it to Gujrat ATC court (some 200 km from Lahore)," he said.

On the prosecution's request, the ATC Gujranwala shifted the case to the Gujrat ATC. He said the next hearing of the case (which is yet to be fixed) will be held in the Gujrat ATC.

Founder of Lashkar-e-Taiba, Saeed was travelling to Gujranwala from Lahore to get pre-arrest bail in terror financing cases registered against him there when he was arrested on July 17. Saeed is being kept at the Kot Lakhpat jail Lahore in high security.

The US Department of the Treasury has designated Saeed as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist, and the US, since 2012, has offered a USD 10 million reward for information that brings Saeed to justice.

The Saeed-led JuD is believed to be the front organisation for the LeT which is responsible for carrying out the 2008 Mumbai attacks that killed 166 people. He was listed under UN Security Council Resolution 1267 in December 2008.

The CTD on July 3 registered 23 FIRs against 13 JuD leaders including Saeed on the charges of terror financing in different cities of Punjab province. The cases have been registered in Lahore, Gujranwala and Multan for collection of funds for terrorism financing through assets/properties made and held in the names of trusts/ non profit organisations including Al-Anfaal Trust, Dawatul Irshad Trust, Muaz Bin Jabal Trust.

The CTD said investigation was launched into financing matters of proscribed organisations — JuD and LeT — in connection with implementation of UN sanctions against these Designated Entities and Persons, as directed by NSC (National Security Committee) in its meeting of January 1, 2019 chaired by Prime Minister Imran Khan for implementing the National Action Plan.

Makki, Malik Zafar Iqbal, Ameer Hamza, Muhammad Yahya Aziz, Muhammad Naeem Sh, Mohsin Bilal, Abdul Raqeeb, Ahmad Daud, Muhammad Ayub, Abdullah Ubaid, Muhammad Ali and Abdul Ghaffar are the other suspects. —PTI

Kerala nun

the alleged rape of a nun from the Jalandhar-based Missionaries of Jesus.

In an email to *The Indian Express*, FCC superior-general Sister Anna Joseph said: "Dismissal of Lucy Kalapura from the congregation was necessitated because repeated warnings did not bring the necessary change in her lifestyle and she continues to live in serious violations of the vows of obedience and poverty, and many other serious violations were found juridically proven in her case."

Detailing its charges against the nun, the congregation said she had stopped handing over her salary since December 2017, and that she bought and registered a Maruti Alto in her name in July 2018 with a "vehicle loan obtained as a salaried person" in violation of norms and without permission.

It also claimed that she did not comply with a transfer order in 2015. And that she had published a collection of her poems as a book despite being denied permission.

During the agitation last year, Kalapura had published a series of articles in various publications and posted comments on social media sites criticising the congregation's handling of the rape case.

In the email, the FCC superior-general said: "When one fails to live according to the law of the Congregation, the membership of the person within the Congregation is lost through dismissal from the Congregation. This is what has happened in the case of Lucy."

According to Kalapura, she had been "isolated in the convent community" ever since she took part in the agitation against the bishop. "Other nuns in the convent don't sit with me at the dining table. The Church, including bishops, are united against me. Even laymen have not supported me, as they all want to be on the side of the Church authorities," she said.

Downgrading ties: Pak tests Kashmir waters

its independence day, as a Black Day.

Sources told *The Indian Express* that Pakistan's Foreign Secretary Sohail Mahmood called Indian High Commissioner Ajay Bisaria and conveyed the decision of the Pakistan government.

In a statement, the Pakistan Foreign Ministry said: "Pursuant to the decision of the National Security Committee today, the Government of India has been told to withdraw its High Commissioner to Pakistan. The Indian Government has also been informed that Pakistan will not be sending its High Commissioner-designate to India."

Pakistan's new High Commissioner Moin-ul-Haq was expected to leave for India this month to take charge, but that has been put off.

The decisions were taken at a meeting of the Pakistan National Security Committee in Islamabad, which was chaired by Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan at his office, and was attended, among others, by the country's Army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa, Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi, Defence Minister Pervez Khattak, Interior Minister Ijaz Shah, ISI chief Lt Gen Faiz Hameed, Pakistan Army spokesperson Maj Gen Asif Ghafoor and Foreign Secretary Sohail Mahmood.

The last time India withdrew its envoy was in December 2001 following the terror attack on Parliament House. High Commissioner Vijay Nambiar was recalled, and Pakistan followed suit by withdrawing High Commissioner Ashraf Jehangir Qazi. The Deputy High Commissioners of both countries held charge for more than a year.

In 2003, India expelled Jalil Abbas Jillani, Pakistan's acting High Commissioner, from New Delhi, accusing him of espionage. Pakistan retaliated by sending back Indian acting High Commissioner Sudhir Vyas. Full diplomatic relations resumed later in 2003 when Pakistan appointed Aziz Ahmed Khan to Delhi as High Commissioner and India sent Shivshankar Menon to Islamabad.

On Wednesday, the Pakistan NCS called India's move to revoke Article 370 as "unilateral and illegal" and Imran Khan directed the country's armed forces to continue vigilance.

Sources said the suspension of bilateral trade will have minimal impact since there is very little trade between the two countries. The official bilateral trade is worth $2 billion, although informal trade takes place via Dubai and other Middle-East countries and is estimated to be $6 billion.

According to a recent report by ICRIER, official bilateral trade peaked to about $ 2.5 billion, but fell again after the Uri terror attack, recovered a little only to slump again following the 200 per cent duty imposed on imports from Pakistan after the Pulwama attack. India withdrew the MFN status in February this year after the Pulwama attack. The two countries have cross-LoC trade which may get impacted due to Islamabad's decision, in effect impacting the people of Kashmir.

On the review of bilateral arrangements, India and Pakistan have the Indus Water Treaty which has survived three wars and tense situations since the 1960s. Being the upper riparian state, India in recent years has said that it will use the unutilised water flowing to Pakistan.

The two sides also have bilateral arrangements like notification of nuclear installations and exchange of list of prisoners which take place twice every year.

These will be reviewed by a special committee comprising Pakistan's Foreign Minister, Foreign Secretary and the Army chief among others.

Sources said Delhi will closely watch the actions taken by Pakistan to review these arrangements, and respond accordingly. "While Pakistan had reached out to the OIC, two members have supported us. We will see how this plays out," the source said.

Maldives became the second OIC country after the UAE to come out in support of India's Kashmir move, calling it an "internal matter". The Maldives Foreign Ministry said, "We believe it is the right of every sovereign nation to amend their laws as required."

In New York, a spokesperson for UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said the UN chief is following the developments in the region with concern. "I think we've expressed our. we said very clearly that we are following the developments in the region with concern. We.the Secretary General's position at this point is to urge all parties to exercise restraint," Secretary General's spokesman Stephane Dujarric told reporters.

Asked if the Secretary General has received a letter from Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi on the issue, Dujarric said he is aware of the press reports that the letter has been sent to the UN chief. "As of a short while ago, we were not able to confirm that the letter had actually been received. Obviously, once it is, it will be looked at and studied and acknowledged."

No chest-thumping please, long haul ahead: PM

clapped and congratulated when the proposal was put forward and approved in the Cabinet meeting," said the source.

"For the BJP and most of the ministers who have come from the RSS background, it was a moment of joy and fulfilment. It was natural for Ministers to express it," said another source present in the meeting. "But the message that this should not be portrayed as a triumph over something, it should be taken as a correction of a historic blunder."

The Prime Minister, according to this source, reminded his ministerial colleagues that being the ruling party, BJP leaders should be aware of the "repercussions" of such a decision and its effect on a section of people. "Party cannot ignore it, BJP cannot afford to overlook the reactions. Not just that party has to take everyone along, it has to also help security agencies control the situation," the source said.

Even as the party mourned the death of former foreign minister Sushma Swaraj, sources said, a call has been taken to avoid "chest thumping by leaders or cadres on Kashmir."

Party leaders underline the caution advised by the leadership against "celebrating." Party appears alive to the task at hand to contain the possible repercussions in the Kashmir valley as well as other parts of the country.

Before this message to Cabinet colleagues, Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah had already done crucial spadework to get the proposal cleared by both Houses of Parliament.

Party sources in Rajya Sabha told The Indian Express that Modi and Shah walked an extra step to get Rajya Sabha Chairman and Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu on board given their numbers in the house.

Moreover, both leaders were aware of Naidu's personal political history of having objected to the unruly scenes in the Rajya Sabha at the time of Andhra Pradesh bifurcation five years ago so they took him into confidence on the J&K bill.

That Naidu has been an ideological fellow-traveller starting his career as an ABVP activist and has personally participated in functions demanding scrapping Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir helped the BJP leadership to prepare him for the House in advance.

Once Naidu was on board, the Government decided to introduce the legislation in Rajya Sabha first instead of Lok Sabha where it commanded a majority. "It would have been smooth sailing in the Lok Sabha but it would have given a day for the Opposition in Rajya Sabha to strategise. Its introduction in Upper House caught the Opposition unawares. It helped us avoid major disruption that could have stalled this Bill," said a source briefed on the strategy.

Another source, in this context, revealed that the two-day BJP training session for party MPs over the weekend (August 3-4) was another ploy to hold every party member in the national capital for the surprise agenda on August 5 and 6 in Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha respectively.

Naidu went ahead with the government's decision to introduce new legislative business on August 5. In fact, Rajya Sabha Secretariat sources said that additional marshals were kept ready for the proceedings. Naidu did not flinch as he got two protesting PDP members escorted out of the House after a copy of the Constitution was torn.

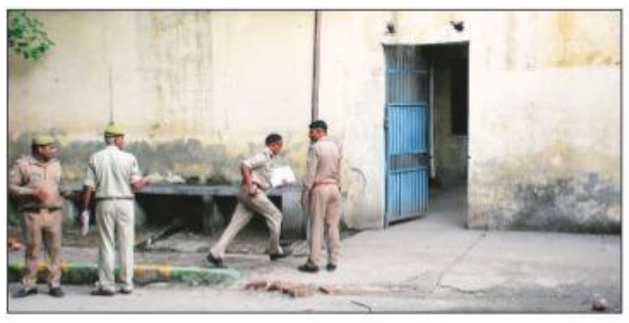
ANAND VIHAR	SIRIFORT	SHADIPUR	DWARKA- SECTOR 8
Moderate	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Moderate
101 AQI PM: 10	82 AQI PM: 10	56 AQI PM: 2.5	102 AQI PM: 10

0-50 Good | 51-100 Satisfactory | 101-200 Moderate | 201-300 Poor | 301-400 Very Poor | 401-500 Severe

GHAZIABAD CONSTABLE SUSPENDED

Accused of killing 18-yr-old, man escapes from court

AMIL BHATNAGAR
NOIDA, AUGUST 7



At the court premises in Ghaziabad, Wednesday.

AN UNDERTRIAL accused of killing his 18-year-old sister-in-law escaped after giving Ghaziabad Police the slip from the District Court prior to his hearing Wednesday. A constable posted in Police Lines has been arrested in connection with the audacious escape.

"Naushad was due to be presented in the court for a hearing in the case pending against him for the murder of his relative in 2016. The constable allowed him outside the premises without informing his seniors. He has been arrested for negligence in duty and allowing the prisoner to escape. Three teams have been formed to hunt for the accused," said Shloka Kumar, SP City (Ghaziabad).

According to police, Naushad was brought to the District Court jail for a scheduled hearing. Prior to the court session, he allegedly told the constable that he wanted a fresh pair of shoes and needed to step out for some time. The constable took him out of the court premises, and he managed to escape, police said.

In August 2016, Naushad had kidnapped his sister-in-law Nargis, and had kept her confined in his flat in Khora, Ghaziabad, allegedly for ransom, police said. He allegedly murdered her and cut her body into pieces before stuffing it into a suitcase.

Locals had alerted Khora police station of a foul smell coming from Naushad's flat, following which Nargis's body was found.

The family told the police that Naushad pretended to be part of the search party looking for Nargis for three-four days. He had allegedly tried to divert the attention of the family from discovering Nargis's remains.

A case under IPC section 302 (murder) was filed against Naushad, who is in his 30s, at Khora police station three years ago. A fresh case against the accused, in which the constable is also named, has been filed at Kavi Nagar police station.

"It has been found that the constable allegedly colluded with the accused... The policeman has been terminated from service and an order has been issued for the same. Another policeman's role has been highlighted, who was also present on duty. The constable has been suspended. Further investigation is pending," said Sudhir Kumar Singh, SSP Ghaziabad. Police said they are examining any prior complaints against the accused policemen.

According to police, on Wednesday afternoon, the courtroom in which the hearing was set to take place was being transferred to a different room, which gave the accused time to execute his escape.

HC reunites couple forced apart by woman's parents, gives protection

PRITAM PAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

A 21-YEAR-OLD woman, who was forced into a second marriage by her family, has been reunited with her first partner by the Delhi High Court. According to court records, her first husband had converted to Hinduism to marry her. A bench of Justice Manmohan and Justice Sangita Dhingra Sehgal also ordered that the SHO of the police station concerned shall "ensure that no bodily harm or injury is caused to the petitioners (the couple)".

It directed that the beat constable also visit the couple at their address and provide them his as well as the SHO's numbers. "In the event of any emergency, petitioners would be entitled to get in touch with them," it added.

Standing counsel (criminal) Rahul Mehra and advocate Chaitanya Gosain, appearing for Delhi Police, also assured the court of the couple's safety.

The court's order came on the 24-year-old man's plea that his wife should be produced before the court as she has been forcibly taken away by her parents to their home town in Uttar Pradesh. The two got married in June.

The man, who lives in Delhi, said in his plea that he had converted to Hindu faith to marry the woman, but his wife was taken away by her parents and forcibly married off to another man.

The court then directed the police to produce the woman before it. The bench noted in its order: "(The woman), who is personally present in court, is emphatic and firm on her decision that she would like to stay with petitioner number 1 (her first husband). She also confirms allegations in the writ petition."

"Since admittedly (the woman) is a major, this court is of the view she is entitled to stay with whomsoever she deems appropriate," the bench said.

Hearing this, the woman's parents and second husband stated before the court that they will neither cause any physical harm to the couple nor get in touch with them.

Elephant not forcibly removed, forest dept tells High Court

PRITAM PAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

Laxmi has been missing since July 6

THE DELHI government's department of forest and wildlife has rubbished before the Delhi High Court a man's claim that his elephant, Laxmi, was forcibly removed from his custody.

The department, in its affidavit before a division bench headed by Chief Justice D N Patel, said that it was acting as per the court's orders, which has directed it to shift the elephant to a permanent site after finalising necessary arrangements.

The court had earlier ordered that captive elephants be shifted to a different location after it was apprised that their owners had failed to provide proper home and health facilities to them. The Delhi government, in its affidavit filed through additional standing counsel Santosh Kumar Tripathi, said that "only after getting clearance from Haryana's Chief Wildlife Warden, the Delhi Forest and Wildlife Department initiated action to seize the animal and send it to Elephant Rescue Centre, Bansantour, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana".

The Delhi government's response came on the elephant owner's plea seeking contempt action against some of its officials for trying to take possession of Laxmi in "violation of judicial orders". He alleged that on July 6, officials came to seize Laxmi from Haathi Ghat in Yamuna Pushta and manhandled his wife. Following this, Laxmi ran off into a jungle and has been missing since.

Opposing Ali's contention, the Delhi government sought dismissal of the plea with "compensatory and exemplary cost" on him.

At Barakhamba Road, a protest to give voice to J&K

AAKASH JOSHI
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

ASHUTOSH SRIVASTAV, Sudhir Pandey and Himanshu Trivedi were among seven men encircled in a sea of khaki on Barakhamba Road. "We are here to defend Bharat Mata, the government and the President," said Trivedi, who said he was a student. Through a WhatsApp group, the seven mobilised Wednesday morning to oppose an 11 am public meeting and march organised by Left parties — CPI, CPM and CPI(ML) — to protest the Centre's abrogation of Article 370 and 35A and the bifurcation of J&K.

Police said around 600 people marched from Mandi House to Jantar Mantar as part of the protest. "We are all here for different reasons," said Mary Thingon, an MA student from Manipur studying at DU. "Part of it is to make sure people realise it could be any state tomorrow — the Northeast is particularly vulnerable as we too have 'special status'."

CPI general secretary D Raja said BJP's majority in Parliament is no justification for its recent moves on Kashmir. "This is about constitutional morality and fighting authoritarianism. We (Left) fought the British... we will fight the Hindu fundamentalists too."

CPM Politburo member Brinda Karat said the support for abrogation of Kashmir's special status across party lines was a misreading of public sentiment. "Hindutva is not India. BJP has just amplified the voice of a vocal section of its base and through propaganda, convinced or confused people. How long can you keep 40,000 troops in Kashmir? Once constitutional rights are restored, more voices will come out."

Economist and former member of UPA government's National Advisory Council, Jean Dreze, handed out pamphlets comparing economic indicators of J&K and Gujarat. "While Gujarat has 22% of its population living below the poverty line, the figure is just 12% for Kashmir," said Dreze. "It is because of Article 370 that J&K is an economic success. It allowed the state to implement land reforms on a large scale without compensating landlords, which would have made the programme impossible."

Across the road, the seven protesters against the march remained resolute. "We know why we are here. They have the right to protest, but we will not allow any *desh virodhi* (anti-national) sentiments. Each of us has a Tiranga (tricolour). Do you see even one over there?"

RAIL COACH FACTORY, KAPURTHALA

PENSION ADALAT

Pension Adalat will be held on 23.08.2019 from 10.00 hrs. to 13.00 hrs. in GM's Conference Hall. All the retired employees/family pensioners of Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala having any grievance regarding Pension/Family Pension, settlement dues, are requested to send their grievances latest by 17.08.2019 at 12.00 hrs. to Sh. S.P. Mandal, Senior Personnel Officer-I/RCF/Kapurthala and they are further invited to attend the Adalat on the above date, time and venue.

General Manager/P

Notice No. G-122-01/GM/P/038/2019-20 Dated: 07.08.2019

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Director (Admin & Finance)

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E-Tendering Notice (2nd Call)

On behalf of Hon'ble, Governor of Uttarakhand, E-Tender is invited by BRIDCUL from interested Firms/Travel Agencies for following work:-
1. Name of Work:- Requirement of Diesel Vehicles for office uses from interested Firm/Agencies on monthly/ daily rental basis on Contract **2. Earnest Money -** Rs. 50,000/- **3. Cost of Tender Document –** Rs. 5000.00 +18% GST, **4. Document Download Start Date –** 07.08.2019, 1500 Hrs, **5. Bid submission End Date -** 21.08.2019, 1500 Hrs, **6. Date of Bid Opening -** 21.08.2019, 1530 Hrs
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General Manager (HR)

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APPENDIX- II – A and IV-A [See Rule 9(1) and 6 (2)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE AND MOVABLE PROPERTIES

Public Notice for Sale of Immovable and Movable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 9 (1) and 6 (2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor (s) in particular that the below described immovable and movable property Hypothecated/mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Limited acting in its capacity as Trustee of EARC Trust SC-23, 30, 38, 42, 44, 106, 119 and 236 ("EARC") viz. the Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis** on August **27, 2019,** for recovery of aggregate dues as mentioned in the demand notice of **Rs. 14,18,26,00,000/- (Rupees One Thousand Four Hundred and Eighteen Crore and Twenty Six Lakhs only)** together with interest at contractual rates and other charges/ expenses/ costs thereon to EARC viz. Secured Creditor from **M/s Alps Industries Limited ("borrower") And Mr. Krishan Kumar Agarwal, & Sandeep Agarwal ("guarantors")**

The Reserve Price and earnest money deposit for each property shall be as follows:

Lot. No.	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit
Lot-I (a)	Rs. 9,91,32,300/-	Rs. 99,13,230/-
Lot-I (b)	Rs. 4,24,800/-	Rs. 42,480/-
Lot-I	Rs. 9,95,57,100/-	Rs. 99,57,710/-
Lot-II(a)	Rs. 9,72,92,700/-	Rs. 97,29,270/-
Lot-II(b)	Rs. 1,15,200/-	Rs. 11,520/-
Lot-II	Rs. 9,74,07,900	Rs. 97,40,790/-

Description of the Movable and Immovable Property:

Lot I (a)	All that piece and parcel of Leasehold Industrial Land admeasuring 6446.35 sq. mts and civil structure thereon located at A-2, Loni Road, Industrial Area, (Opposite Mohan Nagar), Ghaziabad - 201007 and **bounded as : North:** Open Land, **South:** Road 80ft. wide, **East:** Plot No. A3, **West:** Plot A1
Lot I (b)	All that Plant & Machinery, lying and being at immovable property at Lot I (a).
Lot-I	Lot-I (a) & lot-I (b) together.
Lot II (a)	All that piece and parcel of Leasehold Industrial Land admeasuring 7352 sq. yds and civil structure thereon located at A-3, Loni Road, Industrial Area, (Opposite Mohan Nagar), Ghaziabad - 201007 and bounded as : **North:** Plot No. 6 & 7, **South:** Road 80ft. wide, **East:** Plot No. A4, **West:** Plot No. A2
Lot II (b)	All that Plant & Machinery, lying and being at immovable property at Lot III (a).
Lot-II	Lot-II (a) & Lot-II (b) together

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the Secured Creditor's website i.e. **www.edelweissarc.in/Propertysale**

Date : 08/08/2019
Place : Mumbai

Authorised Officer
Phone No: 07506642534

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Applications/bio-data are invited in the prescribed format to fill up five (5) posts of Administrative Members and eight (8) posts of Judicial Members in the Armed Forces Tribunal. The details of eligibility conditions and other information may be downloaded from the Ministry of Defence website **www.mod.nic.in** and the Armed Forces Tribunal website **www.aftdelhi.nic.in**. The last date of receipt of applications in the Department is 16th September, 2019. The applications should be addressed to Under Secretary (AFT), Ministry of Defence, Room No. 308-A, 'B' Wing, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi-110011.

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EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION No. 57/2019 Dated: 01.8.2019

Applications in the prescribed format are invited for the following Non- Teaching posts in the University:

DEPUTATION BASIS:
(i) Internal Audit Officer - 01 (Level-12 - Rs.78,800-2,09,200/-)
(ii) Chief Security Officer - 01 (Level-11 - Rs.67,700-2,08,700/-)

DIRECT RECRUITMENT BASIS:
(i) Section Officer - 01 (ST) (Level-7 - Rs.44,900-1,42,400/-)
(ii) Assistant - 04 (2-UR, 1-SC,1-ST) (Level-6 - Rs.35,400-1,12,400/-)
(iii) Technical Assistant (Computers) - 01(UR) (Level-5 - Rs.29,200-92,300/-)
(iv) Lab Assistant (Polytechnic) - 01 (SC) (Level-4 - Rs.25,500-81,100/-)
(v) Stenographer - 01(OBC) (Level-4 - Rs.25,500-81,100/-)

Note: Qualifications, Experience and Pay Scales shall be as per UGC/ GoI norms.
The last date for receipt of filled-in applications is **31.08.2019.**
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(ii) Residential Caretaker – 1 - Male & 2 - Female (iii) MTS (Helper) - 3
Application Form along with Information Booklet relating to qualifications, experience, pay scales, reservation and date of interview for contractual positions etc., can be downloaded from the University **website: www.manuu.ac.in.**

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EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION NO. NIPER-A/09/2019-20

The National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education & Research (NIPER)-Ahmedabad is an Institute of National Importance established by an Act of Parliament under the aegis of Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India.
Online Application are invited from the eligible and suitable Indian Nationals for direct recruitment for the **Faculty** and **Non-Faculty** posts on regular/contractual basis through open competition on all India basis.
The commencement date and last dates for submission of applications are as under:

Date of Commencement of Online Application	09/08/2019 (9.00 am)
Last date of Online Application & Payment of Fees	08/09/2019 (up to 6.00 pm)
Last date of receipt of hard copy of online application at NIPER-A along with all enclosures.	23/09/2019 (up to 4.00 pm)

Details of advertisement specifying vacancy, eligibility criteria, specialization and other terms and conditions etc. for appointments are given on our website **www.niperahm.ac.in.**

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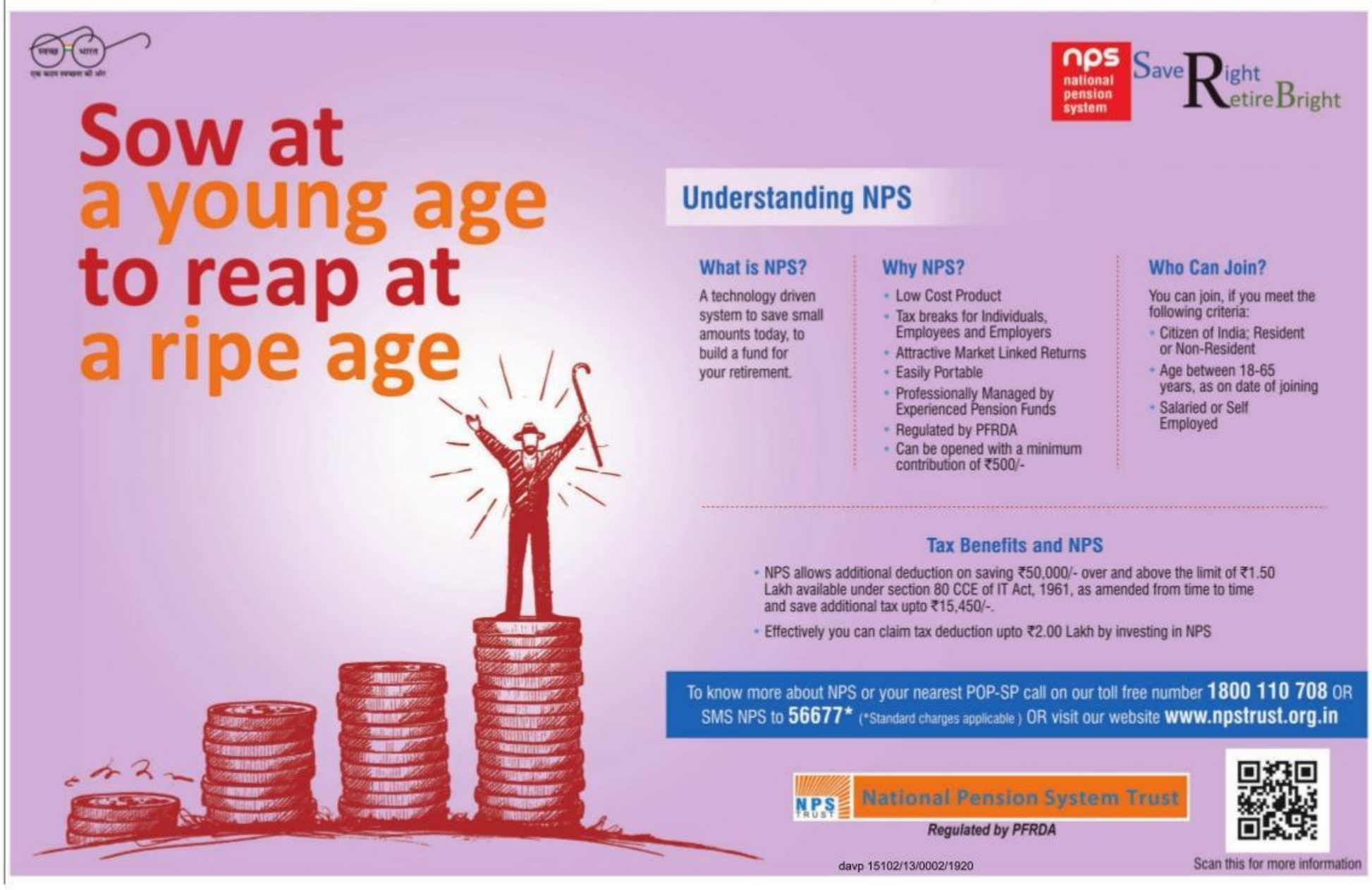

SISODIA CITES PUBLIC FEEDBACK

Amid opposition, govt pushes through plan to install more CCTVs

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

The government is in the process of installing CCTVs in classrooms, which can be accessed by parents of students

DESPITE OBJECTIONS ranging from lack of safeguards to lack of a "scientific approach" being raised by senior officials, including the Additional Chief Secretary, the AAP government has managed to get the second phase of its CCTV project cleared.

The government pushed through the Rs 613 crore project — under which 1.4 lakh additional CCTVs will supplement an equal number of cameras being installed in the first phase — citing a lack of ground connect of senior bureaucrats, official notings accessed by *The Indian Express* show.

The development assumes significance in light of concerns on privacy and potential misuse of CCTV footage, especially around the government's ongoing project of installing CCTVs in classrooms.

On August 2, the proposal on the second phase of the CCTV project was taken up by the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC), which was chaired by Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and had PWD Minister Satyendar Jain, Additional Chief Secretary (Finance) Renu Sharma and PWD Secretary Rajiv Yaduvanshi in attendance.

In the meeting, Sharma observed that the PWD was yet to address issues including "ownership of the assets, location of cameras, identification of power supply, and billing procedures, stakeholders duties and responsibilities and analysis of feed of the CCTV cameras".

"It is further observed by the Finance Department that without a DPR (detailed project report) and scientific approach, the critical number of cameras required for effective coverage, providing sense of security cannot be done in piecemeal manner or on ad-hoc basis as breaking the project into many separate phases breaks the scale of economies," the notings state. "It was suggested that the future requirement of optimum number of cameras and its operational management must be done in one go to address the issues highlighted during the Phase I for which a proper DPR and expert consultation are required."

The PWD Secretary observed that Phase II should be launched on the basis of "outcomes of the evaluation study and experience of stakeholders after completion of Phase I project since analysis and evaluation including merits and effectiveness of the project was not yet clear."

To this, Sisodia asked the PWD Secretary whether he has visited the sites where cameras have already been installed. Around 25,000 CCTVs have been installed so far.

When Yaduvanshi replied in the negative, Sisodia said his opinion cannot be considered as he was "not aware of the public feedback", which is "very positive and in some cases, cases of car thefts have been solved".

Jain said the 1.4 lakh cameras being currently installed in the first phase were "insufficient" and hardly cover the exit and entry points of colonies. The project needs no further evaluation, he said, citing crime reduction and women's safety.

A panel formed by Lt Governor Anil Baijal had drawn up an elaborate standard operating procedure, under which it was suggested that Delhi Police be made the licensing authority of the CCTVs being installed.

However, the elected government never adopted the draft rules and went ahead with the project — which was awarded to Bharat Electronics Limited — based on a page-long brief SOP prepared by the PWD.

The PWD SOP is silent on privacy, surveillance, storage, sharing, retention and potential misuse of CCTV data. It states that the feed of the cameras, to be owned by the PWD, will be provided to RWA representatives, local police, area DCP and PWD.

PAUSE AND REFLECT

At Raisina Hill, Wednesday. The capital saw a brief spell of rain during the day. *Prem Nath Pandey*

HC allows blind student to join MPhil

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

THE DELHI High Court cleared the way for a visually impaired student to pursue MPhil from JNU, while setting aside the varsity's decision refusing to restore the original grades of two subjects he failed in an improvement exam.

Terming JNU's attitude as "woefully anachronistic", Justice C Hari Shankar said the "stage of integration of such persons into the mainstream of society is long past, it only remains, now, for us to recognise that such persons are a part of our society, and one that is essential, and inalienable".

"In view of the fact that the JNU is an academic institution of excellence and repute, I refrain from awarding the costs," the judge said, adding that he be given admission to a seat.

The petitioner, who suffers from 100% blindness in his right eye and 50% blindness in his left eye, aspired to pursue the M.Phil programme at JNU.

In digitisation bid, anganwadi workers get smartphones

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

STATING THAT it is a step towards digitisation of all anganwadi operations, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Wednesday distributed smartphones to all anganwadi workers in the city at an event held at Indira Gandhi Indoor stadium.

"Earlier, you would have to maintain 11 or 12 registers a month at each anganwadi. Now using this smartphone, you will be able to enter everything into our database and the government will directly have access to that information. This is digitisation of the entire anganwadi centre that will not only benefit you, but also the department," said Kejriwal, addressing a gathering of anganwadi workers.

Kejriwal at the event in Indira Gandhi stadium

According to government officials, the aim of introducing the smartphones is to reduce the administrative burden on the workers as well as enable real-time monitoring of all centres.

In 2018, the central Women and Child Development ministry had announced the ICDS-CAS (Common Application Software) to be rolled out in anganwadi centres across the country and to be used by anganwadi workers on smartphones under the POSHAN Abhiyaan.

A new Early Childhood Care Curriculum — for children at the centres aged three to six — was also inaugurated at the event, which Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia claimed is "along the lines of the world's best early childhood care methodologies".

'Indicate steps taken to fill fire dept vacancies'

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Wednesday asked the AAP government to indicate steps it has taken to fill vacancies in the fire department which, according to a plea, is facing a "manpower crunch" due to more than 1,500 vacancies.

The Delhi Fire Services told the court that it has recruited 500 people as fire operators and an equal number have been employed on contract basis. Apart from that, it has sent a requisition to the Delhi Subordinate Services Selection Board to initiate recruitment of an additional 706 personnel, the fire department told a bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice C Hari Shankar.

The court, thereafter, asked the fire department to file an affidavit indicating the steps taken and listed the matter for further hearing on October 15.

The bench was hearing the plea by the Association of the Victims of Uphaar Tragedy, represented by its chairperson Neelam Krishnamoorthy, which has contended that despite the lapse of 21 years since the tragic incident that claimed 59 lives, fire safety arrangements in the national capital have not improved.

On June 13, 1997, during the screening of Bollywood film "Border" at the Uphaar theatre in South Delhi, 59 people, including women and children, had died of suffocation as they were trapped inside the auditorium when it got filled with smoke after a nearby transformer caught fire that spread to the cars parked close to the building. **PTI**

COULD BE SHUT BY MARCH 2020

Presses head for closure, railway union protests

AMITAVA CHAKRABORTY
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

The Northern Railway Press in Shakur Basti

AT SHAKUR Basti in Delhi's Punjabi Bagh area, a bumpy kuchcha road from Mahatma Gandhi Marg leads to the Northern Railway Press, a facility that was established in 1954 to print train tickets and other material used by the Railways.

Now, 65 years later, it along with four other railway printing presses — in Mumbai (Central Railway), Kolkata (Eastern Railway), Chennai (Southern Railway) and Secunderabad (South Central Railway) — are heading for closure.

Shiv Gopal Mishra, the general secretary of the All India Railwaymen's Federation (AIRF), that is leading protests across the country against the move — cites the "tall legacy" of the union to press their case. "Our former presidents and members include illustrious leaders," says Mishra, listing among others former Indian president V V Giri as the AIRF's founder member (in 1924), and freedom fighter Jayaprakash Narayan as its president. The AIRF had also participated in the freedom struggle, Mishra, 68, who has been the union's general secretary for over 11 years now, adds.

In a letter on June 4, Manoj Kumar Gupta, the Executive Director of Railway Stores, informed the general managers of the Indian Railways about the decision to close the printing presses by March 2020.

S K Tyagi, the zonal president of the Northern Railwaymen's Union, says, "About 90 money-value items were printed here (the Punjabi Bagh press). About a year and a half ago, the government decided to reduce the number of items to 40. But the decision was never implemented."

Says AIRF president Rakhal Das Gupta, "There have been numerous attempts to close the press, but it has stood the test of time. Mamata Banerjee (Railway Minister between 2009 and 2011) provided the much-needed oxygen, facilities were upgraded and new printers acquired. Successive railway ministers kept the facilities alive. Suresh Prabhu (minister from 2014 to 2017) also understood the importance of the presses. But his successor, Piyush Goyal, is in favour of closing down the presses, as he believes printing can be outsourced."

Mishra claims their primary concern is not retrenchment but the possibility of fraud if the work is outsourced. "The Railways has lakhs of vacancies, everybody will be redeployed. The concern is that outsourcing will lead to a rise in cheating," says Mishra.

Calling it continuation of the government process to hand over the Railways to the private sector, Kedar Nath, the zonal vice-president of the Northern Railwaymen's Union, says, "PRS (passenger reservation system) and UTS (unreserved ticketing system) tickets along with other money value items (such as receipts issued by railway travelling ticket examiners) are printed here. If such things are printed by private entities, how can one guarantee it would not lead to fraud?"

As per the June 4 letter, all material currently being printed by these presses would be "outsourced to Trade (IBA/RBI approved Security Printers) till the complete digitisation of ticket systems and money value items".

The branch secretary of the union at the Shakur Basti printing press, Pratap Singh, says if that was the government's intention, "why did they splurge money on the press? In the last couple of years alone, the Railways bought new printers from Rotatek (an industrial equipment supplier in Spain) at a cost of Rs 16 crore. Two new buildings were constructed. About six employees were sent to Spain to learn how to operate the new machines. If they wanted to wind up operations, why did they do all this?"

Refusing to comment, Senior Manager, Printing and Stationery, Dipankar Gupta, who heads the Shakur Basti plant, says, "The decision has been taken by the highest body... We will do as instructed."

As of now, work is on as usual at the press. "Nearly 185 people are currently working in shifts," says Kedar Nath.

Mishra says that is why he hopes that this is another storm that the press will eventually weather. "The meetings with the Railway Board have been fruitful. They said they will review the decision."

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

E-TENDER NOTICE

Name of the Work: Supply of raw dietary commodities (as per Annexure –A of the Tender Document) for the indoor patients at Kasturba Gandhi Hospital, Chittaranjan for two rears. (a) **Tender Notice No. Med-Diet-2019-21.** (b) **Tender No. Med-Diet-2019-21.** (c) **Cost of tender form (Document):** Rupees 1,000.00 (Rupees one thousand) only. (d) **Approx. Value of the work (Tender Value):** Rupees 6,48,281.64 (Rupees Six lakhs forty eight thousand two hundred eighty one and paise sixty four) only. **Sl. No.; Name of Articles ; Estimated Qty. for two years. ; Unit ;Rate ; Amount (Rupees) : (1) ;Potato ;634 ;Kg ; 10.28 ;6517.52. (2) ; Brinjal ;594 ;Kg ; 29.92 ; 17772.48. (3);S. Beans ;230 ;Kg ;52.36 ; 12042.80. (4) ; Pumpkin ; 524 ;Kg ;29.92 ; 15678.08. (5);Green Plantain ;532 ;Kg ;14.02 ; 7458.64. (6); Parwal ;424 ;Kg ;14.96 ;6343.04. (7);Lady's finger ;224 ;Kg ;14.02 ;3140.48. (8);Country beans ;684 ;Kg ;9.35 ;6395.40. (9);Cabbage ;356 ; Kg ;9.35 ;3328.60. (10) ;B. Gourd ;1204 ;Kg ;11.22 ;13508.88. (11) ; Papaya ; 1280 ;Kg ;15.89 ; 20339.20. (12) ; Cauliflower ; 512 ;Kg ;65.45 ;33510.40. (13);Ridge gourd ;524 ; Kg ;60.77 ; 31843.48. (14);Green Jack fruit ;1164 ;Kg ;4.67 ;5435.88. (15);Kundri ;30 ;Kg ; 15.89 ;476.70. (16) ; Onion ;200 ;Kg ;28.05 ;5610.00. (17);Ginger ;40 ; Kg ;74.80 ;2992.00. (18) ; Green Chilly ; 30 ;Kg ;74.80 ;2244.00. (19) ;Cucumber ;922 ;Kg ; 26.18 ;24137.96. (20);Carrot ; 240 ;Kg ; 45.94 ; 11025.60. (21) ;Tomatoes ;200 ;Kg ;28.05 ; 5610.00. (22). ;Garlic ;24 ;Kg ;74.80; 1795.20. (23);Milk Bread (To be supplied for 1 pound=400 gm packet) ;564 ;No. ;46.75 ; 26367.00. (24) ; Amul Butter ;44 ;Kg ;168.30 ; 7405.20. (25) ;Curd ;508 ;Kg ;65.45 ; 33248.60. (26) ;Egg ;2400 ; No. ;4.67 ;11208.00. (27);Orange each weight 250gms ;240 ; No. ;7.48 ;1795.20. (28);Ripe banana ;2400 ;No. ;2.80 ; 6720.00. (29);Chicken ;400 ;Kg ; 149.60 ;59840.00. (30);Fish (Rohu, Katla, Mrigel, K Bouse,), above 0 2 Kg size without head & tail, dressed solid fish of any gastrointestinal fleshy content. ;360 ;Kg ;177.65 ; 63954.00. (31). ; Ripe mango ;300 ; No. ; 2.80 ; 840.00. (32). ; Bitter Gourd ;306 ;Kg ; 28.05; 8583.30. (33). ; Milk (Mother. Diary) ;5110 ; Ltr ; 37.40 ; 191114.00.** Total= Rupees 6,48,281.64 (e)**Earnest money to be deposited**: Rupees 13,000.00 (Rupees Thirteen thousand) only. (f)**Completion period of the work**: 02 Years (two years). **(g) Tender submission Start date 27-08-2019 from 12.00** hrs.**(h)Tender submission end date on 10-09-2019 up to 12.00** hrs.**(i)Tender Bid open date on 10-09-2019 at 12.00** hrs.**(j)Validity period 90 (Ninety) days.(k) Complete details of tender can be seen in the Railways website www.ireps.gov.in**

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TENDER FOR SOLE ADVERTISEMENT RIGHT

E-Tender Notice No. : C/257/LM/PUB/DMR/2018, Dated : 01-08-2019, Open tender through e-tendering system into 02 (two) packets system (Packet "A"-Technical Bid Packet– "B" Financial Bid) are invited by the undersigned for the following work. **Tender No.** C-LMG-09-2019, Dated : 01-08-2019. **Name of the Work :** For awarding Sole advertisement right of **DHARMANAGAR STATION AND CIRCULATING AREA (NON-LIT)** of LUMDING Division. **Reserve Price for 01 (One) year**: ₹2,40,320/-. **Earnest Money** 2% : ₹4,900/-. **Date and Time of closing of Tender:** at 11:00 hrs. on 05-09-2019 and **opening of tender** at 12:00 hrs. on 05-09-2019. Detailed of this Tender notice is also available at **www.ireps.gov.in**

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Invitation to attend Pre-NIT Meeting

A Pre-NIT meeting for Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 6 Nos. 24M³/88R Electrical Walking Dragline along with Consumable Spares and Consumables for 12 months of Warranty period from the date of commissioning of the Equipment and thereafter Spares and Consumables for a period of 120 months is scheduled to be held on 11.09.2019 at 11.00 AM in the office of Coal India Limited, Coal Bhavan, New Town Action Area 1, Kolkata. The terms and conditions of the draft NIT and suggestions of prospective bidders shall be discussed in the meeting. All interested firms are requested to participate. Draft Pre-NIT document is available for downloading from **www.coalindia.in, www.eprocure.gov.in** and **https://coalindiatenders.nic.in** Interested bidders shall submit their responses against draft document for Pre NIT No. CIL/C2D/24M³/88R Dragline/Pre NIT Dated 06.08.2019 in the CIL's e-Procurement Portal **(https://coalindiatenders.nic.in)**

General Manager (MM) - HOD

G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment & Sustainable Development
(Formerly Known as G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment & Development)
Kosi-Katarmal, Almora - 263 643, Uttarakhand

TENDER NOTICE No.- GBPNIHESD/NMHS-SG Project/2019-20/09

E-tender's are invited on behalf of the Director, GBPNIHESD, Kosi- Katarmal, Almora from eligible reputed and registered firms/suppliers/manufacturers for supply of Data Logger **equipment under NMHS-SG project.** The last date of submission of online tender is 03.09.2019 at 3.00 P.M. The documents shall be submitted online at website https://moefcc.euniwizard.com.

The full details of equipments and documents are available in the Institute Website http://gbpihed.gov.in and http://nmhs.org.in

Administrative Officer
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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
Office of the Director,
Women Development and Child Welfare Department
Jampani Towers, Lodge Centre, Guntur-522006, Phone No.0863-2332587

e-Tender Notification

WD&CW/POSHAN Abhiyaan- RFP for outsourcing of services - 2019, Dated 07.08.2019

Sealed tenders are invited under "REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL for selection of Agency for Hiring skilled manpower for providing Techno-managerial support under POSHAN Abhiyaan" in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

S.No.	Name of the work	Approximate tender value in INR.	Document cost in INR.
1	Selection of Agency for Hiring skilled manpower for providing Techno-managerial support under POSHAN Abhiyan	5,98,44,000/-	Rs. 5,000/-

The Tender Documents will be available for download at; **www.apeprocurement.gov.in** from **08-08-2019**, 9:30 pm to **06.09.2019**, 5:00 pm on payment of above document fees through Demand Draft in favour of DDO, Office of the Director, WD&CW Dept., AP, Guntur from any nationalized Bank payable at Guntur.

Last date for submission of "e" tenders is **06.09.2019** upto 5:00 PM.

The "e-Tenders will be opened on **09.09.2019** at 10:00 AM in the Office of the Director, Women Development & Child Department, AP, Guntur.

For further details , contact O/o. the Director of WD&CW, Guntur over phone No.**0863-2332587**, Accounts Officer : **94408 14406**.

Sd/-
DIPR No.81PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2019-20, Dt.07/08/2019 Director, WD & CW

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU

TECHNICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

FORM OF CONTRACT: LUMPSUM (Two Cover System)

TENDER NOTICE NO. DB/6 CE/TEC/19-20/DO/ Dt. 06.08.2019

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu sealed tenders will be received from the Registered Contractors of Public Works Department of T.N, for the works noted below by the Chief Engineer , PWD, Technical Education Circle, Chennai - 25

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Period of Completion	Apprx. Value of work (Rs. In lakhs)	EMD Amount in Rs.
1	Construction of Badminton Academy in Tamil Nadu Physical Education & Sports University at Melakottaiyur Village in Kancheepuram District	15 months	1271.00	645500/-
2	Construction of Table Tennis Academy in Tamil Nadu Physical Education & Sports University at Melakottaiyur Village in Kancheepuram District	15 months	1228.00	624000/-
3	Construction of Students Hostel for 400 students in Tamil Nadu Physical Education & Sports University at Melakottaiyur village in Kancheepuram Dist.	15 months	1417.00	718500/-
4	Construction of Permanent Building for Bharathiyar University Constituent Arts and Science college in Pollachi in Coimbatore District.	12 months	740.00	380000/-

Contractor Class: I above 75 lakhs, Last Date for receipt of tenders: **Upto 3.00 PM on 12.09.2019,** Date of opening of tender: at 3.30 PM on the same day, Date of availability of tender documents: **08.08.2019** to **11.09.2019** in CE office. The cost of tender Schedule **Rs.15000 + GST 1800/-.** Tender documents & other details are download in "www.tenders.tn.gov.in" at free of cost. Any other details can be had from the office of the Chief Engineer, PWD, Technical Education circle, Chennai 25 during working hours. EMD in favour of E.E, Tec.Edn.Divn. (Sl.No. 1 to 3), Chennai, (Sl.No.4) Coimbatore.

Chief Engineer, PWD,
Technical Education Circle, Chennai - 25

DIPR/2707/Tender/2019

Section 1

Office of the Executive Engineer
U.P.R.E.D. Amroha
Address:- Vikas Bhawan, Amroha-244221

e-Procurement Notice (Alpkalin)

Letter NO: 482/RED/Tender/File No-04/ Bond Clerk/2019-20 dated: 01-08-2019

The Executive Engineer, U.P.R.E.D. Amroha on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites the percentage rate bids through *e-tendering system* from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with UP RED, in appropriate class A, B, C, & D as the case may be. **The Bidder may submit bids for any or all of the works**

1. Name of work as per table.

S. No	Name of District	Name of work	Total estimated cost (in Lakh) including GST	Bid security (EMD) in Lakh	Cost of Bid document including GST (in Rupees)	Period of completion including rainy season
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Amroha/ Hasanpur	(MLA FUND) Constrution of CC Road and Nali, in Gram Dehra Milak from Shiv mandir to Ramveer house.	14.296	0.286	766.00	03 Months
2.	Amroha/ Joya	(MLA FUND) Constrution of CC Road and Nali, in Gram Rasoolpur from Sandeep house to towards N.H.24.	11.379	0.228	766.00	03 Months

2. Date of availability of Bid documents on website:- 12-08-2019
3. **Last Date/ Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement:** 17-08-2019 up to 12.00 Noon
4. Date of opening of bids through e-procurement: **17-08-2019** at 12.30 pm.
5. The Employer has right to issue addendum/corrigendum as per ITB clause-9 on-line which will not be published in any news paper. All prospective bidders are advised to keep regular watch and visit e-tender portal regularly.

For further details please log on to **https://etender.up.nic.in** and down load the bid document.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Rural Engineering Department
Division Amroha
On behalf of Governor of UPs

UPID-142734 DATE. 06.08.2019
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Transformers in Chandni Chowk get a new site following opposition from traders

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

PAVING THE way for pedestrianisation of Chandni Chowk, the Shahjahanabad Redevelopment Corporation (SRDC) has decided to move transformers, which had become the bone of contention between traders and government officials, away from Fatehpuri Masjid.

The issue had delayed the much-awaited project as the Delhi Urban Arts Commission (DUAC) had objected to placing the transformers on the central verge of the carriageway, while traders had opposed transformers on the edge of the carriageway citing obstruction and fire risk.

Lighting, boards, toilets and other facilities will be ready on a 100-metre stretch by August 15. *Archive*

"The central verge, which is the main tourist attraction, will be free of any obstruction. The transformer that was to be put near the Fatehpuri Masjid, will be shifted closer to the one before it," said an SRDC member.

"The transformers have been placed by BSES taking into account the population and the electricity load of Chandni Chowk. They cannot be placed on the sides as they would block shops... vendors did not agree with that plan," said AAP Chandni Chowk MLA Alka Lamba.

"The people of the area wished for a clock tower in front of the town hall. Many years ago, there used to be a clock tower in the area. We have decided to construct a very beautiful clock tower along with fountains in the area. Attempts are being made to restore Chandni Chowk's former glory," said the MLA.

Proposals of constructing e-trams in Chandni Chowk, to replace other vehicles, were discussed in brief, but will be elaborated on during the next meeting. "All those issues that were pending in court were discussed in a two-hour span," she said.

The MLA said that lighting, boards, toilets and other facilities will be ready on a 100-metre stretch by August 15.

'TOO MUCH FLOWERY LANGUAGE NOT NEEDED'

Urdu, Persian tough to understand, why use it in FIR, asks High Court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

THE DELHI High Court Wednesday directed the Delhi Police Commissioner to explain why Urdu or Persian words are used in an FIR, when the same are not used by the complainant.

Observing that the FIR is not for the comprehension of the police, but for the accused and others involved, a bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice C Hari Shankar said simple language should be used instead of "high sounding" and "bombastic" words.

Referring to Urdu and Persian words used in the FIR, the bench sought an explanation from the Police Commissioner on "whether these words are of the complainant or the police".

"Why they (police) use words which are not spoken by the complainant. In fact the FIR should be in words of the complainant. Too much flowery language is not needed, the meaning of which has to be discerned from a dictionary... The FIR is for public at large. It should not be something for which one has to do doctorate in Sanskrit, Urdu or Persian," the bench said.

It said that the police should use simple language, instead of high sounding words and also asked the Police Commissioner to file an affidavit explaining the reason for usage of such words by the next date of hearing, November 25.

Delhi government additional standing counsel Naushad Ahmed Khan, appearing for the police, said the Urdu and Persian words used in FIRs can be understood by making a little effort.

The court's direction came during hearing of a PIL by advocate Vishalakshi Goel, seeking directions to the Delhi Police to not put the mandate of using Urdu and Persian words in FIRs. The petitioner said that instead, the police should use simple Hindi or English language in FIR, so that it can be easily comprehended by public.

BRIEFLY

Top cop holds I-Day meet

New Delhi: Delhi Police Commissioner Tuesday held an inter-state coordination meeting with top brass of the department to review security arrangements ahead of Independence Day celebrations at Delhi Police headquarters. The main objective of the meeting was to share terror-related intelligence and inputs about various extremist outfits, a statement from the department said.

Four held over milkman's murder

New Delhi: Five days after a milk seller was shot dead in Gurgaon's Farrukhnagar, police have arrested four people who allegedly plotted to kill the victim as he had testified against them in a criminal case. Police said that Yatin was shot dead by bike-borne assailants in front of a petrol pump near Jhankaar School on August 2.

Three arrested for killing neighbour

New Delhi: Three men have been arrested for allegedly killing their 30-year-old neighbour in North East Delhi's Nand Nagri. Police said the victim, Vicky, was shot dead as one of the accused held a grudge against him. The trio were absconding since Monday and were arrested from Loni in Ghaziabad, said police.

Businessman found hanging

New Delhi: A 40-year-old businessman allegedly committed suicide by hanging from a ceiling fan Saturday night at his Rohini house. DCP (Rohini) S D Mishra said, "It appears the man had a marital dispute. Inquest proceedings have been initiated."

Man held for robbery

New Delhi: A 21-year-old man was arrested from Uttar Pradesh on Wednesday for allegedly robbing a businessman of Rs 8 lakh at gunpoint in South Delhi last month, police said.

'Man robbed of Rs 50,000 at gunpoint'

New Delhi: A man has alleged that some unidentified men abducted and blindfolded him in a car, and robbed him of Rs 50,000 at gunpoint, before dropping him off near Jaypee Greens in Noida, said police. The victim, Ajay Kumar Singh, alleged in his complaint that the accused also beat him, said police. **ENS**

More than three-fold increase in use of recycled demolition waste

SHIVAM PATEL
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

USE OF recycled products made out of construction and demolition waste (C&D) increased by more than three times in Delhi this past financial year as compared to the previous one.

This comes in the light of IL&FS Environment, the company that runs three C&D recycling plants in Delhi, writing about low offtake of its products to the Public Works Department (PWD) last July.

A total of 2.5 lakh metric tonnes (MT) of products were procured from the company this past financial year, as compared to around 60,000 MT in 2017-18.

The recycled materials were used in state, central and local government projects, with small private contractors also showing interest.

A total of 2.5 lakh MT of products were procured from IL&FS Environment, and used in state, central and local govt projects

"It is only recently that the offtake of C&D recycled products have started with concerted push at all levels by different government agencies... The indiscriminate dumping of C&D waste creates huge environmental problems, including increase in particulate matter in the air," a spokesperson for the company said.

At present, the company has three recycling plants in Burari, Shastri Park and Mundka, where waste is brought from collection points notified by municipal bodies across the capital.

The waste is then converted into products such as aggregates, sand, and bricks, which could replace the materials derived from natural resources for use in construction work, the company said.

The Construction and Demolition Waste Management Rules 2016 have made procurement of recycled C&D products mandatory by 10% to 20% in municipal and government contracts.

In July 2016, the Delhi urban development department also issued an order for municipal and local government bodies to use 2% and 10% recycled C&D waste products for building and road works.

"Traction has started and we expect that by the end of this year our entire (recycled) stock of around 5.5 lakh MT will be liquidated," said Deepak Agarwal, senior vice-president of IL&FS Environment.

The company's target for next year is 16 lakh MT, out of which around 10 lakh would be used by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) as a sub-base in construction of roads.

Agarwal said, "The NHAI will be a game changer as the use of recycled materials would reduce mining for aggregates."

He also said that if the goods and services tax (GST) of 18% on recycled bricks could be brought down to 5% imposed on red bricks, it would create a more "level playing field".

Expedite promotions of Delhi govt employees to fill posts, says L-G

New Delhi: Lt Governor Anil Baijal Wednesday directed authorities to expedite promotions of Delhi government employees to fill posts and streamline direct recruitment through a time-bound action plan.

Baijal asked Chief Secretary Vijay Kumar Dev to amend the recruitment rules wherever required within a fortnight.

Directions were issued as the Lieutenant Governor reviewed the status of vacancies of various cadres.

"Reviewed status of vacancies in various cadres of Delhi Government like Health, FSL & Delhi Fire Services. Directed to expedite promotions to fill post & streamline direct recruitment through a time bound action plan," the Lt Governor tweeted.

"Advised CS to amend RRs wherever required within a fortnight (sic)," he said.

It comes close on the heels of the L-G directing authorities to identify "tainted" officers and "compulsorily retire them". **PTI**

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NOTICE

Extract of Standalone Financial Results for the quarter ended on 30th June 2019

₹ Crores

Particulars	Quarter ended on 30.06.2019	Quarter ended on 31.03.2019	Quarter ended on 30.06.2018	Financial year ended on 31.03.2019
	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited
Total revenue from operations	16,091.32	19,129.55	16,405.46	70,610.92
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	2,443.90	3,876.24	3,907.86	16,341.48
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	2,403.15	3,865.22	3,573.17	16,227.25
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax	1,538.99	2,491.09	2,318.15	10,533.19
Total comprehensive income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	1,489.43	2,529.84	2,340.62	10,482.97
Paid-up equity share capital [Face value ₹ 10 per share]	1,146.12	1,146.12	1,146.12	1,146.12
Reserves excluding revaluation reserves				69,308.59
Basic earnings per share of ₹ 10 each (not annualised) - in Rupees (after exceptional items)	13.05	21.37	19.85	90.41
Diluted earnings per share of ₹ 10 each (not annualised) - in Rupees (after exceptional items)	13.05	21.36	19.85	90.40

Extract of Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter ended on 30th June 2019

₹ Crores

Particulars	Quarter ended on 30.06.2019	Quarter ended on 31.03.2019	Quarter ended on 30.06.2018	Financial year ended on 31.03.2019
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
Total revenue from operations	35,947.11	42,423.86	35,494.08	1,57,668.99
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	1,790.95	4,241.01	3,347.43	16,026.69
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	1,806.95	4,252.50	3,018.79	15,905.72
Net Profit / (Loss) after tax from Continuing Operations	683.13	2,353.44	1,922.85	9,187.29
Net Profit / (Loss) after tax from Discontinued Operations	18.84	(58.19)	10.95	(88.96)
Total comprehensive income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	376.17	2,194.36	3,681.02	9,106.12
Paid-up equity share capital [Face value ₹ 10 per share]	1,144.94	1,144.94	1,144.93	1,144.94
Reserves (excluding revaluation reserves) and Non controlling interest				67,869.60
Earnings per equity share (for continuing operations):				
Basic earnings per share of ₹ 10 each (not annualised) - in Rupees (after exceptional items)	5.68	20.86	16.57	88.32
Diluted earnings per share of ₹ 10 each (not annualised) - in Rupees (after exceptional items)	5.68	20.86	16.57	88.31
Earnings per equity share (for continuing and discontinued operations):				
Basic earnings per share of ₹ 10 each (not annualised) - in Rupees (after exceptional items)	5.83	20.44	16.66	87.75
Diluted earnings per share of ₹ 10 each (not annualised) - in Rupees (after exceptional items)	5.83	20.44	16.66	87.74

Note:

The above is an extract of the detailed format of Standalone and Consolidated financial results for the quarter ended on 30th June, 2019 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Standalone and Consolidated results for the quarter ended on 30th June, 2019 are available on the websites of the Stock Exchanges (www.nseindia.com/www.bseindia.com) and the Company's website (www.tatasteel.com).

T V Narendran
Chief Executive Officer &
Managing Director

Koushik Chatterjee
Executive Director &
Chief Financial Officer

Mumbai: August 07, 2019

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Applications are invited for the post of Chairperson and two Executive Members in National Council For Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) New Delhi (a non-statutory regulatory authority under the Administrative Control of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship).

The details are available at **www.msde.gov.in**. Interested candidates may send their applications in the prescribed format to the Under Secretary (E&P Wing) either by email (**sanjay.sharma67@nic.in**) or by post on or before 05:30 PM, 30th Septembers, 2019.

Sd/-
Place: New Delhi
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SUDDEN CHANGE

MOST PEOPLE were taken by surprise when Danish Ali, earlier with the JD(S) and chosen by its leader and former Karnataka chief minister H D Kumaraswamy to be the party's face in New Delhi, quit the regional party and contested the Lok Sabha polls on a BSP ticket from Amroha in Uttar Pradesh. There was some more surprise in store when, after the victory, BSP chief Mayawati chose Ali to be the leader of the party in Lok Sabha. But seems like the sudden rise of Ali, who spoke on some key Bills in Parliament this session, was short-lived. After Mayawati picked Girish Chandra, party MP from Nagina, to speak on the historic debate on Article 370 in Lok Sabha, the BSP chief has now appointed Jaunpur MP Shyam Singh Yadav as leader of the party in Lok Sabha.

FROM BITTER TO BANTER

THE ACRIMONY between the government and the Opposition in Parliament seems to have eased a bit when Prime Minister Narendra Modi and leaders of other parties met at Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu's chamber for customary tea after the session was adjourned sine die. Naidu was to host a lunch for Upper House MPs on Wednesday, but he told the leaders that he cancelled it following Sushma Swaraj's death. Modi then suggested that Naidu host a meal during winter so that MPs can eat more and enjoy. In a friendly banter, Congress's Anand Sharma asked Naidu whether he was trying to save on food by hosting lunch. Modi replied that Naidu would never be a miser when it comes to hosting friends and colleagues. Leader of Opposition in the Upper House, Ghulam Nabi Azad, chipped in, saying Naidu can bring prawns from Andhra Pradesh for the meal and he would arrange for good fish curry.

BIRTHDAY MESSAGE

BIRTHDAYS OF senior leaders these days see greetings from the who's who of the political class, sometimes in personal calls, and now more often on social media platforms, although such public display of greetings is rarely seen for the MPs not so well-known. However, the situation seems to have changed for the better for Lok Sabha MPs from the first session of 17th Lok Sabha. Lok Sabha TV has begun broadcasting a small profile snippet of every sitting member of the House in the day's programming on their respective birthdays. The practice started June-end, on the birthday of Union minister Pralhad Patel.

BOTH HOUSES BREAK SEVERAL RECORDS

Session ends on bright note, record sittings

Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad speaks in the Rajya Sabha, on Wednesday. *PTI*

Best in 17 years, keep up the momentum: Chairman to RS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

THE UPPER House set a "new normal" in its "highly productive" 249th session, which was the best in 17 years with extended sittings and record number of Bills cleared, Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu said on Wednesday.

Thirty-two Bills were cleared in 35 sittings in the first session of 17th Lok Sabha.

"I am glad that my optimism has come true during this session. With great pleasure, I have a turnaround story to report to all of you and the people of the country who have been patiently waiting for such a turnaround in the form of a functional House, breaking from the disruptive past," Naidu said.

In terms of legislative output, he said, passage of 32 Bills in these 35 sittings makes it the best session in last 17 years accounting for 52 sessions.

Bills passed during this session such as the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, widely known as the triple talaq Bill, and Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Bill are significant in terms of their impact on the country's "social and economic landscape", Naidu said, speaking before adjourning the House sine die.

Naidu said, "The people have witnessed during this session what a functional Parliament means, and they are acknowledging it."

According to data available, the 131st session in 1984 was the most productive, with 37 Bills passed. Thirty-five Bills were passed in the 197th session in 2002.

"This session is the fifth best in this regard in the last 41 years," said Naidu, adding that in the last five sessions (244 to 248), only 33 Bills were passed.

While productivity of the House was at 104.92 per cent in terms of utilisation of available time, this session is the best in the last five years since 2014, and coming after 17 sessions. "During the last five sessions, productivity of the House ranged from a low of 7.44 per cent to a maximum of 65.60 per cent," he said.

Naidu also appreciated the "spirit of mutual understanding and accommodation" between the Opposition and the Treasury benches while passing Bills such as the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) and the National Medical Council, where rights of states were protected by accepting suggestions.

Naidu also appealed members to sustain the new momentum. "Having reached a new normal in this session, the task now before all of us is to sustain it without getting back to the old ways," he said.

Soon after the Rajya Sabha was adjourned sine die on Wednesday, Naidu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and about 25 leaders from various parties discussed a range of issues. The meeting at Naidu's chamber lasted more than 30 minutes.

EXPLAINED

Oppn story in RS: strength to cross-roads

THE PRODUCTIVITY of Rajya Sabha during the Budget Session seems to bear testimony of the new political balance in the country. The large transaction of government legislative business suggest that the Opposition, which used its numerical heft in the Upper House in the last five years, seems to have lost some steam after the Lok Sabha poll results.

For Rajya Sabha Chairman Venkaiah Naidu, this was a relatively satisfying session.

In a House divided, Speaker emerges with praise from both sides

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

WHILE OPPOSITION members have criticised the government's purported "rush" to "push through" Bills without granting the proposed laws a chance to be scrutinised in standing or select committees, as the opening session of the 17th Lok Sabha was adjourned sine die on Tuesday, MPs from across parties also agreed that the new Speaker, Om Birla, has successfully lowered the heat in a House with a high level of acrimony and deep division by giving space to all MPs.

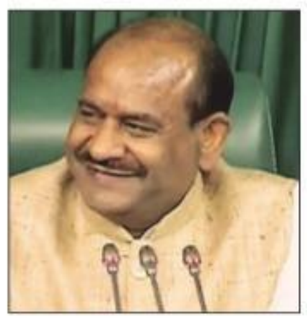
A big pat on the back for Birla came on the floor of the House when Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, leader of main opposition Congress, lauded him for "listening to the Opposition."

Chowdhury also said he wants Birla to emerge as the best Speaker among the Commonwealth countries.

RSP member N K Premachandran said Birla, a second-term MP from Kota (Rajasthan), is making efforts to accommodate everyone — especially first-time MPs — "without looking at party affiliations".

Premachandran pointed out that it is not easy for new MPs to get the opportunity to participate in a discussion in the beginning of a Lok Sabha, and that some members in the past did not get a chance even after two years. "Breaking that (tradition), almost all members were given a chance to speak (in this session) — either in debates or during Zero Hour. He also gave a chance for the Opposition to speak — whether the matter is pursued by the government or not, the MPs got opportunity to place their views. That's why the House ran smoothly," the MP from Kollam, Kerala, said.

In his valedictory address on Tuesday, Birla said that the Lower House had 37 sittings over 280 hours, of which 75 hours were late sitting, and took up 1,066 issues of urgent public importance. Birla's decision for late sittings, members pointed out, were meant primarily to give MPs a chance to raise issues they felt were important.



Om Birla

BJP MP Kirit Premjibhai Solanki said that despite the fact that the BJP has a majority on its own in Lok Sabha, and the NDA has 353 MPs, the House runs "very positively and the Opposition also cooperates" primarily because of the Speaker's role. "He started the practice of allowing as many MPs to speak during Zero Hour as is possibly — the House (often) got extended for that," he said.

In the end, Solanki said, MPs feel satisfied and happy, which is a good sign for a healthy democracy.

Besides efficiency, Birla is also seen as having made efforts to bring more decorum and discipline to the House. He regularly reminded that no MP can make comments or ask questions while seated, or without giving a notice. He also urged ministers not to respond to questions that come without prior notice.

He also repeatedly warned members from the Treasury benches not to make personal comments on any MP. On July 16, when BJP's S P Singh Baghel made a remark against Congress's Shashi Tharoor during Question Hour, Birla immediately intervened and expunged the comments. "No member should make any comment on other members," he said, drawing applause from the Opposition benches.

LOK SABHA

35 SITTINGS
longest session since 1991, when it sat for 49 days

67 DAYS
first session of the first Lok Sabha was the longest

36 BILLS PASSED
Most productive first session. 31 Bills were introduced and 24 passed during the first session of the first Lok Sabha in 1952. No Bills were passed in the first sessions of the 11th, 14th, 15th and 16th Lok Sabha

124.28%
Productivity

7.6 QUESTIONS
answered on an average in this session, compared to 3.35 questions answered between 1996 and 2019

51 ADDITIONAL HRS
Beyond the normal working hours, with an average of 7.39 hours per day. The latest it sat for in this session was till just a minute before midnight

RAJYA SABHA

32 BILLS PASSED
249th session was the most productive among 52 sessions over last 17 years. 35 Bills were passed during the 197th session in 2002. Only 33 Bills were passed during the last 5 sessions in 88 sittings

195 HOURS
Total duration of 35 sittings, highest among 36 sessions in 11 years for which such data is maintained. Worked for 173 hours and 33 minutes in last 5 sessions

104.92%
PRODUCTIVITY
most productive among last 17 sessions

326
ZERO HOUR SUBMISSIONS
best in 20 years spanning 63 sessions

50 SITTINGS
best ever performance in 9th session in 1955

(All figures as of August 2)

More legislation on digital rights in LS than RS: report

KARISHMA MEHROTRA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

LOK SABHA WITNESSED more legislation on digital rights than Rajya Sabha, a scrutiny of private member's legislation reveals. Parliamentary questions in Lok Sabha about data protection, Aadhaar data breaches, digital privacy, and surveillance have more than doubled between the last two sessions, according to a new report released by international digital rights NGO Access Now.

In a review of the last five years of Parliament, Lok Sabha expressed more interest in surveillance and snooping, with 91 questions over the last 10 years against Rajya Sabha's 13.

In both Houses, focus has shifted from snooping and net neutrality in the 2015 budget session, to Aadhaar in 2016 and 2017, and to data protection in 2018.

BJP leads with the most privacy-related questions (71 MPs in the 16th Lok Sabha), followed by INC (21 MPs), AIADMK (21 MPs) and Shiv Sena (11 MPs).

The Standing Committee on Information and Technology has focused mostly on call drops, network neutrality, data protection and privacy, BharatNet, and social media, in that order. The Standing Committee on Home Affairs has focused on Aadhaar and privacy, while the Standing Committee on Finance has focused on digital governance.

"In addressing these important issues in the context of the rapid growth of the internet, the Parliament will take an important role in developing rights-respecting frameworks for India's democracy in the digital age," the report said. The researchers relied on circulars, reports, and documents published by the secretariats of the Parliament available on the websites of both Houses.

Since 2014, digital topics have come up most often in Lok Sabha during the zero hours or special mentions as well as in the parliamentary debates. In Rajya Sabha, they have recently been raised increasingly in motions and resolutions as well.

In the 16th Lok Sabha, Congress's S P Muddahanumegowda asked the most privacy-related questions, while BJP's Rajeev Chandrasekhar has asked the most in Rajya Sabha over the past 10 years.

West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee with DMK president M K Stalin at an event to unveil the statue of M Karunanidhi on the leader's first death anniversary, in Chennai. *PTI*

Mamata expresses concern, Stalin says Centre trying to recreate dark history

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
CHENNAI, AUGUST 7

WEST BENGAL Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and DMK president M K Stalin on Wednesday accused the Centre of trying to recreate the "dark history" of the incarceration of National Conference founder Sheikh Abdullah and expressed concern over the whereabouts of mainstream political leaders from the Valley.

Banerjee unveiled a statue of former DMK supremo M Karunanidhi here on the leader's first death anniversary in the presence of Stalin on the premises of the office of DMK mouthpiece 'Murasoli'.

Addressing a gathering at a public meeting held by the DMK, Banerjee said if a decision was taken in respect of any particular state, people of that state should be taken into confidence — an apparent reference to scrapping of Article 370.

"What is happening," she said and expressed concern about the whereabouts of former CMs Mehbooba Mufti and Omar Abdullah.

Stalin said, "In the name of nationalism, the BJP government is today fomenting communalism and the DMK will oppose this duplicity with determination."

Stalin said Farooq Abdullah could not attend the event since he was under house arrest. Tracing the life and times of Sheikh Abdullah, Farooq Abdullah's father, he said the Sheikh was confined at Kodaikanal in Tamil Nadu and "they (the BJP-led Centre) are trying to recreate that dark history".

"Nowadays, why we are fighting this battle, because we have to respect Mahatma Gandhi, we cannot forget him...they were not afraid, not scared," Banerjee said, apparently targeting the BJP.

The battle was against "atrocities and fascism", she said, adding "we are ready to do it, we are ready to sacrifice our life, but we cannot sacrifice our motherland, we cannot sacrifice our Tamil land, we cannot sacrifice our Bengal land, we cannot sacrifice our country."

3 MLAs write to BSY, seek withdrawal of cases against 'Hindu activists'

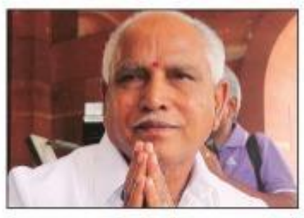
JOHNSON T A
BENGALURU, AUGUST 7

THREE BJP MLAs in Karnataka have written to Chief Minister and state BJP chief B S Yediyurappa, who assumed charge on July 26, seeking withdrawal of police cases lodged against "Hindu activists" in connection with three incidents of communal violence between 2013 and 2018.

Thirthahalli MLA Araga Jnanendra, Virajpet legislator K G Bopaiah and their Karwar counterpart Roopali Naik have written the letters.

Jnanendra has stated in his letter that over 300 "Hindu activists" were arrested in November 2014 in connection with protests seeking police action into the suspicious death of a minor girl.

"Over 300 Hindu youths who are innocent, daily wage earners, were booked in over 10 criminal cases by the police under political duress... it is requested to order withdrawal of these cases," the MLA has stated.



Karnataka CM Yediyurappa

The death of the girl and a police complaint by her family took a political turn after the BJP launched an agitation against the ruling Congress, accusing the police of shielding suspects because they were from a minority community. The government handed over the case to the state CID even as the BJP demanded a CBI probe.

The investigation revealed that the girl committed suicide after being upset over her grades and that the case did not involve abduction or rape as was alleged, the CID said in a statement. "Neither was she kidnapped nor murdered," the CID said.

Bopaiah, BJP MLA from Virajpet, has sought withdrawal of cases filed against "Hindu activists" in connection with the November 2015 protests in Kodagu over Tipu Jayanti celebrations.

The state-sponsored celebration of Tipu Sultan's birth anniversary had triggered clashes as several right-wing Hindutva outfits view the 18th century Mysore ruler as a tyrant.

Soon after taking over as chief minister, Yeddyurappa cancelled the state-sponsored Tipu Jayanti celebrations.

Karwar legislator Naik has sought withdrawal of cases filed against "Hindu activists" in the aftermath of communal violence over the death of 18-year-old Paresh Mesta in Honnavar in 2018.

Mesta was found dead in a pond in the aftermath of a clash between Hindus and Muslims over a disputed site. Propaganda on social media claimed that the youth was a Sangh worker who was tortured and killed by Muslims despite forensic evidence negating this and suggesting drowning as a possible cause of death. The region remained tense for nearly six days with right-wing mobs attacking minority establishments.

Several local BJP leaders were booked and the role of local BJP MP Ananth Kumar Hegde was investigated. Over 100 persons were booked for rioting and 20 cases were filed under charges of inciting communal outrage through social media — BJP MP Shobha Karandlaje was among those booked.

The Congress government handed over the probe into Mesta's death to the CBI, which is yet to complete its investigation.

"The intention of these letters is to say BJP workers were involved in the violence and to close them. The police needs to investigate without bias... Nobody should be released under political pressure," Karnataka Congress president Dinesh Gundu Rao said.

HC quashes two FIRs against Teesta Setalvad

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
AHMEDABAD, AUGUST 7

THE GUJARAT High Court on Wednesday quashed two FIRs lodged nearly five years ago against activist Teesta Setalvad after she tweeted a picture allegedly drawing parallels between a Hindu goddess and an ISIS terrorist.

Two FIRs were lodged in August 2014 against Setalvad, one at Ghatlodia police station in Ahmedabad by Vishwa Hindu Parishad activist Raju Patel, and another by one Kirit Mistry at C Division police station in Bhavnagar.

Setalvad's tweet had included a photoshopped image, allegedly drawing a visual parallel between Hindu goddess Kali and ISIS terrorists in a photograph with slain American journalist James Foley. She subsequently tweeted an apology. "The moment I realised that the illustration had created a controversy and hurt many people,

Teesta Setalvad

I deleted the tweet and tweeted an immediate apology for having inadvertently hurt their feelings."

Advocate Yogesh Ravani who represented Setalvad, said, "The court quashed the FIRs on the grounds that there was no malafide or deliberate intention and she had not intended to hurt anyone." He said it was a "balanced judgment, based on Article 19 (of the Constitution which guarantees free speech and expression) and provisions of the CrPC".

Setalvad had filed two petitions seeking the quashing of the FIRs. The Bhavnagar FIR had initially been tried at the district court but the trial was subsequently stayed and taken up by the high court.

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NORTH

Cop shot at by miscreants during chase in Mainpuri

Lucknow: A 23-year-old police constable on night patrol duty was injured when he was shot at by miscreants while he chased them in the City Kotwali police station area of Mainpuri district on Tuesday. Constable Ankit Chaudhary suffered gunshot injury on his right shoulder and is presently undergoing treatment at PGI, Saifai, said police. His condition is said to be stable. According to police officials, Ankit and another constable were chasing three men on a motorcycle after they refused to stop for checking on Tuesday night when one of the three miscreants opened fire. Seven others were detained. **ENS**

A flooded area in Hubbali, Karnataka on Wednesday. Rain caused a nearby lake to flood into the locality. *PTI*

EAST

Former boxer attacked with broken bottles in Howrah

Kolkata: A former boxer was allegedly attacked by 2-3 people for protesting drinking in front of his house in Howrah district. One of the accused was detained on Tuesday, police said. The victim, Arindam Kumar Samant, in his 60s, was attacked near Nabanno at the State Secretariat under Shibpur police station, said police. "They were abusing us and hurling bottles. I had to fire in the air to scare them. They fled. We informed police," said Samant. According to police sources, the accused were drinking in an e-rickshaw. "A complaint has been received and we are probing the case," police said. **ENS**

WEST

Goa taxi strike: One union calls off agitation

Panaji: Five days after a taxi strike was called in Goa demanding the withdrawal of app-based cab service 'GoaMiles', one of the protesting unions, The Yellow and Black Taxi Owners Association, called of their strike. The members of the association met Chief Minister Pramod Sawant late on Wednesday evening to convey their decision. However, other unions continued their strike with tourists still facing a shortage of vehicles and having to wait for long hours at transit points. GoaMiles is an initiative of the Goa Tourism Development Corporation, aimed at easing the travelling woes of tourists and helping drivers earn more. **ENS**

SOUTH

Kerala HC refuses to scrap bail granted to IAS officer

Kochi: The Kerala High Court Wednesday refused to place an interim stay on the bail granted to suspended IAS officer Sriram Venkitaraman, who is accused of killing a journalist in a road accident in Thiruvananthapuram. The High Court's response was to a petition filed by the state government, in which it argued that the officer's bail must be revoked as he was allgedly attempting to destroy evidence in the case along with the doctors at the private hospital where he was being treated earlier. KM Basheer, the bureau chief of a local Malayalam daily was hit by Venkitraman's car on Saturday morning. **ENS**

THE NEW J&K ORDER

NSA in Valley, security alert across airports

BCAS orders random checks on vehicles 1 km from airport buildings

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

AHEAD OF the Independence Day celebrations and on account of heightened threat potential due to the Kashmir issue, the Centre has tightened security arrangements at 19 airports across the country — banning entry of visitors inside terminal buildings from August 10 to 20 and carrying out intensive random vehicle checks 1 km from airport buildings.

A government official said the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) wrote to airport and airline operators at aerodromes in Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Imphal, Chennai, Kolkata, Amritsar, Thiruvananthapuram, Raipur, Jaipur, Lucknow, Srinagar, Patna, Guwahati, Bhopal, Bhubaneshwar, Dehradun and Ahmedabad, asking them to implement the security measures.

"In view of the continuous threat to the civil aviation sector received from central security agencies, it is necessary to enhance the existing security measures being taken at all civil aviation installations like airports, airstrips, airfields, Air Force stations, helipads, flying schools aviation training institutes, etc so that no untoward incident takes place during Independence Day celebrations (August 15). Utmost precautions need to be taken by all the stakeholders.," the BCAS noted in its letter dated August 5.

The enhanced security measures include strengthening of anti-terrorism, anti-sabotage practices and placement of quick-response teams at all the airports. Further, the alert has called for compulsory secondary ladder point checking of all flights at the airports.

The BCAS has also asked airport operators to monitor non-scheduled flight operations, including air ambulance.

Sources told *The Indian Express* that all the airlines have been asked to inform domestic and international flyers to reach well in advance before their flight departure time.

"Airlines have been informed that due to enhanced security checks of vehicles approaching terminals and of passengers inside the terminals, the screening time will most probably increase," sources said.

The latest alert, signed by Deputy Director General of BCAS, Ayush Mani Tiwari, is marked to all state and Union territory DGPs as well as authorities managing the airports.

Migrant workers wait at a government transport yard to buy bus tickets to leave the region in Srinagar on Wednesday. *AP*

Doval visits South Kashmir; meets residents, policemen

Jammu: National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval on Wednesday undertook a whirlwind visit to the militancy-infested south Kashmir and assured the locals that their security is the government's responsibility.

Doval arrived in Kashmir on Tuesday, a day after the Centre revoked the provisions of Article 370, which gave special autonomous status to Jammu and Kashmir. He is reaching out in the Valley as a confidence building measure (CMB).

"Everything will be alright. Your safety and security is our responsibility," Doval said.

An unprecedented security cover and several restrictions are in place in Kashmir. All modes of communication have been snapped in the Valley. Doval was seen eating food on a footpath outside closed shops and talking to locals. He exchanged views with them on the security situation and the government's decision to abrogate provisions of Article 370 and bifurcate Jammu and Kashmir into two Union territories.

"Your children and their children will continue to live here. They will make their name in the world," the NSA told people.

"Jammu and Kashmir Police is one of the best police forces. It has a special place for us," he said. Later, videos of Doval, flanked by DGP Dilbagh Singh, interacting with locals and policemen went viral. **PTI**

Ghulam Nabi Azad set to visit Srinagar today, more detentions in Valley

MUZAMIL JALEEL
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

AROUND 400 people, including three business leaders and a university professor, mainstream and separatist activists have been rounded up by police in the latest crackdown in Kashmir, officials told *The Indian Express*.

Congress MP and Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad is set to travel to Srinagar on Thursday, but sources said he is expected to be sent back from the airport.

Sources said business leaders Shakeel Qalander and Mubeen Shah were arrested. "They have been lodged in Central jail. Another business leader Yaseen Khan, who was questioned by NIA earlier, has also been arrested. Khan heads the Kashmir Economic Alliance..." said an official. "Hameeda Nayeem, who heads the Kashmir Centre for Social and Development Studies (KCSDS), has been detained. Her husband Nayeem Khan, a separatist leader, is already in jail," said the official.

Kashmir Bar Association president Mian Qayoom has also been detained.

Ghulam Nabi Azad

The family of Mubeen Shah, a former president of the Kashmir Chamber of Commerce, confirmed his arrest. "My cousin Dr Mubeen Shah was picked up on August 5 at around midnight from his home... he is diabetic and on heart medication... His wife was present when forces came to take him," said a message sent out by a relative.

PDP youth leader Waheed Parra's relatives said he was among those detained but there was no official confirmation.

Amid the information blockade, Ishfaq Tantray, general secretary of the Kashmir Press Club, said: "In the absence of curfew passes and means of communication, it is impossible for journalists to work. We appeal to the Press Council of India and international journalist bodies to take up the issue of media gag."

Youth drowned trying to escape security forces, says family

BASHAARAT MASOOD & ADIL AKHZER
SRINAGAR, AUGUST 7

AS RESTRICTIONS on movement and communication continued in the Valley on Wednesday, the family of a 17-year-old youth, Osaib Altaf, alleged that he died after he jumped into the Jhelum river when he was being chased by security personnel in Srinagar.

The incident occurred on Monday. Altaf's family said he had gone out to play with his friends. On their way home in the afternoon, Altaf, the youngest of four siblings, and his friends were on a footbridge over the river, when they were chased "by paramilitary personnel from both sides" of the bridge, his family said. The boys jumped into the river. Twenty minutes later, Altaf's body was fished out.

"He didn't know how to swim," said his brother Suhail Altaf. "When they jumped into the river, the sand diggers rushed to help them, in their boats. While a few of them swam to the river bank, three were rescued by the sand diggers, but it took some time to bring out Altaf. He was rushed to hospital, where he was declared dead," he said.

"He had no idea about what had happened. We don't have a television or a radio at home," said Altaf's father Mohammad Altaf Marazi, a driver. "Some boys rushed to our home to inform us about his death," he said.

According to residents, four persons were injured when security personnel stopped his funeral procession on Monday afternoon, and fired bullets and pellets.

At the Shri Maharaja Hari Singh (SMHS) Hospital, the casualty medical officer declined to comment. The local police station could not be contacted.

Meanwhile, former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti has been moved from Hari Niwas guesthouse to Cheshma Shahi guesthouse, after she was able to send a message out, asking her two MPs to resign from the Rajya Sabha. Former CM Omar Abdullah is at Hari Niwas guesthouse.

Jharkhand cyber con dupes MP Preneet Kaur of Rs 23 lakh, held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 7

PATIALA MP and wife of Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh, Preneet Kaur, fell prey to an online banking fraud in which Rs 23 lakh were fraudulently withdrawn from her SBI account over several days in July.

The alleged king-pin of the fraud, Atta Ul Ansari (30), a resident of Fofnad village in Jamtara, Jharkhand, has been arrested by the local police and would be brought to Patiala on Thursday.

Sources in the police said, Ansari contacted Preneet in the last week of July, when she was attending the Parliament session and asked for her debit card number, ATM PIN, CVV and even the OTP received on her phone.

Preneet Kaur

He reportedly pretended to be an SBI bank manager and asked her to provide the details as he wanted to expeditiously deposit her salary in the account.

According to sources, she declined to give out the information for two days but he then insisted that her ATM card needed to be upgraded for depositing her salary and that cards of several other MPs were being upgraded as well.

Later, the MP was told to check her account by her staff after she told them about the upgrade and the fraud came to light. A case under section 420 IPC, 66 and 66 D of IT Act was registered by Patiala police. Sources said the state police on Tuesday sent a team of Patiala police. The accused was arrested by Jamtara police on August 3.

Visas granted to Mansarovar pilgrims

New Delhi: China has granted visas to Indian pilgrims undertaking the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, sources in the Chinese Embassy said on Wednesday. Beijing was seen to have delayed granting visas last night.

"Chinese visas for Kailash Masarovar Yatra have been granted to the Indian pilgrims as usual. There has not been any problem with it," a source in the Chinese embassy said.

The pilgrimage to Kailash Mansarovar in Tibetan region of China is considered holy by Hindus. Every year, hundreds of Indians undertake the yatra which involves trekking in inhospitable conditions. **ENS**

Goans to be barred from casinos soon, says CM

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PANJIM, AUGUST 7

THE GOA Government will soon bar domicile Goans from entering casinos to gamble, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said on the floor of the House on Wednesday.

Sawant was replying to demands made by MLAs — of both ruling and opposition parties — who pointed that Goan families are suffering with huge amounts of debt with savings lost in gambling.

"Let's fix a date after which no Goans will be allowed to enter these casinos to gamble. Let's all meet on this issue and figure the road ahead. Casinos should be only for tourists. This will also be a good way to ensure we think of the well-being of Goans," Sawant said replying to all the MLAs.

Once implemented this rule would mean only tourists will be allowed to gamble in both offshore and on shore casinos. A separate proposal is being explored to shift casinos out of Mandovi river and take them inside the airport arena — in the new airport that is being planned in north Goa.

This though is not the first time the government has accepted the proposal of banning casinos for locals, a demand made for years by civil society.

Mumbai cobbler stitched together a gang to bail out offenders

SRINATH RAO
MUMBAI, AUGUST 7

SKILLED FORGERY, a little photo and document editing, and the right contacts was all it took for a cobbler and a small-time businessman from a slum in Govandi, in Mumbai, to help people accused of serious crimes walk free — for a fee.

According to a 10-month-long investigation by the Mumbai Police Crime Branch, Riyaz Ahmad Mushtak Ahmad Pathan alias Papa (35) and Muzaffar Dawood Kazi (38) led a gang that supplied people as personal sureties in court, with forged identity and employment documents, for men they had never met. Police said at least 300 people, arrested in cases ranging from murder to molestation, cheating to assault, in Mumbai, Thane and Navi Mumbai, had used the gang's services.

The probe began with the arrest of eight people outside the Bombay City Civil and Sessions Court in Kala Ghoda in October last year. Among those caught were alleged ringleaders Pathan, a cobbler, and Kazi, a businessman.

Police then searched a rented flat in Chembur, which allegedly served as the base of operations, and claimed to have found duplicate rubber stamps, 78 forged ration cards, 92 blank forms for ration cards, 55 fake employee identity cards, 59 fake company payment slips, 12 photocopies of marksheets, eight letters from a sessions court to police inspectors for physical verification of surety, five forged physical verification reports in the name of police inspectors, certificates from schools and colleges, seven fake letterheads of companies and four fake school leaving certificates.

A chargesheet filed by the Crime Branch earlier this year details how Pathan and Kazi allegedly provided services to those unable to find relatives or friends willing to take the personal risk to bail them out.

Standing as a surety involves providing proof of residence and employment and, most dauntingly, appearing before a magistrate or court staffer to answer questions about your relationship with the accused. Once a surety submits copies of Aadhaar, PAN and ration cards, the court directs the local police station to verify the residential address and employment details, before approving the application and granting bail.

Pathan and Kazi are alleged to hijacked the whole process — forging letters from the police to court claiming that the address had been verified, and from the food, civil supplies and consumer protection department stating that the ration card was genuine.

Suvajit Dey

The chargesheet offers illustrations of how the nexus operated undetected in busy courtrooms across the city. A witness whose cousin was arrested last year during a raid at a brothel in Grant Road told police that his lawyer had put him in touch with another arrested accused, Kalpesh Kalbere, claiming that he would help him find two personal sureties after the court set bail at Rs 25,000. Kalbere is alleged to have demanded Rs 50,000, but could eventually only provide one personal surety. The witness was then told to contact Pathan in order to arrange for the second surety. But on the day that the witness brought Rs 20,000 to pay Pathan, the Crime Branch swooped in.

However, the men and women who appeared as sureties were paid no more than Rs 7,000, the Crime Branch said. The investigation report includes the statement of a 55-year-old man who runs an embroidery business in Govandi. According to the chargesheet, the man claimed to have appeared as a surety in four different cases at the sessions court and lower courts.

Before each appearance in court, the forgers would simply replace the last page of his ration card where details of the last case in which he stood as surety were stamped. In all, the man claimed to have earned Rs 25,000 for four court appearances.

When the witness's brother-in-law was arrested in an assault case last year, his wife was unable to appear as a surety because the family's ration card had already been stamped. The witness told the police that he simply gave the ration card to Yusuf Ramzan Khan, another agent operating in Govandi who has since been arrested, who returned it to him after three days with a blank last page.

During the probe, the Crime Branch found that the forgeries were not 100% accurate, with the word "police" misspelled in Marathi on police station seals, fake address verification letters, and the forged stamps which differed in size from the official ones.

Crime Branch officials also wrote to the organisations listed as the place of employment, only to be informed that no such employees existed, states the chargesheet. In at least five cases, the firms existed only on paper. In two cases, the sureties were made to appear as cleaners and "sanitary health workers" employed with the BMC and Mumbai Port Trust.

"After writing to the concerned courtrooms pointing out the fraudulent bail process, 30 FIRs have been registered at police stations across Mumbai so far. We are going through case documents seized from the accused to find which cases at the sessions courts in Kala Ghoda and Dindoshi have been compromised. The number of offences registered will continue to rise," said a senior Crime Branch official.

Crime Branch officials, however, said they had not obtained any evidence that indicates the involvement of court employees or lawyers.

Rescue work underway in Kolhapur on Wednesday, *Courtesy: NDRF*

Flood situation worsens in west Maharashtra, 1.5 lakh evacuated

SUSHANT KULKARNI
PUNE, AUGUST 7

THE FLOOD situation in Kolhapur, Sangli and Satara districts of western Maharashtra worsened on Wednesday, forcing authorities to evacuate over 1.5 lakh people. Road connectivity in most parts in the region remained disrupted on Wednesday, affecting the movement of essential services.

Sixteen people have reportedly lost their lives in Satara, Pune, Sangli, Kolhapur and Solapur — the five districts of Pune Division — in the last five days. Water levels have risen in Panchganga and Dudhganga rivers in Kolhapur, Krushna river in Sangli and Krushna and Koyna rivers in Satara following heavy rain.

National Disaster Response Force, Army, Navy and Coast Guard have joined rescue efforts.

"From Kolhapur, Sangli and Satara districts, over 1.2 lakh people have been shifted to safer places in the last two days. The number of people evacuated in the whole of Pune division is 1.5 lakh. Most dams in the division are filled to capacity and if rain in the catchment areas continues, as predicted by the IMD, the unavoidable discharge of water from dams may again lead to a flood-like situation," Pune Divisional Commissioner Deepak Mhaisekar said on Wednesday.

The Sangli-Kolhapur stretch of Mumbai-Bengaluru highway, which connects Pune, Satara, Sangli and Kolhapur in Maharashtra with Nipani and Belgaum in Karnataka, had to be closed on Tuesday due to flooding. The key highway remained inundated between Pune and Kolhapur and between Belgaum and Kolhapur, cutting off Sangli, Kolhapur and Satara.

"The state transport service in Kolhapur and Sangli remains suspended. Services in Pune are being restored. In Sangli, the main bus stand is inundated. We have urged people not to travel on the Mumbai-Bengaluru highway. Those who have already started their trips should stop at Pune or Satara," Mhaisekar said.

According to the data received, all 12 talukas in Kolhapur, four of 11 in Satara and four out of 10 in Sangli received excessive rain and were the worst-affected in the region. The flooding also affected power connectivity to 2.5 lakh people in five districts of Pune division as over 10,800 transformer units were submerged.

While power connections in Pune district were being restored on Wednesday, the situation in Kolhapur, Sangli and Satara remained the same. A crisis of drinking water arose in most parts. Officials said while water tankers were being provided, adequate tests needed to be conducted before restoring supply.

A statement from Army said that as on Wednesday, 16 columns and 12 engineer task forces, comprising almost 1,000 personnel, have been employed in the affected areas of Maharashtra and Karnataka. The NDRF said it has deployed 15 teams in the affected areas of Maharashtra and the Navy said five rescue teams had been mobilised for Kolhapur and Sangli.

Has question on birth of a prophet, Jesus come up in any court, asks SC

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

AYODHYA HEARING

FACING THE task of adjudicating on the birthplace of Ram, the Supreme Court on Wednesday asked if any question regarding the birth of "a prophet" or Jesus had ever been raised in any other court in the world.

"Has a question like the present one (on the birth of Ram) been raised about the birth of a prophet or whether Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in any court anywhere in the world," Justice S A Bobde asked Senior Counsel K Parasaran, who appeared for the deity Ramlalla. The counsel replied that he would "check up".

Justice Bobde is part of a five-judge Constitution Bench, headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and including Justices D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S A Abdul Nazeer, which is hearing appeals against the September 30, 2010 verdict of the Allahabad High Court in the Ramjanmabhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute case.

Parasaran said "history books establish the fact that there was a temple at the site". He said there are references to Ayodhya being the birthplace of Ram in other literature like the Valmiki Ramayana. "It is the unshakeable faith of believers that this is the birthplace of Ram. That itself is the greatest evidence," he said.

Parasaran quoted from the Allahabad HC judgment which referred to the March 1886 decision of the Faizabad District Judge FEA Chamier, dismissing an appeal filed by Mahant Raghubar Das claiming right over a part of the disputed site.

The HC, Parasaran said, went on to add that "from the judgment of the learned judge deciding the first appeal, it appears that he visited the spot on 17.03.1886, and, in the light of what he noticed on spot inspection, he recorded certain facts in the judgment, namely the masjid built by Emperor Babar stands on the border of town Ayodhya west and south and is clear of habitations. He expressed his anguish that it is most unfortunate that a masjid should have been built on a land especially held sacred by Hindus but as that event occurred 358 years ago he found it too late in the day to reverse the process and said that the parties should maintain status quo".

The judge "was not a Hindu", the senior counsel said.

Justice Bobde asked if the idols at the site — which were later attached by the receiver on December 29, 1949 — were carbon dated. Parasaran replied in the negative.

Earlier in the day, the bench cut short the arguments of the counsel representing the Nirmohi Akhara, noting that he was unable to produce records to substantiate the Akhara's claim over the disputed 2.77 acres of land.

"Since when you existed is one question. But show us the evidence, like revenue records etc, to prove that you exercised your right," Justice Chandrachud told Senior Advocate Sushil Kumar Jain, as the latter submitted that the HC had found that the Akhara had been in existence since at least 1734.

Jain told the bench that he did not have all the records as there was a dacoity in 1982. He said the records he was relying on were already cited in the HC judgment.

But the bench reminded him that this was the first appeal and told him to "show the original records". As he struggled with his reply, the bench said it would hear the appeal filed by Ramlalla, and he should, meanwhile, document and produce the records he was relying on to establish his case.

Bihar govt order to ensure ration to AES-hit families

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, AUGUST 7

AGAINST THE backdrop of the deaths of over 150 children, mostly from impoverished families, due to Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES), the Bihar government has now issued instructions to District Magistrates to ensure that families of AES victims and those susceptible to the syndrome get ration. Doctors had attributed the AES deaths to malnutrition, besides heat and humidity.

The missive issued by additional secretary Bharat Kumar Dubey said, "There is an urgent need to avail ration to AES-affected and susceptible families in different things without fail". Authorities were directed to ensure that families covered under Food Security Act get ration.

Shah meets Bangla minister, raises illegal immigrants, Rohingya issues

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

HOME MINISTER Amit Shah on Wednesday raised the issues of illegal Bangladeshi immigrants settling in the Northeast and repatriation of the Rohingya to Myanmar with visiting Bangladesh Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan during a bilateral meeting here on Wednesday.

Khan was in Delhi for the seventh meeting of the India-Bangladesh Home Minister Level Talks.

According to Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Shah "raised India's concern regarding the illicit movement of undocumented persons across the border, with a view to find solutions to this problem especially in Northeast India".

Shah's assertion comes against the backdrop of the final National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam scheduled to be published at the end of this month. The government, in an affidavit filed in the Supreme Court, has raised doubts over the enumeration carried out during the initial list, which excluded more than 40 lakh people.

The MHA has been pushing for verification of enumeration samples.

Shah also raised the issue of Rohingya, who have taken refuge in India and Bangladesh following religious persecution in Myanmar, and assured Bangladesh of all support in their repatriation.

"The Indian Home Minister assured the Home Minister of Bangladesh of India's continuing support for safe and speedy repatriation of the displaced Myanmar citizens sheltered in Bangladesh, for whom India has provided humanitarian assistance in four tranches since September 2017," a statement issued by MHA said. India has maintained that Rohingya need to be sent back to Myanmar and has been putting pressure on the latter to take them back.

Apart from this, the ministers discussed issues related to bilateral security co-operation and prevention of transporter crimes. "Both the Home Ministers reaffirmed the need to further curb the menace of trans-border crimes, and therefore agreed to the need for greater co-operation to achieve our aim of a secure border. Both sides also reviewed the pending issues related to security and infrastructure at the borders, and agreed to take steps towards the expedited resolution of these matters," the statement said.

The leaders also looked forward to enhancing cooperation in simplifying people-to-people contact and travel for business, health and tourism, including through promoting connectivity, it added. Officials said Shah expressed India's full support to Sheikh Hasina government's development agenda and reiterated the long history of India-Bangladesh ties through shared cultural experience.

Bangladesh Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan reaches MHA to meet Home Minister Amit Shah Wednesday. *Anil Sharma*

TRIPURA AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT

Plan for runway across two nations, airport for both

DEBRAJ DEB
AGARTALA, AUGUST 7

TRIPURA CHIEF Minister Biplab Deb has said that he has requested the Centre to discuss with Bangladesh a proposal to further develop Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya Airport at Agartala so that it can benefit both countries.

The proposal seeks that Bangladesh allocate a piece of land in its Brahmanbariya district to build an extended runway of the Agartala airport, Deb told reporters on the sidelines of a media briefing.

This, he said, would allow the airport, which is being developed into an international airport, to operate large aircraft. The Agartala airport is undergoing an upgradation at the cost of Rs 438 crore.

"A lot of Bangladeshi people visit Tripura and other states of India via Agartala every year. They can benefit if we build a long runway. The airport is being upgraded. Since it is close to the border, we have requested for a piece of land, less than 1 km inside the neighbouring country, to build an extended runway. This project will benefit people from both nations," Deb said in reply to a question.

The development of Tripura's lone functional airport is a part of Airport Authority of India's (AAI) Rs 3,400-crore initiative to develop airports across different states of the Northeast. Tripura is located near Bangladesh and its airport lies very close to the barbed wire fence which separates the two countries. Hence, the additional piece of land across the border has become a necessity. According to reports, a technical proposal from the Centre in this regard is yet to be made. A verbal proposal, however, was put forward at a meeting of officials of both countries at Delhi in March, it is learnt.

Despite NGT order, ministry yet to fix rules to ban lead in water pipes

SHIVNARAYAN RAJPUROHIT
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

MORE THAN two years after it was directed by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) to notify rules banning the use of lead in PVC (polyvinyl chloride) pipes for water supply within four months, the Union Environment Ministry is yet to issue a notification on the issue.

In its second status report filed last month, the ministry told the tribunal that the draft notification was approved by the Environment Minister and forwarded to the Law Ministry. "The Law Ministry has tentatively vetted the notification to ensure desired compliance. The redrafted notification is currently under submission to the Ministry of Law and Justice for final vetting," according to the report.

The original petitioner, Jan Sahyog Manch, argued that these pipes used for water supply pose a health hazard because lead, one of the most dangerous metals, leaches into water. A previous order by NGT states that PVC pipe manufacturers conceded that there is "some leaching of lead from inner walls of PVC pipes in the initial period", but "reduces with time".

Lead makes PVC pipes more durable, according to experts.

Current petitioner Ajay Kumar Singh, who is also a lawyer, accused the Environment Ministry of delaying the notification. "For the past two years, the ministry has formed a committee, consulted with all stakeholders, issued a draft notification, sent it to the Law Ministry and again drafted the rules. This indicates that the ministry is colluding with a lobby of manufacturers in delaying the notification," Singh told *The Indian Express*.

Environment Secretary C K Mishra was not available for a comment.

A representative of All-India Plastic Manufacturers' Association said phasing out of lead will take more time, as other alternatives such as tin and calcium zinc as heat stabilisers have to be imported. The representative argued that the switch will significantly increase manufacturing cost of PVC pipes — a claim dismissed by NGT and the petitioner.

"Most manufacturers are already exporting lead-free pipes to countries where the heavy metal is banned. This means they have the technology for easy transition," Singh said. The US and China banned lead-containing PVC pipes for drinking water in 1986 and 2006, respectively. The European Union phased them out in 2006.

At least 50 per cent of PVC pipes are used for water supply in India, said an industry source.

British officers conspired with League to ensure NWFP didn't go to India: Pranab

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BRITISH CIVIL servants conspired with the Muslim League to ensure that the North West Frontier Province (NWFP) did not go with India, former President Pranab Mukherjee said on Wednesday.

"There were two elections held in 1937 and 1946. Despite the province being Muslim-dominated, the Congress won a large number of seats. (But) British civil servants conspired with the Muslim League to ensure that support was transferred from the Congress to the League. The League started gaining strength, and the Congress started losing support in just a couple of months — between February, when the elections were held, and August," he said.

He said these reports were taken to Jawaharlal Nehru, "but he did not take it seriously — (he) dismissed them as exaggeration".

The former President was speaking at the launch of the book 'India's Lost Frontier: The Story of North West Frontier Province of Pakistan', written by former Textiles Secretary Raghvendra Singh.

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4:- **ई-निविदा संख्या** 50/2019-20:- इस मण्डल के अन्तर्गत अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत वितरण खण्ड-द्वितीय, मुजफ्फरनगर के अधीनस्थ उपखण्ड अधिकारी विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड-चतुर्थ, मुजफ्फरनगर के कार्य क्षेत्रान्तर्गत 33/11 केवी उपकेन्द्र लडवा नसीरपुर पर स्थापित 11 केवी क्रोम्पटन मेक कुल्हेडी पोषक वी.सी.बी., 11 केवी क्रोम्पटन मेक लडवा पोषक वी.सी.बी. एवं 11 केवी इनकमिंग नं. 02 वी.सी.बी. तथा 33 केवी वी.सी.बी. के सही प्रकार से कार्य नहीं करने पर क्षतिग्रस्त सामान के स्थान पर नया सामान उपलब्ध कराते हुए पूर्ण मरम्मत का कार्य कराने हेतु। धरोहर राशि रु.-2000/- मात्र। निविदा शुल्क रु.- 1180.00 मात्र।

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अधीक्षण अभियन्ता
विद्युत वितरण मण्डल
मुजफ्फरनगर

पत्रांकः 2924/वि.वि.मं.-मु.नगर/कैम्प/ दिनांकः 07.08.2019

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD

Tender Notice

E-Tender No.: ALD-Sig-59-2019-20 **Dated:** 05.08.2019

Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Coordination/ North Central Railway/ Allahabad, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender on prescribed form for the following works up to **12:00** hrs on the opening date of E-tender mentioned therein. The details of the Tender is as under:-

Tender No.	Name of Work	Approx cost of work	Earnest Money ₹
59	"Sectional Signalling Maintenance Contract in thesectionof DSTE/ East/ALD for One Year"	₹ 3520932/-	₹ 70400/-

Cost of tender form : ₹ 3000/- **Date of closing tender: 28.08.2019**
Availability of tender form: Tender forms shall be available on **www.ireps.gov.in** **Time date & place of opening of tender:** Tender will be opened through E-tender at office of Divisional Railway Manager, Allahabad on or after pre determined date at **12:30** hrs. **1149/19(I)**

North central railways @ CPRONCR

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE

The **Dy. Chief Engineer/Const., Northern Railway, State Entry Road, New Delhi** for and on behalf of President of India **invites open e-tender** under **Single Packet System** for the under noted work :-

1.	**Name of work and location**	Construction of Washable Apron at Platform No. 8, and other misc. works at newly constructed Electrical loco shed at Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station in connection with Development of additional Train handling facilities at TKJ, SZM, DEE, SSB, GZB, NZM & TKD
2.	**Completion period of the work**	**6 (Six) months** from the date of issue of acceptance letter.
3.	**Approx. cost of work**	**Rs. 168.88 Lakh** (Rupees One hundred Sixty eight lakh & eighty eight thousand only)
4.	**Earnest money amount (to be deposited Online)**	**Rs. 2,34,400.00** (Rupees Two lakh thirty four thousand four hundred only)
5.	**Date, Time for submission of e-tender and opening of tender**	Tenders may be uploaded upto **11:30 hrs** on **30.08.2019** on IREPS website i.e **www.ireps.gov.in** The bidders can only participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at **11:30** hrs on **30.08.2019**.
6.	**Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document**	The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway website i.e **www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in** Above tenders document will be available on IREPS website i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in** from **16.08.2019 to 30.08.2019**. 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.

No. 220-Acs/1/1136/Washable Apron/NZM, Dt. : 06.08.2019 **2543/2019**

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

REAL TIME GOVERNANCE SOCIETY (RTGS)
Government of Andhra Pradesh
Block 1, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi, Guntur

Request for Proposal - Call Notice for

1. Real Time Governance Society invites Request for Proposals (RFP) for "Selection of suppliers for supply of equipment to the Village volunteers in the State of Andhra Pradesh".
   (i) Equipment set 1: Finger Print Scanner + Iris Scanner
   (ii) Equipment set 2: Handheld Device + GSM SIMs
2. The main objective of this RFP is to select eligible supplier(s) for supply of above mentioned equipment to Village/Ward Volunteers and Village/Ward Secretariat functionaries in Andhra Pradesh, along with support for a period of 3 years. Time Schedule of Proposal related various events:

Description	Date and Time
Release of Request for Proposal (RFP)	Thursday, August 8th 2019 11:00 hrs
Last Date for Submission of online Questions by bidders	Monday 12th August 2019, 5:00 pm hrs
Pre-Bid Conference	Tuesday 13th August 2019, 11:00 hrs o/o 4th Floor, Commissioner Panchayat Raj, Tadepali, Guntur (DT)
Date of Issue of Clarifications	Thursday 15th August 2019, 5:00PM hrs
Last Date for Submission of bids	Wednesday 28th August 2019, 3:00PM hrs
RFP Document Cost	Rs. 5,00,000 (in words five lakhs only)

Issued by
Real Time Governance Society (RTGS)
On behalf of Commissioner, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department ("PRRD") and Commissioner, Municipal Administration and Urban Development ("MAUD"), Government of Andhra Pradesh
The complete set of bid documents is available online on the below mentioned websites from 08-Aug-2019 at 2.00 PM. IST onwards.
(i) **http://www.rtgs.ap.gov.in/** - RTGS website
(ii) **http://www.apeprocurement.gov.in** - AP eProcurement website

DIPR No.82PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2019-20 Dt:07.08.2019 **Sd/- CEO, RTGS**

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - III, DELHI
4th Floor Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi: 110 001

Notice under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993).

In the matter of O.A. NO. 535/2018
AXIS BANK LTD. .....Applicant
VS
Mr. Aakaar Singh Bhatia & Defendants

To,
D-1 Aakaar Singh Bhatia S/0 Amar Singh Bhatia H.No. 5A/106, 2nd Floor, NIT Faridabad, Faridabad, Haryana-121001.
Also At:- HDFC Standard Life Insurance Company Ltd., SCO 3/32, Sec 15, Part 2, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal **07.08.2019** at 10.30 A.M.
Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 05th day of July 2019.

By Order of the Tribunal
Assistant Registrar, DRT-III, New Delhi

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Katra
Abridged Notice Inviting Tender

For and on behalf of the Chairman, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Sealed Tenders are invited on the prescribed format, duly affixed with Revenue Stamps worth Rupees Six only for the Supply of Chunni Superior Hand Made & Machine Made F.O.R. at Non-Engineering Store, Banganga, Katra by or before **29.08.2019 upto 03.00 P.M IST**. The Tender Documents containing detailed Terms and Conditions and Tender Format can be had from the Central Office of the Shrine Board, Katra against Cash payment of Rs. 300/- (Non-transferable and Non-refundable) on any working day and same can be downloaded from our website: **www.maavaishnodevi.org**.

No.: Co/Pur/NE/307/5014
Dated: 07.08.2019
Sd/- (Amit Vermani), KAS,
Dy. Chief Executive Officer,
Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Katra.

TWEET ALERT

'Molestation': Rajdhani TTE suspended, waiter taken off duty

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

A TRAIN ticket examiner was suspended and a waiter was taken off duty after a woman passenger alleged that she was molested by them on board the Ranchi Rajdhani Express.

An acquaintance of the woman, who is a student, tweeted Tuesday night alleging that the victim was drugged by the railway staff.

"Pantry staff and TT jointly tried to molest her in train, gave her intoxicated ice cream. Will any action be taken by railway on erring staff without FIR or he will walk free and will terrorise another passenger. Sad!" she tweeted.

"The concerned victim is a student and fears she cannot live normal life if entangled in legal hassle," the acquaintance tweeted, tagging Railway Minister Piyush Goyal as well as other senior officials.

The railways said in a statement that while the complainant did not file an FIR, details were taken from her over phone. It added that an inquiry had been conducted by the chief commercial manager and the accused questioned.

"Meanwhile, based on the Twitter complaint and seriousness of the matter, N R Saroj, ticket examiner, Ranchi, has been suspended... the accused waiter/vendor has been taken off duty...," the statement said.

After the action was taken, the acquaintance of the woman who had made the initial complaint on Twitter, said that she was satisfied with the outcome and requested the DRM, Ranchi to close the issue.

"We don't want to carry forward any further the matter in view of privacy of family members and we are satisfied with the support of DRM Ranchi and railway team. Please close the complaint now," she tweeted.

'3 cases against Sonbhadra villagers to be reinvestigated'

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, AUGUST 7

THREE DAYS after Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath ordered penal action against over two dozen government officials for their alleged role in illegally transferring the disputed land at Umbha village to individuals, which later led to the killing of 10 Gond tribals last month, Sonbhadra Superintendent of Police Prabhakar Chaudhary on Wednesday ordered re-investigation into three cases that were lodged against the tribals last year allegedly on false charges made by the aides of village pradhan Yagya Dutt.

Dutt is the prime accused in the July 17 shooting over the disputed land that left 10 persons dead and several others injured. He along with 54 people have been arrested for the killings.

Earlier, Ghorawal police had filed chargesheets in the three cases, but no arrests were made.

SP Chaudhary has directed Ghorawal police to reinvestigate, adding that it was being done on the basis of directives issued by the state government.

SUSHMA SWARAJ (1952-2019)

President, PM lead farewell to 'people's minister'

Leaders from across parties pay condolences to daughter, husband

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

THE REMAINS of former External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj were cremated with full state honours at Lodhi Road crematorium here on Wednesday in the presence of leaders from across the political spectrum and scores of supporters.

Swaraj died at AIIMS late Tuesday night after a massive heart attack. She was 67.

On Wednesday, vehicles sped up and down Jantar Mantar Road to her home as political leaders streamed in all morning to offer their condolences to the family.

President Ram Nath Kovind was among the early visitors, going to the family's residence for 10 minutes around 9 am.

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu also went there. At 9.45 am, Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived.

Among others who met the family at their home were Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP working president J P Nadda, Union ministers Kiren Rijju and Vijay Goel, and senior party leaders Murli Manohar Joshi and Uma Bharti.

Among those from opposition parties who went there and paid condolences to the family were former Vice President Hamid Ansari, former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, former Uttar Pradesh chief minister and Samajwadi Party veteran Mulayam Singh Yadav, and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal.

Sonia Gandhi, former Congress chief and one-time political rival from Bellary, Karnataka, from where Swaraj had unsuccessfully contested the Lok Sabha polls in 1999, was also there, as were former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad and CPI(M) leader Brinda Karat.

Around 12.30 pm, her remains began to be moved to the BJP headquarters at ITO, where party workers from across Delhi, Haryana and other parts of the country were waiting to pay their last respects.

At 3.40 pm, the body, wrapped in Tricolour, reached Lodhi Road crematorium, where daughter Bansuri carried out the final rites. President Kovind, Prime Minister Modi, Union ministers Shah, Rajnath Singh and Smriti Irani, and BJP veteran L K Advani, among others, were present at the cremation.

Leaders associated with different stages of her long journey of over 40 years, starting from her days in Haryana politics in the 1970s, were part of this final journey.

Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, who visited the family's home in the morning, recalled the late leader's brush with politics in Karnataka in 1999: "She was, and will remain, a leader worthy of emulation. For me, it is a personal loss. I remember how she contested the Lok Sabha election from Bellary. I was with her in the same hotel, in the same room. Although she was defeated, she regularly visited Bellary for the annual Varamahalakshmi festival."

BJP leader Anil Vij, the MLA from Ambala Cantonment in Haryana, said after the rituals: "She had begun her political journey from my Vidhan Sabha constituency. She won the seat twice. In 1990, when she was elected to Rajya Sabha, I contested the by-elections from the constituency (and won). She had a very close relationship with Ambala, and people there are deeply affected..."

BJP Lok Sabha MP from Allahabad Rita Bahuguna Joshi said: "After being in power (as minister in different governments) since the age of 25, today she died in a small flat in Delhi. It gives a signal to the entire world that a person is formed by her personality, not her position."

In her condolence letter to Swaraj's husband Swaraj Kaushal, Sonia Gandhi wrote: "In our many years together as colleagues in Lok Sabha, we developed a warm personal relationship and I feel her loss greatly. I am shocked and deeply saddened at the sudden passing away of your beloved wife..."

"The same courage and grit that was hallmark of Sushma-ji's political life, she showed in her personal life as well, as she faced her serious ailments with incredible fortitude... You must draw solace from the fact that Sushmaji lived a life of honour, filled with achievement and contributions to the country she loved; respected and admired by all Indians. And she went as she had lived — active and engaged till the very end," Sonia wrote.

ANI

Prem Nath Pandey

(Top) Prime Minister Narendra Modi leaves the Lodhi Crematorium with senior BJP leader L K Advani; Sonia Gandhi leaves after paying tribute to the former minister at her residence in New Delhi.

Priest rescued in Yemen: She spoke to me like elder sister

VISHNU VARMA
KOCHI, AUGUST 7

FORMER EXTERNAL Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj, who passed away on Tuesday night, will be remembered for her efforts to rescue Indians from alarming situations overseas and safely bringing them home.

Among those she helped rescue is Fr Tom Uzhunnalil, a Catholic priest from Kerala who was kidnapped by suspected ISIS militants in strife-torn Yemen in 2016.

On Wednesday morning, Fr Uzhunnalil woke up to the news of Swaraj's death. "I feel so sad about the demise of such a beloved and pleasant personality. Of course, I prayed for her soul and then for her near and dear ones," he told *The Indian Express* over phone from Bengaluru.

"I recalled the day when I spoke to her after my release on September 13, 2017... I felt she was speaking to me like an elder sister. That was my feeling, the style of conversation, the things she told me," added Fr Uzhunnalil.

The 59-year-old Catholic priest, who belongs to the Congregation of the Salesians of Don Bosco, went to Yemen in 2010 and was working there with a care home run by the Missionaries of Charity. In March 2016, when Yemen was in the middle of a violent civil war between the ruling Abdrabbuh Mansur Hadi government and Houthi rebels, suspected ISIS militants attacked the old age home in Aden and killed 16 people. They abducted the priest, transferred him to another facility and kept him captive for nearly 18 months.

In September 2017, then External Affairs Minister Swaraj announced on Twitter that the priest had been released and will return to India shortly. Oman's foreign affairs ministry and its Sultan Qaboos bin Said Al Said are believed to have played a key role in the priest's release.

'She heard us when there was no hope'

DIVYA GOYAL
LUDHIANA, AUGUST 7

AS THE country bid the final farewell to former External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj, condolences poured in from across the border as well, with several Pakistanis paying her tributes and recalling her Humanity First approach.

From the mother of a toddler with a rare heart disease to a Pakistani woman who married an Indian and sought a permanent visa, Swaraj helped out several Pakistanis in their hour of need.

Rohaan was born with a congenital heart defect on July 29, 2017. Doctors in Pakistan gave him just a month to live and recommended an immediate open heart surgery. The family got all documents prepared to come to India but visas were not being issued. Finally, Rohaan's mother Mehwish Mukhtar (33) from Lahore started an online campaign 'Help Baby Rohaan' and tweeted to Swaraj, seeking her help.

"My child was given just a month to live. He needed immediate surgery. Sushma Swaraj responded to our plea on Twitter and got visas issued immediately. My baby's first surgery was done in India on September 8, 2017. It was successful. She heard us on humanitarian grounds when there was no hope. We respect her for what she did for my son and all children from Pakistan," Mukhtar said.

In September 2016, when tensions soared between India and Pakistan following the Uri attack and the subsequent surgical strikes, a 19-member women delegation from Pakistan was in India to attend the Global Youth Peace Festival in Chandigarh.

Aliya Harir (27), a peace activist who was on the delegation, recalled: "We were worried if we would be able to return safely. Sushma ma'am called me... and ensured our safe return," Harir said. After reaching Pakistan, when Harir tweeted to thank Swaraj, she responded, "Aliya, I was concerned about your well-being *kyonki betiyan to sabki sanjhi hoti hain*..."

WORLD REACTS

"Saddened to hear of the passing of my friend and former India External Affairs Minister... She was a strong partner who shared our view that a more democratic world is a more peaceful one."

MIKE POMPEO,
US SECRETARY OF STATE

"With her death, Bangladesh has lost a good friend. Bangladesh will recall her contributions in taking the relationship between the two countries to a new height."

SHEIKH HASINA,
BANGLADESH PM

"My deepest condolences to the government and the people of India... I had many fruitful and useful discussions with her while she held office, and am saddened by her sudden passing. May she forever rest in peace."

JAVAD ZARIF,
IRAN FOREIGN MINISTER

"Saddened by the news of the passing of Sushma Swaraj, an extraordinary woman & leader who devoted her life to public service... will always remember her fondly."

MARIA FERNANDA ESPINOSA,
UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT

"China deeply mourns for the passing of Madam Sushma Swaraj and expresses sincere condolences..."

HUA CHUNYING,
CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESPERSON

Unnao case: Court issues directions to media

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

A DELHI court on Wednesday directed the media to not report names and addresses of the Unnao rape victim, her family members and witnesses in the case.

District Judge Dharmesh Sharma issued several guidelines on reporting, restraining the media from reporting on testimonies of witnesses and merits of the case, among others.

Advocate Tanveer Ahmed Mir, appearing for the accused — expelled Uttar Pradesh BJP MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar — urged the court to issue orders for a "complete media gag on covering the court proceedings".

The CBI's counsel, Ashok Bhartendu, called for restraint on discussing the merits of the case.

District Judge Sharma thereafter issued a set of six measures for the media:

- "Media is restrained as also refrained from reporting the names and addresses of the family members of the victim/survivor, name of victim/survivor as also the complainant and other witnesses cited and to be examined during proceedings/ trial."
- "Media shall not cover and exclude part of the proceedings as and when any specific directions are passed by the court."
- "Media shall refrain from reporting testimony of any witness, wholly or partly, and refrain from appreciating such evidence or giving any opinion on the merits of the case."
- "Mediapersons shall not record the proceedings in audio-video mode inside or outside the courtroom."

As for the other two measures, the court said that access is allowed to one journalist of each national daily, and reporters news agencies PTI and UNI, besides other national dailies, should share their reports with representatives of other newspapers and members of the electronic media.

The court proceedings began on Wednesday with the CBI counsel reading out the Sections in which Sengar and a co-accused were accused of, starting out the arguments on charge.

Sengar's counsel Mir argued on the age of the victim, and the matter was adjourned after he could not complete his arguments.

On Tuesday, the court had asked the CBI for a status report on the victim, following which the counsel handed over a sealed envelope to the judge containing measures taken for boarding, lodging and other aspects of the family members of the victim. The judge noted that it appears there are no "concerns" or issues from them as of now.

The court also directed the investigating officer to ensure that "a provision be made of some nominal amount towards daily allowance, so that the family members are not left hard of cash for their daily needs".

The lawyer of accused MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar had urged the court for a complete media gag.

REPORT BY UN, WORLD BANK, ADB

After Fani, Odisha's recovery needs at over Rs 29,000 cr: report

SAMPAD PATNAIK
BHUBANESWAR, AUGUST 7

A REPORT prepared by several international agencies released by the Odisha government has pegged the state's recovery needs at Rs 29,315 crore after the extremely severe cyclonic storm Fani ravaged coastal Odisha in May.

At the request of the Department of Economic Affairs under the Finance Ministry, the United Nations, World Bank and Asian Development Bank conducted a detailed damaged, loss and needs assessment (DLNA) in Odisha. The DLNA report was released by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Tuesday.

The report estimates total damage at Rs 16,465 crore and a loss of Rs 7,712 crore. The most affected sectors include housing, power, telecommunications, agriculture, livestock and fisheries, according to the report.

It estimates 3.62 lakh houses as damaged, mostly in Puri, Khordha and Cuttack. It pegs the recovery and reconstruction cost at Rs 8,996 crore. In the power sector, the report assesses damages at Rs 8,139 crore.

The report also focuses on the effects of extreme weather events on livelihood and income. Stating that fisherfolk, farmers and sharecroppers have been "severely hit", the report warns of a "detrimental impact on the livelihoods and coping capacities of people, particularly groups reliant on a single source of income and social protection schemes".

The report indicates that the lower income group suffered an extreme impact while the upper income group saw a subdued impact. "Immediate assistance would require the replacement of all livelihood related assets of people, with cash assistance and interest subvention to support the recovery of small business," the report suggests. It proposes that the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme be used to supplement incomes.

The report proposes recognising the "differential impact" of the cyclone on vulnerable groups, such as people with disabilities, women headed households, fisherfolk and slum dwellers, among others.

3 days before Ranbir Penal Code was replaced by IPC, SC struck down its adultery clause

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

THREE DAYS before the Centre scrapped the special status granted to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 of the Constitution, thereby making the Indian Penal Code (IPC) applicable in the state, the Supreme Court on August 2 struck down Section 497 of the Ranbir Penal Code (RPC) that dealt with adultery, holding it "unconstitutional".

A bench of Justices R F Nariman and Surya Kant drew on the top court's September 27, 2018 verdict in the Joseph Shine vs Union of India matter in which it held as unconstitutional Section 497 of the IPC, which dealt with adultery provisions, to invalidate the similar clause in the RPC, the penal law applicable in J&K. With the special status scrapped on August 5, IPC will now apply in Jammu and Kashmir.

Section 497 of the RPC said that "whoever has sexual intercourse with a person who is and whom he knows or has reason to believe to be the wife of another man, without the consent or connivance of that man, such sexual intercourse not amounting to the offence of rape, is guilty of the offence of adultery, and shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to [five years] or with fine, or with both. In such case the wife shall be punishable as an abettor".

Section 497 of the IPC was similarly worded but for the fact that it said that the wife shall not be punishable as an abettor. The provision was challenged by Italy-based NRI Joseph Shine, who termed it unjust, illegal, arbitrary, violative of citizens' fundamental rights and gender-biased.

A Constitution Bench of the court, comprising then Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra and Justices Nariman, A M Khanwilkar, D Y Chandrachud and Indu Malhotra, struck down the colonial-era provision, saying it violated Articles 14 (right to equality); 15(1) (prohibition of discrimination on grounds of religion, race, caste, sex or place of birth); and, 21 (protection of life and personal liberty). Adultery, it added, would continue to be a ground for any civil wrong, including a ground for divorce.

The judgment, however, did not affect J&K's penal code RPC whose adultery provision remained intact.

Thereafter, an Army officer from J&K approached the apex court and urged it to apply a similar yardstick to strike down Section 497 of RPC.

The officer claimed that he had been charged under the section and transferred. He was also charged under the Army Act.

The officer claimed he was the victim of a matrimonial dispute and had suffered divorce. He had approached the Armed Forces Tribunal which refused to grant him relief. On appeal, the Supreme Court set aside the tribunal order. The court noted that he had already been acquitted under section Section 63 of the Army Act, 1950, subject to confirmation.

झारखण्ड सरकार
स्वास्थ्य, चिकित्सा शिक्षा एवं परिवार कल्याण विभाग

प्रेस विज्ञप्ति

विभागीय संकल्प सं0 94(19) दिनांक 24.08.2018 द्वारा झारखण्ड सरकारी सेवक (वर्गीकरण, नियंत्रण एवं अपील) नियमावली, 2016 में विहित प्रावधानों के आलोक में डॉ0 कृष्ण कुमार चौधरी, सहायक प्राध्यापक, शिशु रोग विभाग, पाटलीपुत्र चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, धनबाद के विरूद्ध विभागीय कार्यवाही प्रारम्भ करने का निर्णय लिया गया। उक्त कम में विभागीय जांच पदाधिकारी से प्राप्त जांच प्रतिवेदन के आलोक में सरकार द्वारा डॉ0 चौधरी के विरूद्ध असंचयात्मक प्रभाव से दो वार्षिक वेतनवृद्धि रोकने का दण्ड अधिरोपित करने का निर्णय प्रस्तावित है।

उक्त के आलोक में झारखण्ड सरकारी सेवक (वर्गीकरण, नियंत्रण एवं अपील) नियमावली, 2016 में विहित प्रावधानों के आलोक में विभाग द्वारा कमशः पत्रांक 19(19) दिनांक 25.01.2019 एवं पत्रांक 33(19) दिनांक 14.03.2019 के माध्यम से अपना पक्ष रखने हेतु डॉ0 चौधरी को 15 दिनों के अंदर द्वितीय कारण पृच्छा बचाव–बयान समर्पित करने का निदेश दिया गया किन्तु, उनके द्वारा अबतक बचाव–बयान समर्पित नहीं किया गया है।

अतः इस प्रेस विज्ञप्ति के माध्यम से डॉ कृष्ण कुमार चौधरी, सहायक प्राध्यापक, शिशु रोग विभाग, पाटलीपुत्र चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, धनबाद को अंतिम रूप से निदेश दिया जाता है कि उपरोक्त प्रस्तावित दण्ड के आलोक में प्रेस विज्ञप्ति प्रकाशन की तिथि से दस दिनों के अंदर अपना बचाव–बयान निश्चित रूप से विभाग में समर्पित करें अन्यथा यह समझा जाएगा कि आपको कुछ नहीं कहना है। तदुपरांत विभाग द्वारा स्वतंत्र रूप से निर्णय लिया जाएगा।

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(ओम प्रकाश)
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झारखण्ड, रांची

जिसे अब तक ना समझे, वो कहानी हूँ मैं, मुझे बर्बाद मत करो पानी हूँ मैं।

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PERSONAL

I, Vimala Devi W/o Late Sh.Hari Kishan R/o-H.No.29-D,Pocket-J,Sheikh Sarai-II,New Delhi-17,have changed my name to Vimla Devi for all,future purposes. 0040506812-1

I, Vivek Kumar Bairva S/o Ganga Ram R/o 9/65, Dakshin Puri, Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, Delhi-110062 have changed my name to Vivek Kumar. 0070668825-1

I, Vishal Kumar Srivastava S/o Shri Satish Chandra Srivastava R/o H.No-235, Sector-13, Vasundhara Ghaziabad U.P-201012, hereby solemnly informs: 1-That my daughter's name is Palcheen Srivastava & her Date of Birth is 02/05/2005; 2-That my wife's name is Smt. Swati Srivastava. 0040506687-1

I, Vipan Kumar Chopra S/o Raj Pal Chopra R/o-122/4-H Gali.No.2, Shankar Nagar, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051,have changed my name to Vipan Chopra.,for all purposes. 0040506768-7

I, Vinita D/o Nanak Chand Mittal W/o Maheep Kumar Jindal R/o-A-3/203, 2nd-Floor, Chanderpriya-Aptt., Sector-8, Rohini, Delhi-110085.,have changed my name to Vinita Jindal. 0040506751-6

I, Vineet Kumar, S/o Viveka Nand Singh, R/o-B1-401, Orris Car Nation-Residency, Sikanderpur, Sector-85, Gurgaon (Haryana),have changed my name to Vineet Singh. 0040506768-9

I, Vijay S/o Prem Chand R/o-79/12, Near-Jain Sathank, Ganaur-Mandi, Ganaur, Sonipat, Haryana, have changed my name to Vijay Kumar Permanently. 0040506788-5

I, Vijay Gupta s/o Prem Chand R/o-79/12, Near-Jain Sathank, Ganaur-Mandi, Ganaur, Sonipat, Haryana,have changed my name to Vijay Kumar Permanently. 0040506788-6

I, Vashundhra Solanki D/o Chain Singh Solanki R/o.H.No.36, Vivanta Residences, Matiala Ext.,Delhi-110059 have changed my name to Vasundhra Solanki permanently. 0040506709-1

I, Tarun Kumar S/O, Raj Kumar Garg R/o 36-37, First Floor, Street No. 14, Indra Park, Chander Nagar, Som Bazaar, Dr. Chattwal Street Delhi-51, have changed my name to Tarun Garg for all purposes. 0040506728-1

I, Tarun Kumar Chhabra S/o Sh. Kishan Chand, R/o 1459-B, 2nd Floor, Rani Bagh, Shakurbasti, Delhi-110034, have changed my minor son's name from Anirudh Chhabra to Erish Chhabra for all future purposes. 0040506685-1

I, Subal Debnath S/O, Hari Dass R/o 866, Block B, Transit Camp, Govindpuri, Kalkaji, New Delhi - 110019, have changed my name to Subodh Kumar for all purposes. 0040506759-1

I, Sonu S/o Satish Kumar R/o K-2/28, Krishan-Vihar, Delhi-110086, have changed my name to Sajan for all purposes. 0040506768-10

I, Shafali Sharma,S/o Shri.Vidya Nand Sharma R/o-37-A, New Layalpur-Extn., Krishna Nagar Delhi-110051.have changed my name from Shafali Sharma to Shafaali Sharma,for all future purposes. 0040506851-7

I, Shrey Jain S/o Jeneshwar Dass Jain R/o M-5, Shastri Nagar, Delhi-110052. Informs that in my Class 12th Certificate & Marksheet my father's name was wrongly mentioned as Jeneshwar Dass Jain instead of correct name Jaineshwar Dass Jain. 0040506712-1

I, Shongoi Wanbe D.O.B.-26.02.1984 W/o Asif Iqbal R/o C-19/1 2nd-Floor Hindon Vihar Sec-49 Noida changed my name to Sana Iqbal. 0040506851-9

I, Seema W/o Anil Kumar Sharma R/o-14-D Pocket-B, DDA-Flat, West-Gorakhpark, New-Jafrabad, Shahdara Delhi-32,have changed my name to Seema Kashyap for all purposes 0040506768-5

I, Satish Kumar S/o Shyam Lal Jain R/o 1239 A/86 Shanti Nagar Tri Nagar Delhi-110035 have changed my name from Satish Kumar to Satish Kumar Jain for all purposes. 0040506674-1

I, Sarvajit Singh R/o B-23, Gujranwala Apt, J Block Vikaspuri, ND-18 have changed my minor daughter's name from Angel Kalra to Angel Kaur Kalra for all purposes. 0040506818-3

I, Sanju Bala D/o Basant Kumar, W/o Sudhanshu Mann, R/o D2 - 2601, Cleo County, Sector - 121, Noida, U.P - 201301 have changed my name to Sanju Mann. 0070668815-1

I, Sanjeev Kumar Goel S/o Sh. Dharam Pal Goel R/o G-187, Prashant Vihar, Delhi-85, have changed my name to Sanjeev Goel for all purposes. 0040506724-1

I, Niranjan alias Niranjana alias B. Niranjan Naik S/o Shri Bhoja Subba Naik R/o E-117, GF, E-Block, Greater Kailash-I, New Delhi-110048, have changed my name to Niranjan Naik for all purposes. 0040506716-1

I, Sanjay S/o Ram Kishan R/o-RC-89, Mithila Vihar,Khora Colony,Ghaziabad, U.P.-201309,have changed my name to Sanjay Kishan parmanently. 0040506709-4

I, Randip Randhawa S/o Surender Singh R/o-D-18-A, Street-05, Mahavir Enclave, Palam, New Delhi-45 have changed my name to Randeep Singh. 0040506751-3

I, Rakesh/Rakesh Kumar/Rakesh Bansal S/O Panna Lal Bansal R/O-T-25/2, Galino.2, Shivaji-Nagar, Narela, Delhi-110040. Changed my Name to Rakesh Kumar Bansal. 0040506751-8

I, Rajinder Singh R/o-176/B2,Ward.No.2,Mehrauli,New Delhi-110030,have changed my son's name Harsh Kumar to Harsh Dagar for all future purposes. 0040506812-2

I, Pratima Ganguli W/o Amitabh Ganguli R/o A-19, Sector-39, Noida (U.P.) have changed my name to Pamela Ganguli for all future purposes. 0040506758-1

I, Poonam W/o Kailsh Chand R/o R-959, Mangol Puri, Delhi-110083, have changed my name to Poonam Rani for all purposes. 0040506722-1

I, Parvesh Aggarwal S/o Dinesh Aggarwal R/o CU-125 Pitampura Delhi inform that Manasvi Aggarwal is my daughter and Manasvi and Manasvi Aggarwal is the name of same person. 0040506803-4

I, Partibha D/o Ramesh Chander R/o Rohna (23) Tehsil Kharkhoda District Sonipat Haryana-131402 have changed my name to Pratibha for all purposes 0070668822-1

I, Pankaj Kapoor D/o Kamal Kishore Kapoor W/o Deepak Mehra R/o-F-14/1-B, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051,have changed my name to Prerna Mehra, for all purposes 0040506768-6

I, Pabitra Kumar Halder S/O-Susen Haldar Addresh-G-12/402 Near-Suding Ranj Sangam Vihar New Delhi 110080, changed My Name To Pabitra Halder. 0040506851-3

I, Mahesh Kumar, R/o-78/3, Clement-Town, Bhagat-Niwas, Lane No.2, PostOffice-Road, Dehradun, U.K-248002,have changes my daughter's name,from ANANYA to ANANYA SINGH Vide-Affidavit, date-05-08-2019, New Delhi. 0040506803-5

I, No.14661844A Sep Thakor Ranjit Kumar Babuji,Serving at-505 ABW, inform that in my service records,my Son & Daughter's names are wrongly mentioned as Nirbhay & Rachna Ben. Their correct Names are Thakor Nirbhay Kumar Ranjitji & Thakor Rachnaben Ranjitji which may be amended accordingly. 0040506736-1

I, No.14661844A SEP Thakor Ranjit Kumar Babuji, Serving at- 505 ABW, inform that in my service records, my Wife's Name/DOB is wrongly mentioned as Chandrika Ben/05.01.1987. Her correct Name/DOB is Thakor Chandrikaben Ranjitji/05.01.1985 which may be amended accordingly. 0040506733-1

I, Neha D/O Mata Baksa Singh R/O Flat No.838, Pkt-6, Sector-2, Rohini, Delhi-110085. Changed My Name To Neha Singh. 0040506751-9

I, Monica Kumar W/o Nitin Kumar R/o-8079, B-11, VasantKunj, New Delhi-110070. have changed my name to Monica Agarwal. 0040506788-1

I, Mohammed Muzahid S/o Mohd Shahid R/o-1161,Rakab Ganj,Behind Delite Cinema,Delhi-110002 have changed my Name to Mohd Mujahid 0040506709-3

I, Mehak Bansal D/o Ravinder Bansal R/o-B-3/87, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063 have changed my name to Mahak Bansal permanently. 0040506751-5

I, Lovenika Verma W/o Manish Khurana R/o-B3A-315, Janakpuri, Delhi-110058.have changed my name to Lovenika Khurana permanently. 0040506851-5

I, Lila Adhikari W/o Late Kali Das Acharya, R/o K-1/13, C.R. Park, New Delhi-110019, have changed my name from Lila Adhikari to Lila Acharya, for all purposes. 0040506723-1

I, Loveleet Baigra S/o Mahesh Chander Baigra R/o-1/10101, A-6 Gali No-3L Shahdara Delhi-110032. Have Changed My Name To Loveneet Baigra. 0040506751-10

I, Kushal Kumar Sayal S/o Suresh Kumar Sayal R/o-3/147, Subhash Nagar, New Delhi-110027 have changed my name to Kushal Kumar. 0040506751-2

I, Krishna Kumar Sangeetha W/o Chandra Shekaran Krishna Kumar R/o,K-34/C, F/F, Kailash Colony, N.Delhi-110048,have changed my name to Sangeeta Krishna Kumar. 0040506751-4

I, Karam Jit Kaur W/o Gurudev Singh R/o F-165, C-1, Dilshad Colony, Delhi-110095 have changed my name to Khushi Chauhan. 0040506803-2

I, Jamaluddeen S/o Basir Khan R/o C-96/1, Gali No.5, Shastri Park, Delhi-110053, have changed my name to Jamaluddin for all purposes. 0040506677-1

I, Indu Kholiya W/o Sh. Surender Singh Kholiya R/o 29, Sheesmahal Damuadunga, Devi Mandir Canal Road, Ward No.6, Haldwani, Nainital, Kathgodam, Uttarakhand-263126, have changed my name to Indra Devi My LIC Policy No 240468988. 0040506730-1

I, Hemant Kumar Maurya S/o Bhudev Maurya R/o G-5/35-36, Ground Floor, Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Hemant Maurya. 0040506768-1

I, Gurucharan Singh S/o Late Makhan Singh R/o 28, Kirari Suleman Nagar, Indra Enclave, Phase-2, Nithari, North-West Delhi-110086, have changed my name from Guru Charan Singh Gill to Gurucharan Singh for all future purposes. 0040506679-1

I, Nira Sahni W/o Satish Kumar Sahni R/o E-130, Sector-11, Faridabad, Haryana-121006. have changed my name to Neera Sahni. 0040506788-4

I, Divya Jayaswal W/o Sh. Prashant Aggarwal R/o Flat No. 136, Samrat Ashoka CGHS Ltd, Plot No. 6, Sector-18A, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075, have changed my name from Divya Jayaswal to Divya Aggarwal for all future purposes. 0040506681-1

I, Dipak Kumar Jha S/o Mithilesh Jha R/o- D-75, Pandav Nagar, Mandawali-Fazalpur, Delhi-110092. changed my name to Deepak Kumar Jha. 0040506788-2

I, Deepak Kumar S/O, Ramvir Saraswat R/o M 138 Sector-12 Pratap Vihar, Ghaziabad-201009, have changed my name to Deepak Kumar Saraswat for all purposes. 0040506753-1

I, Chinu Singh D/o Baldev Singh, W/o Prateek Mann, R/o D2 - 2601, Cleo County, Sector - 121, Noida, U.P - 201301 have changed my name to Chinu Singh Mann. 0070668813-1

I, Bhavana Arora W/O Girish Lamba R/O-A-1, Khyala-Dda Colony, Delhi-18, Have Changed My Name To Bhawna Lamba. 0040506768-2

I, Amar Jeet S/o Gurdeep Singh R/o A-29, S/F, Block-A, Chandranagar, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201011 have changed my name to Amarjeet Singh. 0040506751-1

I, Alexander S/O Peshawari Afzal R/O-231/7, Chelmsford, PaharGanj, New Delhi-110055. Changed My Name To Alexander Afzal. 0040506788-11

I, Ajay Kumar S/O Sansar Chand Katoch. R/O-F-11-D, Mig Flats, Hari-Nagar, New Delhi-110064., Changed My Name To Ajay Kumar Katoch. 0040506788-9

I Yam Bahardur Rakas S/O Purna Bahadur R/O 30, Vasant-Marg, Vasant-Vihar-1, Delhi-110057, Have Changed my Name to Yam Bahadur Rakas. 0040506768-8

I Parmod s/o Bharat Singh R/o Flat no-E-603, BPTP-society, sector-37D, Gurgaon. have changed my name to Parmod Lohchab. 0040506768-3

I Nidhi W/O Nimit R/O C1/6, Sanjay Enclave, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059. Have Changed my Name to Meenu. 0040506803-1

I Nidhi W/O Nimit R/O A-203/204, Nand Ram Park, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 Have Changed my Name to Meenu. 0040506803-3

I Mukesh Kumar S/o Sudarshan Swarup Mittal R/o B-31, Mahendra Enclave, Near Police Station Kavinagar, Ghaziabad, UP-201002, have changed my name to Mukesh Kumar Mittal 0070668399-1

I Mahkar Singh S/O Jaipal Singh R/O-G-632, Alpha-2 Greater-Noida, Disst-Gautam Budh-Nagar,have changed my name,from Mahkar Singh to Mahkar Singh Khari for all future purpose. 0040506803-6

I Gireesh Sehgal S/O Madan Lal Sehgal R/O-Flat.No-163, Plot.No-65, Surya kiran Apartments IP.Extn Laxmi-Nagar Delhi-110092 changed my Name to Girish Sehgal. 0040506851-4

I Darshana D/O, Murti Devi R/o H-16/120 Tank Road Karol Bagh ND-5 have changed my name to Darshana Sharma for all purposes. 0040506818-2

I Apurv Yadav S/O Dharmender Yadav R/O RZ-44A/2A, Gali-No-5, Main Sagarpur, Delhi-110046 Have Changed my Name to Apurv. 0040506788-7

I Anu Bala W/o Mr. Pawan Kumar R/o H.no.- 253 Sector 7 Faridabad Haryana have changed my name to Anu Arora. 0070668827-1

I Anil/Anil S. S/O Sidram Namdev Gaikwad R/O-23/38, Old-Rajinder-Nagar, Near-Gangaram Hospital, New Delhi-110060.Have Changed my Name to Anil Sidram Gaikwad. 0040506788-8

I Ajeet s/o Balwinder R/o-Rz-24/21 Gail no 11 vashishth park west sagar pur Delhi- 46 have to change my name Ajeet Singh for legal future purposes. 0040506751-7

I Adya W/O Himanshu Diwan R/O Flat.No-27, Park-View-Apts PlotNo-16 Sec-12 Dwarka New Delhi-110075 Have Changed My Name To Adya Angurala 0040506851-1

I, Bandana Devi W/O Ajay Singh Pathania R/O F-11-D, Mig-Flats, Hari-Nagar, New Delhi-110064. Changed My Name To Vandana Katoch Pathania. 0040506788-10

I, Ashwarya Sahni S/o Satish Kumar Sahni R/o-E-130, Sector-11, Faridabad, Haryana-121006.have changed my name to Aishwarya Sahni. 0040506788-3

I, Ashok Kumar S/o Harphool Sharma, R/o RZ-1123 A/1, Gali No.14/6, Sadh Nagar, Palam Colony, New Delhi-110045 have changed my name to Ashok Kumar Sharma for all purposes. 0040506708-1

I, Anjali Kapoor D/o Raj Kumar Kapoor R/o D2 - 2601, Cleo County, Sector - 121, Noida, U.P - 201301have changed my name to Anjali Mann. 0070668811-1

I, Anil Kumar S/o Gian Chand Vij Residence-22/4B Tilak Nagar New Delhi. have changed my name to Anil Kumar Vij. 0040506768-4

I, Anant Sharma S/o, Ashutosh Gautam R/o F-9 Brahma Apartments, Sector-7, Plot No.-7, Dwarka, ND-75 have changed my name to Anant Ashutosh Sharma for all purposes. 0040506818-1

I, Anand Kumar S/o Ram Singh R/o.H.No.562, P.P.Colony, Vill.-Baprola,Najafgarh, Delhi-43,have changed my name to Anand parmanently. 0040506709-2

I, Amarjit Kour Bahri S/O-Bhupinder Singh Bahri R/O-wz-134, Ram Nagar, Tilak-Nagar, Delhi-18 Have Changed My Name To Amar Jit Kaur. 0040506851-2

Harikanth Singh S/o Raghuveer Singh Gurjar R/o-I-1207 AVJ Height Zeta-1,Greater Noida,U.P., I have change my name Harikanth Singh Gurjar for all Purposes. 0040506709-5

It is for general information that I, Sanjeev Kumar Arora S/o Shri P. L. Arora residing at F-16, Old Double Storey, Nirmal Puri, Lajpat Nagar-IV, New Delhi - 110 024, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as SANJEEV ARORA in my minor daughter, name Sonalika Arora, age 16 years in her educational documents (10th Mark Sheet & 10th Certificate) as well as school records. The actual name of mine is SANJEEV KUMAR ARORA respectively which may be amended accordingly.
It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

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This is notified for the information that my Original Examination Certificate of Delhi Secondary School Examination of year 1981 and Roll No. 048246 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Name of the candidate Meenu Vanjani C-121-B, 1st Floor, Moti Nagar, New Delhi-1100015, Telephone 9711319419. 0040506741-1

I, Swaraj D/o Madan Lal R/o H.No-34 Rithala, Delhi, have lost my Marksheet & Certificate 10th R.No. 6341002 pass year 1995 and 12th R.No.6640248 pass year 1997 and Nursing Diploma and Marksheets, Delhi Nursing Council Registration Certificate LR No:1195477/2019. 0040506763-1

Lost My Original Marksheets & Certificates Of Class-10th Roll No-85008, Year-1979 and 12th Roll.No-333282, Year-1982, from CBSE, Delhi Finder May Contact-Nirjal Kaur: 8448745755. 0040506803-10

I, Gian Kumar Singharia would like to inform the general public that I have misplaced my original Sale Deed & Agreement doc of Flat No.B-218, Ashiana-Gardens, Village-Khanpur, Tehsil-Tijara, Alwar,Rajasthan.If anyone finds it,kindly contact-9999220926 within 10-days from the date-of issue of this Ad. 0040506851-8

Lost Original Property Documents of Plot No.2, Sector-143A, Noida, Dist. Gautam Budh Nagar, belonging to Dhoomketu Builders and Developers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. Finder will be suitably rewarded. Contact: P.N. Joshi 9899756660

LOST & FOUND

I, **Sudeep Sengupta** S/o Sailen Sengupta R/o U.D. 04-0406, Udita, 1050/1, Survey Park, Santoshpur, Kolkata, West Bengal-700075, have lost 6 payment receipts bearing Nos. (1) CG-2/CRB/00462/0311 Dt. 29/03/2011 for Rs.925039/- (2) CG-2/CRB/00051/0113 Dt. 14/01/2013 for Rs.925173/- (3) CG-2/CRB/ 00013/0513 Dt. 01/05/2013 for Rs.990000/- (4) CG-2/CRB/00162/0913 Dt. 30/09/2013 for Rs.120039/- (5) CG-2/CRB/00163/0913 Dt. 30/09/2013 for Rs.900000/- and (6) CG-2/CRB/00027/1213 Dt. 03/12/2013 for Rs.11760/- in respect of Flat No.CGT-141, Phase-II, DLF Capital Greens, 15, Shivaji Marg, New Dehli-110015

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to everyone that my clients Shri Naresh Bansal and Smt. Kanta Bansal both R/o. A-101, Lok Vihar, Pitampura, New Delhi -110034, have severed all their relations & ties with their son Manish Bansal and his wife Shivangi Bansal and disowned/ debarred and disentitled them from their all movable and immovable properties as they are out of their sayings and control. Anybody dealing with them shall be doing so at his/her own risk and my clients shall incur no liability for the same.

CHAKIT SINGHAL-ADVOCATE
1327, Lawyers Chamber Block, Rohini Court Complex, Delhi -110085

PUBLIC NOTICE

"It is to inform to the public at large that Mrs. Krishna Kumari acquired the property i.e Plot No. 629/13, Gali No. 17, Situated at Vaka Pratap Nagar Chhavni Gurgaon, Gurgaon, vide Sale Deed dated 27.04.1995, and Sale Deed dated 04.02.1980 executed by Mrs. Shanti Devi and Mrs. Savtri Devi in favour of Mr. Somnath is Lost and Mrs. Krishna Kumari is the undisputed owner of said property till date. OR Any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration of notice period, the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waived and not binding on our client.

AJAY GIRI-ADVOCATES
H.No. 12, Basement, Vikram Vihar Extn., Lajpat Nagar-4, New Delhi-24

PUBLIC NOTICE

"It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Mr. Ashok Chawla along with his parents Mr. Om Prakash Chawla and Mrs. Sushil Chawla acquired the property i.e Flat No. G-1, on Ground Floor, HIG, on Plot No. B-88, Kaushambi, Ghaziabad, vide Sale Deed dt. 22.01.2003, Further Mr. Om Prakash Chawla and Mrs. Sushil Chawla w/o Mr. Om Prakash Chawla died intestate Leaving their son Mr. Ashok Chawla as their sole survivors and now Mr. Ashok Chawla is the undisputed owner of said property till date. OR Any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration of notice period, the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waived and not binding on our client.

AJAY GIRI-ADVOCATES
H.No. 12, Basement, Vikram Vihar Extn., Lajpat Nagar-4, New Delhi-24

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Sh. Keshav Pahadiya S/o Sh. Brindavan and Smt. Raj Kumari W/o Sh. Keshav Pahadiya both R/o A-165, Nihal Vihar, Nangloi, Delhi-110041 do hereby disowned/ Bedakhal their son Parvin and his wife Smt. Kirti as they are not under control of my clients and my clients have debarred and disowned them from all their moveable and immovable properties and my clients have also severed all their relations with them. Anybody transacting/dealing with them in respect of anything future in doing that on his/her own risk. My clients shall not be responsible for the same in any manner whatsoever.

A.R. Nasir (Advocate)

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the certificate for 60 equity shares Face Value Rs. 10/- bearing certificate Nos. 301611, 301612 and distinctive Nos.16806848-16806897, 16806898- 16806907 under Folio No.P0007266 of Pfizer Limited standing in the name(s) Chandrawati Kapoor has been lost of mislaid and the undersigned has applied to the company to issue duplicate certificate(s) for the said shares. Any person who has any claim in respect of the said shares should write to our Registrar, M/S. Karvy Fintech Pvt. Ltd, Karvy Selenium Tower B, Plot 31-32, Ganchibowli Financial District, Nanak ramguda, Hyderabad, 500032, else the company will proceed to issue duplicate certificate(s) to Name(s) of Shareholder(s) Chandrawati Kapoor Applicant Rakesh Kumar Kapoor

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be known that my client **NARESH** S/O OM PRAKASH & **LAKSHMI** W/O NARESH both R/o L-191, J.J. COLONY, WAZIRPUR, DELHI-52, have disowned and severed all their relations with their son **AJAY** S/O NARESH and debarred from their movable and immovable properties/ assets due to his misbehavior. If any person, organization, institution dealing with him in civil and criminal matter shall be doing at his/her/their own risk, cost and responsibility, for that my client shall not be responsible in any manner whatsoever

Sd/-
DINESH KUMAR (Advocate)
Office No. 5, G.F. DDA Market RU Block, Pitampura Delhi-34

PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that I Rajkumar S/o Som Prakash R/o BH-136,East Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-88 Allottee/Purchaser of Plot No. BH-136, East Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-88 has applied for conversion of the aforesaid Plot from Lease hold to Freehold in DDA. The original documents DDA Demand Letter, Possession Letter D-Form issued by DDA of above said Plot has been Lost. An FIR on this effect has been lodged vide LR No.1186435/2019 dated 25/06/2019
Any person claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write/ contact with the above named person at above Address/ Phone No. 9810526262 within 15 days from the date of Publication of this Notice or Write to Dy. Director (LAB) Residential, C-Block, 3rd Floor, Vikas Sadan, New Delhi-110023

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE THAT Mr.Surendra Kumar and Mr Raj Kumar, both sons of Shri Nanak Chand and both residing at M-139, Shastri Nagar, Delhi, have agreed to mortgage to our client IDFC First Bank Ltd, having their Registered office at One Indiabulls Centre, Tower 2A & 2B, 10th Floor, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai 400013 and Branch office at Bhagwan Sahai Palace, 2nd Floor, Main Road, Naya Bans, Sector 15, Noida (UP),the property more particularly described in the schedule mentioned hereunder written (hereinafter referred to as "the said property") free from all charges or encumbrances.
All PERSONS claiming any share, interest or right in the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, transfer, assignment, mortgage, charge, lease, license, lien, tenancy, trust, gift, easement, possession, inheritance or otherwise however are hereby required to make the same known to the undersigned in writing, within(14)fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice, with all supporting documents, failing which mortgage over the said property shall be created without reference to all claims if any, and the same shall be deemed to waived/ and or abandoned and will not be binding on our clients.
The schedule above referred to
(Detail description of the property) Property bearing No. M-139, area measuring 41.80 sq. mtrs. i.e. 50 sqyds, out of 100 Sq. yds., of portion of Plot No. 139, out of Khasra No. 509, Block M, situated at Village Chowkri Mubarakabad, Delhi State, Delhi, abadi known as Shastri Nagar, Delhi.
Sd/-
Mithilesh Kumar Sharma, Advocate, M/s Intellective Law Offices; A-74, Lower Ground Floor, Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, **PARVEEN** son of Shri **ISHWAR LAL** residing at H. No. 669, Subhash Camp, Dakshinpuri Ext., Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, New Delhi-110062, declare that the name of mine has been wrongly written as **PARVEEN KUMAR/ PRAVEEN KUMAR/ PARVEEN CHAUHAN/ PARVEEN KUMAR CHAUCHAN** in my Aadhaar Card, Passport, PAN Card and in my minor daughter **ISHIKA CHOUHAN** aged 16 and minor son **KRISH** aged 13 years Birth Certificate and School Record. The actual name of mine is **PARVEEN**, which may be amended accordingly.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public at large is hereby made aware and cautioned that my client Mr. S.S. Khosla, S/o Late O.S. Khosla, C/o- 8/19, W.E.A., Karol Bagh, New Delhi- 110005 has a subsisting legal lien on 2/3rd Undivided share of built-up property bearing No. 11B/2, measuring 1620 Sq. Yds., situated at main Pusa Road, New Delhi (hereinafter the Said Property) by virtue of Various agreements since February 2017 and consequent physical Possession of Garage Block, and Two Bedroom with attached bathrooms, kitchen and appurtenant passages located there at within the said property by virtue of Receipt cum Possession Letter dated 13/06/2017 as also the 24 hour unhindered right of ingress and egress, both so signed and executed by four (namely Mr. Devashish Roy Chaudhury, Smt. Nibedita Chatterjee, Ms. Tapti Ghosh and Mr. Partha Dhiraj Singha Bose) out of six undivided Co-owners. Anybody dealing with the Said Property or any portion thereof shall do so at his own and sole risk to cost and consequences.

SANJAY K.DEWAN-ADVOCATE
Ch. No. 806, Dwarka District Courts, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi -75

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that my clients Smt. Lata Goel W/o Sh. Vinod Goel And Sh. Vinod Goel S/o Late Sh. R.D. Goel, Both R/o WZ-41-A, Lane No.1, Lajwanti Garden, New Delhi-110046 hereby sever all their relations from their son namely Amit Goel and debarred him of their all movable & immovable properties forever. Any person dealing with debarred son shall be doing so at his/her own risk & responsibility, in future my clients will not be responsible for his any acts and deeds.

PRAVEEN RASTOGI (Adv.)
D-244/06
S/o R.C. RASTOGI
RZ-97, Khushi Ram Park, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-59. Mob. No. 9810986643

पश्चिमांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि., विक्टोरिया पार्क, मेरठ

तिथि विस्तार सूचना इस कार्यालय द्वारा आमंत्रित की गयी अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा संख्या 27, 28, 29 व 30/वि. कार्यशाला मं./मेरठ/2019-20, जो दिनांक 08.08.2019 को खोली जानी प्रस्तावित थी, की तिथि किन्हीं अपरिहार्य कारणों से दिनांक 16.08.2019 तक विस्तारित की जाती है। अन्य नियम एवं शर्तें यथावत रहेंगी। **अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत कार्यशाला मण्डल, प.वि.वि.नि.लि., मेरठ, पत्रांक** 1221/वि **कार्यशाला मं./मेरठ दिनांक** 06.08.2019

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender Notice No. CE/2019/04, Date : 05.08.2019 E-Open Tender No. - 02196441SP to be opened on 26.08.2019. 1. Name of the work with its location : Fabrication and Supply of 10125 mm Over-Riding curved Switch for 1 in 12 T/Out BG (1673 mm) for 60 Kg on PSC Sleeper to RDSO's Drg. No. T-4219/Alteration -6 with amendment up to 10 days before date of closing of e-tender and Conforming to IRS Specification No. T-10-2000 for Fabricated Switches with Corrigendum No. 01 of Dec. 2016. The Switch should be completed with all fittings as listed in the drawing including check rails but excluding G.R. Sole Plate, Insulating Liners, ERC, Fish Plates & Fish Bolts. (Qty. - 45 sets) Location - Office of Principal Chief Engineer, East Central Railway Hajipur. 2. Approx cost of the work : ₹77,06,533.95, 3. Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹1,54,140.00, 4. Date & Time for closing of tender and opening of tender : 11.30 Hrs. on 26.08.2019, 05 Website particulars, where complete details of tender can be seen: Related tender documents can be seen or downloaded from websites: http://www.ireps.gov.in.

Dy. CE/TSP/ECR/Hajipur
PR/0924/HQ/Engg./T/19-20/36

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

Corrigendum Notice

Reference:Tender Notice No. EL-50-DNR-OPEN-18-2019-20, dtd: 01.08.2019, **In hindi tender notice "355 dino" should be read as "335 dino" and rest will remain same.**

Divinl. Railway Manager (Elect/G), E.C.Rly., Danapur.
PR/937/DNR/ELEC/C/19-20/12

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

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Open e-Tender Notice No: DRM/ Works/SC/157/2019/OT Dt:05/08/2019

For and on behalf of President of india, the undersigned invites tender for the following works up to 14.00 hours on 22/08/2019

Sl. No: 1 **e-Tender No:** 157-N-SC-19-OT **Name of the work:** SC Division-SW-1-Provision of 2 lifts at Ramagundam station. SW-II-RDM-Providing water hydrant for caught fire wagons on M 16 line. **Approx. Tender Value in:** Rs. 51,20,822/- **EMD:** Rs.1,02,500/- **CTF:** Rs.5,000/- **Completion period in Months:** 04 **Maintenance period in Months:** 06

1.Tenderers should participate through e-tendering only and no manual offers may be considered.

2 Tender conditions/other particulars are available in the Tender documents on IREPS website at ireps.gov.in which can be downloaded, can be participated and can view any modifications if any.

3. All the prospective tenderers are requested to remit Cost of tender form & EMD through online payments only.

4.The tender notice is also displayed in the Notice Board located in the office of Sr.DEN/Co-ordination, Secunderabad Division, South Railway, Secunderabad which can be seen on all working days.

5. The Railway reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereto.

6.All the prospective tenderers are advised to get GSTIN identification Nos. and submit along with their offers.

Visit our site at **"www.ireps.gov.in"**

Sr. DEN/Co-ordination/ Secunderabad

PUB/0921/19

Open Tender Notice No. GNT/M/03/ Tenders/2019, dated: 05/08/2019

The undersigned invites E-Tenders(IREPS) for the following works up to the dates & time shown against each

Sl. No: 1 **Tender No:** GNT/M/EnHM/06/OBHS/2019-20 **Description of the Work:** On Board Housekeeping Sevices for Primary Maintenance trains of Coaching Deport/Guntur **Value of the Work:** Rs.93,12,376.40/- **Period of Contract:** 2 years **EMD:** Rs.1,86,300/- **Cost of Tender Form:** Rs.5,000/- **Date and Time of Closing of e-Tender:** 30/08/2019 at 15.00 hrs **Date and time of opening of e-tender:** 30/08/2019 at 15.30 hrs

I) Last date for online submission of E-Bids is 30/08/2019 upto 15.00 hrs. For detailed information logon to website **www.ireps.gov.in**

ii) Any further Communication/ Corrigendum shall only be intimated through E-portal **www.ireps.gov.in**

Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Guntur
A1300

PUB/0926/19

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

IRRIGATION AND FLOOD CONTROL DEPARTMENT GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Civil Division No XIV, I&FCD invites on behalf of the President of India, online tender for the following work: **NIT No.** EE/CD-XIV/NIT/03/2019-20 Percentage Rate HOA (4711 Other Drainage Work) **Name of work**:- Procurement of 5 Nos. 50 HP high speed Motor Boat Engines and 15 Nos, 25 HP Motor Boat Engines, to provide the same to Delhi Police, D.C. Office & Other Govt Nodal Agencies during the rainy season and other emergent situation on the various occasions. **Estimated cost** Rs. 90,00,000/- & **Earnest Money** Rs. 1,80,000/- **Period of completion**: 4 Months, Last date & time of submission of tender: upto 3:00 PM, on 19.08.2019. (Tender ID 2019_IFC_177605_1).
Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website **https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in**

DIP/Shabdarth/0488/19-20

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

निविदा सूचना

निविदा सूचना सं. 249-253/2019/ वाणिज्य/बीकानेर दिनांक : 02.08.2019

मंडल रेल प्रबंधक (वाणिज्य), उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे, बीकानेर भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से अनुभवी विज्ञापन एजेंसियों से बीकानेर मण्डल के बीकानेर, लालगढ़, हिसार, सिरसा, भिवानी रेलवे स्टेशनों पर आउट ऑफ होम के एरिया में रेलवे द्वारा स्वीकृत आकार एवं स्थानों पर होर्डिंग्स ग्लोसाईन बोर्ड एवं यूनिपोल इत्यादि के लिए वाणिज्य प्रचार प्राधिकार में लीज पर देने की तिथि से तीन वर्ष की अवधि हेतु ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। इस सम्बन्ध में विस्तृत जानकारी **IREPS** की वैबसाइट **www.ireps.gov.in** पर उपलब्ध है। **कार्य का नाम एवं स्थान :** बीकानेर मण्डल के 05 रेलवे स्टेशनो पर आउट ऑफ होम के एरिया में रेलवे द्वारा स्वीकृत आकार एवं स्थानों पर होर्डिंग्स ग्लोसाईन बोर्ड एवं यूनिपोल इत्यादि के लिए वाणिज्य प्रचार प्राधिकार में लीज पर देने हेतु। **2. कार्य की अनुमानित लागत :** IREPS की वेबसाइट पर दर्शाये गये विस्तृत विवरण के अनुसार। **3. बयाना राशि :** IREPS की वेबसाइट पर दर्शाये गये विस्तृत विवरण के अनुसार। **4. ई-टेंडर खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :** ई-टेण्डर दिनांक 09.09.2019 को 15.30 बजे खोला जायेगा। **5. IREPS की वेबसाईट : www.ireps.gov.in** **765-AL/19**

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निविदा सूचना

निविदा सूचना सं. 254-260/2019/ वाणिज्य/बीकानेर दिनांक : 02.08.2019

मंडल रेल प्रबंधक (वाणिज्य), उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे, बीकानेर भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से अनुभवी विज्ञापन एजेंसियों से बीकानेर मण्डल के बीकानेर, लालगढ, हिसार, सिरसा, हनुमानगढ, सूरतगढ एव श्रीगंगानगर रेलवे स्टेशनो पर स्टेशन एरिया में रेलवे द्वारा स्वीकृत आकार एवं स्थानों पर ग्लोसाईन बोर्ड एवं साईन बोर्ड के लिए वाणिज्य प्रचार प्राधिकार में लीज पर देने की तिथि से तीन वर्ष की अवधि हेतु ई-निविदां आमंत्रित की जाती है। इस सम्बन्ध में विस्तृत जानकारी **IREPS** की वैबसाइट **www.ireps.gov.in** पर उपलब्ध है। **कार्य का नाम एवं स्थान :** बीकानेर मण्डल के 07 रेलवे स्टेशनो पर स्टेशन एरिया में रेलवे द्वारा स्वीकृत आकार एवं स्थानों पर ग्लोसाईन बोर्ड एवं साईन बोर्ड इत्यादि के लिए वाणिज्य प्रचार प्राधिकार में लीज पर देने हेतु। **2. कार्य की अनुमानित लागत :** IREPS की वेबसाइट पर दर्शाये गये विस्तृत विवरण के अनुसार। **3. बयाना राशि :** IREPS की वेबसाइट पर दर्शाये गये विस्तृत विवरण के अनुसार। **4. ई-टेंडर खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :** ई-टेण्डर दिनांक 16.09.2019 को 15.30 बजे खोला जायेगा। **5. IREPS की वेबसाईट : www.ireps.gov.in** **764-AL/19**

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DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (SW)-I
OVER HEAD TANK: OPP. BHARTI COLLEGE
JANAKPURI; NEW DELHI
PRESS NIT No. 12 (2019-20)/SW-I

S. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date/time receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1.	IMPROVEMENT OF WATER SUPPLY BY P/L and REPL. OF 100MM DIA WATER LINE IN GEETANALI PARK HARIZAN BASTI (FROM RZ-H-70 TO RZ-H-56 ANDFROM RZ-H-44 TO RZ-H-65 AND FROM RZ-H-42 TO RZ-H-28 AND FROM RZ-H-15 TO RZ-H-1 AND FROM RZ-64/284 TO RZ-251/284 AND FROM RZ-H-64 TO RZ-H-7) IN DWARKA ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY (AC-33) UNDER EE(SW)-I.	Rs.3266479/-	Tender ID 2019_DJB_177679_1 03.08.2019 3:17 PM onward	19-08-2019 upto 03:05 PM

NIT along with all the terms and conditions is available on DJB Web Site **https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in**

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)
Advt. No. J.S.V. 249/2019-20

Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (SW)-I

IHQ OF MoD (ARMY)/QMG's BRANCH
DGST/ARMY PURCHASE ORGANISATION
KRISHI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-110001

e-Mail: apo-mod@nic.in
Tele No: 23070512

NOTICE OF TEC DATES OF APO

Army Purchase Organization intends to inform prospective bidders that tenders for the under mentioned item has been uploaded and can be accessed through the mentioned tender ID's on the Govt. website **http://defproc.gov.in/eprocure/app.**

Sl. No	Items	Quantity (in MT)	Tender ID on CPP Portal	Last date of Bid Submission
1.	Potato Dehyd	30	2019_ARMY_271225_1	21 Aug 2019

Sd/- xxx
Chief Director of Purchase (CDP)
Army Purchase Organisation

DAVP 10602/11/0035/1920

RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION, AMBALA CANTT

Tender Notice No: RE/UMB/Civil/1202/E-T **Dated: 05/08/2019**

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

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J&K: Key indicators

As a new chapter opens in the history of Jammu and Kashmir with the state being split into two Union Territories, there have been discussions around how it has fared compared to the rest of India. Some selected indicators; figures in square brackets are for All India.

POPULATION PROFILE	
* Life expectancy at birth	73.5 (2012-16) [68.7]
Sex ratio of total population (females per 1,000 males)	972 [991]
Sex ratio at birth for children born in the last five years (females per 1,000 males)	921[919]
Households with electricity (%)	97.4 [88.2]
Households with improved drinking water source (%)	89.2 [89.9]
Households using improved sanitation facility (%)	52.5 [48.4]
Households using clean fuel for cooking (%)	57.6 [43.8]
LITERACY LEVELS	
Literacy Rate (in per cent, 2011)	67.2 [73.0]
Women who are literate (%)	69.0 [68.4]
Men who are literate (%)	87.0 [85.7]
Women with 10 or more years of schooling (%)	37.2 [35.7]
*Gross Enrolment Ratio (in per cent, 2016-17, Provisional)	73.03 [93.55]
MARRIAGE & FERTILITY	
Women age 20-24 years married before age 18 years (%)	8.7 [26.8]
Women age 15-19 years who were already mothers or pregnant at the time of the survey (%)	2.9 [7.9]
Total fertility rate (children per woman)	2.0 [2.2]
*Birth rate (per 1,000 population)	15.4 (2017) [20.2]
INFANT & CHILD MORTALITY	
Infant mortality rate (IMR) 32 [41]	
Under-five mortality rate (U5MR) 38 [50]	
WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT	
Currently married women who usually participate in household decisions (%)	84.0 [84.0]
Women owning a house and/or land (alone or jointly with others) (%)	33.3 [38.4]
Women having a bank or savings account that they themselves use (%)	60.3 [53.0]
Women having a mobile phone that they themselves use (%)	54.2 [45.9]
EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY*	
Unemployment rate per 1,000 population (Usual status), Rural male	22 (2011-12) [17]
Unemployment rate per 1,000 population (Usual status), Rural female	30 (2011-12) [17]
Unemployment rate per 1,000 population (Usual status), Urban male	41 (2011-12) [30]
Unemployment rate per 1,000 population (Usual status), Urban female	190 (2011-12) [52]
Poverty rate (percentage, based on MRP consumption)	10.35 (2011-12) [21.92]

Source: National Family Health Survey (NFHS-4), 2015-16, except indicators marked with an asterisk (*). Data marked with an asterisk are from Economic Survey 2018-19 and RBI Handbook of Statistics on Indian States, 2018-19, quoting Census, NITI Aayog, and NSSO data. NFHS-4 is the fourth in the NFHS series, which provides information on population, health and nutrition for India and each state and Union Territory.

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SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

Why RBI's monetary policy matters

It influences the interest rate in the economy — which is the cost of money when you don't have it, and the reward for parting with it when you have it.

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

IN ITS monetary policy review Wednesday, the Monetary Policy Committee of the RBI decided to cut the repo rate by 35 basis points (bps). Repo rate is the rate at which the RBI lends money to commercial banks. 100 bps make a full percentage point. The RBI's repo rate has now fallen 110 basis points since February. The RBI also announced some measures to boost economic activity.

Why does monetary policy matter?

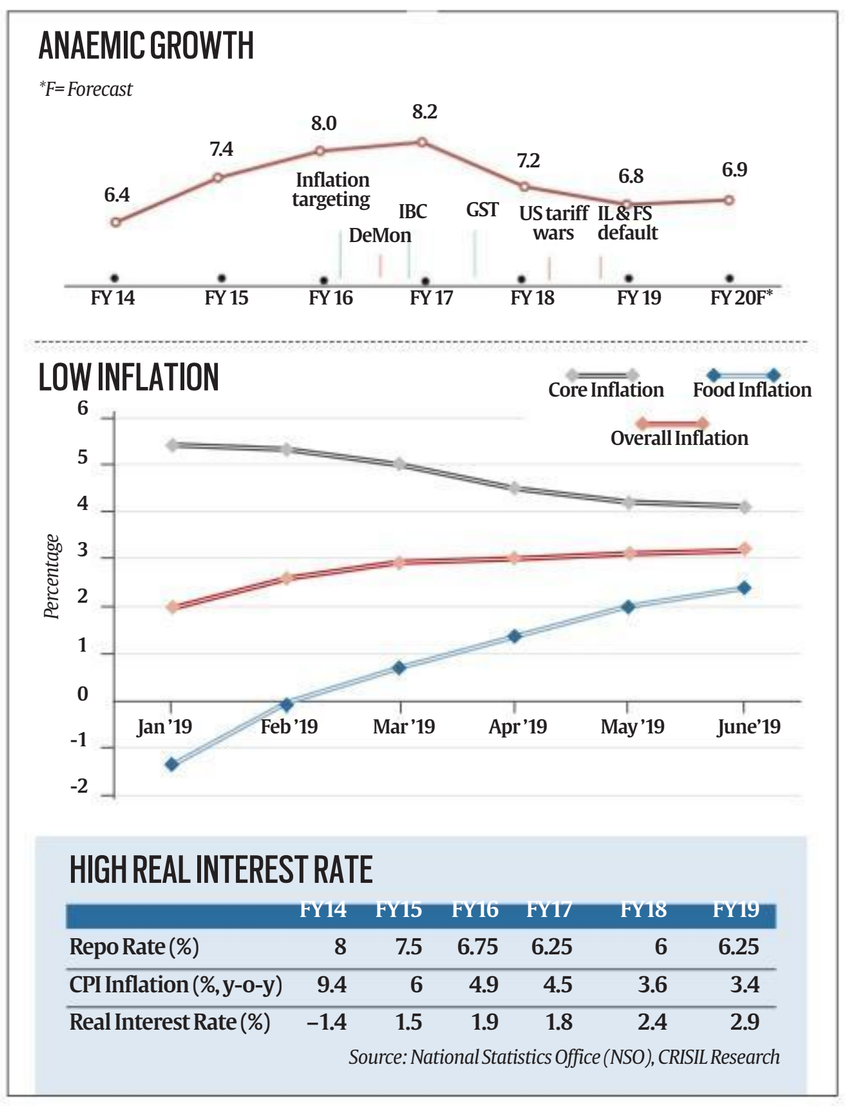
In any economy, economic activity, which is measured by gross domestic product or GDP, happens by one of four ways. One, private individuals and households spend money on consumption. Two, the government spends on its agenda. Three, private sector businesses "invest" in their productive capacity. And four, the net exports — which is the difference between what all of them spend on imports as against what they earn from exports. At the heart of any spending decision taken by any of these entities lies the question: What is the cost of money?

Monetary policy essentially answers that question. In every country, the central bank is mandated to decide the cost of money, which is more commonly known as the "interest rate" in the economy. While various factors make it difficult for a central bank to exactly dictate interest rates, as a thumb rule, RBI's decision on the repo rate sets the markers for the rest of the economy. In other words, the EMI for your car or home is determined by what the RBI decides.

What is the repo rate?

Repo and Reverse repo are short for repurchase agreements between the RBI and the commercial banks in the economy. In essence, the repo rate is the interest rate that the RBI charges a commercial bank when it borrows money from the RBI. As such, if the repo falls, all interest rates in the economy should fall. And that is why common people should be interested in the RBI's monetary policy.

But the interest rate for consumer loans has not reduced by 110 bps since February. Why?



HIGH REAL INTEREST RATE

	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
Repo Rate (%)	8	7.5	6.75	6.25	6	6.25
CPI Inflation (%, y-o-y)	9.4	6	4.9	4.5	3.6	3.4
Real Interest Rate (%)	–1.4	1.5	1.9	1.8	2.4	2.9

Source: National Statistics Office (NSO), CRISIL Research

In the real world, the "transmission" of an interest rate cut (or increase) is not a hundred per cent. And that is why, even though when the RBI cut by 35 bps on Wednesday, lay consumers may only receive a much lower reduction in the interest rate on their borrowings. This is due to a lot of factors — but primarily, it has to do with the health of the concerned commercial bank.

Over the past few years, almost all banks, especially the ones in the public sector, have seen their profits plummet because many of their past loans have turned out to be non-performing assets (in other words, they are not getting repaid). To cover for these losses, the banks have to use their existing funds, which would have otherwise gone to common consumers for fresh loans.

There is another key element that affects the banks' decision. The reduced repo rate applies only to new borrowings of banks. The banks' cost of existing funds is higher. Of course, funding costs would eventually come down — but this process would take time. This "lag" in monetary policy is a key variable in determining the efficacy of any rate cut by the RBI. It could take anywhere between 9 and 18 months for the full effect of an RBI decision to reflect in interest rates across the economy.

So, how does RBI decide the interest rate?

Any central bank has a few main concerns. The first is to ensure price stability in the economy. Think of how chaotic life would be if there was no predictability about the prices of everyday items. The interest rate anchors the prices in an economy. The RBI continuously maps prices, inflation (which is the rate of increase in prices), and expectations of inflation (of households) to decide if it should increase or decrease interest rates.

For instance, the RBI announced some years ago that it would like the inflation rate to be 4%. So, every time the retail inflation rate rises above the 4% mark, the RBI realises that there is too much cash chasing too few goods in the economy. To set the matter right, it raises the cost of money — that is, the interest rate. When it does that, some people find it more advisable to put the cash out of the market and into banks. This way, inflation falls. The reverse process applies when the inflation is below the 4% mark.

The other related concern for a central bank is to take care of economic growth. For instance, economic growth is anaemic at present *(see charts)*, and partly as a consequence, the inflation rate has been below 4% for several months now. The RBI is, therefore, cutting interest rates to incentivise people to consume more and businesses to invest more.

Will the rate cut bring investments?

Investments depend essentially on the "real" interest rate. The real interest rate is the difference between the repo rate and retail inflation. When making an investment decision, it is this interest rate that matters. As a variable, it allows an investor to compare the attractiveness of different economies. As can be seen in the third chart, real interest rates in India have been rising, and that is one of the biggest reasons why investments are not happening. The RBI's move on Wednesday would reduce the real interest rate and hopefully attract more investment.

How Rajasthan, MP propose to check lynching

MILIND GHATWAI & HAMZA KHAN
BHOPAL, JAIPUR, AUGUST 7

ON MONDAY, the Rajasthan Assembly passed a new law against mob lynching. Another Congress government, in Madhya Pradesh, recently introduced a Bill that seeks to curb cow vigilantism. The State Law Commission in BJP-ruled Uttar Pradesh, meanwhile, has drafted the UP Combating of Mob Lynching Bill, 2019, and submitted it to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

What is different

While the Rajasthan law and the UP draft are new, the proposed law in MP is an amendment to the existing Madhya Pradesh Govansh Vadh Pratishedh Act, 2004, which is against cow slaughter. The amendments propose a jail term and a fine for those who attack, or damage property of, people booked, or likely to be booked, for offences like slaughter of cow progeny, possession of beef or transporting cow progeny for slaughter.

These moves follow the Supreme Court's directions to Parliament last year, in the wake of a series of lynching incidents, to come up with a special law. The Bench directed the Centre and states to carry out its directions within four weeks. The Centre informed Lok Sabha that it had created a Group of Ministers and a high-level committee to "deliberate" and "make recommendations" for a separate penal provision for mob violence.

Rajasthan Bill

The Rajasthan Protection from Lynching Bill, 2019 makes mob lynching a cognisable, non-bailable and non-compoundable offence punishable with life imprisonment and a fine up to Rs 5 lakh. It defines lynching as "any act or series of acts of violence or aiding, abetting or attempting an act of violence, whether spontaneous or planned, by a mob on the grounds of religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth, language, dietary practices, sexual orientation, political affiliation, ethnicity".

Offences will be investigated by a police officer of the rank of inspector and above, and the DGP will appoint an officer of the rank of IG or above as State Coordinator. In cases of "hurt" and "grievous hurt", the convict may get up to seven and 10 years in jail respectively; if it leads to death, the punishment is life imprisonment. The Bill also makes conspirators accountable.

Rajasthan had witnessed a number of lynchings in 2017, beginning with that of dairy farmer Pehlu Khan in April 2017.

Madhya Pradesh Bill

The Bill seeks to amend Sub-section (2) of Section 9 of the 2004 Act and propose a minimum jail term of six months that may be extended to one year. When the same offence is committed by members of illegal assembly (mob) the minimum term will increase to one year and the maximum to five years. The Bill proposes a lower term for those who abet and those who attempt to commit the crime. The punishment will double in case of those convicted for an offence they were previously convicted of. The minimum fine is Rs 5,000 and the maximum Rs 50,000. The Bill seeks to insert Section 6D. While the rules are yet to be formed, these will specify who issues the transit permit of cow progeny, which will be pasted prominently on the vehicle. There is no provision in the 2004 legislation for issuing transit permit from other states.

What next in MP

Following the BJP's demand, the Assembly Speaker has agreed to refer the Bill to a Select Committee. The BJP has opposed the Bill, accusing the Congress of appeasement politics. The BJP says provisions already exist in the IPC to punish such offences. "Instead of bringing a separate law against mob lynching as recommended by the Supreme Court, the government has brought a law to protect those who slaughter cows," alleged former Home Minister Bhupendra Singh.

AN EXPERT EXPLAINS

How forces are tackling Maoists in Chhattisgarh, what challenges remain

R K VIJ

SEVEN MAOISTS were killed in an encounter with the Chhattisgarh Police on August 3; a week previously, on July 27, another seven had been killed in Machkot in Bastar. While security forces have made continuous inroads, the Central Committee of the CPI (Maoist) has repeatedly admitted in various reports and meetings that their base area has shrunk, fresh recruitment almost dried up, and desertions increased.

Traditionally, the monsoon has been considered a lean period in the conflict. What explains the recent police successes in Chhattisgarh?

Though anti-Maoist operations do get restricted by various seasonal factors, these continue to be launched if there is actionable intelligence of Maoist movement. Further, security forces have learnt to overcome many impediments. Use of satellite technology helps in keeping track of jawans' movement from any location, and the target can be identified with more clarity. Therefore, irrespective of the monsoon in full swing at both Machkot and Sitagota-Sherpar jungles, the police with convincing intelligence were able to launch operational teams and emerge successful.

Of late, local police in the form of DRG (District Reserve Guard) have been more and more successful in countering Left Wing Extremism (LWE). What has made this possible?

State police, with the support of specialised training institutes (CTJW College, Kanker and four CIAT Schools), have built up capacity and raised specialised forces. The Centre, besides helping the state strengthen training capacity and capabilities, is also providing financial support to strengthen the specialised wings of STF (Special Task Force) and SIB (State Intelligence Bureau).

The two STF battalions are capable of countering Maoists' 'main force' which chiefly consists of military Battalion No. 1 and is active in south Bastar. DRGs have been constituted in many districts with local policemen of affected areas. Their natural instincts have been supplemented with professional ethos from the Counter-Insurgency and Jungle Warfare School of Vairengte, Mizoram. While both STF and DRG played a pivotal role in the Machkot encounter, DRG of Rajnandgaon with able leadership led the August 3 operation.

The August 3 encounter was in the proposed 'MMC Zone', described in a 25-page Maoist document and reported by *The Indian Express* in 2017. What is the nature of the threat?

The CPI(Maoist), following a decision taken in the 2014 Central Regional Bureau (CRB) meeting, is trying to develop the new MMC Zone. This is where Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh meet. Maoists intend to create an entity like the Dandakaranya (DK) Special Zonal Committee in Bastar. This area is predominately tribal, forested and hilly and suitable for guerrilla warfare. It is also contiguous to the North Gadchiroli Maoist Division of the DK. Except for a few, most of the cadres in the MMC Zone were transferred there from Bastar.

The state governments took proactive steps by deploying additional resources and are trying their best to check Maoists' expansion. In Chhattisgarh, many new police stations and security camps have been established. The SP, Kabirdham, organised a number of awareness campaigns in remote areas which are most vulnerable to Maoist influence. He made arrangements for villagers' training and facilitated government employment for hundreds. The administration has taken steps to expedite developmental work. Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra too have intensified anti-Maoist operations in these areas. Though the Maoists are yet to find their roots here, the efforts need to be continued. The Darrekasa Area Committee of the Gadchiroli-Rajnandgaon-Balaghat (GRB) Division of MMC was almost wiped out on August 3.

Despite the two recent successful encounters, don't Maoists retain the ability to strike back soon after suffering a major setback?

If we analyse the pattern, most such attacks have taken place during the 'Tactical Counter Offensive Campaign' (TCOC) period which generally extends from February-March to May-June each year. During this TCOC period, most of their field formations (political as well as military) join together to form area or division command and launch major attacks. The security forces therefore need to be extra vigilant during this TCOC period.

What is the best way to fight IEDs?

One way to avoid destruction and casualties caused by IEDs is to ensure that these are successfully detected through visual surveillance or using technical gadgets and defused in time. Second, a road opening party may dominate the surrounding area thoroughly enough to make certain that no suspicious elements are hiding around to trigger IEDs. Third, law-enforcement agencies can crack down on miscreants who supply explosive substances to the Maoists. Fourth, explosive substances and most importantly detonators can be made identifiable at the production stage using a unique number for identification. However, all these measures have their limitations.

What is the way forward for security forces here on?

Though Maoists have weakened in DK, Odisha State Committee and other zones, and their expansionist policy is under check, security forces cannot afford to ignore their protracted war strategy. The mobile war (capability to attack at will in base areas and escape unscathed) has to be reversed and the areas of security vacuum (where there is no presence of the security forces) plugged. Better technologies are required to detect and defuse IEDs. Security forces also need to learn from previous tactical errors and adhere to time-proven SOPs. The information network should improve with better road and telecom connectivity in far-flung areas. Surrender and rehabilitation policies must be implemented.

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A DEAR LEADER

Sushma Swaraj played many roles and made them all her own, with dignity and grace

SUSHMA SWARAJ, WHO passed away on Tuesday, aged 67, was one of the most popular leaders of the BJP, who left a mark as both politician and administrator. She entered public life early — after working as a lawyer for socialist leader George Fernandes during the Emergency — and was pitchforked into a leadership role when she was just 25. When the Janata Party disintegrated in the late 1970s, the young minister in the Janata ministry in Haryana, preferred the BJP to the Janata variants of socialist and social justice politics. She rose to prominence quickly in the BJP thanks to her people-skills and powerful oratory, at a time when there were few women in the party leadership.

Mentored by BJP patriarchs, Atal Bihari Vajpayee and LK Advani, she imbibed their finest qualities, including and especially tolerance and civility towards critics and political opponents. She followed the party discipline, always defending the party line to the best of her abilities and taking on responsibilities that the party entrusted her with, even against enormous odds. The BJP turned to her, for instance, to rescue a slipping government in Delhi in 1998 and to fight a losing battle against a resurgent Congress under Sheila Dikshit. She contested against Sonia Gandhi in 1999 from the Congress stronghold of Bellary. She lost both challenges, but she ensured that her party lost honourably. These contests and the frequent cross-country campaigns turned Swaraj into a national leader and a politician who rose above the office she occupied. She, arguably, had become the most prominent leader on the BJP's then famed second rung, before Narendra Modi made his presence felt on the national stage. Her tenure as foreign minister in the first Modi government was distinguished by her attempts to transform a ministry generally seen as haughty and aloof, into a friend of ordinary Indian citizens, especially the blue collar workers in the Gulf region. She recognised the influence of social media and used it remarkably well to distinguish herself as a minister, even as foreign policy increasingly became the preserve of the prime minister's office.

The ability to reinvent the roles assigned to her served Swaraj well in her political career. In a party of patriarchal features and conservative frameworks, she positioned herself as the Bharatiya naari who could also play a role in public life with confidence and ease. Indeed, her image helped her connect with a cross-section of people, including conservatives. It is a tribute to her poise and dignity that, in these polarised times, she will be missed and remembered by people across party lines and political divides.

CUT TO REFORM

RBI cuts interest rate. But monetary policy alone cannot arrest the economic slowdown

ON WEDNESDAY, THE Monetary Policy Committee of the RBI cut the benchmark repo rate by 35 basis points to 5.4 per cent. Since February, when the rate cut cycle began, the MPC has cut rates by a cumulative 110 bps — a clear indication of growing concerns over the slowdown in economic activity. Tellingly, the RBI has also cut its growth projections for the first half of the current year to 5.8-6.6 per cent, from its earlier projection of 6.4-6.7 per cent — signaling the uncertainty around the economy. For the full year, the RBI now expects the economy to grow at 6.9 per cent, down from its February forecast of 7.4 per cent. With retail inflation expected to remain well within the MPC's target over the coming 12 months, it creates the space for further bringing down real interest rates if growth disappoints.

So far, the lack of transmission of successive rate cuts to the broader economy has been a source of concern. As the MPC notes, banks have reduced their lending rates (weighted average) by 29 bps so far (February to June) in response to cuts of 75 bps during this period. But transmission is likely to improve in the coming quarters. A large portion of bank deposits are of short term maturity. As these deposits get re-priced, it will lower banks' cost of funds, making it easier to cut lending rates. Keeping liquidity in line with the monetary policy stance — ensuring substantial liquidity surplus — and lowering small savings rates will further aid transmission. But will risk averse banks step up lending? Will lower interest rates boost investment and private consumption? At the current juncture, there may be little incentive for corporates, who are currently in the midst of deleveraging, to embark on fresh investments. There is still slack in the system. And corporates may opt for brownfield projects currently going through the resolution process. Reviving investments may thus require a more coordinated policy approach.

Other measures announced by the RBI, such as lowering risk weightage for retail lending and increasing flow of funds to NBFCs, suggest a concerted effort to boost consumption. Recent measures to address NBFC issues will also help gradually bring down credit risk, improving credit flow to the larger economy. If the revised growth estimates are not met — achieving even the 6.9 per cent target may be difficult — it will open up space for further cuts. But monetary policy cannot alone do the heavy lifting. It needs to be supplemented with reforms aimed at spurring growth.

DEARLY BELOVED

Posterity will remember Toni Morrison as a polyphonic poet who wrote in prose

TONI MORRISON, the foremost literary voice of Black America, has died aged 88 in the Bronx. No, these metrics are inappropriate for such a writer, with a voice as seductive as lucid dreams and as electrifying as distant thunder. Let's try again: Toni Morrison, political novelist, essayist, literary editor, professor emeritus at Princeton, Nobel laureate, Pulitzer Prize winner and single parent of two sons, has died in New York after writing about a dozen novels, two plays and a libretto, five children's books and essays too numerous to list. That's the true account of a literary life well lived.

Morrison published her first book, The Bluest Eye, aged 39 in 1970, and wrote on stolen time for years, juggling her responsibilities as an editor and parent, until she gained critical and popular acclaim with Song of Solomon (1977), Tar Baby (1981) and Beloved (1987). It is a rare achievement to score on both registers. Writers of enduring literary value do not generally populate the New York Times bestseller list for decades on end, or get to be a favourite on Oprah's show.

Morrison had hailed Bill Clinton as the first Black president of the US, despite the colour of his skin, because he was presumed guilty until proven innocent. The facts betrayed her in that messy matter, but undeterred, she attended the inauguration of Barack Obama, the first real African-American president, with childlike happiness. Now, Obama has paid tribute, calling her a "national treasure", Hillary Clinton remembers her as a "queen", and Morrison is being mourned the world over. Her work spoke of inequality everywhere, and readers worldwide will remember her not primarily as a Black writer, but as the poet singing of the despair and the wonder of everyday life in an unfair world, who happened to write in prose.

Now, win the peace

In Kashmir, there is a weariness with the old. If the new is rung in, Article 370 could become a fading memory

TAVLEEN SINGH

A PALL OF despair hung over Srinagar when I was there in May just days before the election results. It should have been high season with houseboats and hotels bursting with visitors, pleasure boats on the Dal Lake and shops filled with the noise of eager shoppers. Instead, on this perfect summer's day, the city was empty.

And, there was a tension. I felt it even before landing. For the first time in the many times that I have flown into Srinagar, I was ordered by a nervous Vistara flight attendant to pull the window shades down as we landed. She pulled them down for me but I had already seen why. From the air, the airport looks like a military base. Not even at the height of the militancy in the Nineties have I seen it so militarised. On the drive into the city, I noticed that shops on the airport road have been screened off by a thick metal net so they looked as if they were caged.

I drove through eerily empty streets to the hotel in which I was staying and found it almost empty. When I asked why, since this was high season, I was told by the hotel manager that people had stopped coming after the Pulwama attack. Before that, he said, there were so many tourists in Srinagar that it was hard to find an empty hotel room or houseboat. Later that day, I met friends and political leaders and everyone confirmed that it was the Pulwama attack and the Balakot strike that had driven visitors away. What saddened me most was that every taxi driver I hired asked if I could find his son a job. The story they told was the same. "I have spent whatever I earned on my son's computer course.but there are no jobs. He sits at home all day with nothing to do." So, another lost season is something Srinagar can ill afford.

This was my first visit back since Burhan Wani was killed. The reason why I did not go back, frankly, was because I lost sympathy with Kashmiris when they fell under the thrall of a young man who was so openly a jihadist and whose cause was religious and not political. After Wani was killed, I watched carefully the recruitment videos he posted of himself in military fatigues with other young men in similar uniform carrying automatic weapons. In these videos, this commander of the Hizbul Mujahideen made it absolutely clear that the single purpose of his armed struggle was to turn Kashmir into an Islamic state. I have no sympathy for religious causes. And so, stayed away from Srinagar in those long, horrible months when children and masked men took to the streets to throw stones at our security personnel.

If they had done this for a political cause, I would have gone back to understand it better. I sympathised so completely with the political reasons for Kashmiris to be angry with Delhi that I wrote a book on their struggle for basic democratic rights. It came out in 1995 and was called Kashmir: a tragedy of errors. The case that I made in this book was that the insurgency that became manifest with the kidnapping of Mehbooba Mufti's sister in December 1989 had nothing to do with the historical problem in Kashmir. The historical problem died, in my view, in the Seventies when Bangladesh was created and Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto hanged. Pakistan lost its allure for most Kashmiris. The seal on the end of the historical problem was the peace pact that Indira Gandhi signed with Sheikh Abdullah in 1975. Sadly, it was Mrs Gandhi's crucial mistake in 1984 that created Kashmir's current political problem.

> When Narendra Modi became prime minister in 2014, he could have started with a clean slate. But, he seemed undecided about whether to use the jackboot or turn to Atal Bihari Vajpayee's formula of 'insaniyat, jamhooriyat, kashmiriyat'. Now, it appears that he had a plan all along and it was to get rid of Kashmir's special status. Will this turn out to be yet another mistake? Personally, I believe that it could prevent Kashmir from becoming the Islamic state that the jihadist groups dream of. But, Modi will have to have a strategy ready to win the peace now that he seems to have won the war.

My first visit to Srinagar as a reporter was in the summer of 1981 when Sheikh Abdullah made his son Farooq his heir. It was the only time I met the old Sheikh. I did not get a chance to interview him but stood beside him on a hotel balcony in Lal Chowk from where he watched his son standing in an open truck in a procession so huge it seemed that all of Kashmir had come to Srinagar. The procession culminated in Iqbal Park, where the Sheikh declared to thunderous applause from the vast gathering that Farooq would be his heir. I still remember his words. "The crown I place on your head Farooq Abdullah is a crown of thorns."

Sheikh Abdullah died just months later and in 1983, I was sent to cover this election by M J Akbar who was then editor of The Telegraph. It was the first election I covered on my own so I made it a point to travel to every constituency except, for some reason, Uri. Everywhere, people said they were voting as Indians for the first time. And, voting for the National Conference. They seemed to believe they owed Sheikh Abdullah their vote. So Farooq won in a completely fair election but this was not how it was reported in the national press.

The reporters who came from Delhi spent most of their time in the Congress Party office in Nedou's Hotel in Srinagar. If they traveled at all, they went to Congress meetings and the impression they created in the national newspapers was that Congress would do well. They fooled Mrs Gandhi. So she got rid of Farooq Abdullah's government in the summer of 1984.

Farooq became a hero. He would have won again easily if he had not been forced into an alliance with Congress in the election that came in 1987. The alliance was a mistake because the opposition space came to be occupied by the Muslim United Front whose candidates believed they lost unfairly. Many were secessionists. Now, they crossed into Pakistan for help and came back as armed insurgents. The militancy began and Delhi's mistakes continued. In the Eighties and Nineties, I went to Srinagar almost every month. I was there when the Pandits were driven out, when violent jihadists forced cinemas and bars to close and saw first hand how the movement for "azadi" became a jihad.

When Narendra Modi became prime minister in 2014, he could have started with a clean slate. But, he seemed undecided about whether to use the jackboot or turn to Atal Bihari Vajpayee's formula of "insaniyat, jamhooriyat, kashmiriyat". Now, it appears that he had a plan all along and it was to get rid of Kashmir's special status. Will this turn out to be yet another mistake? Personally, I believe that it could prevent Kashmir from becoming the Islamic state that the jihadist groups dream of. But, Modi will have to have a strategy ready to win the peace now that he seems to have won the war.

When I was last in Srinagar, I noticed a real weariness with the jihadists. I noticed a real longing for peace and prosperity, and among young men, for jobs. If these things happen it will not be long before Kashmiris lose interest in Article 370. The special status that it supposedly guaranteed was in any case eroded long,long ago.

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SELF FLAGELLATION IN PAKISTAN

Abrogation of Articles 370, 35A has sparked passionate reaction across the border

KHALED AHMED

INDIA'S REVOKING OF Articles 370 and 35A to absorb the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir into the Union was not liked by anyone across the world. The most effective objection came from India's own secularists and liberals who took note of the rise of Hindutva under the BJP government as destructive of the very foundation of India. The main cause of worry for most writers was the possibility of a nuclear war between India and Pakistan.

Pakistan reacted passionately but much of this passion was "political" as the Opposition attacked the government of Prime Minister Imran Khan, rather than India. Army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa said his army would stand by the government in power, and by the people of Kashmir. Imran Khan convened a joint session of parliament and made a bold statement telling India that if war was to ensue it would be a nuclear war and that "Pakistan was ready for it" — for the rights of the Kashmiris. But the Opposition, mainly the PML(N) of Nawaz Sharif and the PPP of Bilawal Bhutto, was not prepared to give him relief. They attacked him for coming late to the session — as if he didn't care that the Kashmiris were suffering — and castigated him for the absence of his foreign minister, Shah Mehmood Qureshi.

PM Khan doesn't grace the parliament too often because of the bad blood between him and the Opposition leaders. When the proceedings started, everything the government benches did was rejected. Khan was uncomfortable and would have left the house, as is his wont, had the occasion not been serious in the eyes of his public following. He once threw up his hands and said, "What would you have me do, attack India?"

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On the TV channels it was sheer national self-flagellation. Everyone in the streets who was asked to speak, simply wanted a war in which the Hindus were to be taught a lesson. The common man simply repeated the nationalist mantra of hatred — the same way the supporters of the BJP do in the streets of India. Opposition leaders appearing on TV were anti-government to the extreme. The PML(N) politicians, whose leader Nawaz Sharif had once welcomed the Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee to Lahore and later welcomed Prime Minister Modi too, now cursed Khan for having welcomed Modi before he had even been elected.

Imran Khan had then said: "Perhaps if the BJP — a right-wing party — wins, some kind of settlement in Kashmir could be reached". Now the PML(N) was not ready to forgive him. Today, these words were held against him by politicians more interested in ousting the Pakistan government than ousting India from Kashmir. The world outside didn't like what transpired as expressed by the *The New York Times* editorial: "The Indian government's decision to revoke the semi-autonomous status of Kashmir, accompanied by a huge security clampdown, is dangerous and wrong". Outrageously, the "Arab friends" were unmoved.

Everyone cursed the government for not actively pursuing the UN Security Council, the International Court of Justice, and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation — as if all these organisations were actually groups of men sitting in a room with doors locked which the government of Pakistan was supposed to simply break down, and tell the shirkers to do the needful to teach India a lesson. Alas, Pakistan's non-state actors were nowhere to be seen, removed from the battlefront by an international opinion more worried about their global outreach than the Muslims of Kashmir. The outrage over the statement of the ambassador of the UAE, that it was an internal matter of India, was muffled because most of the remittances come from the Pakistanis working there. As realism slowly dawns, Prime Minister Khan should stick to his earlier perception that he could make a deal with the BJP and make that telephone call which was rebuffed earlier. Perhaps, this time, Prime Minister Modi will pick up.

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AUGUST 8, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

INDIAN EXPRESS

No dual membership, asserts Janata chief

JANATA SEEKS SUPPORT

JANATA PARTY PRESIDENT Chandra Shekhar made a "special appeal" to the CPM, AIADMK and Akali Dal to revise their neutral stand and extend their "solid support" to his party. Describing these parties, which have a combined strength of 48 in the Lok Sabha, as "our allies", Chandra Shekhar said if necessary, he would write to the leaders of these parties and also meet them. Talking to reporters, Chandra Shekhar said these parties had solidly supported the Janata Party in the past. He was willing to sit with them and sort out any problem which came in the way of their renewal of support. Chandra Shekhar asserted that his party had nothing to do with the RSS: He declared that the party would strictly enforce the decision taken by its national executive barring its members from joining any organisation which believed in the concept of a theocratic state.

POLICY CHANGE

THE CHARAN SINGH government is planning big changes in industrial policy. Restrictions will be removed and licensing procedures eased in an effort to boost production. In an interview, T A Pai, minister of petroleum and chemicals, told this correspondent, "The government must show that it means business." Pai said that the new policies would involve: Reduction of controls on industrial production; removal of restrictions on the growth of large industrial houses; and withdrawal of the penalties on industrial production in excess of installed capacities.

NEW VICE-PRESIDENT

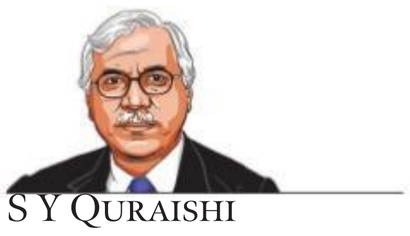
FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE, M Hidayatullah, will be the next vice-president, but a formal announcement will be made by the returning officer, S S Bhale Rao, at 3 p.m on August 9 when the deadline for withdrawal of candidates expires. Bhale Rao rejected the papers of the remaining 10 candidates as they were not in order. Hidayatullah, who will be the country's sixth vice-president, will assume office on August 31.

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The BJP's reckless and dangerous move to revoke the special status of India-held Kashmir as enshrined in the Indian constitution has raised the threat of turmoil in the subcontinent to significant levels." — DAWN

A protege's tribute

Sushma Swaraj was a leader of courage and stature, an original thinker and doer



S Y QURAISHI

MY ASSOCIATION WITH Sushma Swaraj goes back to 1977, when after the end of the Emergency, she became an MLA of the Janata Party and was made minister for cultural affairs by Chaudhary Devi Lal, becoming the youngest ever minister in the country at 25. I was the director in the ministry. She exuded warmth and trust and started addressing me affectionately by my first name Yaqoob, my being six years older than her notwithstanding.

I was newly married then and she became very affectionate towards my wife, a budding journalist, as well. She granted her an interview for the last page of *Sunday* magazine — a first for both of them!

Her positivity and my enthusiasm ensured that an otherwise lacklustre and nondescript department performed exceptionally well. A film star night by Sunil Dutt's troupe at Ambala for social causes was organised. Sushmaji decided that no one would be given free passes. The only two persons who complied were Sushmaji and I. I had to leave my wife of three months at home, which she probably begrudged me but never complained! A national award — Sangeet Martand — to Pandit Jasraj of Sirsa with a prize money of Rs 1 lakh, a princely sum at that time, was another landmark. A Haryana *swang* (a folk theatre form) workshop with Habib Tanvir and another with Balwant Gargi resulted in legendary productions which were sent to border areas to entertain our jawans for years thereafter.

Even after we moved on to different ministries, our association continued though there was increasing acrimony between my wife and her. But she never allowed my wife's hostile writings against her and her party to affect her relations with me. She always said we are different individuals and even defended my wife's freedom of expression.

In 2001, out of the blue, I got a call from Sushmaji saying that she wanted me to come to her ministry, Information and Broadcasting, as Director-General Doordarshan. I was then posted as principal secretary to the chief minister of Haryana, O P Chautala. The post was considered the most powerful in the state. I thought it would be awkward to request him to relieve me of this job as he would consider me an ungrateful rascal. I therefore requested Sushma ji to speak to Chautala herself, which she promptly refused to do, saying, "Yaqoob, you know very well that your CM is hostile to me as I had opposed my party's alliance with his." On my persuasion, she kindly agreed to call him and the conversation I heard is best forgotten. I learnt quite a few original Haryanvi invectives. The politest refrain being "you want to ruin me by taking away my principal secretary".

A few days later she again called me asking if I could use some other influence to get my name forwarded to Delhi. Surely there were many in the CM's secretariat who would be happy to push me out. I decided to use their "good" offices. And it worked.

When the news about my appointment as DG DD spread, she faced a barrage of attacks from BJP leaders, including very senior ones, for appointing a Muslim to such a sensitive post, one with an anti-BJP wife to boot. Only a leader of her stature and backbone could have withstood the pressure. The complimentary words of faith and trust she used for me have always moved me. It transpired that the attack on me and her defence of me was a regular feature. She was so cultured that she didn't even mention these conversations to me and I got to hear of them from her staff.

C R Sasikumar

At DD, she gave me a free hand especially as I was the first direct recruit for Prasar Bharati and she extended her full support to all my initiatives. The introduction of DD Bharati, a unique channel for women, children and culture, within a month of my joining set the tone. DD India, narrowcasting (local broadcasting from our TV towers) and later setting up of DD Archives on the first Pravasi Bharatiya Divas were some of the other milestones possible with her support.

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Sushma ji was an original thinker and doer par excellence. One of her achievements I can never forget was to declare film production as an industry, a demand that had been rejected for decades. In one stroke, she killed the phenomenon of the underworld financing in the film industry as it became bankable. Has any one heard the name Haji Mastan ever since?

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My last meeting with her was on June 13 when I went to her home to inquire about her health. Rumours were rife that she had been "dropped". I inquired why she had chosen to withdraw from active electoral life. She said that ever since her kidney transplant, she was advised by her doctors to keep away from two things — dust and human physical contact. She said with a constituency which spread over 100 kilometres, and millions of constituents and friends, this was impossible. I had not seen her so happy in a long time. She was glowing. Who knew that this was the proverbial last flicker of a dying flame.

Ma'am, I love you.

The writer is former Chief Election Commissioner of India

Not by cuts alone

Repo rate cut will help lower borrowing costs, but growth revival will require a coordinated policy response

SAUGATA BHATTACHARYA

THE MONETARY POLICY Committee (MPC) surprised us by cutting the policy repo rate by a higher than expected 0.35 percentage points, taking the policy repo rate down to 5.40 per cent, the fourth cut since February. The decision to cut the repo rate was unanimous, but two of the six MPC members voted to cut the rate by a lower 0.25 percentage points. The accommodative stance was retained.

There are three questions on the effect of the rate cuts. First, how much more room now exists for further rate cuts? Commentaries highlight the need to close the "output gap" — current activity being considered weaker than the economy's potential. Addressing growth concerns "assumes the highest priority at this juncture," it has been pointed out.

The global environment is partially responsible for this. The current theme is of synchronised rate cuts by central banks in both developed and emerging markets. Trade-related uncertainties, slowing investment and weak sentiment is resulting in a steady global growth deceleration and progressive weakening of sentiment, one reinforcing the other. Inflation has remained steady and low, and diffusing out from developed economies. Even some emerging markets are indicating that policy actions are now required to support not just growth, but also inflation. Other than the US Federal Reserve, Brazil cut its policy rate by a non-standard 0.5 percentage points, followed by New Zealand and the Bank of Thailand.

The RBI cut its FY20 India growth forecast from the earlier 7 per cent to 6.9 per cent with slight "downside risks". The inflation forecast was kept more or less at the earlier level, averaging approximate 3.4-3.5 per cent for the year. Most monthly indicators of economic activity corroborate this, showing a deceleration across sectors. Capacity utilisation in the manufacturing segment in the January to March quarter of FY19, when seasonally adjusted, slipped from the earlier quarter. Early results of companies in the April-June quarter of FY20 show a slowdown in sales and profit growth. Of greater concern is a perceived weakness in both consumer and investment sentiment, with a changed perception of risk. For whatever reason, either employment uncertainty or a fall in disposable, discretionary incomes, consumption seems to be getting pushed back. MSMEs, an important job creation engine, have been adversely impacted by the loan squeeze from NBFCs — the second line of lenders which had increasingly become an important source of credit. MSMEs' ability to absorb shocks seem to have shrunk, and this is also impacting supply chains in some sectors.

A set of signals of future expectations is provided by responses to surveys of businesses and households, conducted by the RBI and other independent organisations. While the RBI Business Assessment Index improved marginally, production and order books slowed. The Business Inflation Expectation Survey for June, conducted independently, reports that three-fourth of the respondents say that sales are "less than normal". Given this growth-inflation trade-off, the current real repo rate (that is repo rate minus inflation) still looks relatively high.

The second issue is the transmission of MPC repo rate cuts to lending rates and, that is, operationalisation of the monetary policy signals into lower borrowing costs, particularly for households and small businesses. The cumulative rate cuts, together with durable liquidity infusion by the RBI through open market operations and foreign exchange swaps, has already led to a progressive reduction in banks' benchmark lending rates (the MCLR) to which all bank loans — corporate, home, auto — are linked. This is likely to accelerate. Banking sector liquidity has been in surplus for the past month and funds for banks are likely to be less costly than in FY19.

However, adequate system liquidity in itself will not be enough to incentivise flows of funds to certain perceived vulnerable sectors of the economy, given risk perceptions and information asymmetry. The RBI and other regulators have initiated a series of measures to mitigate the credit squeeze, judiciously using relaxations of micro prudential norms to ease the bottlenecks. These include, among others, liquidity coverage ratio requirements, lower risk weights, exposure caps, asset securitisation restrictions, and liquidity backstops to the partial credit enhancement announced by the government. Gradually, these will get traction and is evident in the higher flow of bank credit to NBFCs in June.

The third aspect of the stimulus is the likely response of consumption and investment to the lower borrowing costs. The magnitude of this response will depend on the genesis and nature of the slowdown. While the proximate reasons are likely to be cyclical, influenced by the global economy, there are some underlying structural shifts. A combination of reforms and regulatory changes (actually much needed), overlaid with the effects of technological changes on consumer behaviour, seems to have adversely affected confidence. The median age of car buyers, for instance, seems to be rising. Rising sales of second-hand vehicles might be cannibalising new car sales.

If this hypothesis is correct (and certainly seems heuristically feasible), lower borrowing costs will have positive effects but are unlikely to provide a large boost to either consumption or investment. This means that reviving investor sentiment and thereby capital expenditure will require a broader, more coordinated approach to a stimulus package, combining fiscal, tax, industry, trade and other levers. Remedial measures have already been initiated by both the Centre and state governments. Sector specific impediment are being identified and sought to be mitigated. But it will take some time before their effects are evident.

The good news? Global environment will be conducive to India's policy efforts, the expected continuing weakness in economic activity keeping metals and commodities prices moderate. Going forward, monetary policy will probably be data and event dependent, with stable inflation creating more space for the RBI for further rate cuts.

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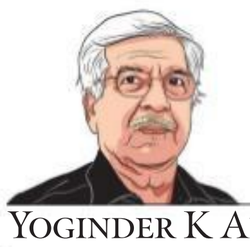
Allocations are key

Economic policy needs to finetune its focus. It needs fewer lectures on reform



YOGINDER K ALAGH

FOR THE UNION Budget, two priorities were important in the second quarter of the year. The first was to finance a credible package of relief and recovery after a bad monsoon from the angle of drinking water and sowing. The second was to revive investment. The Economic Survey and budget speech were expected, as in the past, to reflect thinking on critical issues and not score brownie points.

For example, the PM's Economic Advisory Council has rightly said that Arvind Subramanian's critique of changes in the GDP are silly, since estimating a relationship between GDP and some variables in the past misses the point that productivity is rising. But more serious critiques, like those of the expert group under Sudipto Mundle and past members of the Statistical Commission, have been ignored. An assurance from the JNU-trained finance minister that institutional integrity in the statistical and IMD systems will be respected would have been welcome. While everybody got something to latch on to, her views on the real priorities are awaited.

Rural distress is real. Drinking water, improving the efficiency of existing irrigation systems, rural finance — including temporary waiver of loan repayments — need funds, which the affected states don't have. The priorities stated in the Niti Aayog 's council meeting are correct. But it doesn't have allocation powers. The budget was expected to provide funds and an assurance that the allocations would be rule based. This will have to come before the supplementary allocations in November.

Meanwhile, job creation will depend on the revival of industrial production, continuing growth of exports and an agricultural revival. But most policies have a lag of around four to six months. In the short run, more money will be needed for the MGNREGA. These allocations should have been in the FM's speech. The budget should concretely raise public investment to revive private investment to reverse the declining growth rate in every quarter.

The fiscal deficit is a real issue and leads to pressures on the bank rate and exchange rates. The suggestion is to raise resources by taxation and not to play to the gallery by not cutting consumption by the government and non-government sectors. There are no free lunches and the FM knows that. She must send out that stern message. At least in the first post-election year, we have to be honest. There is little scope for the concessions demanded by industry groups, but a rationalisation of tax structures and reduction of slabs in GST are possible.

The clean up of the banking and NBFC sectors should be honest and that needs funds. These are outside the budget, but determine the fiscal deficit. So, the flow of funds in the budget papers must honestly reflect that.

The heart of economic policy in the short run is to give fewer lectures on reform but to raise government investment at the central, state and parastatal level. The economy is suffering from the decline in investment ratios, which explain the declining growth rate, which itself is below the potential of 8 per cent or so. This budget will be judged on that. Gujarat's experience conclusively shows that a high enough manufacturing physical output growth rate reduces the work force dependent on agriculture. Even with an employment elasticity of 0.25, with a 12 per cent growth in IIP, employment rises by 3 per cemt, which is double the work force growth rate.

The allocation for self help groups with a trust fund is a clear solution to an important problem. The wish is for the same clarity with everything else. And the pressure on the economy will only grow.

Many moons ago, in salubrious Bali, I was invited by Bank Indonesia, the World Bank and IMF to talk on the demographic dividend in Bharat Varsha, from where the Balinese got their non-vegetarian Hindu gods. India has a young population, I showed, and its retiree-worker ratio will be low. But will the young worker be a dividend? If she goes to college, marries late, the first child comes later, the last one earlier — the real dividend starts. But the last round of the NSS data shows she dropped out of school more than earlier. The budget did notgo into it, but somebody should. We need to take girls in rath yatras to school. We did it in Gujarat. Why not elsewhere? We need some more money before November.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RIP SUSHMA

THIS REFERS TO the obituary, 'Foreign Minister, most accessible' (IE, August 7).The youngest Cabinet Minister in Haryana at the age of 25 years, first woman chief minister of Delhi, first women spokesperson for any national party, first women Leader of Opposition in Parliament, Sushma Swaraj has many firsts to her credit. As Minister for External Affairs, she was always helpful to distressed Indians who reached out to her and even helped some Pakistanis who wanted to get medical treatment in India. She was instrumental in resolving the Doklam crisis with China. Swaraj was the most humane external affairs minister.

Bal Govind, *Noida*

BOLD AND BRAZEN

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Unlock the valley' (IE, August 7). Though the Centre has taken a bold step in reorganising Jammu and Kashmir through the bifurcation of the state, it has also resorted to a slew of authoritarian practices. Cutting phone lines, internet connections of the people of the state and putting leaders Omar Abdullah, Mehbooba Mufti and Sajjad Lone behind the bars are undemocratic steps. The right to freedom of speech must not be curtailed under any circumstances.

Sanjay Chawla, *Amritsar*

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CHANGE FOR BETTER

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Un-belonging'(IE, August 7). There is indeed a drastic change in the mentality of the people of India. It is difficult to say if this is because of the "Narendra Modi effect" or something else but it has taken India towards positivity. Let's be a part of this wonderful journey.

Vihaan Gupta, *Ujjain*

NEW ZEALAND

EVIDENCE OF 'HERCULEAN' PARROT FOUND

The remains of a super-sized parrot that stood more than half the height of an average human and roamed the earth 19 million years ago have been discovered in New Zealand. The bird would have stood about one metre tall and weighed up to 7 kg, according to a report by an international team of palaeontologists. It has been named Heracles inexpectatus to reflect its Herculean size.

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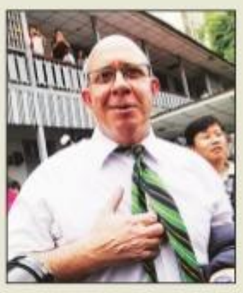

Ross Dunkley

MYANMAR

Myanmar Times founder jailed for 13 years on drugs charges

Yangon: A Myanmar court on Wednesday sentenced a veteran Australian media publisher to 13 years in jail after a police raid uncovered a stash of drugs at his home last year. Ross Dunkley, 60, has long had links with the media industry across Southeast Asia, co-founding English language newspaper *The Myanmar Times* when the country was in the tight grip of a military dictatorship. He also used to be a co-owner of Cambodia's *Phnom Penh Post*. Police arrested him, his business partner John McKenzie and seven Myanmar nationals during a June 2018 raid on his home in Yangon.

CHINA

Beijing bans movies from Taiwan awards

Beijing: China said Wednesday it was banning Chinese movies and actors from participating in Taiwan's Golden Horse Awards, one of the Asian film industry's most prestigious honors, as Beijing ramps up economic and political pressure on the island it claims as its own territory. No reason was given for the suspension, but it comes amid rising tensions over Taiwan's refusal to recognise being part of Chinese territory to eventually be brought under Beijing's rule.

DENMARK

Blast hits tax agency office, one person hurt

Copenhagen: One person was lightly injured in an explosion outside the Danish Tax Agency's office in Copenhagen late on Tuesday in what police said was a deliberate attack, although it was too early to know who was behind it. The blast, which occurred at around 22.15 p.m. (2015 GMT), shattered glass doors and windows and scorched metal cladding at the main entrance of the building in Nordhavn, just north of the city centre. Police had closed off the surrounding streets on Wednesday morning and staff had been told to stay away.

POLAND

Group banned after celebrating Hitler's birthday

Warsaw: A Polish court on Wednesday banned a neo-Nazi group for celebrating Adolf Hitler's birthday in 2017, an event that was secretly filmed and then broadcast by a local news channel. The court in Gliwice, southern Poland, ruled that members of the "Pride and Modernity" (DiN) group who organised the event had been aware that it propagated Nazism, something that is illegal in Poland. "There was no doubt about the nature of the event" caught on camera, Judge Bozena Klimaszewska said in her ruling, quoted by the Polish PAP news agency.

Amid peace talks, Taliban suicide attack in Kabul kills 14, injures 145

Car bomb explosion at police station; 10 civilians among dead; several women, children wounded

REUTERS
KABUL, AUGUST 7

THE TALIBAN claimed responsibility for a suicide car bomb attack on a police station in the Afghan capital, Kabul, on Wednesday which the government said killed 14 people and wounded 145.

There has been no let-up in violence in Afghanistan even though the Taliban and the US appear close to a historic pact for US troops to withdraw in exchange for a Taliban promise the country would not be used as a base from which to plot attacks by extremists.

The blast, in the west of the city during the morning rush hour, sent a huge cloud of grey smoke billowing into the sky.

The Taliban said a "recruitment centre" had been attacked by one of their suicide bombers.

"A large number of soldiers and police were killed or wounded," the Taliban said in a statement.

Deputy Interior Minister Khoshal Sadat later told a news conference 14 people had been killed and 145 wounded. Four of the dead were policemen and the rest civilians, while 92 of the wounded were civilians, he said.

At the site of the blast in Kabul on Wednesday. *Reuters*

The bomb went off when the vehicle carrying the device was stopped at a checkpoint outside the police station, said interior ministry spokesman Nasrat Rahimi.

Women and children were among the casualties, the health ministry said.

Pictures from the scene showed extensive damage with facades blown off buildings and a jumble of rubble and vehicles strewn through the area.

"Again a Taliban suicide attack in Kabul targets a civilian area that resulted in harming of so many innocents," Sediq Sediqqi, a spokesman for President Ashraf Ghani, said on Twitter. "Continued Taliban attacks indicate that they have no commitment to peace," Sediqqi later told journalists.

The blast came a day after the Taliban called for a boycott of a September 28 presidential election and threatened to attack election rallies.

Separately, security forces conducted raids on two Islamic State militant hideouts in Kabul overnight and killed two militants and seized a large quantity of explosives and bomb-making equipment, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) said.

VIOLENCE SURGES AHEAD OF UPCOMING POLLS, PEACE TALKS

- The blast came a day after the Taliban called for a boycott of a Sept 28 presidential election and threatened to attack election rallies.
- It also comes after the militant group unilaterally claimed that issues regarding US troop withdrawal from Afghanistan have been resolved during talks.
- An ongoing surge in attacks across Afghanistan, have seen 1,500 people killed or injured last month alone.
- While both the US and Taliban have reported that they're getting closer to a peace deal, experts have suggested that the Taliban are ramping up attacks in Afghanistan to use as leverage during the talks.

Protestors gather around a baby Trump balloon in Dayton, Ohio, on Wednesday. *Reuters*

Protests await Trump as he visits Ohio, Texas after shootings

President attacks critics who call him divisive, says he brings people together

ZEKE MILLER & JILL COLVIN
DAYTON, AUGUST 7

PROTESTERS GREETED US President Donald Trump's arrival in Dayton Wednesday, blaming his incendiary rhetoric for inflaming political and racial tensions in the country, as he visited survivors of last weekend's mass shootings and saluted first responders.

The President and first lady Melania Trump began their visit at the hospital where many of the victims of Sunday's attack were treated. Reporters travelling with the President were kept out of view, but White House Press Secretary Stephanie Grisham tweeted that the couple had "been stopping between rooms to thank the hardworking medical staff. Very powerful moments for all!"

Outside Miami Valley Hospital, at least 200 protesters gathered, hoping to send a message to the President that they want action on gun control. Some said he was not welcome in their city. There were Trump supporters, as well.

Critics say Trump's own words have contributed to a combustible climate that can spawn violence such as the outbreaks in Dayton and El Paso, Texas.

Trump rejected that assertion as he left the White House, strongly criticising those who say he bears some responsibility for the nation's divisions. "My critics are political people," Trump said, noting the apparent political leanings of the shooter in the Dayton killings and suggesting the man was supportive of Democrats.

"Had nothing to do with President Trump," Trump said. "So these are people that are looking for political gain." He also defended his rhetoric on issues including immigration, claiming instead that he "brings people together. Our country is doing incredibly well." **AP**

EXPLAINED

Anti-immigrant rhetoric, gun laws anger protesters

ON HIS way to Ohio and Texas in the aftermath of the mass shootings there, Trump dismissed the idea of banning assault rifles, saying there was a lack of political will. Protesters already gathered in Ohio ahead of Trump's arrival chanted, "Do something," urging politicians to do more to restrict the sale of guns. The same chant was earlier directed at the Ohio governor during a vigil for victims. Trump's visit to the two wounded communities is already controversial after many leaders told him he was not welcome there, pointing out that his anti-immigrant rhetoric was emboldening white supremacists.

North Korea's Kim says missile launches are warning to US

JOYCE LEE & HYONHEE SHIN
SEOUL, AUGUST 7

NORTH KOREAN leader Kim Jong Un said his country's latest launch of tactical guided missiles was a warning to the United States and South Korea over their joint military drills that began this week, state media KCNA reported on Wednesday.

Tuesday's missile launch, the North's fourth in less than two weeks, came amid stalled denuclearisation talks with Washington and US-South Korea military exercises, although Washington and Seoul played down the tests.

Kim said the latest missile test was "an occasion to send an adequate warning to the joint military drill now underway by the US and South Korean authorities", according to KCNA.

The "new-type tactical guided missiles", launched from the western area of North Korea, flew across the peninsula over the capital and the central inland region to "precisely hit the targeted islet" in the sea off the North's east coast, KCNA said. Its report confirmed the South Korean military's analysis of their trajectories on Tuesday.

The launches "clearly verified the reliability, security and actual war capacity" of the weapon, KCNA said, echoing analysts who said the launches showed North Korea's confidence in its missile technology.

The US and South Korea kicked off their largely computer-simulated Dong Maeng — or "alliance" — exercises this week as an alternative to previous large-scale annual drills that were halted to expedite denuclearisation talks. North Korea decries such exercises as a rehearsal for war aimed at toppling its leadership. **REUTERS**

Kim Jong Un at an unidentified location in North Korea during missile testing. *Reuters*

POLICE APOLOGISE AFTER BLACK MAN LED BY ROPE IN U.S.

An image of two police officers leading a handcuffed black man by a rope in Texas went viral on social media

THE IMAGE, which went viral on social media, caused outrage, serving as a painful reminder of some of the bleakest moments in America's brutally racist past.

POLICE SAID the man was arrested Saturday for trespassing, and should have been taken to the station in a police car, but only mounted officers were available.

VERNON HALE, police chief for the coastal Texas city of Galveston, apologised to Donald Neely, the man who was arrested, for what he termed "unnecessary embarrassment".

SYRIAN CONFLICT

Turkey, US agree to form joint operation centre for safe zone

SARAH DADOUCH
ISTANBUL, AUGUST 7

TURKEY AND the United States agreed on Wednesday to establish a joint operation centre in Turkey to coordinate and manage a planned safe zone in northeast Syria, a move that appeared to reduce the chance of imminent Turkish military action.

The two countries gave few details of the deal, which followed three days of talks between military delegations and months of stalemate over how far the safe zone should extend into Syria and who should command forces patrolling it.

Move expected to reduce chances of imminent Turkish military action in Syria

The proposed zone aims to secure a strip of land stretching more than 400 km along Syria's northeastern border with Turkey, much of it controlled by the Kurdish YPG militia that fought with US support against Islamic State militants.

Ankara sees the YPG as terrorists who pose a security threat and has demanded the US sever its ties with the Kurdish militia.

Turkey has twice sent forces into northern Syria in the last three years to drive back YPG and Islamic State fighters from the border, and President Tayyip Erdogan said on Sunday a third incursion was imminent, targeting YPG-controlled territory east of the Euphrates river.

The two countries said on Wednesday they agreed on the "rapid implementation of initial measures to address Turkey's security concerns". They also said the safe zone should be a "peace corridor," and efforts would be made so that displaced Syrians could return to their country. **REUTERS**

Twitter reveals cases of unauthorised data use

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THE SOCIAL network Twitter said overnight that users' personal data had been used for advertising purposes, without their consent and despite dedicated settings to counteract such events.

A Twitter statement said the fault was corrected Monday and that an investigation was being conducted to determine how many people had been affected, while advising users to verify their data sharing settings.

The situation involved two cases, the first one arising if users clicked or viewed an advertisement for a mobile application and then interacted with it since May 2018. "In that case, we may have shared certain data (e.g country code, if you engaged with the ad and when, information about the ad, etc.,) with trusted measurement and advertising partners, even if you didn't give us permission to do so," the statement said.

The second case involved Twitter showing people ads "based on inferences we made about the devices you use, even if you did not give us permission to do so", it added.

In that case, data was not used outside the company and did not contain personal information such as passwords or e-mail accounts, according to Twitter.

Twitter apologised for not respecting users' choices, and insisted that it was "taking steps to make sure we don't make a mistake like this again".

THE ARCTIC IS WARMING AT LEAST TWICE AS FAST AS THE REST OF THE WORLD

Russian land of permafrost and mammoths is now thawing

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YAKUTSK, AUGUST 7

THE LAB assistant reached into the freezer and lifted out a football-size object in a tattered plastic grocery bag, unwrapping its muddy covering and placing it on a wooden table. It was the severed head of a wolf.

The animal, with bared teeth and mottled fur, appeared ready to lunge. But it had been glowering for some 32,000 years — preserved in the permafrost, 65 feet underground in Yakutia in northeastern Siberia.

As the Arctic, including much of Siberia, warms at least twice as fast as the rest of the world, the permafrost — permanently frozen ground — is thawing. Oddities like the wolf's head have been emerging more frequently in a land already known for spitting out frozen woolly mammoths whole.

The thawing of the permafrost — along with other changes triggered by global warming — is reshaping this incredibly remote region sometimes called the Kingdom of Winter. It is one of the coldest inhabited places on earth, and huge; Yakutia, if independent, would be the world's eighth largest country.

The loss of permafrost deforms the landscape itself, knocking down houses and barns. The migration patterns of animals hunted for centuries are shifting, and severe floods wreak havoc almost every spring.

A natural freezer carved out of the underground permafrost in Srednekolymsk, Russia. *NYT*

The water, washing out already limited dirt roads and rolling corpses from their graves, threatens entire villages with permanent inundation. Waves chew away the less frozen Arctic coastline.

Indigenous peoples are more threatened than ever. Residents joust constantly with nature in unpredictable ways, leaving them feeling baffled, unsettled, helpless, depressed and irritated.

"Everything is changing, people are trying to figure out how to adapt," said Afanasiy V Kudrin, 63, a farmer in Nalimsk, a village of 525 people above the Arctic Circle. "We need the cold to come back, but it just gets warmer and warmer and warmer."

Climate change is a global phenomenon, but the shifts are especially pronounced in Russia, where permafrost covers some two-thirds of the country at depths ranging up to almost a mile.

"People don't comprehend the scale of this change, and our government is not even thinking about it," said Alexander N Fedorov, deputy director of the Melnikov Permafrost Institute, a research body in Yakutsk, the regional capital.

In Yakutia, almost 20 per cent of Russia, distances are vast and transportation erratic. The population is just under 1 million. Natives joke that every resident could claim one lake.

Yakutia's 33 districts are the size of countries. In the far northeast, the Srednekolymsk district, which lies entirely above the Arctic Circle, is slightly smaller than Greece. Just 8,000 residents live in 10 villages, including 3,500 in the capital, also Srednekolymsk.

The region has been a synonym for remote for centuries. Empress Elizabeth exiled the first prominent political prisoner to Srednekolymsk in 1744, when it took a year to reach overland from St. Petersburg. There are just two main highways transiting Yakutia, with the one built mostly by Gulag prisoners under Communism still largely unpaved.

In Srednekolymsk, summer used to last from June 1 to September 1, but now extends a couple weeks longer on both ends. Outsiders might not notice that the thermometer in January often hovers around -45°C, rather than -60°C. Residents call -45 "chilly."

In a regionwide pattern, the average annual temperature in Yakutsk has risen to -7.5°C from -10°C, over several decades, said Fedorov of the permafrost institute. **NYT**

IN OFFICE BUT NOT IN POWER

Coalitions of chaos

Are Western democracies becoming ungovernable?

A SPECTRE IS haunting the rich world. It is the spectre of ungovernability. "Ungovernability in Italy is a great risk," averred its former prime minister, Matteo Renzi, in 2017. "It will be impossible to govern Spain until they face the political problem in Catalonia," predicted the spokeswoman of the Catalan regional government in February (just before that government was closed down). Emmanuel Macron, for whom to govern is to reform, warned that "France is not a reformable country", evoking the spirit of General de Gaulle who once asked how anyone could govern a nation with 246 kinds of cheese.

When you survey the political landscape of rich countries, you see an unusual amount of chaos and upheaval. Prague has seen the largest demonstrations since the overthrow of communism. More than a quarter of the current parliaments in Europe were elected in polls that were called early. In Britain the mother of parliaments has been at the gin bottle and opinion polls everywhere show increasing numbers of people losing patience with democratic niceties and hankering after a strongman.

But experiencing protests or having weak governments does not make a country ungovernable. Moreover, as Tolstoy might have written, each ungovernable country is ungovernable in its own way. The problems of Italy, Spain and Britain are all different. So what, if anything, does ungovernability mean when applied to democracies? And if it is a problem, is it worse now than in the recent past?

Ungovernability can be thought of in four ways. No Western country is ungovernable in every one. But there are a few features that exist in more than one country and a few countries that look ungovernable in more than one sense.

First, some countries cannot form a stable government either because (in first-past-the-post systems) the largest party does not command a majority in parliament, or because (in countries with coalitions) parties cannot organise a stable alliance on the basis of election results. Spain has had three elections since the end of 2015 and may have to call a fourth following its failure to negotiate a new coalition. In Britain an election in 2017 stripped the ruling Conservatives of their majority and their subsequent period in office has been tumultuous. In both countries, stable two-party systems have given way to wobbly four- or five-party ones. (And both, incidentally, have seen the collapse of large regional governments, in Catalonia and Northern Ireland.)

In the 28 European Union countries, eight of the most recent legislative elections were snap polls, called before the end of the normal parliamentary term. This is not a trivial share, though it does not suggest widespread chaos, either.

US President Donald Trump at a cabinet meeting at the White House in Washington in January. Trump shut down the federal government twice in a year—compared with once in Barack Obama's eight years. *AP*

Joining up is hard to do

More common, countries with coalition governments have suffered unusually protracted negotiations. Sweden's lasted four months ending in January 2019; the country now has an ineffective minority government. Finland held an election in April and it took until the end of May to create a left-right coalition. These cases pale in comparison with the eight months that it took to produce a Czech government in 2018, to say nothing of the record 535 days that Belgium endured without a government in 2010-11. After its vote in 2018, Italy did manage to cobble together a coalition between populist right and populist left, though they cannot stand one another. These countries should probably be called precarious, rather than ungovernable.

Next, ungovernability can mean that governments fail to pass basic laws on which the operations of the state depend. Spain's could not pass a budget this year, triggering the election in April. Italy did pass its budget for 2019, but by busting the financial limits imposed by the EU, though confrontation has so far been avoided.

Broken by Brexit

Britain has seen an unprecedented failure: a thrice-repeated defeat by huge margins in the House of Commons on the most important issue of the day, Brexit. Had this happened at any other time, the government would have resigned, precipitating an election. As it was, the defeats triggered a contest for leadership of the Conservative Party, resulting in a government which expects to crash out of the EU without an agreement, pitted against a parliament determined to prevent such a thing happening (see Britain section). This is an extraordinary turn of events in a system which is not supposed to permit divided government. If Britain is sliding towards ungovernability will depend on whether it does crash out and what happens at the expected early election. At the moment, with a one- or two-seat majority, the government is running on fumes.

But the home of failure to pass meaningful laws is the United States, where both Republicans and Democrats have given up on passing legislation until after the presidential election of 2020. This continues a long-standing failure. Appropriation (budget) bills routinely fail to be approved on time. Between 2016 and 2018, Republicans controlled both branches of government but failed in their main legislative goal, to repeal the Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare"), and did not try to win approval for a promised deal to improve America's crumbling infrastructure. America is not ungovernable in most senses of the term but its legislature and executive are locked into paralysis.

A third aspect of ungovernability is the systematic corruption of constitutional norms, making political processes haphazard or arbitrary. This does not always make countries ungovernable. Sometimes, as recently in Hungary, for example, it does the opposite, increasing state power at the expense of democratic checks and balances. But the undermining of norms can also hamper decision-making, as in Britain. There, cabinet responsibility and party discipline have broken down, ministers break the ministerial code of conduct and traditions of parliamentary procedure, such as holding a Queen's Speech to outline legislative proposals, are ignored.

America is not quite as bad. But President Donald Trump shut down the federal government twice in a year—compared with once in Barack Obama's eight years. The second Trump shutdown, in 2018-19, was the longest in history. Mr Trump has flouted Congress over a tax law and urged his administration to resist Congressional requests for information. The former British ambassador to Washington called his administration dysfunctional, unpredictable, faction-riven, diplomatically clumsy and inept. And that is the view of America's friends. America's political system is not designed to operate smoothly. But it is becoming dysfunctional in ways the framers never envisaged.

Western countries are not ungovernable in the sense of paralysed by riots or crises. They have not lost control of the streets. Nor are they Congo. But their governments are riven by disputes and are too weak to implement big reforms—to pensions, say, or social care. They are not impossible to govern in the sense of chaotic or anarchic but more than a few are ungovernable in the sense that their governments cannot do anything of importance.

Lastly, the past year has seen a return to the streets of mass demonstrations. In France, the gilets jaunes (yellow jackets), a populist grassroots movement, have blocked roads and staged some of the most violent demonstrations the country has seen since 1968. In Britain campaigners against Brexit claimed 1m people joined a demonstration in London in March 2019, which would make it one of Britain's largest-ever rallies. Prague has seen the largest demonstrations since the Velvet revolution of 1989. And there have been smaller anti-government rallies in Spain, Serbia, Hungary and Slovakia in 2018-19.

The nature of these demonstrations, however, is a reminder of what today's ungovernability is not. It is not mob rule. No one is burning down the presidential palace or executing the king. Protests in Western capitals have mostly been placid compared with the 1960s and 1970s. During riots after the assassination of Martin Luther King in 1968, machine-guns were posted on the steps of the Capitol.

That point of comparison suggests an odd feature of contemporary politics: it turns the experience of the 1970s upside down. Then, inflation was rampant, unemployment high and strikes common. There were riots and assassinations and, in America, conscription into an unpopular war. Yet, with exceptions such as the Watergate scandal, the business of government continued to rumble along. Within a couple of years of the riots in 1968, Richard Nixon had set up the Environmental Protection Agency; de Gaulle won a legislative election just after the Paris événements. Paul Keating, later Australia's prime minister, said of his country's government in the 1980s that "the dogs may bark but the caravan moves on" (ie, the government kept going, critics notwithstanding). Now, matters seem to be reversed. Inflation is tamed, unemployment is low and wages are inching up. But governments are stalemated. Compared with the 1970s, societies are less disorderly but politics is more so.

Perhaps this will prove short-lived. Maybe politicians are just facing a temporary double-whammy of unpopularity. Voters are not giving them credit for economic recovery and are angry about the costs of austerity. If so, governments might one day reap electoral rewards and normal governance will resume.

The party's over

But longer-term trends seem against that, notably the secular decline of large political parties which has gone furthest in Europe. At their height, the two largest parties in Britain, Spain and Germany were winning 80-90% of the vote. Now, they are down to two-thirds or less.

In 1960, 15% of electorates in western Europe were affiliated with a party. Now the share is below 5%. Britain's two big parties were once the largest civic organisations in the country. Now their combined membership is less than that of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Membership of unions and churches has fallen, marginalising the institutions that buttressed the centre-left and centre-right, respectively. And, except in America, voters are more fickle. Alessandro Chiaramonte of the University of Florence and Vincenzo Emanuele of Luiss University in Rome found that 8% of European voters changed their votes between national elections in 1946-68; in 1969-91, 9% did so; in 1992-2015, 13% changed their minds.

Everywhere, parties are finding it harder to recruit and retain members and to mobilise voters. Parties are the organising forces of parliamentary democracy. They pick candidates, approve manifestos and get out the vote. Coalitions usually revolve around one large party. If parties continue to decline, political systems are likely to become at least more fluid, and at worst harder to govern.

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RUSSIAN SUBVERSION

The enemy within

How the Baltic states spot the Kremlin's agents

THE TIP WAS sent by a city tech worker: a single person could, in one fell swoop, disable almost every traffic light in Vilnius, Lithuania's capital. It proved true, says Aurimas Navys, a former officer at Lithuania's State Security Department. Mr Navys, who had received the tip despite his recent retirement, made sure the vulnerability was fixed. Lithuania and the other Baltic states, Estonia and Latvia, all NATO members, are scrambling, he says, to identify such weaknesses and the individuals who might exploit them on behalf of Russia. Mr Navys reckons that the defensive efforts of the Baltic states have multiplied tenfold since 2014. That was when Russia seized Crimea and, in Ukraine's east, set off separatist fighting that continues today.

Russia pulled that off with help from supporters in Ukraine, many of whom had been discreetly cultivated by Russia's intelligence agencies and Spetsnaz special forces. Kremlin supporters in Ukraine's military bureaucracy in Kiev proved especially damaging, Mr Navys says. They deliberately stalled Ukraine's response to the seizure of its territory. (Among the Ukrainians arrested for aiding Russia in 2014 was Ukraine's army chief at the time, Volodymyr Zamana, though he was later freed.) Ukraine had failed to search hard enough for Russian assets in its midst, says Raimundas Karoblis, Lithuania's defence minister. "We now, after Ukraine, have learned the lessons," he says.

The Baltics are keen to avoid Ukraine's mistakes. Recent remarks by Russian officials and Kremlin mouthpieces have highlighted the danger. As their propaganda has it, parts of Lithuania were gifts from Moscow in Soviet times and therefore rightfully belong to Russia. Troublingly, that was Russia's rationale for annexing Crimea. The Baltic states reckon that to thwart a destabilisation campaign that Russia could launch, perhaps to support an armed attack, they should determine who might be susceptible to the Kremlin's bidding. So the search is on for people involved in what officials call "Russian influence activities" as well as, more darkly, "sleeper cells" that could be activated from Moscow.

Consider the following hypothetical example, says Stephen Flanagan, a specialist on eastern Europe at America's National Security Council during Russia's offensive in Ukraine. A rumour spreads that an ethnic Russian girl in Estonia has been raped. A local pro-Kremlin motorcycle gang is told to wreak havoc. The Kremlin, which has asserted a right to protect ethnic Russians abroad, might then send in troops. At least two Russian security agencies operate in the Baltic states, says Mr Flanagan, who, before leaving government, studied the region's defences against Russia.

Most of the suspects identified by Lithuania's security agencies as part of this effort are classified as Kremlin "supporters". People in this category might do things like pass along the fabrications against Baltic democracies that crop up relentlessly online. In April, for example, a bogus report asserted that Mr Karoblis had been arrested for accepting a bribe to promote American interests at Lithuania's defence ministry. In one iteration, he was shown behind bars in a faked photograph. Lithuania has placed a smaller number of suspects in a different category: "potential doers". Officials fear these people might take stronger action, perhaps rioting to discredit a democratic government.

Officials say they begin with tips, as well as hints of Kremlin sympathies. They might spot these in displays of military symbols or Vladimir Putin's image, as well as in tweets, tattoos and even hairstyles. Such things often mean little in and of themselves, but officials say tracking them is useful. For starters, tallying even the seemingly trivial reports of pro-Kremlin rants by drunkards, say—can reveal an important emerging pattern, says Tomas Ceponis, an analyst at Lithuania's defence ministry. He is part of a team that records locations and other characteristics of pro-Kremlin or anti-NATO displays, graffiti and vandalism included.

Polls suggest that few Balts believe life would be better under Russian rule. As a Vilnius Uber driver describing past Russian domination puts it: "For us, Russia is an animal." The average wage in Russia is lower than "a pension for a babushka in Estonia", says Toomas Hendrik Ilves, Estonia's president from 2006 to 2016.

Russia, however, has ways to recruit foreign helpers who are not necessarily devoted believers. In eastern Ukraine, for example, the GRU (Russia's military intelligence agency) has offered heads of criminal gangs positions in a future Russian administration in exchange for help bringing it about. In Baltic countries the risk of arrest for Russia's operatives is greater. Russia, then, tends to recruit indirectly in the Baltic states, offering inducements via local NGOs and the Socialist People's Front, a Lithuanian leftist political party whose former leader was arrested last year on charges of spying for Russia.

A larger number of Balts, officials say, are recruited when they travel to Russia or its ally Belarus. Cigarettes and petrol are mostly cheaper there, so many people hop across the border, stock up, and sell the stuff once back home. Russian agents commonly approach Balts making these runs and offer money in exchange for help. Edvinas Kerza, Lithuania's vice-minister of defence, says his country therefore works hard to identify Lithuanians engaged in this hustle. Most troubling, he says, are those who have access to sensitive information thanks to a job in government.

Russia also recruits by blackmailing visitors who accept the advances of beautiful women, Mr Kerza says. Another approach involves creating a legal problem for a relative living in Russia or Belarus. The Balt is then told that the charges will be dropped in exchange for spying services. Mr Kerza says Lithuania checks to see if applicants for a government job have relatives in Russia. Arrests of suspected spies are common in the Baltic countries.

Some fret that the search for fifth columnists can be taken too far. Eitvydas Bajarunas, the Lithuanian foreign ministry's top official for hybrid threats, tells the story of men spotted in a wooded area near Vilnius. They were quickly rounded up by special forces but released soon after. They had been playing paintball. To process leads more effectively, a new intelligence centre is quietly being readied in Vilnius for operations to begin later this year. The Baltic Special Operations Forces Intelligence Fusion Cell, as it is called, is an initiative of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland, with American help. They are being designed so that the analysts can be rapidly dispersed to work from vehicles, lest the headquarters be targeted in a conflict.

Pro-Russian self-defence units approach a military airbase in the Crimean town of Belbek in March, 2014. The defensive efforts of the Baltic states have multiplied tenfold since 2014. That was when Russia seized Crimea. *Reuters*

Were Russia to invade the Baltic states, local Kremlin supporters could no doubt hamper resistance. But Anders Fogh Rasmussen, a former boss of NATO, says Russia is more likely to step up efforts to stoke divisions and undermine trust in Baltic democracies with the help of its "useful idiots" there. On that, many Baltic officials are cautiously optimistic. Resistance to the Kremlin narrative of a decadent, fascist West is stronger in the Baltic region than in poorer eastern Ukraine. And even there, Russia is so unpopular that it has so far failed to secure control of a land corridor to Crimea. The Kremlin's propagandists do not always win.

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Last Date & Time of online bid submission (Part I & II)	19.08.2019 upto 1000 Hrs.
Date & Time of Online Bid Opening (Part-I) Online on https://bbmbeproc.abcprocure.com	19.08.2019 from 1100 Hrs. onwards

The Bids are to be submitted online. For cost of tender document, earnest money deposit and detailed NIT, please visit BBMB website **https://bbmbeproc.abcprocure.com** & **www.bbmb.gov.in**

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S. E. RAILWAY TENDER

Open e-Tender (e-Tender Notice No. E-Dy-W-40-BOXNLW-3, Dt.04.08.2019) is invited by the Dy.CME(Wagon)/ KGP, South Eastern Railway, Kharagpur, for and on behalf of the President of India from reputed contractor for the following work. **Name of the work :** Repair of heavily damaged BOXNLW wagons. **Approx cost of the work:** Rs.2,11,41,920/- including GST@5%. **Earnest Money :** Rs.2,55,700/-. **Date and Time of Closing e-tender :** 03.09.2019 at 12.00 hrs. **Website Particulars & details: www.ireps.gov.in** South Eastern Railway/Wagon Shop-KGP-Mechanical. Tenderers may visit website **www.ireps.gov.in** for full details/ description/ specification of the tender and sumbit their bids online. **(PR-586)**

AWARDING SOLE ADVERTISEMENT RIGHT OF MALIGAON AREA

Tender Notice No.: C/257/LM/PUB/ 2018/Pt.-I(MLG's Area), date: 01-08-2019. E-Tender No.: C-LMG-08-2019, Dated: 01-08-2019. Open Tender through e-tendering systems (two packets system) are invited by the undersigned for Awarding Sole advertisement right of **MALIGAON AREA (NON-LIT) OF LUMDING Division** for a period of 01 year extendable upto another 04 years (01 year at a time on satisfactory performance). **Reserved price for one year:** ₹4,32,215/-; **Earnest money (2%):** ₹8,700/-. **E-Tender will be closed at** 11:00 hrs. on 04-09-2019 and **Opened** at 12:00 hrs. on 04-09-2019. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available from 06-08-2019 to 04-09-2019 upto 11.00 hrs. in website **www.ireps.gov.in**.

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E-TENDER PRESS NOTICE

The EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CD-XIII, I&FC Department Govt. of Delhi, on behalf of the President of India, invites Online Percentage rate tender from the approved and eligible contractors registered with IRRIGATION AND FLOOD CONTROL DEPARTMENT. The contractors who are registered with other department and now got their registrations verified from I&FC Deptt. are eligible to participate in Tender process for the work:-

1. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/29 (ID No. 2019_IFC_177212_1) Major Head of Account 2711 (Revenue) Name of Work: Providing and fixing of M.S. Grill at Bridges at RD 0m, RD 330m, RD 990m, RD 1800m and RD 2740m of Mungeshpur Drain. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 28,80,264/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 57,605/- Time allowed 90 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 16-08-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
2. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/30 (ID No. 2019_IFC_177220_1) Major Head of Account 4217-Plan (MLA LAD Fund) Name of Work: Providing and fixing Open Gym equipment in villages Mitraon, Surehera, Jaffarpur and Dichaon Kalan in Najafgarh Constituency, AC-35. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 84,29,941/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,68,599/- Time allowed 60 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 16-08-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
3. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/31 (ID No. 2019_IFC_177238_1) Major Head of Account 4217-Plan (MLA LAD Fund) Name of Work: Providing and fixing of Cement Concrete Benches (SFRC Benches) in various villages in Najafgarh Block, AC-35. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 49,36,375/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 98,728/- Time allowed 30 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 16-08-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
4. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/32 (ID No. 2019_IFC_177244_1) Major Head of Account 4217-Plan (MLA LAD Fund) Name of Work: Providing and fixing Open Gym equipment in villages Kair, Issapur and Bakkargarh in Najafgarh Constituency, AC-35. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 63,21,616/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,26,432/-Time allowed 60 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 16-08-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
5. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/33 (ID No. 2019_IFC_177251_1) Major Head of Account 4217-Plan (MLA LAD Fund) Name of Work: Providing and fixing Open Gym equipment in villages Kazipur in Najafgarh Constituency, AC-35. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 21,04,490/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 42,090/- Time allowed 60 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 16-08-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
6. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/34 (ID No. 2019_IFC_177389_1) Major Head of Account 4217-Plan (MLA LAD Fund) Name of Work: Providing and fixing Open Gym equipment in Kh. No. 35/28 at village Habatpur in Najafgarh Block. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 21,04,490/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 42,090/- Time allowed 60 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 16-08-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
7. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/35 (ID No. 2019_IFC_177272_1) Major Head of Account 4217-Plan (MLA LAD Fund) Name of Work: Development of Park in Kh. No. 35/28 at village Habatpur in Najafgarh Block. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 44,51,465/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 89,029/- Time allowed 60 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 16-08-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
8. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/36 (ID No. 2019_IFC_177277_1) Major Head of Account 4515-Plan (RDB) Name of Work: Improvement of existing Sazra road in Kh. No. 256 and 46 in the revenue estate of village Nangli Sakrawati in District South West. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 90,65,110/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,81,302/- Time allowed 45 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 16-08-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
9. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/37 (ID No. 2019_IFC_177280_1) Major Head of Account 4217-Plan (Development of Unauthorized Colonies) Name of Work:- Improvement and Construction of road and side drains in Shiva Enclave (F and G) Block, Green avenue, Bhim enclave, Vikas Nagar, Hastsal in Vikaspuri AC-31 (Reg. No. 1226). Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 2,96,91,554/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 5,93,831/- Time allowed 300 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 16-08-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
10. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/38 (ID No. 2019_IFC_177405_1) Major Head of Account 2711 (Revenue) Name of Work: Improvement of road and strengthening of existing bank of Mungeshpur drain from RD 9175 m to 10362 m. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 78,26,512/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,56,530/- Time allowed 60 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 16-08-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
11. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/39 (ID No. 2019_IFC_177444_1) Major Head of Account 2711 (Revenue) Name of Work: Providing and laying BM and BC on Bridges at different location on Mungeshpur Drain. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 26,52,114/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 53,042/- Time allowed 30 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 16-08-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
12. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/49 (ID No. 2019_IFC_177453_1) Major Head of Account 4217-Plan (Development of Unauthorized Colonies) Name of Work: Improvement of Streets and Side Drain at Naveen Place, Bahadurgarh road, Najafgarh, New Delhi-110043 (Reg. No. 534). Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 4,51,50,463/-Earnest Money (in Rs.) 9,03,009/- Time allowed 360 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 16-08-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
13. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/50 (ID No. 2019_IFC_177561_1) Major Head of Account 4217-Plan (Development of Unauthorized Colonies) Name of Work: Improvement of Streets and Side Drain at Gopal Nagar B-Block main Dhansa road Najafgarh, Delhi, (Reg. No. 1127-A). Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 1,15,87,302/-Earnest Money (in Rs.) 2,31,746/- Time allowed 240 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 16-08-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
14. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/51 (ID No. 2019_IFC_177468_1) Major Head of Account 4217-Plan (MLA LAD Fund) Name of Work: Construction of Three-Storey Balmiki Chaupal at Village Surhera in N.G. Block. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 1,31,35,323/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 2,62,706/- Time allowed 360 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 16-08-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
15. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/52 (ID No. 2019_IFC_177669_1) Major Head of Account 2711 (Revenue) Name of Work: Raising of existing wall on outer land boundary wall right bank on B.C. Drain from RD 1530m to RD 2530m. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 55,60,905/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,11,218/- Time allowed 90 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 16-08-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
16. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/53 (ID No. 2019_IFC_177570_1) Major Head of Account 4217-Plan (MLA LAD Fund) Name of Work: Improvement of General cremation ground at village Mitraon in N.G. Block. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 49,45,027/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 98,901/- Time allowed 90 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 16-08-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
17. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/54 (ID No. 2019_IFC_177724_1) Major Head of Account 2711 (Revenue) Name of Work: Construction of Boundary wall on left bank of Mungeshpur drain from RD 2740m to RD 3450m. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 68,92,794/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,37,856/- Time allowed 60 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 16-08-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
18. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/55 (ID No. 2019_IFC_177735_1) Major Head of Account 2711 (Revenue) Name of Work: Restoration of existing road on R/B of B.C. drain from RD 5900m to RD 7850m. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 75,26,562/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,50,531/- Time allowed 120 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 16-08-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15,05 Hrs respectively.
19. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/56 (ID No. 2019_IFC_177664_1) Major Head of Account 4515-Plan (RDB) Name of Work: Improvement, Development of Phirni of Ujwa village in N.G. Block. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 79,04,584/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,58,092/- Time allowed 120 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 16-08-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
20. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/57 (ID No. 2019_IFC_177731_1) Major Head of Account 2711 (Revenue) Name of Work: Raising of existing wall on outer land boundary wall right bank on B.C. drain from RD 580m to RD 1480m. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 49,61,097/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 99,222/- Time allowed 90 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 16-08-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
21. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/58 (ID No. 2019_IFC_177728_1) Major Head of Account 4515-Plan (RDB) Name of Work: Improvement/Development of existing road from MCD Rest House to Lahot Border and Mata Nand Kaur School to Toll Tax in village Dhansa in N.G. Block. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 83,25,292/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,66,506/- Time allowed 120 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 16-08-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
22. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/59 (ID No. 2019_IFC_177672_1) Major Head of Account 2711 (Revenue) Name of Work: Restoration of existing road on R/B of B.C. drain from RD 400m to RD 1300m and RD 4900m to RD 5900m. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 73,70,945/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,47,419/- Time allowed 120 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 16-08-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
23. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/60 (ID No. 2019_IFC_177742_1) Major Head of Account 4217-Plan (Development of Unauthorized Colonies) Name of -work: Improvement of Streets and Side Drain in Ice Factory road at village Mitraon, New Delhi-110043, (Reg. No. 65-ELD) in N.G Block. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 44,73,160/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 89,463/- Time allowed 120 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 16-08-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
24. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/12 (2nd Call) (ID No. 2019_IFC_176694_1) Major Head of Account 2711 (Revenue) Name of Work: Removal or obstruction from bed of Mungeshpur drain from RD. 0m to RD. 1800m. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 36,95,423/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 73,908/- Time allowed 60 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 16-08-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
25. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/14 (2nd Call) (ID No. 2019_IFC_177614_1) Major Head of Account 2711 (Revenue) Name of Work: Plantation of Trees on Left Bank near RD. 330m to RD. 1800m of Mungeshpur Drain and Further maintenance for three years. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 12,09,637/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 24,193/- Time allowed 60 Days + 1095 Days for maintenance period. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 16-08-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
26. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/15 (2nd Call) (ID No. 2019_IFC_176621_1) Major Head of Account 2711 (Revenue) Name of Work: Providing Electrical operator (Skilled) and Khallasi Chowkidar cum Helper for CD-XIII, office complex. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 10,47,751/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 20,955/- Time allowed 365 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 16-08-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
27. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/53 (2nd Call) (ID No. 2019_IFC_177598_1) Major Head of Account 4515-Plan (RDB) Name of Work: Construction of road Kh. No. 395 at village Dhansa in N.G. Block. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 98,14,067/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,96,281/- Time allowed 180 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 16-08-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
28. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/11 (2nd Call) (ID No. 2019_IFC_177608_1) Major Head of Account 2217 (Mukhya Mantri Sadak Punarnirman Yojna) Name of Work: Improvement of existing Link road No-310 at village Darypur Khurd in N.G Block AC-34. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 37,97,203/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 75,944/- Time allowed 120 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 16-08-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
29. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/75 (3rd Call) (ID No. 2019_IFC_177625_1) Major Head of Account 8443 (Deposit Delhi Jal Board) Name of Work: Restoration of road Cutting by Delhi Jal Board for laying of water line in Guru Nagar, Roshan Mandi Dharampura A-1, Block Extension, Dharampur A-3 Block Extension, Krishna Vihar Extension A-B Block and Raghubir Block Prem Nagar in N.G Block. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 93,16,642!- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,86,333/- Time allowed 90 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 16-08-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
30. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/18 (2nd Call) (ID No. 2019_IFC_177604_1) Major Head of Account 4515-Plan (RDB) Name of Work: Construction of road from Phirni road to Field of Chandgi Ram by RMC at village Samaspur Khalsa in N.G. Block. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 80,62,870/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,61,257/- Time allowed 90 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 16-08-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.

Note :-

1) Details of above mentioned works & eligibility criteria can be seen and downloaded from the web site **https://govteprocurement.delhi. gov.in**
2) Amendment(s)/alteration(s)/corrigendum if any, will be available at website only.
3) EMD in the form of Bankers Cheque/DD/Fixed Deposit receipt in F/o EE/CD-XIII, I&FC Deptt Shall be scanned and uploaded to the e-tender website within the period of bid submission. The original EMD should be deposited in the office of EE/CD-XIII, I&FC Deptt. within the period of bid submission.

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KOLKATA METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

e-NIT No.: SE (FAWS)/3T-06/2019/218

e-Tenders are invited by **The Superintending Engineer (FAWS), 83/1A, Vivekananda Road, Kolkata-700 006,** from reliable, experienced and resourceful Agencies for the works. **Sl. No.; Tender No.; Name of Work; Estimated Amount (₹); Earnest Money (₹); Cost of Tender Paper (₹)** are as follows: **1; SE(FAWS)/T-01 of 19-20;** Construction of take off drain and 315mm dia HDPE (PE 100/PN 6) Sludge disposal pipeline of 59 MLD WTP from Nayabasty of Ward No. 19 and surrounding areas along the Jagannath Singha Road/H.C.G. Road adjacent to the boundary wall of PALTA WATER WORKS (KMC) upto the outfall on S.N.Banerjee Road, within North Barrackpore Municipal area; ₹ 5,12,82,028/-; ₹ 10,25,700/-; ₹ 10,000/-, **2; SE(FAWS)/T-02 of 19-20;** Construction of RCC road from the clear water pumping station to the chemical house adjacent to the boundary wall of Palta Water Works of KMC at the northern side of the North Barrackpore Water Treatment Plant; ₹ 81,24,129/-; ₹ 1,62,500/-; ₹ 2,500/-, **3; SE(FAWS)/T-03 of 19-20;** Construction of boundary walls of the premises of 9 (nine) Nos. ESRs' upto 1st. Bracing structure for area protection from trespassers, by walls, painting of all new and old structures including the ESRs' etc. alongwith other ancillary works; ₹ 28,20,436/-; ₹ 56,500/-; ₹ 2,500/-. **Time of Completion:** 7.5 Months for Sl.No. 1 & 2; 4 Months for Sl.No. 3. **Last Date of Bid Submission Online:** 06.09.2019 upto 6:00 PM. For further details please contact the above office or visit our both websites.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. DME acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tender against Tender No. MC-9-OT-TP-Trolley-BE-DDN-19 Closing Date/Time 30.08.2019, 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Information regarding this tender is available on web site **www.ireps.gov.in** on internet & can be seen /download. The tenderers/bidders will have to make payment towards Tender document cost and Earnest Money against this tender through online payment modes like Net Banking, debit / Credit cards etc. available on IREPS portal. Manual / offline mode of payment through Demand Draft, Banker's cheque, Cash Deposit receipts etc. are not permitted.

Name of Work	Transportation of trolley with wheel sets of railway coaches through road truck/trailer to and fro between coaching depots of Moradabad division and Railway workshops or any other destination as per requirement of Railways for two years.		
Tender Type	Open	**Bidding System**	Single Packet System
Tender Closing Date & Time	30.08.2019 15:00 hrs.	**Date & Time of Uploading Tender**	Upto 08.08.2019
Pre-Bid Required	No	**Pre-Bid Query Date Time**	Not Applicable
Advertised Value	Rs. 97,59,892.16/-	**Tendering Section**	C AND W
Bidding Style	Single Rate for Each Schedule	**Bidding Unit**	% age Above/Below/ At par
Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Rs. 1,95,200/-	**Validity of Offer (Days)**	45 Days
Tender Doc. Cost (Rs.)	5000.00	**Period of Completion**	24 Months
Bidding Start Date	16.08.2019	**Are Joint Venture (JV) firms allowed to bid**	No

No.: MC-9-OT-TP-Trolley-BE-DDN-19 Dated: 06.08.2019. **2542/19**

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Tender Notice C/23 of 2019 Dated: 05.08.2019. Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northeast Frontier Railway, Lumding Division, Lumding, Assam-782447, for and on behalf of the President of India invites open tender in sealed cover from interested Registered Lease holder(s) of Category 'A' & 'B' of N.F. Railway Head Quarters or Lumding Division for leasing of 3.9 & 04 tonnes BG compartments of Front LWLRRM, Front SLRs & Rear SLR for carrying of parcel packages by Mail/Express & Passenger Trains, originating from Lumding Division of N.F. Railway. The carrying capacity (CC) of all SLR compartments (Front & Rear) is 04 tonne & the CC of all LWLRRM (Front) is 3.9 tonne.

SN	Train No. & Name	Station		Days of run	Available space for lease	Reserve Price (₹)
		From	To			
1.	15666 Dn B. G. Express	Dimapur	Guwahati	Daily	FSLR-II	1960
2.	15665 Up B.G. Express	Guwahati	Dimapur	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR-I	3880
3.	15670 Dn Nagaland Express	Dimapur	Guwahati	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	1960
4.	15669 Up Nagaland Express	Guwahati	Dimapur	Daily	FSLR –I, FSLR –II & RSLR -I	5800
5.	55903 Up Mariani Passenger	Dimapur	Mariani Jn.	M, Tu, W Th, F, Sa	FSLR -I	1480
6.	55901 Up Tinsukia Passenger	Lumding	Tinsukia	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	4680
7.	55602 Dn Guwahati Passenger	Lumding	Guwahati	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	1640
8.	55601 Up Guwahati- Lumding Passenger	Guwahati	Lumding	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	1640
9.	15770 Dn Lumding-Alipurduar Jn. Intercity	Lumding	Alipurduar Jn.	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	5800
10.	12510 Dn Bangalore Express	Guwahati	Bangalore Cant	Su, M, Tu	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	24640
11.	12514 Dn Secunderabad Jn. Express	Guwahati	Secunderabad Jn.	Th	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	22560
12.	15646 Dn Dadar Express	Guwahati	Lokmanyatilak	W, Su	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	22560
13.	15648 Dn Dadar Express	Guwahati	Lokmanyatilak	Tu	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	23360
14.	15636 Dn Dwarka Express	Guwahati	Okha	M	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	25880
15.	15653 Dn Amarnath Express	Guwahati	Jammu Tawi	W	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	21760
16.	15651 Dn Lohit Express	Guwahati	Jammu Tawi	M	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	21480
17.	15632 Dn Bikaner-Barmer Express	Guwahati	Barmer	Th, Sa	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	22080
18.	12346 Dn Saraighat Express	Guwahati	Howrah Jn.	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	11240
19.	12501 Dn Poorvattar S Kranti Express	Guwahati	New Delhi	W, Sa	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	18680
20.	55754 Dn Sifhung Passenger	Guwahati	Alipur Duar Jn	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	5640
21.	55804 Dn Guwahati-New Bongaigaon Passenger	Guwahati	New Bongaigaon	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	1760
22.	55810 Guwahati-New Bongaigaon Passenger	Guwahati	New Bongaigaon	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	1480
23.	55818 Dn Guwahati-New Bongaigaon Passenger	Guwahati	New Bongaigaon	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	1480
24.	55802 Dn Manas Rhino Passenger	Guwahati	New Bongaigaon	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	1480
25.	15717 Up Guwahati-Mariani I/C Express	Guwahati	Mariani Jn.	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	5280
26.	55615 Up Guwahati- Silchar Fast Passenger	Guwahati	Silchar	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	5040
27.	55616 Dn Silchar-Guwahati Passenger	Silchar	Guwahati	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	5040
28.	15605 Up Guwahati- Dibrugarh IC Express	Guwahati	Dibrugarh	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	6600
29.	15603 Up LLO Intercity	Guwahati	Ledo	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	3400
30.	15611 Up Guwahati – Silchar Express	Guwahati	Silchar	M, Th, Sa	FSLR -I, FSLR -II	2520
31.	15612 Dn Silchar- Guwahati Express	Silchar	Guwahati	Su, W, F	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	2520
32.	15617 Dn Donyi Polo Express	Guwahati	Naharlagun	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	4680
33.	55820 Dn Guwahati-Mendipathar Passenger	Guwahati	Mendipathar	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	1320
34.	55676 Up Dharmanagar-Agartala Passenger	Dharmanagar	Agartala	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	1360
35.	55680 Up Dharmanagar-Agartala Passenger	Dharmanagar	Agartala	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	1360
36.	55679 Dn Agartala-Dharmanagar Passenger	Agartala	Dharmanagar	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	1360
37.	55675 Dn Agartala-Dharmanagar Passenger	Agartala	Dharmanagar	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	1360
38.	55678 Dn Dharmanagar-Silchar Passenger	Dharmanagar	Silchar	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	1200
39.	55677 Up Silchar-Dharmanagar Passenger	Silchar	Dharmanagar	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	1200
40.	55662 Silchar- Maishashan Passenger	Silchar	Maishashan	M, Tu, W, Th, F, Sa	FSLR -I	880
41.	55661 Maishashan –Silchar Passenger	Maishashan	Silchar	M, Tu, W, Th, F, Sa	FSLR -I	880
42.	55686 Silchar-Maishashan Passenger	Silchar	Maishashan	M, Tu, W, Th, F, Sa	FSLR -I	880
43.	55685 UP Maishashan-Silchar Passenger	Maishashan	Silchar	M, Tu, W, Th, F, Sa	FSLR –I	880
44.	12508 Dn Silchar- Thiruvananthapuram Central Aronai Express	Silchar	Thiruvananthapuram Central	Thu	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	29480
45.	12516 Dn Silchar- Thiruvananthapuram Central Express	Silchar	Thiruvananthapuram Central	Tu	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	29480
46.	15601 Dn P.S.K. Express	Silchar	New Delhi	M	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	21120
47.	15943 Dn Silchar-Dibrugarh Brahmaputra Express	Silchar	Dibrugarh	Tu	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	3160
48.	13176 Dn Silchar-Sealdah Kunchan Jungha Express	Silchar	Sealdah	M, W, F	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	14480
49.	55663 Dn Agartala-Silchar Passenger	Agartala	Silchar	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	3880
50.	55664 Dn Silchar-Agartala Passenger	Silchar	Agartala	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	3880
51.	13174 Dn Agartala-Sealdah Kanchanjunga Express	Agartala	Sealdah	Su, Tu, Th, Sa	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	15880
52.	14019 Dn Tripura sundari Express	Agartala	Anand Vihar Terminal	Th	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	22080
53.	15626 Dn Deoghar Express	Agartala	Deoghar	Sa	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	7680
54.	13247 Dn Kamakhya-Rajendranagar T Capital Express	Kamakhya	Rajendranagar T	Tu,W, Th, F	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	5400
55.	55812 Kamakhya-Dhubri Fast Passenger	Kamakhya	Dhubri	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	2120
56.	15815 Dn Kamakhya-Dekargaon I/C Express	Kamakhya	Dekargaon	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	1640
57.	19710 Dn Kamakhya- Jaipur Kaviguru	Kamakhya	Udaipur City	Th	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	22840
58.	15772 Dn Kamakhya-Alipur Duar I/C Express	Kamakhya	Alipur Duar Jn	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	2240
59.	15630 Silghat Town-Tambaram Nagaon Express	Silghat Town	Tambaram	Fri	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	36920
60.	55603 Up Guwahati-Mairabari Kalongpar Passenger	Guwahati	Mairabari	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	1520
61.	55604 Dn Mairabari-Guwahati Kalongpar Passenger	Mairabari	Guwahati	Daily	FSLR -I, FSLR -II & RSLR -I	1520
62.	55682 Agartala –Belonia Passenger	Agartala	Belonia	M, Tu, W, Th, F, Sa	FSLR -I	1000
63.	55684 Agartala –Belonia Passenger	Agartala	Belonia	M, Tu, W, Th, F, Sa	FSLR -I	1000
64.	55681 Belonia-Agartala	Belonia	Agartala	M, Tu, W, Th, F, Sa	FSLR -I	1000
65.	55683 Belonia-Agartala	Belonia	Agartala	M, Tu, W, Th, F, Sa	FSLR -I	1000
66.	19306 Dn Kamakhya-Indore Jn Bg Express	Kamakhya	Indore Jn Bg	Su	FLWLRRM	20592
67.	15624 Dn Kamakhya- Bhagat Ki Kothi Express	Kamakhya	Bhagat Ki Kothi	F	FLWLRRM	21762
68.	15644 Dn Kamakhya-Puri Express	Kamakhya	Puri	Th	FLWLRRM	15639
69.	15640 Dn Kamakhya-Puri Express	Kamakhya	Puri	Su	FLWLRRM	7839
70.	15662 Dn Kamakhya-Ranchi Express	Kamakhya	Ranchi	Tu	FLWLRRM	12987
71.	15668 Dn Kamakhya-Gandhidham Express	Kamakhya	Gandhidham Jn	W	FLWLRRM	37479
72.	15620 Dn Kamakhya-Gaya Express	Kamakhya	Gaya Jn	M	FLWLRRM	11544
73.	20501 Dn Agartala-Anand Vihar Terminal Rajdhani Express	Agartala	Anand Vihar Terminal	M	FLWLRRM	31824
74.	12520 Dn Kamakhya –Lokmanyatilak AC Express	Kamakhya	Lokmanyatilak	Th	FLWLRRM	21996
75.	12505 Dn Northeast Express	Kamakhya	Anand Vihar Terminal	Daily	FLWLRRM	17550
76.	15655 Dn Kamakhya –Shmata Vd Katra Express	Kamakhya	Shmata Vd Katra	Su	FLWLRRM	10998
77.	13181 Silghat Town– Kolkata Kaziranga Express	Silghat Town	Kolkata	Tue	FLWLRRM	12519
78.	12085 Up Guwahati-Dibrugarh Shatabdi Express	Guwahati	Dibrugarh	Tu, Th, Sa	FLWLRRM	11232
79.	12088 Dn Guwahati-Naharlagun Shatabdi Express	Guwahati	Naharlagun	M, W, F	FLWLRRM	8541

N.B: Earnest Money Deposit for each 3.9 & 04 tonnes compartment mentioned in Sn. 01 to Sn.79 is Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lac only). Tender Form can be obtained from the Office of the Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Lumding, Assistant Commercial Manager, Guwahati and Area Office, Badarpur, N.F. Railway during working hours from **10:00 hrs.** of **09-08-2019** & up to **13:00 hrs.** of **11-09-2019** on every working day. **Tender Form can be dropped** in the Tender Box kept at the offices of the Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Lumding, Assistant Commercial Manager, Guwahati and Area Office, Badarpur, N.F. Railway from **10:00 hrs.** of **09-08-2019** up to **17:00 hrs.** of **11-09-2019.** The sealed **Tender Box will be opened** at **11:00 hrs.** of **13-09-2019** at Senior Divisional Commercial Manager's office, Lumding. For details please visit our website **www.nfr.indianrailways.gov.in**

Divisional Commercial Manager, Lumding

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CONSTRUCTION OF ROB AT MANKOTA

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. TSK/ Engg/37 of 2019; dated 02-08-2019 (Two Packet System). Works tender through E-Tendering system are invited for the works detailed as: **Brief Description of item:** At Tinsukia Division - Construction of ROB at Mankota Km.0/6-7 by 36M Bow String Girder (Span Arrangement 2x30 + 1x36 + 2x30) with RE wall approaches. **Tender Value:** ₹38,79,92,004/-; **Earnest Money:** ₹20,90,000/-. Date and time of Closing of Tender at **15:00 hrs. on 30-08-2019.** Date and time of Opening of Tender **at 16:00 hrs. on 30-08-2019.** The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available **upto 15.00 hrs of 30-08-2019** in website **http://www.ireps.gov.in.**

Divisional Railway Manager (Works)/Tinsukia
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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender Notice No. CE/2019/05, Date : 06.08.2019 E-Open tender No. - 02196442SP to be opened on 27.08.2019. 1. Name of the work with its location : Fabrication and Supply of 10125 mm Over-Riding curved Switch for 1 in 12 T/Out BG (1673 mm) for 60 Kg on PSC Sleeper to RDSO's Drg. No. T-4219/Alteration -6 with amendment up to 10 days before date of closing of e-tender and Conforming to IRS Specification No. T-10-2000 for Fabricated Switches with Corrigendum No. 01 of Dec. 2016. The Switch should be completed with all fittings as listed in the drawing including check rails but excluding G.R. Sole Plate, Insulating Liners, ERC, Fish Plates & Fish Bolts. (Qty. - 45 sets) Location - Office of Principal Chief Engineer, East Central Railway Hajipur. 2. Approx cost of the work : ₹77,06,533.95, 3. Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹1,54,140/-, 4. Date & Time for closing of tender and opening of tender : 11.30 Hrs. on 27.08.2019, 05 Website particulars, where complete details of tender can be seen: Related tender documents can be seen or downloaded from websites: http://www.ireps.gov.in.

Dy. CE/TSP/ECR/Hajipur
PR/0940/HQ/Engg./N/19-20/36

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - III, DELHI
4th Floor Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi: 110 001

Notice under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act. 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993).

In the matter of O.A. NO. 532/2018
AXIS BANK LTD. **......Applicant**
VS
MANU ARORA & ORD DEFENDANTS

To,
D-1 Manu Arora, 130/18 Laxmi Garden Near Tikona Park Gurgaon, Haryana-122001.
Also At:- Mckinsey Knowledge Centre India Pvt. Ltd. 3rd Floor Block Iii Vatika Business Park, Sohna Road Gurgaon, Haryana-122001
Also At:-
Email: er.manuarora @gmail.com
D-2 Neha Arora W/o Mr. Manu Arora, 130/18 Laxmi Garden Near Tikona Park Gurgaon, Haryana-122001

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal **07.08.2019 at 10.30 A.M.**

Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 05th day of July 2019.

By Order of the Tribunal

Assistant Registrar, DRT-III, New Delhi

North Eastern Railway
TENDER NOTICE

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Colony, N.E. Railway, Gorakhpur, for & behalf of President of India invites "OPEN" E-Tender through online (e-tendering) for the following work.

SL : 1, Tender Notice No. & description of Work : 21-2019 Colony, Name of the works: Electrification work (for 54 nos.) bunglow in connection GKP-Provision of one addition bed room & toilet to provide minimum standard amenites in jurisdiction of Dy. CE/GA for SAG & JAG pooled bunglow. **Approx. Value ₹ : 948780.00, EMD Money ₹ : 19000.00, Cost of Tender form : ₹ 2400/-, Completion time/period from the date of issue of acceptance letter- 120 Days. SL : 2, Tender Notice No. & description of Work : 22-2019-Colony, Name of the works:-** Electrification Work in Connection with Provision of Deep Tubewell with Pump House near Rail Museum at Gorakhpur. **Approx. Value ₹ : 647161.00, EMD Money ₹ : 13000/-, Cost of Tender form : ₹ 2400/-, Completion time/period from the date of issue of acceptance letter- 120 Days.**

E-tender online will be submitted upto 15.00 Hrs on dated 27.08.2019. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railway IREPS official website **www.ireps.gov.in.**

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/ Colony/Gorakhpur
CPRO/EL-49

Railway Vig. Mobile Help Line No. 0551-155210 (Regarding corruption complaint)

Do not travel on roof top and foot board of train

GOLD	RUPEE	OIL	SILVER
₹37,920	₹70.89	$58.95*	₹43,670

*Indian basket as on August 6, 2019

SENSEX: 36,690.50 ▼ 286.35 **NIFTY:** 10,855.50 ▼ 92.75 **NIKKEI:** 20,516.56 ▼ 68.75 **HANG SENG:** 25,997.03 ▲ 20.79 **FTSE:** 7,223.40 ▲ 51.71 **DAX:** 11,687.18 ▲ 119.22

International market data till 1900 IST

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA'S MONETARY POLICY REVIEW

RBI lowers GDP forecast to 6.9% from 7%; points to 'weakening of demand conditions'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, AUGUST 7

ACKNOWLEDGING THE slowdown in the economy, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has slashed the real GDP growth for 2019-20 from 7 per cent projected in the June policy to 6.9 per cent. The growth is likely to be in the range of 5.8-6.6 per cent for the first half of 2019-20 and 7.3-7.5 per cent for the second half of the year with risks somewhat tilted to the downside.

GDP growth for the first quarter of 2020-21 is projected at 7.4 per cent, the RBI said. The base effects will turn favourable in the second half of 2019-20.

"Various high frequency indicators suggest weakening of both domestic and external demand conditions," it said. The Business Expectations Index of the Reserve Bank's industrial outlook survey shows muted expansion in demand conditions in Q2, although a decline in input costs augurs well for growth.

In the RBI's June resolution, real GDP growth for 2019-20 was projected at 7.0 per cent — in the range of 6.4-6.7 per cent for the first half of 2019-20 and 7.2-7.5 per cent for H2 — with risks evenly balanced. However, many sectors like auto are now facing a slowdown.

"The impact of monetary policy easing since February 2019 is also expected to support economic activity, going forward," Das said.

Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das (centre) along with RBI Deputy Governors in Mumbai on Wednesday. *Prashant Nadkar*

Last week, HDFC chairman Deepak Parekh said there has been a distinct slowdown in the economy and the problem was compounded by the tight liquidity situation in the non-banking finance companies and housing finance companies and the reluctance of banks to lend funds. L&T chairman AM Naik had said "we should feel 'lucky' even if GDP clips at 6.5 per cent".

On inflation, the central bank projected the path of CPI inflation at 3.1 per cent for Q2 of 2019-20 and 3.5-3.7 per cent for the second half of 2019-20, with risks evenly balanced. In the second bi-monthly monetary policy resolution of June 2019, CPI inflation was projected at 3.0-3.1 per cent for H1 of 2019-20 and 3.4-3.7 per cent for H2 of 2019-20. "The actual headline inflation outcome for Q1 of 2019-20 at 3.1 per cent was in alignment with these projections," it said.

According to the RBI, the baseline inflation trajectory for the next four quarters will be shaped by several factors. First, the uptick in food inflation may be sustained by price pressures in vegetables and pulses as more recent data suggest, it said. It has projected CPI inflation for Q1 of 2020-21 at 3.6 per cent.

Uneven spatial and temporal distribution of monsoon could exert some upward pressure on food items, though this risk is likely to be mitigated by the recent catch up in rainfall. Second, despite excess supply conditions, crude oil prices may likely remain volatile due to geo-political tensions in the Middle-East, it said.

Third, the outlook for CPI inflation excluding food and fuel remains soft.

Manufacturing firms participating in the industrial outlook survey expect output prices to ease in Q2. Fourth, one year ahead, inflation expectations of households polled by the Reserve Bank have moderated.

> **... The RBI has unveiled a host of bazooka measures to arrest the recent growth pangs ..."**
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> **RAJNISH KUMAR**
> CHAIRMAN, SBI
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> **This (repo rate cut) would bring down the lending rate offered by banks ... With improvement in liquidity position and reduction in deposit rates offered by banks, further reduction in lending rate is expected"**
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> **SUNIL MEHTA**
> CHAIRMAN, INDIAN BANKS ASSOCIATION
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> **... extremely encouraging move and clearly highlights the intent of the central bank to impart greater momentum to India's growth trajectory"**
>
> **SANDIP SOMANY**
> PRESIDENT, FICCI

Fourth rate cut in 2019

The RBI's MPC has cut repo rate for the fourth time in 2019 by 35 basis points stating that "benign inflation outlook provides headroom for policy action"

5.40% is the current repo rate, the rate at which the RBI lends funds

5.15% is reverse repo rate, the rate at which RBI borrows from banks

6.9% GDP growth for 2019-20, down from 7% projected earlier

3.1% inflation projected for second quarter of 2019-20

110 bps is the reduction in Repo rate in calendar 2019 so far

MPC VOTED FOR CUT: While MPC members Chetan Ghate and Pami Dua voted for 25 bps cut, Ravindra Dholakia, Michael Patra, BP Kanungo and Shaktikanta Das opted for 35 bps reduction in repo rate and retained accommodative policy stance.

INFLATION OUTLOOK: Uneven spatial and temporal distribution of monsoon could exert some upward pressure on food items, though this risk is likely to be mitigated by the recent catch up in rainfall. The outlook for CPI inflation excluding food and fuel remains soft.

RBI FOCUS: Addressing growth concerns by boosting aggregate demand, especially private investment, assumes the highest priority while remaining consistent with the inflation mandate.

REVISION IN POLICY RATES

	Bank rate	Repo rate	Reverse repo	SLR
April 5, 2018	6.25	6.00	5.75	19.50
June 6, 2018	6.50	6.25	6.00	19.50
Aug 1, 2018	6.75	6.50	6.25	19.50
Oct 5, 2018	6.75	6.50	6.25	19.50
Dec 5, 2018	6.75	6.50	6.25	18.00*
Feb 7, 2019	6.50	6.25	6.00	18.00*
April 4, 2019	6.25	6.00	5.75	18.00*
June 6, 2019	6.00	5.75	5.50	18.00*
Aug 7, 2019	5.65	5.40	5.15	18.00*

*Over six quarters

Banks' exposure limits, lending norms eased for stressed NBFCs

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THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday unveiled more measures to enhance credit flow to the cash-starved non-banking financial companies (NBFC) sector.

The central bank has decided to raise a bank's exposure limit to a single NBFC to 20 per cent of Tier-I capital of the bank as a step towards harmonisation of the counterparty exposure limit to single non-banking financial company with that of the general limit.

The limit was 15 per cent earlier while other sectors enjoyed the 20 per cent limit. The hike will enable banks to increase the credit flow to big NBFCs.

In another measure, the Reserve Bank has decided to allow bank lending to registered non-banking financial companies (other than micro-finance institutions) for on-lending to agriculture (investment credit) up to Rs 10 lakh, micro and small enterprises up to Rs 20 lakh and housing up to Rs 20 lakh per borrower (up from Rs 10 lakh at present) to be classified as priority sector lending.

The Reserve Bank of India has also reduced risk weight for consumer credit (except credit card receivables), including personal loans, to 100 per cent as against a risk weight of 125 per cent or higher, if warranted by the external rating of the counterparty.

Last year, Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Limited (IL&FS) defaulted on repayment, sending the entire financial sector into a turmoil. Most of them suffered from asset-liability mismatches and used short-term money for long-term funding.

The Reserve Bank has already indicated that it would review the regulatory framework for the financial sector.

The government also announced temporary support to NBFCs and housing finance firms through public sector banks (PSBs).

EXPLAINED

Measures come at a time when NBFC lending is down

APART FROM lowering interest rates to spur credit demand, the Reserve Bank of India has announced two additional steps to improve bank lending to non-banking financial companies (NBFCs).

The measures are pertinent at a time when lending activity by many NBFCs have declined significantly, resulting in demand slowdown for a range of items including cars, tractors, white goods among others.

OTHER STEPS

24X7 NEFT TRANSFER: The National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) payment system which is now available for bank customers from 8 am to 7 pm on all working days of the week (except 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month) will be available on a 24x7 basis from December 2019.

BILL PAYMENT SYSTEM EXPANDED: In order to leverage the advantages of the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS), the RBI has decided to permit all categories of billers (except prepaid recharges) who provide for recurring bill payments to participate in BBPS on a voluntary basis. BBPS, an interoperable platform for repetitive bill payments, currently covers five segments — direct-to-home (DTH), electricity, gas, telecom and water bills.

ON TAP BILL PAYMENT: In order to benefit from diversification of risk as also to encourage innovation and competition, the RBI has decided to offer 'on tap' authorisation to entities desirous to function, operate or provide platforms for Bharat Bill Payment Operating Unit (BBPOU), Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) and White Label ATMs (WLAs).

DIGITAL FRAUD REGISTRY: The RBI has proposed to facilitate the creation of a Central Payment Fraud Registry that will track digital transaction frauds.

SBI lowers lending rates by 15 bps from Aug 10

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STATE BANK of India (SBI), the country's largest lender, on Wednesday announced a 15-basis-point (bps) cut in its marginal cost of fund based lending rate (MCLR) across all tenors soon after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cut its repo rate by 35 basis points (bps) on Wednesday.

With the fourth consecutive rate cut by the bank in the current fiscal year, the one year MCLR would come down to 8.25 per cent per annum from 8.40 per cent per annum with effect from August 10, 2019, while the MCLR for three year would come down to 8.45 per cent per annum, 8.35 per cent for two year, 8.10 per cent for six month, 7.95 per cent for three month and 7.90 per cent for one month and overnight lending.

With this MCLR cut, home loans would become cheaper by 35 bps since April 10, 2019. In addition, SBI is offering a Repo Linked Home Loan Product from July 1, 2019.

With the recent cut in the policy rate, SBI's effective Repo Linked Lending Rate (RLLR) for cash credit (CC) and overdraft (OD) customers will stand revised to 7.65 per cent effective from. September 01, 2019. **FE**

All-time high: Gold surges ₹1,113 to ₹37,920 per 10 gram

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GOLD PRICES on Wednesday surged Rs 1,113 to hit an all-time high of Rs 37,920 per 10 gram in Delhi on sustained buying from jewellers amid strong trend overseas. Globally, investors rushed to safe havens, spooked by a host of uncertainties including US-China trade and a slowing global economy.

Silver, in the national capital, rose by Rs 650 to Rs 43,670 per kg on increased offtake by industrial units and coin makers. Gold of 99.9 per cent purity surged Rs 1,113 to Rs 37,920, while that of 99.5 per cent climbed Rs 1,115 to Rs 37,750 per 10 gram on Wednesday. Sovereign gold also rose by Rs 200 to Rs 27,800 per eight gram.

Analysts said the rise in local demand, coupled with robust global trend, mainly led to the surge in gold prices.

"Bullion prices traded higher with international spot gold prices rallying on Wednesday. Gold prices witnessed safe haven buying due to global economic uncertainty on trade war escalation and weak investment sentiment," HDFC Securities senior analyst (commodities) Tapan Patel was quoted by *PTI* as saying said.

"The trade war intensified with the United States labelling China as currency manipulator, while China ordered to suspend all agriculture import from US," he said.

The worsening Sino-US trade talks may lead to further rate cuts from US Federal Reserve to support lingering economy, he added.

Globally, gold soared more than 2 per cent on Wednesday to breach the $1,500 ceiling for the first time in over six years. Spot gold gained 1.6 per cent at $1,497.69 per ounce at 1419 GMT, having touched $1,509.80, its highest since April 2013. US gold futures climbed 1.7 per cent to $1,509.60, according to a *Reuters* report. **WITH AGENCIES**

Markets slump on cut in growth forecast by RBI

Mumbai: The BSE Sensex slumped 286 points on Wednesday after the RBI slashed the benchmark lending rate but also lowered the growth estimate for the current financial year, underscoring risks to economic revival amid multiple headwinds.

After swinging 494 points in choppy trade, the 30-share index settled 286.35 points or 0.77 per cent lower at 36,690.50.

The broader NSE Nifty also fell 92.75 points or 0.85 per cent to 10,855.50. Meanwhile, the rupee dropped 8 paise to finish at 70.89 against the US dollar on Wednesday. **PTI**

IIFL Wealth may buy L&T Financial arm

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MUMBAI, AUGUST 7

IIFL WEALTH Management is in talks to buy wealth management arm of L&T Financial Services as the latter is exiting non-core businesses as part of a business strategy, market sources said.

IIFL Wealth is one of the fastest growing private wealth management firms in India with an asset under management (AUM) of $24 billion (around Rs 168,000 crore) as of March 2019.

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L&T Finance Holdings shares declined 2.53 per cent to Rs 96.20 on the BSE on Wednesday.

Oil slumps 4% to 7-month low on trade tensions, US stock build

REUTERS
HOUSTON, AUGUST 7

OIL PRICES tumbled up to 5 per cent on Wednesday to a fresh seven-month low, extending recent heavy losses following an unexpected build in US crude stockpiles and fears of lower crude demand due to deepening US-China trade tensions.

Brent crude futures were down $2.52, or 4.3 per cent, at $56.42 a barrel by 1657 GMT, setting a seven-month low. Prices have lost more than 20 per cent since their 2019 peak in April.

US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures were down $2.36, or 4.4 per cent, at $51.25.

Oil extended losses after government data showed US crude stockpiles rose last week by 2.4 million barrels. Analysts had expected a decrease of 2.8 million barrels. At 438.9 million barrels, US crude oil inventories are about 2 per cent above the five-year average for this time of year.

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Gasoline inventories rose by 4.4 million barrels, with US Gulf Coast gasoline stocks hitting the highest on record for this time of year, the US Energy Information Administration (EIA) data showed. After seven weeks of consecutive crude drawdowns, "there was a thought that today's report would turn oil's fortunes around," said John Kilduff, partner at Again Capital LLC in New York. "That support got taken out of the market."

Brent has plunged more than 12 per cent after US President Donald Trump said last week that he would slap a 10 per cent tariff on a further $300 billion in Chinese imports from September 1. "The market continues to trade lower on concerns about demand growth and the idea that economic growth can be impacted by the trade war," said Gene McGillian, vice president of market research at Tradition Energy.

Alcohol test for airside ground personnel, ATCs soon

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

IN ADDITION to cockpit and cabin crew undergoing breath analyser tests to check the level of alcohol in their blood, airside ground personnel and air traffic controllers (ATCs) in India will also have to undergo the test soon, as per a new civil aviation requirement proposed by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

The personnel, which the draft regulation proposes to cover, will include air traffic controllers, flight dispatchers, aircraft maintenance personnel, aerodrome operation personnel, fire and rescue personnel, vehicle drivers, ground equipment operators and ground handling staff.

"There are people working with sensitive parts of aircraft, driving buses close to planes, managing air traffic — which if function after consuming alcohol can prove to be a threat to the safety of passengers and others working at an airport," a senior DGCA official said, explaining the rationale behind the proposed norms.

While the draft regulations stipulate that all such personnel undergo the alcohol test prior to reporting for duty, it also noted that the organisations engaged in the provision of air navigation services, aerodrome management, aircraft maintenance and repair, shall ensure that at least 10 per cent individuals employed in their respective organisations as engaged in such functions are randomly subjected to breath-analyser examination on a daily basis. "There have been many cases where ground personnel, maintenance staff and those involved in safety sensitive functions have been found to be under the influence of alcohol but lack of regulations around this meant they could not be apprehended," the DGCA official said.

The proposed rules also follow those laid down for pilots and cabin crew when violations are found. In the case of a first violation, the licence of the concerned personnel will be suspended for three months. In the case of a second violation, the suspension will be for one year and for the third violation it will be for three years. If a fourth violation happens, then the licence shall be cancelled permanently.

It is also proposed to mandate the organisations to maintain the relevant breath analyser result records of their personnel for at least a year.

Internationally, rules laid down by the global aviation regulator ICAO states that holders of licences "shall not exercise the privileges of their licences and related ratings while under the influence of any psychoactive substance which might render them unable to safely and properly exercise these privileges". The US Federal Aviation Administration and the UK Civil Aviation Authority have also developed and published their policy for detection of consumption of psychoactive substance including alcohol by personnel engaged in safety sensitive functions.

The aviation safety regulator has sought comments from stakeholders on the proposed rules by September 5.

NEW CIVIL AVIATION REQUIREMENT PROPOSED BY DGCA

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Most obvious first aid would be GST cut or cess removal: Anand Mahindra

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

AS THE auto industry battles a deep slowdown — pressure on sales of all segments over the last 12-month, manufacturers going for production cuts and job losses across the value chain — M&M chairman Anand Mahindra called for a temporary relief on the Goods and Services Tax (GST) by way of modification in slab or removal of cess to set the industry back on track.

He also said that while the industry needs support for both wholesale and retail financing and the rate cuts necessary for revival have been put in place, he asked the lenders to be more supportive to the suppliers and dealers.

"The most obvious and welcome first aid would be some temporary relief on the GST front, either by modifying the slabs, or, if that is not possible, by removing the cess. Another suggestion would be a re-look at the registration fees which have gone up very substantially and a roll back of the increases in road tax mandated by state governments … these few actions along with the traditional post monsoon revival will set us back on track and positively impact the economy," Mahindra said in his statement at the 73rd AGM of Mahindra & Mahindra.

While all segments of the automobile industry including cars, two wheelers, commercial vehicles and tractors are witnessing decline in sales, Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) data shows passenger vehicles have witnessed a fall in 11 out of the last 12 months between July 2018 and June 2019, with October 2018 being the only exception.

As auto industry contributes revenues of over of Rs 180,000 crore to government treasuries, Mahindra said that the current slowdown in the auto industry poses a greater threat to the financial arithmetic of the government.

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"According to SIAM estimates, the slowdown has resulted in an 8 per cent loss in GST collection in the first 6 months of 2019. Just to catch up with the FY19 GST collections, the auto industry will need to grow at a rate of at least 7 per cent in the remaining 8 months of the FY20. I do believe that kick starting the auto industry with a few short-term measures will serve a greater national purpose," said Mahindra.

Hinting that decline in auto sector may hurt the economy, Mahindra said that the sector has a huge multiplier effect. He said that the auto sector constitutes 7.1 per cent of the GDP, and 49 per cent of the manufacturing GDP in the country and it supports almost 37 million jobs (inclusive of its value chain). He said that re-energising the auto industry will have a ripple effect in achieving the goal of $5 trillion economy. Stating that revival of the auto industry would lead to the revival of freight which in turn will lead to revival of trucks, "all this revival would lead to the revival of jobs; revival of employment would lead to a revival of consumption. And so on, in a virtuous cycle that would get us closer to the 5 trillion economy that is our common goal."

SHARP SLUMP IN SALES

Auto sector SOS: Need stimulus, cut in taxes as gloom deepens

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

PLAYERS FROM the auto sector have petitioned the government seeking assistance, including a GST reduction on vehicles, given the sharp slump in sales reported by the industry.

In a meeting with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, industry leaders, including Maruti Suzuki chairman R C Bhargava, M&M president — automotive sector Rajan Wadhera, who is also president of Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), along with representatives from components sector body ACMA and dealers body FADA drew attention to the challenges, including job losses, faced by the industry.

> **In a meeting with the Finance Minister, industry leaders draw attention to challenges, including job losses**

"Yes, we have asked for certain enablers for the auto industry and they have thought on it. I am very hopeful that there will be a stimulus package (for the auto industry) coming soon," Wadhera told *PTI*. The government wanted to understand from the industry about reasons for the slump in demand and possible solutions to the issue, he said, adding that the Heavy Industries Ministry was supportive.

In the meeting, he said, the auto industry broadly presented factors such as issues regarding availability and affordability of financing, increasing cost of acquisition of vehicles and change in axle load capacity for commercial vehicles that have hurt demand. He said the auto industry also reiterated that the pending notification on increase in vehicle registration fees should not happen as the sector is already reeling under stress of low demand.

On the availability and affordability of finance, he said: "Immediate measures are needed to reduce finance cost. We told them (government) that banks should be directed to pass on the repo rate cuts to the market."

The auto industry also wants the government to direct banks not to reduce lending to those segments which has the lowest NPA, such as the passenger vehicles segment. "To sum it up, what we really need from the government is that for the revival of demand there has to be reduction of GST rates from 28 to 18 per cent. We have been talking to the government on the same," Wadhera said.

The auto industry has been witnessing a prolonged slump. Passenger vehicles (PV) segment has been the worst hit with sales continuing to decline for almost a year now.

As per SIAM figures, vehicle wholesale across all the categories declined by 12.35 per cent to 60,85,406 units in April-June against 69,42,742 units in same period of last year. Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) has stated that nearly two lakh jobs have been cut in the last three months due to the slowdown. **WITH PTI**

ESSAR STEEL INSOLVENCY

SC: Operational creditors can challenge IBC changes

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

THE SUPREME Court on Wednesday gave a week's time to the operational creditors of bankrupt Essar Steel to challenge the new amendments to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, which granted more powers to the lenders.

A bench led by Justice RF Nariman deferred the hearing on a batch of appeals till August 19 so as to decide the issue in light of fresh challenges following recent amendments. "You can challenge a legislation as soon as it is passed," the SC bench said, while requesting Attorney General KK Venugopal to be present in the court to assist it on the next date of hearing.

It also allowed former promoters of Essar Steel (the Ruia family) to challenge the recent amendments in the insolvency code after they informed the court on Wednesday of their intention to do the same.

The apex court had on July 22 put on hold ArcelorMittal's takeover of Essar Steel, after the lenders had sought a stay on the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal's (NCLAT) ruling that reduced their share of sale proceeds from 90 per cent to 60 per cent and also put the financial creditors and operational creditors at par in settlement of claims. Justice Nariman had also asked the parties to maintain status quo with regard to the acquisition of Essar Steel.

Stating that the amendments will deny them due share, operational creditors argued that they would file petitions within a week challenging the validity of the amendments to the IBC. The amendments among many modifications give lenders power over the distribution of proceeds in the resolution process and also authority to decide which resolution plan will be approved. The Bill also fixes a firm timeline of 330 days for resolving insolvency cases. **FE**

Andhra govt to host international trade meet on August 9

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD, AUGUST 7

THE YSR Congress Party government in Andhra Pradesh will host its first international trade and investment meeting on August 9. Officials said that a diplomatic outreach event would be held here and delegates from over 35 countries including Korea, the UK, the US, Japan and Australia are expected to attend.

The programme is aimed at exploring opportunities for collaboration in core areas like pharma, automobile, steel, textiles food processing, electronics and the like.

The state will showcase industrial policies and investment opportunities in Andhra Pradesh and potential areas of partnerships with the participating countries.

Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy will be chief guest of the event which will also be attended by the State Finance Minister, Minister for Industries and Commerce along with concerned officials.

The Chief Minister is likely to have a one-on-one meeting with delegates of select countries. The event is being organised in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs.

The state would take the initiative further and plans to invite countries to setup their chambers of commerce to facilitate strong trade relations.

In this process, Investment Promotion Offices and Investor Desks will be setup in business centers across major cities like Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Mumbai besides Tokyo, Seoul and other select foreign capitals to enable regular interaction with top investors across sectors.

Wherever offices cannot be setup directly, the state will partner with CII, FICCI and other organisations which have presence in those countries in order to reach out to investors.

Reliance Industries to bring Tiffany stores to India

REUTERS
BENGALURU, AUGUST 7

RELIANCE INDUSTRIES Ltd is partnering with iconic US-based luxury jeweller Tiffany & Co to open a line of stores in the country.

Tiffany, popular for its engagement rings and robin's egg blue boxes, plans to open stores in New Delhi and Mumbai in the second half of fiscal years 2019 and 2020 respectively, the company said, adding that India's "growing luxury consumer base presents a unique opportunity".

The tie-up comes as Reliance bolsters its consumer-focused units such as retail and telecom to match the strength of its dominant oil and gas business. The company bought British toy retailer Hamleys earlier this year.

For Tiffany, known for its diamond engagement rings and a flagship Manhattan store made famous by Audrey Hepburn, the deal represents its latest effort to expand globally as it battles subdued demand in the United States and Europe.

Some Novartis gene therapy data manipulated: US FDA

REUTERS
NEW YORK, AUGUST 7

THE US Food and Drug Administration said on Tuesday that some data from early testing of Novartis' more than $2 million gene therapy Zolgensma was manipulated, but the agency believes the treatment should remain on the market.

The FDA said it is carefully assessing the situation. The manipulated data was used to illustrate comparability between an early version of Zolgensma and the later version of the treatment, which was manufactured using a different process.

In a statement on Tuesday, Novartis said it is "fully confident" in the safety, quality and efficacy of Zolgensma. The issue is not expected to impact the timing of its ongoing Zolgensma regulatory filings and development programmes, the drugmaker added.

"The data in question were a small portion of our overall submission and are limited to an older process no longer in use."

SAT upholds ₹2 cr Sebi fine on NDTV

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

THE SECURITIES Appellate Tribunal on Wednesday upheld the Sebi's decision to impose Rs 2 crore penalty on media group NDTV in a case of disclosure lapses regarding tax demand of Rs 450 crore.

The tribunal also upheld Rs 19 lakh penalty imposed by Sebi on the firm as well as three officials, including promoters Prannoy Roy and Radhika Roy. Meanwhile, "NDTV, Prannoy Roy and Radhika Roy are proposing to exercise the statutory right to file appeals to the Supreme Court," the firm said in a regulatory filing. Regarding disclosures, "NDTV has asserted that in view expert tax lawyer's advice to the effect that the tax assessment order (Rs 450 crore) dated 21 February 2014 was untenable, it was entitled to defer disclosure to the BSE and NSE," it added.

> **Company to appeal in Supreme Court**

Sterling & Wilson Solar IPO subscribed 32% on Day 2

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

THE INITIAL public offer of Sterling & Wilson Solar Limited was subscribed 32 per cent on the second day of bidding on Wednesday.

The IPO through which the company plans to raise about Rs 3,125 crore received bids for 71,05,867 shares as against the total issue size of 2,21,77,418 shares, as per the NSE data. The category meant for qualified institutional buyers (QIBs) was subscribed 20 per cent, non-institutional investors 69 per cent and retail individual investors 16 per cent.

BRIEFLY

Tata Steel Q1 net falls 63.6% to ₹702 crore

New Delhi: Tata Steel posted 63.6 per cent decline in consolidated net profit at Rs 701.97 crore for the quarter ended June 30 on account of weak demand and higher input costs. The company had posted a consolidated net profit of Rs 1,933.80 crore in the year-ago period.

HCL Tech Q1 net slips 8.2% to ₹2,230 cr

New Delhi: HCL Technologies has reported an 8.2 per cent fall in consolidated net profit to Rs 2,230 crore for the June quarter, and said it was "cautiously optimistic" about growth this fiscal.

Vivo to set up manufacturing unit in UP

New Delhi: Mobile phone maker Vivo is in the process of setting up a manufacturing unit spread over an area of 169 acre in Greater Noida. The unit will have manufacturing capacity of 25 million smartphones a year, said Vivo India director (brand strategy) Nipun Marya.

Sebi asks bourses to form PAC

New Delhi: Sebi has directed stock exchanges dealing in commodity derivatives segment to constitute Product Advisory Committee so as to bring transparency in the designing process of commodity derivatives contract. **PTI**

Trump: Fed must cut rates bigger, faster

Washington: US President Donald Trump on Wednesday continued to hammer the US Federal Reserve. "They must cut rates bigger and faster and stop their ridiculous quantitative tightening NOW," he said on Twitter, just a week after the US Fed cut benchmark lending rate for the first time in over a decade. **AFP**

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पार्ट-बी रूपये 734.14 लाख (बारह कार्य)	07.08.19 प्रातः 9.30 से 20.08.19 दोपहर 2.00 बजे तक	07.08.19 प्रातः 9.30 से 19.08.19 दोपहर 3.00 बजे तक	20.08.19 सांय 4.00 बजे
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e-Auction Notice No. KMDA/ESTATE UNIT/04(2nd Call) of 2019-20
Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority (KMDA), Unnayan Bhavan, DJ-11, Sector-II, Bidhannagar, Kolkata 700 091 invites online offers from eligible Corporate bodies registered under the Companies Act or Limited Liability Partnership Firms or a Registered Trust/ Registered Society having average turnover of at least Rs. 50.00 (fifty) lakhs only during the last three financial years ending on 31.03.2018 for allotment of land with 2 (two) storied structure at 162/B/405, Lake Gardens, Kolkata 700045 (Old No. 160, Prince Anwar Shah Road) on 'Lease-Hold' basis for 99 years for educational purpose. **Total land area :** 261.883 Sqm. **Total covered area of building :** Ground floor 145.905 Sqm. 1st floor 119.587 Sqm. **E-Auction date :** 12.09.2019. **E-Auction time :** 10.30 hrs. to 15.30 hrs. **Earnest Money (EMD):** Rs. 5,00,000/-. For details please contact the above office or visit both our websites.
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DAHOD SMART CITY DEVELOPMENT LIMITED
Dahod Smart City Development Limited (DSCDL) invites online E-Tenders for **"Selection of Operator for Door to Door Collection of MSW, O&M of existing waste collection vehicles and equipment of the City municipal body, procurement, supply and O&M of additional equipment including Compactors, Sweeper Trucks, Transfer Stations and Community Bins and transportation of MSW to the designated Waste processing site/s including managing an IT enabled solid waste monitoring & Control system for an O&M period of 5 years "** Tender ID : 371949

Estimated Cost (In Rs.)	Rs.23.13 Cr/-
EMD (In Rs.)	Rs. 23,12,955/-
Tender Fee (In Rs.)	Rs. 18,000/-
Bid Document Downloading start date	07/08/2019
Last Date for online Submission of Tender Document Date/Time	04/09/2019 up to 17.30 Hrs

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS: (1) The tender document for this work can be downloaded from **website www.nprocure.com.** (2) Other Details of NIT shall be seen on website. (3) The original copy of Tender fees and EMD along with one set of Technical Bid along with two(02) printed copies of the entire proposal, one marked ORIGINAL and the second one as DUPLICATE and a soft copy on non rewriteable electronic storage media with all the contents of your proposal shall be submitted to **Chief Executive Officer (DSCDL), Jilla Sewa Sadan,Chhapri, Dahod-389151, by RPAD/ speed post only on or before Date: 09/09/2019 up to 17.00 Hrs.** Chief Executive Officer, DSCDL reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof. This Tender notice shall form a part of contract document.
Tender No. 07 of 2018-19 Part 1 **Chief Executive Officer**
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DOUBLE WHAMMY

Birds on the wire

Poultry farmers are facing a crisis from soaring feed costs amid poor demand for eggs and chicken meat

PARTHA SARATHI BISWAS
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Rather than let them complete their roughly 85-week life cycle, Kiran Abhale culled all his 18,000 egg-laying birds by April-end, when they were between 58 and 72 weeks of age.

"The losses were too much to sustain. I was incurring a production cost of Rs 3.70-3.75 per egg, whereas my realisations were Rs 3.25-3.30. I couldn't have continued to feed them for their whole laying cycle," states this farmer from Madhi Khurd village in Kopargaon taluka of western Maharashtra's Ahmednagar district.

A typical 'layer' bird starts producing eggs after it is about 18 weeks old. Over the next 67 weeks or so, it will lay 325-330 eggs and also consume some 110 grams of poultry feed daily. That, over 85 weeks, works out to more than 65 kg.

"When I culled my birds, layer feed costs had already reached Rs 25 per kg. Today, they are even higher at Rs 27.5. So, my feed expenses alone will now be Rs 3 per egg and adding labour, water, electricity, interest on loans and other costs takes it to Rs 4. This is as against the current realisation of Rs 3.60-3.65 per egg" notes Abhale, whose prematurely-culled flock included 7,000 birds that were 72-weeks-old, 6,000 of 58 weeks and 5,000 of 62 weeks. The 18,000 birds were laying 16,000-17,000 eggs daily.

Poultry feed is basically a combination of maize and de-oiled cakes — which are sources of carbohydrate and protein, respectively — in addition to various mineral mixtures. In the case of layer feed, maize alone constitutes up to 50% of the total weight, with de-oiled rice bran (DORB) and soyabean cakes accounting for 20% each. The balance 10% comprises calcium supplements and other minerals. Broiler chicken feed, too, contains 50% maize by weight, with de-oiled soyabean cake (25%), rice polish/broken rice (10%), soyabean/palm oil (5%) and mineral mixtures making up the rest.

"In July 2018, layer feed prices were Rs 18-19/kg, whereas they have been Rs 25-27 this July. Broiler feed rates have similarly gone up from Rs 24-25 to Rs 33-34. Neither layer (for egg) nor broiler rearing (for chicken meat) are viable for farmers," complains Abhale, who has also reduced the size of his broiler operations to 10,000 birds, from 50,000 till April-end.

For poultry farmers, the problem isn't only of spiraling feed costs; they are also unable to pass on these to consumers. The average farm-gate price of eggs at Pune in July was Rs 419 per 100 pieces, below the Rs 469 for the same month last year. Broiler chicken rates have also fallen from Rs 76-77 to Rs 69-70 per kg between January and July.

"It's a double whammy. On the one hand, feed costs have soared, mainly due to prices of maize and DORB rising from around Rs 14 to Rs 22 and from Rs 12.5 to Rs 18.5 per kg, respectively. On the other hand, realisations, too, are down," points out Prasanna Pedgaonkar, general manager of the Pune-headquartered Venkateshwara Hatcheries Pvt. Ltd or Venky's, India's largest integrated poultry breeding-cum-processing firm.

The farmers rearing layer birds are feeling the pinch much more than the ones doing it for meat. Unlike broilers, where a day-old chick weighing 40-odd grams takes hardly 45 days to attain a slaughter-ready live bird weight of 2-2.5 kg, the production cycle for commercial layers is much longer. "Broilers consume 3.5-4 kg of feed. At current feed costs and broiler realisations, I am losing money here as well, but the birds can at least be sold in 6-6.5 weeks. In layer, the investment and payback are longer, which is why I was forced to prematurely cull my flock," adds Abhale.

The 39-year-old also grows maize and soyabean on three acres each, apart from sugarcane on another four out of his total 10-acre holding. Last year, Abhale's entire maize crop on six acres was destroyed by the farm armyworm insect pest, while drought-like conditions led to his cane yields dropping from the normal 60 tonnes to 45 tonnes an acre. "The government wants us to diversify our agricultural operations in order to reduce production risks and double incomes. If after growing so many crops and also taking to poultry farming, my losses are only mounting, what is one supposed to do?," he asks.

Shyam Bhagat, chairman of the National Egg Coordination Committee's Pune zone, claims that at least 200 out of the 25,000-plus poultry farms in Maharashtra have shut down, with all their birds being culled, during the last 3-4 months. Raju Bhosale, executive member of this body representing the country's broiler and egg industry, attributes the ongoing crisis to both rising feed costs and supply-demand imbalance.

"Egg production went up by 30% in 2018-19, as farmers expanded their flocks encouraged by the previous year's high prices as well as low feed costs. However, there has been no corresponding increase in consumption, which has actually slowed down, especially for chicken, because of pressure on overall incomes. As a result, you are seeing prices dipping after March-April," he explains. With the holy month of Shravan continuing till August 22 — non-vegetarian food is avoided by large sections of the population during this period — any immediate uptick seems unlikely.

The poultry industry's hopes as of now rest on a decent harvest of maize. While the area under the feed grain is marginally up in the current kharif season — from 69.03 lakh hectares (lh) to 69.27 lh, as on July 31, with Madhya Pradesh (from 13.12 lh to 15.01 lh), Rajasthan (8.56 lh to 8.61 lh) and Maharashtra (7.23 lh to 7.41 lh) reporting increases and Karnataka posting a decline (from 10.06 lh to 8.89 lh) — there are also concerns of the fall armyworm wreaking greater havoc this time.

In the meantime, the Narendra Modi government has permitted import of five lakh tonnes (lt) of maize at a concessional 15% duty under the so-called tariff rate quota regime. These imports — quantities beyond five lt attract the regular 60% duty — are to be non-genetically modified and allowed only for actual users (i.e. the poultry and feed industry). But out of the total 5 lt, only tenders for 50,000 tonnes each of imports have so far been floated by the state-owned MMTC Ltd and the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India.

"The landed cost of the maize will be in the range of Rs 21 per kg, which, after including transport and handling expenses, comes to Rs 22.50. And by the time it arrives, our kharif crop, too, would be closer to harvesting," remarks Bhosale.

For poultry farmers, that might be a case of too little and too late.

A worker at a layer poultry farm on the outskirts of Pune. *Express*

Monsoon revival spurs kharif sowing recovery

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

GOOD RAINS in July and this month so far, following a very dry June, have led to a recovery in kharif sowing.

The Agriculture Ministry's latest data, as on August 2, shows the total area planted under all crops in the current kharif season at 788.52 lakh hectares (lh), which is 6.6% below the cumulative coverage of 844.20 lh last year at this time. Hardly a month ago, on July 5, the gap between the present year's and last year's progressive sowing was 26.7%.

The closing of the gap has clearly to do with the monsoon's catch-up. In June, the country as a whole received an area-weighted rainfall of just 112.1 mm, almost a third below the "normal" long period average (LPA) of 166.9 mm for this month. But in July — the southwest monsoon season extends from June to September — the rains were 4.6% above normal. The current month, too, has registered a 28.2% surplus up till now (see table). The cumulative rainfall deficit has also narrowed from 32.8% in June to 9.2% till July and a mere 4.6% as of August 7.

As a result, there has been a significant pickup in sowings.

Farmers have actually planted more area this time relative to last year under cotton (115.15 lh versus 109.79 lh) and maize (69.27 lh versus 69.03 lh). Expectations of remunerative realisations — *kapas* (raw un-ginned cotton) and maize are now trading at Rs 5,900-6,000 and Rs 2,200-2,300 per quintal, respectively in most wholesale *mandis*, way above their minimum support price levels of Rs 5,550 (for long-staple varieties/hybrids) and Rs 1,760 — have, no doubt, played a part here. But the monsoon's revival has been equally important; acreages under both crops were lagging only till a month ago.

In other crops as well, there has been a significant reduction in acreage gaps over the last one month. The progressive area sown under paddy has been 223.53 lh (down from last year's 255.48 lh at this time), while at 105.14 lh (113.74 lh) for pulses, 149.41 lh (157.39 lh) for oilseeds and 136.17 lh (145.16 lh) for coarse cereals. The individual crops to have recorded major declines include *moong* (green gram; down from 29.34 lh to 25.81 lh) and *bajra* (pearl millet; from 55.08 lh to 49.16 lh), which have their main sowing window in June. In all others, there could be a further narrowing of area deficits in the coming days.

The India Meteorological Department has forecast rainfall during August to be 99% of LPA, which is based on expectations of "neutral to borderline" El Nino alongside continuation of "positive" Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) conditions during the remaining part of the monsoon. El Nino (the abnormal warming of the equatorial eastern Pacific Ocean waters, leading to concentrated cloud-formation activity around South America) is considered bad for the Indian monsoon, while a positive IOD (wherein the western Indian Ocean sees higher-than-average sea surface temperatures, with a corresponding cooling of waters in the eastern part off Indonesia and Australia) is good.

A weakening of El Nino to "neutral", in combination with "positive" IOD, is what has brought down a 32.8% monsoon deficit in June to below 5% at the close of the first week of August. "This is a remarkable turnaround. There has been only one year (2012), where the monsoon ended up being normal despite a massive June deficit," notes Jatin Singh, managing director of Skymet Weather Services Pvt. Ltd.

The private forecaster, however, anticipates a fresh dry spell after about August 13 and which may last for two weeks. According to Singh, "no active weather systems are likely during this period, except for a trough that will shift closer to the foothills and remain confined there". That could have implications for the already-planted kharif crop.

ALL-INDIA AREA-WEIGHTED MONSOON SEASON RAINFALL (MILLIMETERS)

	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	JUN-SEP
2012	117.6 (-28.1)	250.3 (-13.4)	262.3 (0.5)	193.4 (11.5)	823.6 (-7.1)
2013	219.8 (34.4)	310.1 (7.3)	254.9 (-2.3)	152.6 (-12.0)	937.4 (5.7)
2014	95.2 (-41.8)	261.1 (-9.6)	237.4 (-9.0)	187.9 (8.3)	781.7 (-11.9)
2015	189.0 (15.5)	240.8 (-16.7)	204.2 (-21.9)	131.8 (-24.0)	765.8 (-13.7)
2016	147.6 (-9.8)	309.2 (6.9)	239.6 (-8.3)	168.0 (-3.1)	864.4 (-2.6)
2017	172.5 (5.4)	290.5 (0.4)	229.6 (-12.1)	153.3 (-11.6)	845.9 (-4.7)
2018	155.7 (-4.8)	274.1 (-5.2)	240.2(-8.1)	132.7 (-23.5)	804.1 (-9.4)
2019	112.1 (-32.8)	298.3 (4.6)	82.3* (28.2)	??	492.7* (-4.6)

*Note: Figures in brackets are % deviation from normal long-period average for the month/season; *As on August 7*

WHITE REVOLUTION 2.0

Now, also an Aadhaar card for cattle and buffaloes

India is implementing the world's biggest project of tagging every bovine animal that may yield huge productivity gains

TARUN SHRIDHAR

WE ALL know of Aadhaar, the 12-digit unique random number that establishes the identity of every Indian, by capturing his/her name, gender, age, etc. and linking this basic demographic information to that person's biometrics such as fingerprints and iris scans.

We are also aware how this number, unique to every individual, has helped in de-duplication and elimination of ghost beneficiaries in various government welfare and development programmes, thereby ensuring their transparent, targeted and fair delivery. Aadhaar is today the world's biggest — indeed, the only one of its kind — digital and online database of virtually the entire human population of a country.

While the Aadhaar unique identification number (UID) has attracted much attention, debate, fanfare, flak, controversy and even litigation, another giant database — this one relating to livestock information — is currently being created in India. The nodal agency and repository for this Information Network for Animal Productivity and Health or INAPH is the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB). The similarities with Aadhaar are striking: INAPH, too, assigns a unique random identification number to each animal, while capturing a host of data and information useful for the effective and scientific management of India's livestock resources. When completed, it will also be the biggest global database of animals.

The INAPH project, in its first phase, would cover the country's 94 million-odd productive "in milk" female cow and buffalo population — all indigenous, nondescript, cross-bred as well as exotic milch animals. The exercise will subsequently be extended to all bovines, including males, calves and heifers, old and stray animals. Each animal will be provided a thermoplastic polyurethane ear tag bearing its 12-digit UID. The data being captured by it includes the species, breed and pedigree of the particular animal, apart from information relating to its calving, milk production, artificial insemination (AI), vaccination and feeding/nutrition history. To that extent, this database is more comprehensive than that offered by the Aadhaar for humans!

The objective behind INAPH is to enable proper identification of animals and traceability of their products, be it milk or meat. Through this, farmers, processors, animal husbandry department officials and health-care professionals can devise appropriate strategies for livestock management. A major cause of zoonotic diseases and challenges in addressing them today is the absence of animal identification and traceability mechanisms, which are also impediments to accessing global markets for Indian livestock products. If our dairy and livestock industry has to meet internationally-accepted sanitary and phytosanitary standards, a robust and comprehensive animal information system that allows traceability of products to their source is sine qua non. With INAPH, it will be possible to protect product integrity and quality. The products obtained from healthy or premium animals can be separated from those originating from diseased or nondescript ones.

The animal UID — Pashu Aadhaar, as it may be called — aims to address these very issues. So far, nearly 22.3 million cows and buffaloes have been assigned UIDs and their complete data uploaded on the INAPH database. This is only the beginning. The next step should be to leverage this data for scientific and risk-based management of animals to deliver better health and reproduction outcomes, enhanced productivity and improved livestock product quality.

India has the world's largest livestock population and is also its biggest milk producer. However, the foremost issue plaguing the country's livestock sector is its abysmally low productivity, apart from poor animal health, prevalence of economically debilitating diseases, and pedigree testing/genome selection for breeding based on non-scientific and anecdotal methods. Much of this is attributable to the absence of a reliable animal database. The plethora of information through INAPH, including on the ancestry and production performance of animals, would help identify healthy and productive livestock for breeding, assist in rejuvenation of the weaker ones, plan for better nutritional management and systematically manage diseases. The data available can be used to select disease-free, high genetic merit bulls and fertile cows for breeding — including for indigenous breeds that are low on productivity, despite their inherent resilience to disease and climate vagaries.

While the ubiquitous Aadhaar Card has given almost all Indians a unique and universal identity of their own, the INAPH UID or Pashu Aadhaar can do something similar for our cattle and buffaloes (299.60 million, as per the last 2012 Livestock Census). But the INAPH database goes beyond just establishing animal identity. Just like Aadhaar seeks to provide good governance along with efficient and transparent delivery of government services, so does INAPH. In fact, it aims for more.

Take AI, one of the longstanding programmes implemented across the country. It has so far met with limited success in terms of boosting overall animal productivity. One reason for it is simply the use of not-so-good quality semen from low genetic merit bulls. And that is linked no less to the poor records of the AI status of most cows or the source/pedigree of the donor bulls. The AI programme will definitely get a shot in the arm with more reliable data on the insemination history of each animal made available through the INAPH. Likewise, more efficient nutrition management through ration balancing can be achieved, wherever the database throws up relevant information on the feeding status of each animal. The list and possibilities are endless: The entire chain, from inputs (AI/breeding, vaccination, feed and fodder, and nutrition) to output (milk and meat), can be managed in a manner that assures enhanced animal productivity and improved product quality.

At the end of the day, the future generations of our livestock need to be healthier in order to contribute more to the well-being of both the farmer and the consumer. We have embarked on assigning individual identities to each of India's cattle and buffaloes using the best available digital technologies. The database generated should be seen as a significant step in heralding the next White Revolution and making livestock a vehicle of rural prosperity.

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These animals with ear tags won't mind more of this fodder. *Bhupendra Rana*

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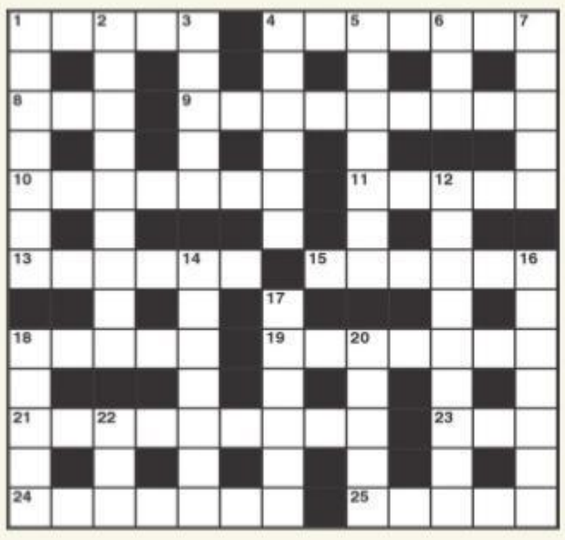

ACROSS
1 Change time of working (5)
4 Colourful addition in the theatre may produce a tingle (7)
8 Piece of harness (3)
9 A sign that some of us are mending our ways (9)
10 Company wildly flinging money about is not exercising it (7)
11 It is well used by desert travellers (5)
13 They're up for approval (6)
15 A poem's positive points (6)
18 Not smiling back (5)
19 This is necessary for hearing about a murder (7)
21 He gets the shrubbery into shape (9)
23 Trouble in the year that never was! (3)
24 Cover charge? (7)
25 Breaks supports (5)

Down
1 Topic dependent on another (7)
2 Begin to make an acquaintance (9)
3 Trunk roots disturbed (5)
4 She's a lady at heart (6)
5 Common knowledge (7)
6 It's black art in a different form (3)
7 They may be held in revulsion (5)
12 The ways in which an adder is so wriggly (4,5)
14 Dark-looking Belgian perhaps (7)
16 Problem with World War One battle citation (7)
17 Mid-channel? (6)
18 Arrangement not laid down? (5)
20 Chopper blade (5)
22 Writer of some prose and some poetry (3)

Solutions Crossword 3877: Across: 1 Garden seat, 8 Idler, 9 Whistle, 10 Lyrical, 11 Tuner, 12 Nod off, 14 Fences, 17 Rodin, 19 Utopian, 21 Counter, 22 Lakes, 23 Excise duty. **Down:** 2 Allured, 3 Doric, 4 Nowell, 5 Epistle, 6 Titan, 7 Represents, 8 Island race, 13 Fanatic, 15 Cricket, 16 Hubris, 18 Douse, 20 Oiled.

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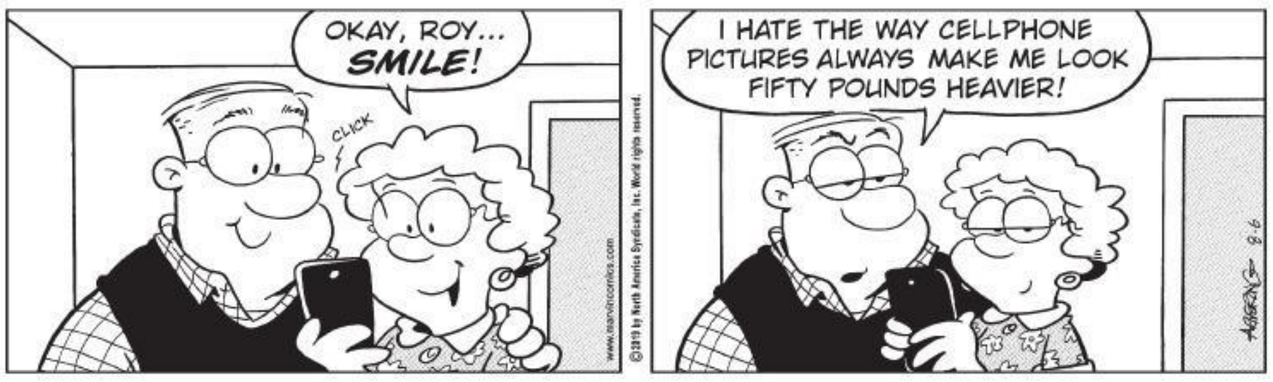


DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
No matter how anxious you may be to get certain enterprises underway, there's no need to hurry. Recent hold-ups have made you impatient, and rightly so, but you have until the end of the year to make a fresh start. Pick your own time and don't be rushed.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
Do you imagine that you have had to abandon a number of projects because of a lack of understanding or sympathy from other people? If so, you are not looking honestly at your part in events. But, then, why should you? Sometimes you can just relax and stay as you are.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Adverse or challenging aspects recently have made you feel that the world has been out to get you. However, the best way to keep your spirits up is to realise that beneath it all people really are on your side. There seems to be some chance of mechanical difficulties around today, so check for problems.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Saturn advises caution and restraint for a little while longer, advice which may not suit your imaginative and ambitious plans. Still, if you allow events to take their own course, your ideas will have time to mature. You may feel as if you're carrying the world on your shoulders. But that just shows how strong you are, doesn't it?

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
Current planetary transits should leave you jumping for joy. The planets are rearranging themselves in such a way that tension and pressure will be relieved while pleasure and enjoyment should be enhanced. A child may be feeling shaken, even though they may not be showing it, so be considerate.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
As the Sun, and then Mercury, align themselves with the angle of your horoscope ruling your home, domestic considerations will become more and more of an issue. Some of you may be considering a move in the near future, or a similar improvement in your home conditions. There is some way to go yet, though.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
Sometimes the planets have to be firm to be kind, and what they are planning now is a change of tack in joint financial affairs. The deadline looms but probably not until next week at the earliest, so you've plenty of time to take the necessary action.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
Your biggest weakness at the moment may be complacency. Do not relax your guard for one moment, at least not until you are absolutely sure that you are out of danger. Partners may wrongly accuse you of letting them down, but perhaps they should have done more for themselves.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)
You may wait until after tomorrow if you want to broach sensitive emotional issues. Today, you should make sure that partners are prepared to listen to what you are planning to say. Above all, be tolerant. After all, you may just be responsible for the problems you criticise in others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
You may still feel rather isolated, never a pleasant sensation. However, if you are separated from those you love and care for, why not do something about it? You may be surprised by the welcome response you receive. It will be pleasant to discover how popular you are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
It may be time to clear away some of the debris that still seems to be cluttering up your life after recent emotional traumas. Focus on professional and career relationships, as these are where you will gain. Remember, if your dreams are to come true, you'll have to pay for them.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
Overall, it's a positive moment. There haven't been many years when you can remember being so concerned about personal matters but, even though you have faced obstacles in the past, it is finally beginning to look as if your path is clear. And that just has to be cause for rejoicing.

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

To be or not to be. That's not_____.
- Jean-Luc Godard (6,1,8)

SVAEE

EILLNT

TAIOR

AEQSUY

SOLUTION: EAVES, RATIO, LENTIL/LINTEL, QUEASY
Answer: To be or not to be. That's not really a question.
-Jean-Luc Godard

SUDOKU 3932

Difficulty Level 5s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

	1	7						
		8	3		6	4		
	3			5				
		9			4		7	
3	8						6	9
	7		2			8		
				8			3	
		3	4		7	9		
						7	5	

SOLUTION SUDOKU 3931

5	7	2	3	8	9	4	6	1
3	9	1	2	4	6	5	8	7
8	6	4	7	1	5	2	3	9
7	2	3	6	9	4	8	1	5
1	4	9	8	5	7	6	2	3
6	5	8	1	2	3	7	9	4
4	3	6	9	7	2	1	5	8
2	8	7	5	3	1	9	4	6
9	1	5	4	6	8	3	7	2

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

Sahender Singh

General public is hereby informed that a man namely **Sahender Singh S/o** Sh. Kishan Singh, **R/o** A-143, E.E-Block, Jhuggi, Jahangir Puri, Delhi has been missing/ kidnapped since 19.07.2019. In this regard a **DD No. 70A dated 26.07.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped man but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing/kidnapped man is as under:

Name: Sahender Singh, **Gender:** Male, **Age:** 50 years, **Height:** 5'5", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Bulit:** Strong, **Wearing:** White colour lined Shirt and Blue colour Pant.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing/kidnapped man, kindly inform SHO/ Jahangir Puri, Delhi.

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax : 011-24368639

SHO
P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi
Ph. No.: 011-27631600

DP/9249/NW/19

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General Public is hereby informed that one male **Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown**, **Address: Unknown** was found in unconscious condition near gate no. 2-3, Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi in the area of P. S. Safdarjung Enclave, Delhi at 12:38 pm and admitted in Safdarjung Hospital. During the treatment doctors declared him dead. In this regard a case has been lodged vide **DD No. 18-A, dated 30.07.2019** at P. S. Safdarjung Enclave, Delhi. The description of the dead person is as under:- **Age:** Approx. 30 years, **Sex:** Male, **Height:** 5'6", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Long, **Wearing:** Black colour T-Shirt and Blue colour Pant. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned.

SHO
P.S. Safdarjung Enclave, Delhi
Ph.: 011-24106346, 8750870834

DP/7017/SW/19

The Empowered Officer, TRRDA, PWD(PMGSY), 7th Block, 2nd Floor, Secretariat Building, Agartala, Tripura invites sealed tender(s) against press NIeT No: 07/EO/TRRDA/2019-20 date: 03.08.2019.

For **upgradation of Road & CDS including LS Bridges of PMGSY Works (RRP-II WB-AF and G& CR),**
1. TR-07-03 P2, TR-07-02 P2, TR-07-04 P2, TR-07-06 P2, TR-07-01 P2 & TR-07-05 P2: With Estimated cost: a) Upgradation Rs.2208.60 Lakh b) Maintenance: Rs. 252.34 Lakh c) Earnest money Rs.49.22 Lakh

Time of completion-12 (twelve) months. Last Date of dropping of tenders-2nd September, 2019 upto 1500 hrs (the setting fixed on the server & dispalyed at the top of the tender site).

For details please visit: **www.pmgsytenderstrp.gov.in**

Pre-bid meeting will be held on 13th August, 2019 at 1100 hrs. in the office of the Empowered Officer, TRRDA, PWD (PMGSY), 7th Block,2nd Floor, Secretariat Building, Agartala, Tripura

Empowered Officer
Tripura RRDA, PWD (PMGSY)
7th Block, 2nd Floor, Secretariat Building, Agartala
ICA-C/731/19

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **(1) B.G. Soni** S/o **Unknown** R/o (Authorized signatory/ Director) M/s AMR Infrastructures Ltd. R/o AMR House, 2425/11 Gurudwara Road Karol Bagh, Delhi and also at 806 Surya Kiran Building, KG Marg Counnaught Place, New Delhi and **(2) Ashish Gupta S/o** Unknown (Authorized signatory/Director) M/s AMR Infrastructures Ltd. R/o AMR House, 2425/11 Gurudwara Road Karol Bagh, Delhi and also at 806 Surya Kiran Building. KG Marg Counnaught Place, New Delhi has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under **CC No. 521814/16 u/s 156(3)Cr. P.C.** of **P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **(1) B.G. Soni (2) Ashish Gupta** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **(1) B.G. Soni (2) Ashish Gupta** has absconded (or is concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **(1) B.G. Soni (2) Ashish Gupta** of **CC No. 521814/16 u/s 156(3) Cr. P.C.** of **P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **30.09.2019.**

By order
Sh. Fahad Uddin,
MM (Central Distt.
Room No.180, 1st Floor,
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/6473/CD/19

SEARCH OF MISSING

Kalyani Jha

General public is hereby informed that one lady (depicted in the photo), **Namely:** Kalyani Jha, **W/o:** Sh. Vishnu Kumar Jha, **R/o:** Bh. 581A, East Shalimar Bagh, Delhi, **Aged:** 24 years, has been missing since 21.07.2019 **vide DD No. 01A, Dated 22.07.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi.** Her physical description is as under:

Complexion: Fair, **Height:** 5'3" Feet, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Normal, **Clothing:** Green Saree.

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing lady, may inform SHO, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi at **E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.nic.in or website : http://cbi.nic.in Tele No. : 11-24368638 or 24368641**

S.H.O
P.S. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27495198

DP/9224/NW/19.

SEARCH FOR MISSING MALE

General public is here by informed that one male **Namely:** Shanti Swaroop, **S/o** Sh. Brij Pal **R/o** N-36/B-48, K-Block, Jahangir Puri, Delhi **Age:** 35 years, **Height:** 5'5", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Strong, **Wearing:** Red T-Shirt & White Pajama and Hawai Chappal in feet has been missing since 27.05.2019.

In this regard a DD No. 42A dated 10.07.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this male but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this male kindly inform to the following.

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

SHO
P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi
Ph. 011-27636000, 27631600

DP/9239/NW/19

Delhi urban shelter improvement board
Govt. of NCT of Delhi

Office of the Executive Engineer: C-10 Inderlok, Delhi- 110035
Email ID: eec10.dusib@gmail.com
9717999192

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

Executive Engineer, C-10, DUSIB, Inderlok, Delhi- 110035 invites, on behalf of **Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board,** percentage rate bid (Online) in two bid system for the following work(s):

(1) **NIT No.** 33/EEC-10/DUSIB/2019-20 **Tender No.** 2019_DUSIB_176557_1 **Name of work:** Improvement of SC/ST Basties, GNCTD. **Sub-Head:** Construction of Chaupal at Block-A (Near A-322 & J.N. B-46), JJR Colony, Inder Puri in AC-39. **Estimated cost:** Rs. 82,74,555.00 Earnest Money: Rs. 1,65,500.00 **Tender Cost:** Rs. 1000.00 **Period of Completion**: 240 Days

(2) **NIT No.** 34/EEC-10/DUSIB/2019-20 **Tender No.** 2019_DUSIB_177700_1 **Name of work:** Scheme for Infrastructure Development under SCSP. **Sub-Head:** Providing & Laying CC Pavement and Drainage system in various lanes at MM Road T-Huts, Rani Jhansi Road in AC-23 Karol Bagh. **Estimated cost:** Rs. 1,90,80,065.00 Earnest Money: Rs. 3,81,700.00 **Tender Cost:** Rs. 1000.00 **Period of Completion**: 180 Days

(3) **NIT No.** 35/EEC-10/DUSIB/2019-20 **Tender No.** 2019_DUSIB_177702_1 **Name of work:** E.I.U.S. **Sub-Head:** Providing & Laying CC pavement & Drainage System in J.J. Basti near Farista Soap Factory, Old Rohtak Road, Shahzada Bagh in AC-19 (Sadar Bazar). **Estimated cost:** Rs. 38,10,819.00 Earnest Money: Rs. 76,300.00 **Tender Cost:** Rs. 500.00 **Period of Completion**: 120 Days

(4) **NIT No.** 36/EEC-10/DUSIB/2019-20 **Tender No.** 2019_DUSIB_177703_1 **Name of work:** Construction of Community Hall. **Sub-Head:** Upgradation & Renovation of Community Hall at Ranjit Nagar, Gali No. 10 AC-24 (Patel Nagar). **Estimated cost:** Rs. 33,40,033.00 **Earnest Money:** Rs. 66,850.00 **Tender Cost:** Rs. 500.00 **Period of Completion**: 180 Days

(5) **NIT No.** 37/EEC-10/DUSIB/2019-20 **Tender No.** 2019_DUSIB_177704_1 **Name of work:** Construction of Community Hall. **Sub-Head:** Upgradation & Renovation of Community Hall at Prem Nagar, AC-24 (Patel Nagar). **Estimated cost:** Rs. 51,97,633.00 **Earnest Money:** Rs. 1,04,000.00 **Tender Cost:** Rs. 1000.00 **Period of Completion**: 180 Days

(6) **NIT No.** 38/EEC-10/DUSIB/2019-20 **Tender No.** 2019_DUSIB_177706_1 **Name of work:** Built Up Facilities (Community Hall/BVK). **Sub-Head:** Upgradation, Renovation & C/o Temporary Shed at terrace of Community Hall 1105-09 Gali Samosan, Farash Khana in Ballimaran AC-22. **Estimated cost:** Rs. 87,08,282.00 **Earnest Money:** Rs. 1,74,200.00 **Tender Cost:** Rs. 1000.00 **Period of Completion**: 180 Days

(7) **NIT No.** 39/EEC-10/DUSIB/2019-20 **Tender No.** 2019_DUSIB_177707_1 **Name of work:** Scheme for Infrastructure Development under SCSP. **Sub-Head:** Renovation & Upgradation of Community Hall at Tank Road, Bapa Nagar in AC-23, Karol Bagh (Ward No. 92 EB No. 10) **Estimated cost:** Rs. 1,97,67,229.00 **Earnest Money:** Rs. 3,95,500.00 **Tender Cost:** Rs. 1000.00 **Period of Completion**: 180 Days

*Last Date & Time of submission of e-Bids will remain on: 22nd Aug. 2019 upto 15:00 Hours

* The Date of Opening is schedule to be on: 22nd Aug, 2019 after 15:30 Hours

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website https://eprocurement.delhi.gov.in

** The intending bidders are advised to visit above mentioned site regularly for any update/ corrigendum related to the tenders. The corrigendum, if any, shall not be published in newspapers.

Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
C-10, DUSIB

DIP/Shabdarth/0495/19-20

SOUTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The EEE/NGZ, SDMC invites on behalf of Commissioner, SDMC online item rate single bids for the tender from the electrical contractors registered under eligible class in SDMC/NDMC/EDMC for a street light pole work vide **NIT No 02/TC/EEE/NGZ/SDMC/2019-2020 dated:- 07.08.2019 Tender Amount:-** Rs. 2,90,77,107/-. **Tender Cost:-** 1500/- **Earnest Money:-** 5,99,000/- **Start date for sale of tender documents:-** 07.08.2019, **Last Date** 22.08.2019

Any corrigendum with respect to the mentioned tenders shall be uploaded online only. No separate press publicity will be done for this. All details are available on:- **www.tenderwizard.com/SOUTHDMCETENDER**. The contact No- 011-28013254

-Sd/-
EEE/NGZ

R.O. No. 33/DPI/S/2019-20

भारतीय कंटेनर निगम लिमिटेड
CONTAINER CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD.

कॉनकॉर CONCOR
एक नवरत्न कंपनी (भारत सरकार का उपक्रम)
(A Govt. of India Navratna Undertaking)
Regd. Office : CONCOR Bhawan, C-3, Mathura Road, Opp. Apollo Hospital, New Delhi-110076.

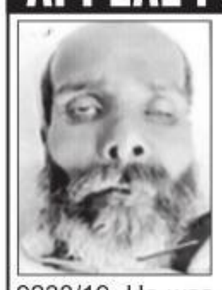
OPEN Tender Notice (e-Tendering mode only)

Tender No.; CON/T/BCS/CBC-5520/2019

Online Open **E-bids** are invited through two packet Open tendering system from the RDSO approved sources for supply of **5520** nos. Upgraded High Tensile Centre Buffer Coupler and its components for 25T axle load wagons to RDSO Specification No. WD-70-BD-10 with latest revision or latest drawings.

Bid Reference	Tender No.; CON/T/BCS/CBC-5520/2019
Tendered Quantity	5520 nos.
Bid Security (Earnest Money) Deposit	₹ 10,00,000/-
Cost of Document	₹1,000 through online payment gateway to CONCOR
Tender processing fee (Non-refundable)	₹ 5310.00 (including GST @18%) through online payment gateway to CONCOR.
Pre-Bid Meeting	14.08.2019 (12:00 Hrs)
Period of Tender Sale (online)	From 08.08.2019 (11:00 Hrs.) to 28.08.2019 (18:00 Hrs.)
Date and time of Submission of Bid	29.08.2019 (upto 17:00 Hrs-Indian Standard Time)
Date and time of opening of Bid	At 11.00 Hrs. of 30.08.2019
Place of Opening	**Container Corporation of India Ltd.** CONCOR Bhawan C-3, Mathura Road, (Opposite Apollo Hospital), New Delhi – 110 076
Communication Address	**GROUP GENERAL MANAGER (TECHNICAL) Container Corporation of India Ltd. CONCOR Bhawan C-3, Mathura Road,** Opp: Apollo Hospital, New Delhi – 110 076 (INDIA) Tel.: 91-11-41673084/41673085, Fax: 91-11-41673071. email:ggmtofficeco@concorindia.com **GROUP GENERAL MANAGER (TECHNICAL)**

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Age:** Approx 50 years, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Height:** 5'6", was wearing White Shirt and Blue Jeans Pant, was found in unconscious condition at Loha Market, Raj Park, Sultanpuri, Delhi and admitted vide MLC No. 9233/19. He was died during the treatment at 07:46 P.M. In this regard a **DD No. 38-A, dated 17.06.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Raj Park, Delhi.**

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO
P.S. Raj Park, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27910071, 27923709

DP/2558/OD/19

कार्यालय मुख्य चिकित्सा एवं स्वास्थ्य अधिकारी, कांकेर
जिला-उत्तर बस्तर कांकेर (छ.ग.)

क्र./मुचिअ/भण्डार/2019-20/549 /कांकेर, दिनांक 3/8/2019

निविदा सूचना

कार्यालय मुख्य चिकित्सा एवं स्वास्थ्य अधिकारी, जिला-उ.ब. कांकेर (छ.ग.) की ओर से वर्ष 2019-20 के लिए औषधी, उपकरण एवं अन्य सामाग्री के क्रय हेतु निर्माता कम्पनी तथा उनके अधिकृत विक्रेताओं से मुहरबंद लिफाफे में निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा प्रपत्र अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के कार्यालय से आवेदन प्रस्तुत कर (आयकर प्रमाण पत्र सहित) रु. 1000/– (एक हजार रुपये) नगद भुगतान कर कार्यालयीन दिवस व कार्यालयीन समय में प्राप्त किये जा सकते हैं, कार्यालय द्वारा जारी निविदा प्रपत्र क्रय कर ही निविदा भरी जा सकेगी।

निविदा प्रपत्र बिक्री की अंतिम तिथि - 02.09.2019 अपरान्ह 05:30 बजे तक
निविदा जमा होने की अंतिम तिथि - 05.09.2019 अपरान्ह 03.00 बजे तक
निविदा खोले जाने की तिथि - 05.09.2019 अपरान्ह 04:00 बजे

निविदा की तिथि, नियम एवं शर्ते http://kanker.nic.in पर अवलोकन की जा सकेगी।

टीप: निविदा से संबंधित अन्य जानकारी कार्यालय के भण्डार शाखा से कार्यालयीन दिवस व अवधि में प्राप्त की जा सकेगी।

हस्ता/-
मुख्य चिकित्सा एवं स्वास्थ्य अधिकारी
जिला- उत्तर बस्तर कांकेर (छ.ग.)

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CASTING CALL

The British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) have introduced a new category for casting for the awards in 2020, their first ever since 1999. It aims to honour the casting community. BAFTA will be the first ever major film ceremony to initiate this.

SNAP SHOTS

Song For the Valley

IN RESPONSE to the government's decision to render Article 370 ineffective, noted Carnatic vocalist TM Krishna (*pictured*) put out a video on Wednesday. Created on his phone, he is heard reciting Kashmiri poet Agha Shahid Ali's, *Postcard from Kashmir* while in the background voice recordings of messages such as 'this number is not reachable' among others, can be heard. "I was feeling terribly gutted over the last two days. Something very fundamental about the beauty of this country seemed taken away. It is very worrying that there is the normalisation of undemocratic acts and everybody seems to forget that there are human beings living in Kashmir. How do they feel, what identities do they have, where do they belong, who is answering these questions? This seems to be completely lost in the screaming and shouting about land and development. The chest-beating and the gloating almost feels like some war is being won," said Krishna in a phone conversation from Chennai. He added that it was necessary to respond. "Nothing will change drastically tomorrow morning, but whoever will hear it will hear it. If people are moved and they think for a moment, that's movement enough," says Krishna. The recitation of the poem is followed by Sahir Ludhianvi's popular prayer *Allah tero naam* (*Hum Dono*,1961).

SUANSHU KHURANA

In August Company

SINGER LANA del Ray honoured pathbreaking director Guillermo del Toro (*pictured*) at the unveiling of his 'Walk of Fame' induction in Hollywood. The singer gave a speech praising the filmmaker's unique vision. "In a culture of sameness, he's completely himself," Del Rey said. "And that's the greatest lesson I get from his tales." del Toro has made a name for himself for films like *Pan's Labyrinth* and *The Shape of Water*. The two have worked together in *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark*, a film that del Toro produced. Ray sang a cover titled *Donovan's Season of the Witch* for the film. "On this day that we're honouring you, I would like to say that it's a beautiful thing to be reminded that being different is a thing to be celebrated, and it's a beautiful thing that we have you to always remind us of that each time we go back to your instantly classic films," she added in the speech. "I'm very happy to be celebrating with you on the iconic Hollywood Boulevard. Congratulations."

Top Gun

IN A first casting director David Rubin (*pictured*) has been elected the new president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the body that bestows the Oscars. Rubin succeeds cinematographer John Bailey, who has served as the academy's president since August 2017. Rubin has more than 100 credits, including films such as *The English Patient*, *Men in Black*, *Four Weddings and a Funeral* and the hit HBO series *Big Little Lies*. These are interesting times that Rubin helms the Academy, as it is making repeated efforts to diversify its membership and improve viewership for the Academy Awards ceremony, which in the last two years dipped below 30 million viewers.

Relationship Status: All Mixed Up

Nina Chhibber Williams, whose play *Om Shaadi Om* is being staged at the Edinburgh Fringe, talks about love in the time of multiculturalism

DIPANITA NATH

NINA CHHIBBER Williams plays herself in *Om Shaadi Om* — a 30-year-old unmarried woman of mixed cultures, colours and continents. The multiculturalism has played a role in Nina's unfinished journey to matrimony. While she is waiting for a wedding, and peace in her family, Williams is performing a play on her experience of immigrant families and relationships. Told through the sacred steps of the Hindu wedding ceremony, it is being staged at the Edinburgh Fringe, one of the largest arts festivals in the world, till August 10. "Although my story is personal, the themes of acceptance and wishes to make your parents happy are universal. As my generation continues to intermarry or have other previously unconventional relationships, we are pushing our parents out of their comfort zones while navigating through our own personal demons and emotions," she says.

Williams, who bounces around various New York City stages performing sketch shows and short-form comedy, among others, has trained at the People's Improv Theater in NYC. She has performed at the Upright Citizens Brigade and the Magnet Theater, played on the network television game show *The $100,000 Pyramid*, and even had a brief appearance on *The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon*. "But, honestly, the only way I could consistently get cast in anything is if I wrote it myself," she says. Excerpts from an interview:

What finally led you to create this play?

The Solocom festival in New York is a huge solo-performer festival focused on new works, and many of my artistic peers had submitted shows. I thought to myself, 'If the rest of my friends and colleagues are submitting, I better get to it too.' I wanted to represent my unique experiences but also ensure that my show had universal themes. I had just been through a rough breakup with a man that I saw a future with. There was the smallest part of me that was struggling with settling down with a white American man and I was getting cold feet, which was amplified by my mom's wishes for me to find the perfect Indian match. I was wracked with guilt about ending the relationship and oddly thought that this strongest emotional turmoil may be the best base for a comedy show. I do remember having the 'lightbulb' moment when I decided to use the Hindu wedding as the frame for the show. Once I had that, it was much easier to craft the play.

Nina Chhibber Williams (above); in a scene from *Om Shaadi Om*

How multicultural is your family and what is the impact on relationships?

My mom is a third-generation Punjabi, who was born and raised in Kenya. She moved to the US when she was 19 and eloped with my dad (a white man from Buffalo, NY). I was raised in a small town in Pennsylvania and, growing up, there was one other family of colour there (not counting my relatives). Even so, my mom made sure my elder sister and I were steeped in Indian culture, food, and languages. We went to the temple often, and spent time with our Indian side of the family. I have felt connected to my Indian side but struggled with not presenting myself as Indian enough. My last name is Williams and my skin is fair like my dad's. There is nothing worse when someone yells 'no way, I don't believe it' to your face when you tell them your background. As I think about a life partner, I hope there is respect and curiosity about the Indian side of me and that our kids would have a genuine interest in their heritage. For a while, I thought that finding an Indian guy would make this easier and kind of prove to the world that I'm Indian enough. I have learned that finding the right person, no matter the colour or background, is way more important than the image you represent.

One of the things you discuss is your mother putting up a matrimonial profile for you. How did that happen?

My family was not particularly open about discussing relationships. In our house, you had a 'friend' and then a 'fiance'. In my early 20s, I had a serious boyfriend, whom I introduced to my parents, and, when we broke up, my mom took the reigns to make sure I didn't 'waste any more time'. During these few years, I was undergoing career changes and thinking about my future and I did not welcome her injecting herself in my personal journey. To her, a mother's purpose is to ensure their child's happiness. We struggled because we both wanted the same things — for me to find a partner and the opportunity to raise a family — but I felt like I was worried enough for myself. I didn't need her taking this monumental task of 'getting me settled down' on herself... I felt suffocated, annoyed, then guilty, then furious again, worn down, and then the cycle would start back up. It was very exhausting for both of us.

What are the challenges of putting your own personal, even intimate, experiences out there for the public?

From the beginning, I knew I wanted to include some *shaadi* horror stories in the show and I slowly realised I would have to be pretty honest in order to have maximum impact. I couldn't rely completely on funny jokes or gimmicks. For me, I'd much rather jump around and look silly to capture attention than include any intimate details about myself, and this show really forced me to think about my culture and relationship with my mom. I will admit that I left out some personal relationship stories of my own. I think I still struggle to cross that bridge to really let the audience into my heart, which is why the show is always evolving.

'Artists have a way of breaking national barriers'

Actor Shabana Azmi on playing head of naval intelligence in Steven Spielberg's series, *Halo*, and exploring varied mediums

ALAKA SAHANI

LATER THIS year, actor Shabana Azmi (*pictured*) will travel to Budapest to shoot for the series, *Halo*, an adaptation of a hugely popular eponymous video game. In the series, she will play Admiral Margaret Parangosky, the head of the Office of Naval Intelligence. "The series is very futuristic. This is uncharted territory for me. The reward itself is in doing a part that I have not done before. Everything else is a bonus," says Azmi. The show, expected to be launched in 2021, is co-produced by Steven Spielberg and directed by Otto Bathurst.

The role came to Azmi through her UK agent. "Asian actors have been asking for colour-blind casting for the last 20 years. The entertainment industry compared to any other industry understands the virtue of involving people from different nationalities. That (diversity) means increasing your audience. It becomes a win-win situation for both," she says.

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> SHABANA AZMI

Azmi believes that the reach of the show or the reaction of the audience is the last thing any artist should be concerned with. At the moment, she is happy to be part of this series. *Halo* is a first-person shooter video game franchise that centers around an interstellar war between humanity and an alien contingent.

Azmi has worked in several international projects in the past, such as *Madame Sousatzka* (1988), *La Nuit Bengali* (1988), *City of Joy* (1992) and *Son of Pink Panther* (1993). With technology, the world is shrinking. "Even when I worked in western productions earlier, I realised this is one industry where people from various nationalities work together. Once I was shooting for a movie in New York that had Chinese, Polish, Indian, American and French people on board. Artists have a way of breaking national barriers," says the actor. The cast of *Halo* includes actors Natascha McElhone, Bokeem Woodbine, Bentley Kalu, Natasha Culzac, and Kate Kennedy.

The 68-year-old actor considers herself to be very fortunate as she was "at the right place at the right time". She says, "When I started my career, the parallel cinema movement had just started. In the late '80s, when I acted in *Madame Sousatzka*, the interest in Asian actors was on the rise."

For her busy schedule, Azmi cites the emphasis on content-driven projects as one of the reasons. "People are recognising the fact that content matters. Today, a lot of roles are opening up for senior actors. I'm lucky that I'm here and offered several projects. Out of that, I choose whatever catches my fancy — sometimes it's the subject, sometimes it's the character or the money. I pick a project for different reasons. I'm almost instinctive about what I say yes to. Very rarely, it has happened that I have said no to something and have been persuaded to do it," she says.

Working with young people and exploring different mediums has always interested Azmi. "I remember, 15 years ago, I did a film that was going to be released on Google. *Waterborne* (2005, directed by Ben Rekhi) was shot in Los Angeles. Everyone questioned me why was I bothering to do a film that was not going to release in a theatre. Now, everyone is talking about digital medium opening up," says the actor, who recently wrapped up the shoot of *Sheer Qorma*, which also features Divya Dutta and Swara Bhasker. "Divya sent me the script and I was moved by it. I found the director, Faraz Arif Ansari, passionate and deeply interested in the subject," says the five-time National Award-winner.

One of her landmark movies, *Arth*, is likely to be remade and directed by Revathy. "I look at the remake as a tribute to the original. If we become so picky about remakes, we would have never had different versions of *Othello* or *Hamlet*. I wish them all the best for the remake," she says.

Every Man's Land

Eight artists from the North East come together in an exhibition to shed light on the issues pertinent to borders and their land

PALLAVI CHATTOPADHYAY

HAVING BEEN an eye witness to the 2008 Agartala serial blasts, the memories of the horrific incident and of bleeding victims being rushed to hospitals, left artist Victor Hazra from Tripura filled with dread and fear. Soon after, he decided to embark on a year-long project where he sourced photographs of bowl-shaped craters, caused due to bombings, from Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq from Google and juxtaposed them with outlines of flowers as a sign of condolence. At Delhi's Akar Prakar Contemporary gallery, *Sepulchre*, Hazra is showcasing a set of seven works where he marries glass etchings with photography to recreate broken and shattered pieces of bombed land by covering them with flowers like rose or sunflower. It is an attempt "to cover up the scars of terrorism".

Now based in Delhi, Hazra, 30, is surprised upon seeing the rising concrete jungles in Gurgaon, as opposed to the scenic beauty of lush green landscapes of the North East when growing up. The work *Obsessed of Intersection* draws from his experiences, where he has sculpted a colourful human head, painted with grid-like buildings, using acrylics, and sporting a headgear made of iron, in the shape of a building under construction. "When we go to hilly areas, we enjoy the landscape. But I can see none of this in Delhi. All I can see through the window is concrete and it makes me claustrophobic. What is land? How do we see the land and the landscape? Its definition is changing," says Hazra.

Part of the group exhibition "A-part: Stories of Lands and Lines", which is being showcased in Delhi, Hazra's works feature among the 10 works by eight artists hailing from the North East region, such as Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Sikkim and Tripura. Pranamita Borgohain, the curator of the show, says, "The title of the show refers to one way of looking at the North East, as being 'apart' from the mainland. The North East is surrounded by the border of five countries and that leaves it with a range of other issues, unlike rest of the country. The border areas are more prone and fragile to disturbances. So it takes off from the idea of how borders and lines divide and is a broader play on land, soil, terrain, territories, while touching upon subjects of migration, identity and political upheavals."

Reminding the viewer of the famous yesteryear black and white Mickey Mouse cartoons are Shillong-based artist Treibor Mawlong's woodcuts, *Hills & Tales*, where nine panels question the notion of home. Each frame hides a story — a chicken trying to protect her babies, tourists clicking selfies with the famous living root bridges of Meghalaya, and a bulldozer excavating and removing chunks of land. He says, "This artwork speaks of the influx of illegal migrants into the hills, at a time when locals think it is their land, through a panel depicting a cluster of ants walking uphill. Tourists are leaving behind plastic footprints everywhere when they come visiting and there's pollution and degradation. On the outside, this work looks peaceful and calm, but there's hidden chaos."

(Clockwise from above) *Obsessed of Intersection* by Victor Hazra; *We see what we want to see* by Wahida Ahmed; *Threshold* by Sisir Thapa

No hatred, no malice, this humble heart of mind, carries no prejudice... The Hindu climbs the pyre, the Muslim goes to his grave, both return to the bosom of the same earth where they lived. With these lines, Wahida Ahmed from Guwahati puts the spotlight on the 17th century sufi saint and poet Ajan Fakir, who came from Baghdad and settled in Assam's Sibsagar district. His songs, about people from different caste, creed and religion, send out a message of harmony. They are an entry point into her tall iron frame installation titled *We see what we want to see*, where she has woven together the structure of the black cube-shaped Kaaba in Mecca and the *triratha* of a temple, and covered them with black thread and the saint's poems in terracotta.

Exploring gateways' role in establishing and reinforcing the idea of power is Gangtok-based Sisir Thapa, who duplicates its minimised version with influences from the architecture of China and Burma in *Threshold*, using rusted barbed wire and tin sheet.

The exhibition is on at D 43, Defence Colony, till August 16

TURMOIL IN SL CRICKET

RATNAYAKE INTERIM COACH

Rumesh Ratnayake has been appointed Sri Lanka's interim coach ahead of their home Test series against New Zealand. Sri Lanka Cricket refused, however, to clarify whether head coach Chandika Hathurusingha had been sacked.

Pakistan waiting, and watching

There's anticipation in Pakistan over their Davis Cup date with India next month, even as tension mounts between the neighbours

SHAHID JUDGE
MUMBAI, AUGUST 7

RISING TENSIONS over New Delhi's decision to end Jammu and Kashmir's special status hasn't dulled Pakistan's anticipation for next month's Davis Cup tie against India in Islamabad. The last time an Indian tennis team crossed the Pakistan border was 55 years ago. A cloud of doubt, however, gathered over the tie on Wednesday with Pakistan downgrading the diplomatic relations with India.

Team Pakistan's mainstay, Aqeel Khan, 39, sums up the wait for the Indian team led by non-playing captain Mahesh Bhupathi and has Top 100 singles player Prajnesh Gunneswaran, and Grand Slam regular and doubles specialist, Rohan Bopanna. "Lots of people ask if India is coming," says Aqeel. "The television news channels here have been taking a lot of interest in this tie."

This excitement was triggered last month after the International Tennis Federation's (ITF) gave the green signal to the Islamabad venue, and grew when the Indian government left the decision to travel to the All India Tennis Association (AITA). But last week, Bhupathi, in a letter to AITA, expressed concerns about the team's safety.

Pakistan captain and Bopanna's one-time doubles partner on the ATP circuit, Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi, calls these fears unfounded. "Security concerns have always been because of the fear of the unknown," he says, on the September 14-15 tie. "No matter what you do or what you hear, until somebody comes and sees the security measures they will not realise or understand it. They would be surprised by our security arrangements and the hospitality. Nobody knows about the future, all we can do is give the assurance that, Inshallah, everything will go right. That's how it's been happening for the past three years," says Qureshi.

Tennis in Pakistan is picking up the pieces, recovering from its 12-year international isolation. Between 2005-2017, the tennis world gave Pakistan a miss due to security concerns. This freeze resulted in the game dying a slow death. With no new talent emerging, Khan and Qureshi, the two 39-year-olds, still retain their places in the team.

Qureshi regrets missing playing at home. "Unfortunately, I was not able to play in country during my golden years of playing singles," says the former world no 8 in doubles who reached the Wimbledon singles second round in 2007. "There were no international events happening at home. Tennis suffered a lot because we could have grown better players and got better results," he says.

Since tennis' return to Pakistan in 2017, Iran, Thailand, South Korea and most recently Uzbekistan have travelled to Islamabad.

"People were coming in from Lahore and from Karachi to watch the ties," says Khan, who has represented Pakistan 51 times in Davis Cup ties, more than any other player. "This has never happened before."

And now that India is set to hop across the border, the buzz is greater than what Pakistan tennis has ever experienced before. Pakistan hopes the tie will change perceptions around the world about the nation.

Changing perceptions

"People are realising that Pakistan is a safe country, a pleasant country, a peace-loving nation, a sports-loving country full of people who are friendly, humble, lovable, and caring," says Qureshi.

"I feel in the past 3-4 years the perception in the western world has been changing about Pakistan. I hear people talking good things about my country, which is very satisfying. Obviously, there are some parts (of Pakistan) that are still not safe. But you can't judge a country of 220 million people based on a few groups, or terrorist activities," he says.

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"I'm doing my level best, as a Pakistani, to promote the image of my country and the people that I know and believe in. Hopefully, we will show it to the Indian Davis Cup team when they come to Pakistan. I'm sure they're going to take very good and happy memories of us back to India," says Qureshi.

Another chapter of an India versus Pakistan rivalry will unfold in a tie that, on paper, has different meaning for both teams. India has reached the Davis Cup final thrice. Pakistan has never made it to the World Group, and this, by far, is the biggest tie they will ever play in. India, with better ranked experienced players, is easily the favourite to win. However, for Pakistan the result doesn't matter. The tie does.

Aisam Qureshi (2nd from right) and Aqeel Khan (right) met Rohan Bopanna (left) at a London restaurant during Wimbledon last month. *Instagram:aisamqureshi*

Qureshi ready to face friends-turned-foes

SHAHID JUDGE
MUMBAI, AUGUST 7

TWENTY-ONE years is a long time in the life of an international tennis player. If you get to that stage, chances are you would have the experience of playing in almost all kinds of situations — and against all sorts of players — the tennis tour could throw at you.

Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi's career started in 1998. Since then, he's won 17 ATP doubles titles and has been a former World No.8 in doubles. In 2010, he reached the final of both the men's doubles and mixed doubles events at the US Open. Qureshi is easily Pakistan's most decorated players and, at 39, still their lynchpin in both singles and doubles when it comes to the Davis Cup.

But if he thought he had seen it all, Qureshi was wrong. For the first time in his long career, he will play against India on his home turf when Pakistan host its eastern neighbour for a Group 1 Asia/Oceania Davis Cup tie in Islamabad next month.

Over the last 21 years, Qureshi has partnered with multiple Indian players in doubles, some successful, some not so. And he certainly has found himself on the opposite side of the net, and beaten his Indian opponents. The new and unseen challenge for Qureshi, though, is to do it on home soil, while representing his country.

Playing in Pakistan, for Pakistan, against his Indian friends — that is something he's never done before. "The pressure is there because we care so much," Qureshi says. "Aqeel Khan (another Pakistani veteran) cares for the Davis Cup, and so do I. That's why we've been playing and representing Pakistan for the past 20 years. We both are very patriotic when it comes to Davis Cup and we both play our hearts out. The pressure was always there, and it will still be there when we play India."

India versus Pakistan is never just 'a match', no matter the sport. Pakistan has, in recent years, lived in the shadow of their stronger Indian opponents. So there will be some expectation from Qureshi to lead the charge to a successful change in fortunes.

Qureshi will draw from his experience of playing India in a Davis Cup before. In 2006, India hosted Pakistan in Mumbai. Qureshi beat good friend and future partner Rohan Bopanna in their singles rubber, but the Indians eventually secured the tie with a 3-2 scoreline.

"It was one of the fun ties I've played. All the Indians playing that tie were very good friends of mine. Bopanna, Prakash Amritraj, Leander Paes, Mahesh Bhupathi," Qureshi says. "Obviously, it was a heart-breaking loss for us but we did push them to the end, which I think is something they never expected. But I have great memories. We went to the Governor's house as well to have a team dinner. I'm looking forward to hosting the Indian players. Luckily, from that tie Bopanna is still playing and Mahesh is the non-playing captain. Hopefully, they can have some fun memories they can take back to India after the tie."

Qureshi and Bopanna would go on to forge a successful doubles partnership, the high watermark of which was making the 2010 US Open final.

Recently, Qureshi and Khan also shared a meal with their Indian 'friends' in Nottingham. "We were all sitting together in an Indian restaurant," recalls Khan. "Leander was talking about that (2006 tie) there, Aisam and I were there, so was Rohan and Ramkumar (Ramanathan). It happened so long ago but we all remember it fondly."

That evening of reminiscences happened shortly before the Wimbledon Championships this year. While the Indians were gearing up for the Grand Slam, Qureshi and Khan were actually working steadily towards their preparation for the tie.

Qureshi, a doubles specialist now ranked 55th in the world, is the only Pakistani player — singles or doubles — to be placed within the top 1000 ranks. Both he and Khan are country's longest-serving players in the Davis Cup. While Khan does not compete internationally, the Pakistan Tennis Federation (PTF) made arrangements for him to travel with Qureshi for six weeks as a hitting partner.

Qureshi says: "Back home in Pakistan, there's not much tennis going on. So I asked Aqeel to come and help me out as well. I hope that it helped him in preparing for the Davis Cup tie the same way it's helping me. Still there's 6-7 weeks before the tie. Hopefully we'll be able to work it and give India a good challenge."

By now, Qureshi and Khan have become accustomed to the steadily growing support they receive during home ties. It's something they weren't allowed to enjoy from 2005 to 2017 when the International Tennis Federation had banned the country from hosting international tennis matches due to security concerns. "The regret we have is that both Aisam and I were 25 when the ban was imposed," Khan explains. "It was sad that we lost our peak years." When the ban lifted though, Khan recalls being washed with waves of both joy and tension.

"People had heard a lot of stories that Aqeel and Aisam play quite well, ever since we came up in 1999, but nobody had really seen us play," Khan says. "So all these stories had started floating again, and we started feeling some pressure because were now 37, and people had the same expectations of what they had heard about us when we were 25."

In the five ties Pakistan has hosted since the ban was lifted, they won four. Their most recent match was a loss against Uzbekistan, which paved the way for the draw against India. The diplomatic ties between the two countries have worsened in the last few days, but there will be people on both sides of the border hoping that the September tie goes ahead.

Real Kashmir defy odds, beat Chennai City FC in Durand Cup

Kalyani: A lock down back home has left Real Kashmir players unable to communicate with family members but coach David Richardson said they "played with heart and soul" during their season-opening match in the Durand Cup here on Wednesday. Real Kashmir FC beat Chennai City FC 1-0 through a Danish Farooq's last minute goal to begin their season on a winning note. "We played with so much heart and soul, that's the secret of our success," Robertson said after the match.

Real Kashmir players assembled for the first time this season here late Monday night only to realise that they are cut off from family members back home due to telecommunication blackout after the special status for Kashmir was revoked on Monday.

Despite the uncertainties back home, the mood in the Real Kashmir camp was spirited as the players who had come in three batches waited for their colleagues to reach at the team hotel.

"Everybody waited to meet each other, old friendships are back again in the lobby of the hotel and in the corridors they were all hugging each other and all talking and laughing with each other," said the Scottish coach. "It shows you that just got special situation at the club. It has been built up over a couple years and maybe today we deifed some odds but it's what our club is made of," he said of the team. "I think it has been built over the years, it's just heart and hunger that really made a success. Yes, they are a very talented group. It was a lot of good to get on this."

Robertson's counterpart Akbar Nawas, on the other hand, drew parallels with war-ravaged Iraq's AFC Asian Cup triumph in 2007 and said Real Kashmir players' biggest motivation was the situation back home.

"If you remember, Iraq won the Asian Cup by having similar circumstances. So that means when you have such circumstances, it might motivate you. But we don't go to the game and try to take advantage of that," Nawas said. "I don't mix whatever that goes off the field. We are all very sad about whatever that is happening in Kashmir," the Singaporean added.

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No trials in 51kg and 69kg; Mary picked for Worlds without contest

NITIN SHARMA
CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 7

ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS bronze medallist Nikhat Zareen complained on Wednesday that the federation didn't conduct trials for the 51kg and 69kg categories to select the squad for the World Championships in Russia in October, picking MC Mary Kom and Lovlina Borgohain without any contests, in a departure from the original competition schedule.

The trials began on Tuesday at the Indira Gandhi Stadium in New Delhi, but the change of plan prompted Zareen to write to Boxing Federation of India president Ajay Singh.

"As per our discussion yesterday and your assurance that my bout for the 51kg for the World Championships trials will surely happen today, I'm surprised to see that the schedule list which was circulated this (Wednesday) morning, my name and weight category doesn't feature. This is in light of the fact that yesterday my name and weight category was there in the schedule (and) was supposed to be the first bout. Still at the last moment, we were told by all of you officials that my fight with Vanduatilal of All India Police will not take place. I request an urgent explanation as to what is happening and what is the final decision in this regard," Zareen wrote.

While the World Championships will be held in 10 weight categories, the focus has been on the five Olympic classes. While the trials are taking place till Thursday, bouts in six categories including 51kg were scheduled for Tuesday, before the BFI selection committee changed its mind.

"All the boxers were present in the hall and had read about the notice and schedule about the bouts. Nikhat was told just before her bout that there will be no trials in her category," said a women boxer, who is a member of the national camp.

Chairman of selectors Rajesh Bhandari said Mary's pedigree and record in the ring, as well as her recent form, persuaded them to cancel the trial.

"We had told the boxers after the selection committee meeting on Tuesday that we will not have trials in 51kg and 69kg categories. We received a representation from Mary Kom's coach Chotte Lal Yadav and we all came to the conclusion that Mary has performed consistently in this weight category and has the experience and performance," Bhandari said.

"We all were of the view that Mary needs to prepare for the World Championships and Olympic qualifiers. Mary has a plan and she did not participated in Asian Championships as she was focusing on training. Hence, we decided that there should be no trials in the 51kg category. Mary had defeated Nikhat at the India Open earlier this year and Nikhat had only won bronze there. We also decided against holding trials in the 69kg class.

Nikhat Zareen complained to the BFI president after Mary was selected.

"Regarding trials before the Olympic qualifiers next year, we will meet on August 19 and decide whether to have them or give preference to individual performance," he said.

Six-time world champion and 2012 Olympic medallist Mary has been shifting between 48kg and 51kg in recent years and won the gold medal in the lower weight class at last year's World Championships in New Delhi.

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She has three world titles each in 46kg and 48kg and also won the gold medal at last year's Commonwealth Games in the latter. This year has seen Kom win the gold medal in 51kg category in the India Open, where she defeated Zareen in the semifinals, and the President's Cup in Thailand last month.

In comparison, Zareen, who had competed in the 2016 World Championships in 54kg category, moved to 51kg in 2017 and won a gold in Stranja Memorial Championship in Bulgaria last year apart from defeating Pinki Jangra in the Asian Championships trials this year and winning bronze in Asian Championships in Bangkok in April this year.

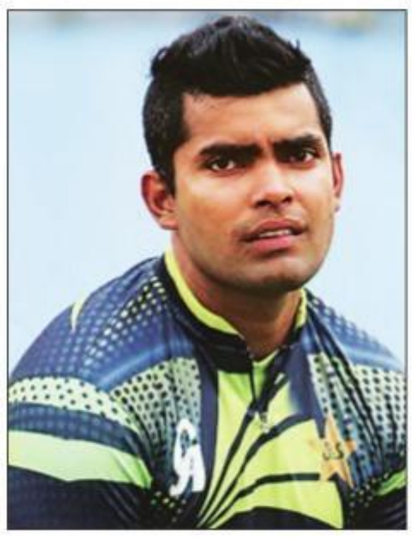
In Bangkok, Zareen upset two-time 48kg world champion Nazym Kyzaibay of Kazakhstan in the 51kg quarterfinals before losing to 2018 Asian Games gold medallist Nguyen Thi Tam of Vietnam in the semis.

Raffaele Bergamasco, the high performance director of women's boxing, told Rhe Indian Express that he had asked the selection committee to hold trials in each category.

"When I was asked in the selection meeting, I said that we should have trials in each weight category in the women's events to decide the best boxer in that category," he said.

While the BFI conducted trials in all weight categories earlier, it has been following a new selection policy based on performance and ranking with exceptions in some weight categories for the last two years. With the Olympic qualifiers in eight men's categories and five women's categories from January to April next year, the national body will come up the selection criteria soon.

"I am currently in Patiala and was not present in the selection committee meeting. So I don't know what happened in the meeting. It is my personal view that we should consider long-term performance over a period rather than trials and we have been following that. We decided to not conduct trials for the world championships in Amit Panghal's weight category but did so for the other classes. But we informed the boxers well in advance and had done so in earlier trials also, when we did not conduct trials in some categories. All of us should be clear about the process," said Santiago Nieva, India's chief high performance director (Men and women).



Umar Akmal last played for Pakistan in March this year.

Akmal accuses ex-Pakistan player of corrupt approach

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KARACHI, AUGUST 7

CONTROVERSIAL PAKISTAN batsman Umar Akmal has accused a former Test player Mansoor Akhtar of corrupt approach during the ongoing Global T20 Canada, reporting the matter to PCB's anti-corruption unit. According to highly placed PCB sources, a few days back, Umar had reported the matter to the organizers as well as the Pakistan Cricket Board's Anti-Corruption Unit. He is playing for the Winnipeg Hawks franchise.

Umar reported that a former test batsman, Akhtar, who was part of the Winnipeg Hawks management had approached him and asked him to play a role in fixing some games of the league. The 61-year-old Mansoor, who is currently based out of the United States has played around 19 Tests and 41 ODIs between 1980 and 1990. He has reportedly gone incommunicado since complaint came to light.

Umar was sidelined by the national selectors during the recent World Cup after being given a comeback chance in the preparatory one-day series against Australia in the UAE in March-April. But the flamboyant middle-order batsman has a tendency to get involved in controversies and last year came under the spotlight when he made claims in a television interview about being approached to fix matches by some bookmakers during the 2015 World Cup and during Hong Kong Super Sixes.

No extension for Arthur as Pakistan seek coaching revamp

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Wednesday decided not to renew the contracts of head coach Mickey Arthur and his support staff, including batting coach Grant Flower, a move that was expected after the team's World Cup debacle. The PCB announced that it will be "immediately undertaking a robust recruitment process" after refusing to renew the contracts of Arthur, Flower, bowling coach Azhar Mahmood, and trainer Grant Luden.

The PCB Cricket Committee, which met on Friday, was unanimous in its recommendations for the change. Pakistan narrowly missed out on making the knockout stages of the June-July World Cup in England after winning five and losing three of their nine matches. "As part of the recruitment process, the PCB will now advertise the four available roles and will invite high level applications from interested candidates," the Board said in a statement.

The recommendations were forwarded and discussed with PCB Chairman Ehsan Mani. The PCB cricket committee is headed by Managing Director Wasim Khan and includes former captains Wasim Akram, Misbah-ul-Haq, Urooj Mumtaz and Mudassar Nazar (PCB's Director academies) and Zakir Khan (head international cricket operations).

Pant vs Rahul, the sequel

The wicketkeeper batsman might have sealed India's win with a six, but not the No.4 spot in one-dayers

VISHAL MENON
AUGUST 7

AN INDIAN wicketkeeper sealing an ODI win with a six isn't a novelty. Earlier it was MS Dhoni; on Tuesday, at Guyana, it was Rishabh Pant, who finished the game with a checked lofted straight drive off Carlos Brathwaite that sailed over the sightscreen. Playing at No.4, Pant saw to it that he was around when India crossed the line to secure the 3-0 whitewash.

With Pant, you expect the outlandish, and not the clinical precision of a seasoned finisher like Dhoni. However, on a slow track at the Providence Ground, such acts of belligerence were few and far between, as the 21-year-old fashioned a gritty, backs-to-the wall knock.

While Pant's exploits in the final T20 match may have earned him plaudits from several quarters, he may still not have done enough to seal the contentious No.4 slot when the three-match ODI series begins on Thursday. The Roorkee lad, after all, had held this position during India's march into the World Cup semifinal in England. Despite walking out under fairly challenging conditions, he had registered consistent performances, even though it did not quite translate into commanding victories.

Ahead of the ODI series in the Caribbean, it's Shikhar Dhawan's return that gives the team management plenty to ponder about. Dhawan, who missed bulk of India's World Cup campaign after sustaining a finger injury, is poised to return to the 50-over format with his incumbent opener Rohit Sharma.

With captain Virat Kohli following them at No.3, KL Rahul could just nudge Pant for a spot at No.4. Considering the sluggish nature of the Providence deck, Kedar Jadhav, with his unconventional off-spinners could just bolster the case for his return.

In such a scenario, Jadhav, all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja and Pant could jostle for spots in the lower middle-order. In essence, that would confine Shreyas Iyer and Manish Pandey, two batsmen who were jettisoned into the limited-overs squad for this tour, to warming the bench. Pandey was fairly disappointing in this T20 series, registering abysmal scores of 19, 6 and 2*. These lacklustre performances could just tempt the team management to test Iyer as a floater in the middle-order. The Mumbaikar was untested in the T20 series, and is coming after a fairly profitable run in the recently concluded limited-overs series against West Indies A.

It should not hurt Pant if he misses out to KL Rahul for a spot at No.4 in the batting order. If anything, he has done his bit to enhance his reputation following his uncharacteristic knock against West Indies on Tuesday evening.

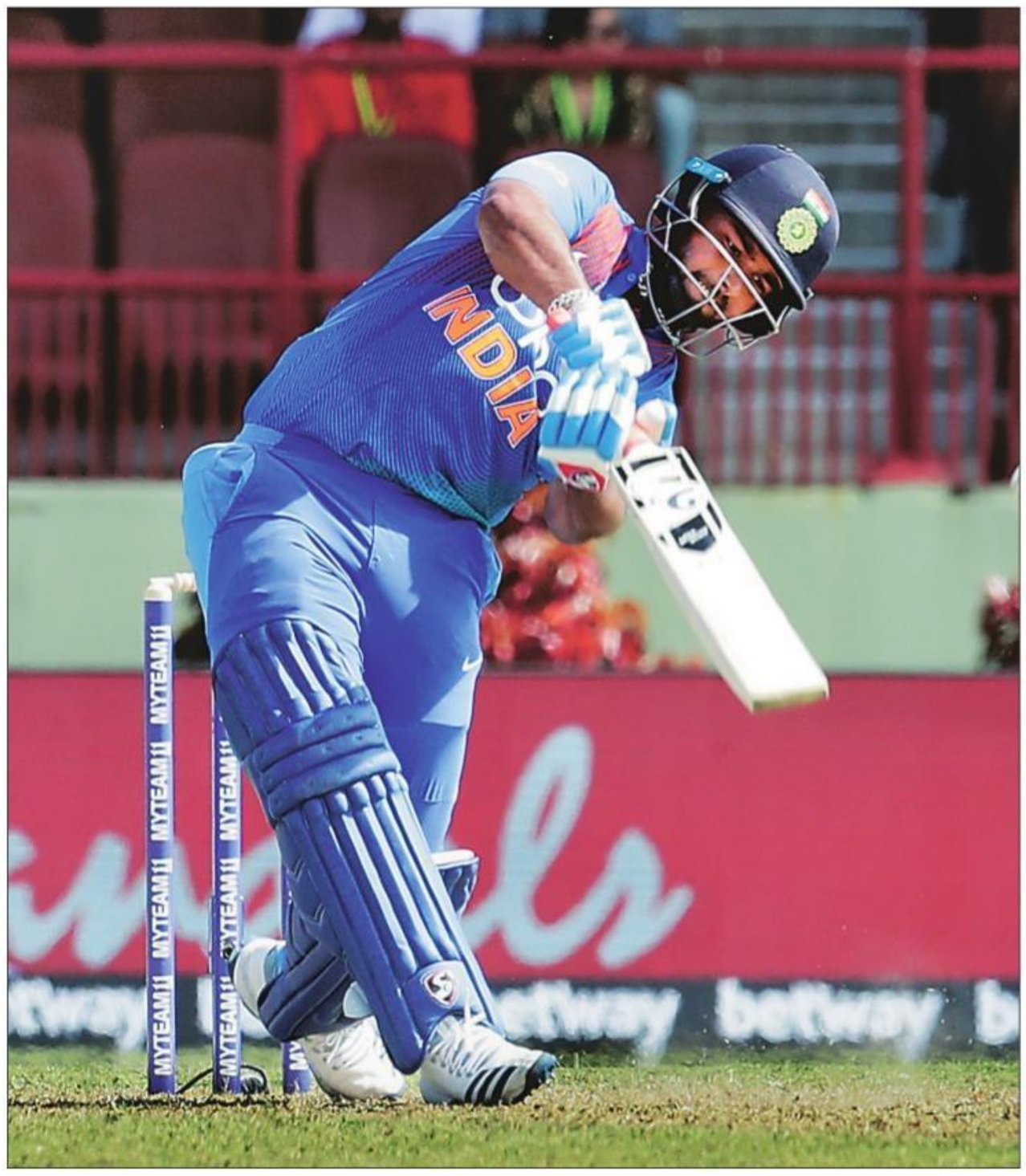
The most refreshing aspect was that it was a well-paced innings, considering it was a T20 format. When he walked out, India had lost both their openers and were in strife at 27/2. With the captain by his side, he had stitched a match-winning third-wicket alliance of 106 runs that turned the tide in India's favour.

"He (Pant) played with the tempo of the innings, the tempo of what was required. I am really looking forward to seeing more performances from him like this. He has got the tremendous talent we all know. It is all about getting into his zone and doing this more often for the team," was Kohli's assessment of Pant.

A timely knock

This was a much-needed score for Pant who scored 0 and 4 in the first two T20 games. However, the twin failures at Lauderhill did not bog Pant down. It gave him time to introspect. "There are times I get frustrated when I don't get runs. Then I think of what I could have done differently so that I could perform. There are times when I take the right decision and even then I am not able to perform. It happens in cricket and is part and parcel of the game. But what I try to do always is to focus on my basics, trust my instincts and just follow the process," Pant said in an interview to *BCCI.TV*.

In many ways, Pant's match-winning knock in Guyana was a bit like Dhoni passing on the baton. For long, India has struggled to find a suitable replacement for the irrepressible 38-year-old in the shorter formats. This knock only reaffirmed the unmitigated trust Kohli has on the youngster. Appointing him the wicket-keeper across formats for this Caribbean sojourn gives Pant a sense of assurance that emboldens him to improve his game and not get bogged down after a couple of failures. "I do feel the pressure at times, but the senior members have faith in me and that is a huge confidence booster. You know that even if you fail in one or two innings, the team will back you. That really helps," he added. **LIVE ON SONY TEN 1/3 FROM 7:00 PM IST**



With a well-paced 65 not out in the third T20I, Rishabh Pant has done his bit to enhance his reputation. *AP*

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RISHABH PANT

Chahar could be as good as Bhuvneshwar: Kohli

Providence (Guyana): Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli feels Deepak Chahar is as good a seamer as the more experienced Bhuvneshwar Kumar, lauding the rookie bowler for his "outstanding" three-wicket haul in the third and final T20 International against the West Indies here.

Deepak bowled a magnificent opening spell and ended with figures of 3/4 from three overs, which was crucial in restricting the West Indies to 146 for 6, while his cousin Rahul, playing his first game, chipped in with an effort of one for 27. India won the match to complete a 3-0 whitewash. "We wanted to try a couple of guys. We gave both the Chahar brothers a go in this game. It was Rahul's first game and Deepak's come back. I think he (Deepak) was outstanding with the new ball," Kohli said in the post-match press conference.

"...I was definitely impressed with Deepak and how he bowled even with Rahul, how he came back in the third over and got a wicket. I think it was a really good day for us as a fielding team, as a bowling unit and Deepak started it all for us," added the 30-year-old.

Kohli also lauded Bhuvneshwar Kumar, describing him as a "skillful bowler" but said it was Deepak's performance that impressed him a lot. "Pitch didn't have much, there was a bit of cloud cover but the kind of swing he (Deepak) got early and got those three wickets really set West Indies back and they could not get to a big total," he added.

"I think it was his (Bhuvneshwar's) execution that pushed them back. Bhuvi is always been professional, a very skillful bowler," he added. **PTI**

Deepak Chahar returned with figures of 3-1-4-3 in Guyana. *AP*

Anderson promises to return before Ashes end

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
LONDON, AUGUST 7

ENGLAND'S RECORD wicket taker James Anderson is determined to return to the team before the Ashes series with Australia ends in September he told The Sun on Wednesday. The 37-year-old has been ruled out of the second Ashes Test, which starts next Wednesday at Lord's, after injuring his right calf having bowled just four overs in the series opener at Edgbaston as Australia romped to a 251-run victory.

Anderson, who has taken 575 Test wickets, had not played competitive cricket for a month leading into the match after injuring the same calf playing for Lancashire. "I'm pretty confident I can get over this, I want to keep going," said Anderson.

"The plan is to get back and play some part in The Ashes but, if that doesn't work out, the winter (tours to New Zealand and South Africa) is absolutely on my radar. I'm sure there will come a point where other bowlers either get injured or need a rest.

"If one needs to be replaced, it might work out well if I can get myself fit and help towards the end of the series." Anderson, whose place at Lord's is likely to be taken by young paceman Jofra Archer, said injuries were part and parcel of his advancing years. I'm at the age now when there's a chance injuries will happen more," he said.

"It's something I've got to prepare for. But I'm very fortunate -- I've been lucky with having so few throughout my career."

Anderson, who is nicknamed 'The King of Swing', said he felt awful watching from the sidelines as the England attack struggled against the Australians especially in the second innings. Devastating and horrible are the best words to describe my feelings as I watched the other England bowlers toil in the First Test," he said.

"I felt guilty and apologised to the lads for leaving them in the lurch." However, Anderson rejected criticism that he should have had a game before he returned to the Test side to prove his fitness -- Archer played in a second XI game for his county Sussex on Tuesday to prove he had recovered from a side strain. There's been some talk I shouldn't have been chosen at Edgbaston last week without first playing another game to prove my fitness following the torn calf muscle I suffered on July 2," he said. "But I disagree with that. In my head, I was fit to play an Ashes Test. I've played in Test matches before after injury without first playing a county game or warm-up of some sort."

Stone absence adds to England's injury woes England fast bowler Olly Stone will miss the second Ashes Test against Australia after being ruled out for at least two weeks with a back injury. Stone, who suffered the injury in training on Tuesday, joins fellow pacemen James Anderson and Mark Wood in being ruled out of the Lord's Test, which starts on August 14.

"It's really disappointing for Olly that he's been ruled out of action for such an important two weeks of cricket because of a reoccurrence of his back injury," said Warwickshire sport director Paul Farbrace. Jofra Archer, who has also suffered with a side strain in recent weeks, is expected to replace Anderson for the second Test after England crumbled to a 251-run defeat to open the series. Archer took six wickets and hit a century for Sussex's second XI on Tuesday to press his case for a Test debut. Stone, 25, took three wickets on his first Test appearance against Ireland last month and was in the squad for the first Test at his home ground Edgbaston, but did not play.

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JAMES ANDERSON

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Uruguay striker Forlan announces retirement

Former Uruguay striker Diego Forlan has announced his retirement, bringing to an end a 21-year career in which he played club soccer on three different continents. Forlan, who started his career in South America with Argentine club Independiente, played for major European teams such as Manchester United, Villarreal, Atletico Madrid and Inter Milan before ending his career in Asia. Forlan, 40, was also instrumental in Uruguay's run to the 2010 World Cup semi-finals, where he was awarded the Golden Ball for best player at the tournament and finished as one of the tournament's top scorers with five goals. "After 21 years I made the decision to end my career as a professional footballer," Forlan said in a statement. "A beautiful stage closes full of great memories and emotions," he said.

Bournemouth sign Wilson on loan

Bournemouth have brought in Liverpool's versatile 22-year-old Wales midfielder Harry Wilson on a season-long loan, the two Premier League clubs announced on Tuesday. Wilson, who came through the ranks at Anfield and can play wide or centrally, scored 17 goals in 46 games on loan at Derby County last season as they reached the Championship playoff final. He is Bournemouth manager Eddie Howe's fifth signing of the close season. The highly-rated Wilson, who made his Liverpool debut in an FA Cup tie at Plymouth in January 2017, has also had loan spells at Crewe Alexandra and Hull City as well as Derby.

Watford acquire free agent Welbeck

Watford have signed England forward Danny Welbeck on a free transfer after his release from fellow London side Arsenal, the Premier League club said on Wednesday. Welbeck, 28, spent five years at Arsenal but played only 14 games in all competitions in his final campaign. "The Hornets are delighted to confirm the signing of England international forward Danny Welbeck on a free transfer," Watford said in a statement on the club's website. "The former Manchester United and Arsenal man has agreed a permanent contract... and further bolsters Javi Gracia's squad.

Barty lost 6-7(5), 6-3, 6-4 to America's Sofia Kenin. *Reuters*

Barty suffers shock second-round loss

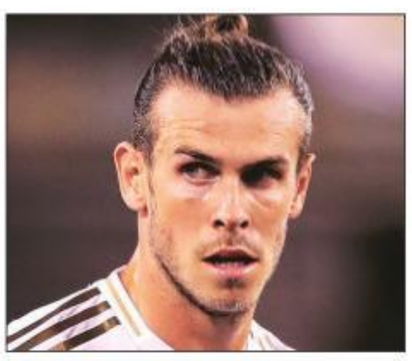
World number one Ash Barty's preparations for the U.S. Open got off to a rocky start as the Australian suffered a shock 6-7(5) 6-3 6-4 loss to American Sofia Kenin in the second round of the Rogers Cup on Tuesday. French Open champion Barty, playing for the first time since falling in the last 16 at Wimbledon, was far from her best and Kenin took full advantage, recording her first victory in four meetings with the Australian. "I wasn't able to adapt quickly enough, or well enough, to play a match of the standard that I expect myself to play and I want myself to play," said Barty. "And Sofia served today in the big moments. She served particularly well and got a lot of free points." World number 29 Kenin failed to serve out the opening set at 5-4 but did not let that setback derail her, remaining poised the rest of the way even as Barty nearly rallied back from big deficits in the second and third sets. Kenin led 4-0 in the second only for Barty to win three straight games and get back on serve. In the decider, Kenin broke twice early for a 4-1 lead and Barty again threatened but finally ran out of tricks on the fourth match point.

Olesen charged with sexual assault on flight

Danish golfer Thorbjorn Olesen has been charged with sexual assault, being drunk on an aircraft and common assault and will appear in court on Aug. 21, Metropolitan Police have said. The 29-year-old was arrested at London's Heathrow Airport on July 29 and subsequently released under investigation after returning from a World Golf Championships event in Memphis. "A man has been charged in connection with an incident on an inbound flight to Heathrow Airport on Monday, 29 July," a Metropolitan Police spokesperson said in statement. "Jacob Thorbjorn Olesen, 29, of Redcliffe Road, Kensington and Chelsea, was charged by postal requisition on Thursday, 1 August with sexual assault, being drunk on an aircraft and common assault.

Forbes' list: Osaka, Serena top-paid pros

Naomi Osaka's Grand Slam title wins at the U.S. and Australian Opens have helped catapult the Japanese tennis player up to second, behind Serena Williams, in Forbes' list of the highest-paid female athletes over the last year. Williams, a 23-times Grand Slam champion, topped the annual list for a fourth consecutive year with estimated total earnings of $29.2 million, the business magazine said. Osaka's total income grew to $24.3 million, driven mainly by her off-court earnings.



Bale snubbed again by Zidane for friendly

Gareth Bale's stand-off with Real Madrid continued on Wednesday after the forward was left out of Zinedine Zidane's squad to face Red Bull Salzburg in a friendly. Bale has only played in two of Real Madrid's five pre-season games so far, coming on as a substitute against Arsenal and Atletico Madrid, and has now been left out completely for a third fixture in a row. James Rodriguez and Mariano Diaz, who are both expected to be sold, were also not included for the match in Austria. Zidane has made clear that Bale is not in his plans as he looks to rejuvenate Real Madrid following their miserable season last term. The club are keen to sign Manchester United midfielder Paul Pogba, with Tottenham's Christian Eriksen and Ajax youngster Donny van de Beek potential alternatives.

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Kyrgios back to his old ways, loses cool over choice of towel

REUTERS
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NICK KYRGIOS looked to have turned over a new leaf in recent weeks, his playful banter with fans and improved focus helping him produce some of his best tennis, but his dark side returned in Montreal on Tuesday thanks to a row over a white towel.

The volatile Australian, who won the Citi Open in Washington on Sunday, was dumped out of the opening round of the Rogers Cup by Britain's Kyle Edmund 6-3, 6-4 after an angry exchange with the umpire saw him collect a code violation for an obscenity. Kyrgios had asked the umpire before the match if he could be given a white towel instead of the tournament's branded one and the 24-year-old threw a tantrum when he realised five games into the match his request had not been met."I'm not allowed to leave the chair," the umpire said after the angry Australian had asked him to get the towel. "You're telling me that you can't radio in just for one white towel?" a seething Kyrgios replied.

A ball boy finally handed Kyrgios a white towel, but it did little to help the Australian's cause with Edmund putting on a serving masterclass to advance.

Kyrgios' outburst comes after the Australian seemed to be reinventing himself as a crowd favourite in the weeks following his Wimbledon defeat by Rafa Nadal.

The superb tennis Kyrgios played in that match won him new admirers and the Australian has fed off the crowd at subsequent tournaments, sharing jokes with fans and even asking them where he should serve. Next up for Edmund is a second-round meeting with eighth-seeded Russian Daniil Medvedev on Wednesday.

Big-serving American John Isner fired down 26 aces to help secure a 6-3, 3-6, 7-6(6) win over Australian Jordan Thompson. The 12th seed, who had lost three of his four tiebreaks in the two weeks leading into the event, put an end to the tense battle when he fired down an ace on his third match point to set up a clash with Chilean Cristian Garin.

Canadian teenager Felix Auger-Aliassime also secured a spot in the second round of the U.S. Open tune-up with a 6-2, 6-7(3), 7-6(3) win over compatriot Vasek Pospisil.

Awaiting 18-year-old Auger-Aliassime is 17th-seeded fellow Canadian Milos Raonic, the latter having won their only career meeting last year in Indian Wells.

Third seeded German Alexander Zverev won 80 percent of his first serve points to dispatch Cameron Norrie 7-6(4), 6-4 and set up a second-round meeting with Nikoloz Basilashvili, who took out Jan-Lennard Struff to advance. British qualifier Dan Evans faces a tough second-round clash against top seed and defending champion Rafa Nadal after beating Australian Alex de Minaur 6-4, 7-6(6). Croatia's Marin Cilic, the 14th seed, got past American qualifier Bradley Klahn 6-3, 7-6(7) to advance, while Argentine Guido Pella upset Belgian 15th seed David Goffin 6-4, 7-6(4).

In other first-round matches, Moldova's Radu Albot beat Frenchman Gilles Simon while Argentina's Diego Schwartzman and Australian lucky loser John Millman also advanced. World No.1 Ash Barty's preparations for the US Open got off to a rocky start as the Australian suffered a shock 6-7(5), 6-3, 6-4 loss to American Sofia Kenin in the second round of the Rogers Cup on Tuesday. French Open champion Barty, playing for the first time since falling in the last 16 at Wimbledon, was far from her best and Kenin took full advantage, recording her first victory in four meetings with the Australian.

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Spectre of death haunts boxing

Following recent deaths of two boxers, focus shifts to sudden fluctuation of weight just before a bout

In this photo dated October 20, 2018, Maxim Dadashev of Russia (L) hits Antonio DeMarco of Mexico during a junior welterweight bout in Las Vegas. Dadashev died on July 23 after suffering a brain injury in a fight in Maryland. He was 28.

SCOTT CACCIOLA
SCOTTSDALE, AUGUST 7

PAT ENGLISH, a lawyer with long and influential ties to boxing, was delivering a history lesson on various federal guidelines for the sport when he flashed a black-and-white photograph of a young fighter.

The boxer's name was Stephan Johnson, a junior middleweight who had fought three times (and most likely sustained at least one brain injury) in the seven months leading up to his United States Boxing Association title fight against Paul Vaden in November 1999. Johnson was under a medical suspension that was not recognized by some local boxing commissions, and despite his trainer's objections he was eager to return to the ring so he could earn enough money to move his mother out of public housing.

Johnson lost the fight, and his life. Knocked out in the 10th round, he was rushed to a hospital where surgeons drilled two holes in his skull. He died two weeks later at 31.

English, who was at that fight, recalled some of those details last week as he spoke at a meeting of the people who regulate the sport and are grappling with fresh tragedies that feel too familiar.

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Their deaths framed conversations at the annual meeting of the Association of Boxing Commissions, where directors of state and tribal commissions examined policies central to boxing and other combat sports they supervise at a local level. They touched on drug testing, concussion protocols and even social media decorum for referees (the primary message there: Don't tweet dumb stuff). But the discussions kept returning to a basic idea: Boxing is inherently dangerous, and fighters depend on the rules to prevent the worst possible injuries.

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"Sometimes I wonder why I'm doing this for a living," Mike Mazzulli, the departing president of the ABC, said in a telephone interview after the meeting in Scottsdale. "But if I'm not doing it, no one will."

The regulators, and others in the sport, are still seeking answers.

"This is a time where we all need to go back to the drawing board and understand what is happening," Mauricio Sulaiman, the president of the World Boxing Council, said in a speech at the meeting. "Because something is happening."

Sulaiman, whose organization sanctioned Santillán's deadly fight, continued: "Any boxer who goes to the ring is willing to do whatever he has to do to win — whatever he has to do to be successful and make money for his family. If you ask him to fight 20 rounds, he will do whatever it takes. They're warriors. It's our duty to protect them from themselves."

That's quite a demand for the people Sulaiman addressed. Boxing is not synonymous with health and safety.

"People are going to get hurt, and people are going to die," Dr. Michael Schwartz, a co-chairman of the medical advisory committee for the ABC, said while speaking about the liability issues involved in practicing ringside medicine. "But we're here to do everything we can to minimize those risks."

One area where the sport can improve, regulators said, is oversight of how boxers cut weight before fights.

The former light heavyweight world champion Andre Ward, who last fought in 2017, said on the day Santillán died that it was crucial to do more monitoring of rapid weight loss just before bouts — and of the resulting dehydration.

"Lack of fluid around the brain increases the risk of a brain bleed," Ward tweeted.

Because weigh-ins typically happen the day before the fight, boxers spend about 24 hours regaining as much weight as possible. But their bodies cannot absorb fluids again in such a short period of time, often leaving fighters dehydrated — a condition that can hurt vital organs and leave the brain less protected than usual.

Pilot programme

The WBC introduced a pilot programme this year that called for more weigh-ins in the days and weeks leading up to fights, plus one final weigh-in on the day of the fight itself to gauge just how many pounds each boxer was gaining at essentially the last minute.

Andy Foster, the executive officer of the California State Athletic Commission, has been charting the weight fluctuations of boxers in his state. His findings: Of 1,594 boxers studied in a three-year period through 2018, 306 had gained more than 10 percent of their body weight in the roughly 24 hours before their fights.

Foster shook his head when sharing that information and said he supposed that ignoring his findings would be easier than the alternative.

"But I don't want it to be easier," he said. "I now know this information, so we have to do something with it."

Foster said he was going to start canceling more fights. A weight gain of 15 percent or more? Fight is off. He said the California commission had asked him to draft language to that effect so that the members could bring it to a vote in October. Foster acknowledged that calling off a fight would be extremely difficult. "You're pushed against the wall by the promoter, and you've got 18,000 people sitting around looking at you," he said. "But I don't just think this stuff is dangerous — I know it."

Schwartz emphasized the severity of the problem in boxing. Generally, he said, rapid weight loss below even 10 percent could be fatal."In the real world, we're talking about potential death at 5 to 7 percent" because of dehydration, Schwartz said, contrasting that with fighters' cutting 15 percent or more of their body weight.

Schwartz recalled reviewing some paperwork before a recent bout in Connecticut. A boxer who was scheduled to fight in a month had undergone a physical examination that listed his weight at 212 pounds. He was supposed to fight at 185 pounds.

"If we know that ahead of time, why are we even allowing them to get into that weight class?" he asked.

One of the major criticisms from fans after Santillán's fight was that it took a long time for him to get medical attention; he collapsed in the ring after needing help to stand for several minutes while the decision was read. Boxing has long struggled with the fact that many of its events are managed locally, leading to lapses in communication and differences in rules. The ABC has tried to curb some of those issues, in part by teaming up with BoxRec, a statistical database. Mazzulli said the number of boxers fighting while on suspension, as Johnson did in 1999, had declined drastically in recent years, to below 1 percent.

Near the end of the convention, Mazzulli wanted to revisit the death of Dadashev in Maryland. From his point of view, he said, it was hard to see what anyone had done wrong during the bout itself. Dadashev's cornerman, Buddy McGirt, had gone so far as stepping in to stop the fight when it was clear to him that his fighter was taking too much punishment.

So what, Mazzulli asked, can the sport learn from these twin tragedies? Where would it go from here?

Schwartz said being able to gather more information ahead of fights would be helpful. "We don't know what happened in the gym," Schwartz said, speaking of boxers in general. "We don't know how much weight he cut. We don't know if he was concussed during training. This is probably the most difficult part of your job: How do we get that information? How do we get the fighters and corners and managers to be truthful?" NYT

Schalke boss steps down for 'racist' slur

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
BERLIN, AUGUST 7

Clemens Toennies has stepped down for three months as chairman of German Bundesliga club Schalke following widespread condemnation of alleged 'racist' comments he made last week.

The club's five-strong ethics committee, in a statement late on Tuesday, said Toennies had "violated the ban on discrimination contained in the club's statutes" after a lengthy meeting in which Toennies had to explain himself.

The club said Toennies had decided to step down as a member and chair of the supervisory board for three months. "He admitted the violation at the meeting on Tuesday and expressed his regret once again," said the panel in a statement.

However, the body dismissed the accusation of racism as "unfounded" and avoided the heavier sanction of firing him. The 63-year-old has been sharply criticised for saying more power stations should be built in Africa, "then Africans would stop felling trees and producing children when it gets dark".

The billionaire businessman, who employs 16,500 people and has assets estimated by Forbes at around 2.2 billion euros, made the remark at a forum in Paderborn last Thursday while criticising tax increases to fight climate change.

On social media, numerous Schalke fans and former players demanded his resignation, while senior figures in German football and politics have condemned his comment.

Politician Dagmar Freitag, chairwoman of the sports committee in Germany's parliament, the Bundestag, criticised the finding of Schalke's ethics committee. "If I had pigeonholed an entire continent and its population, then it would be racism rather than 'just' discrimination, as far as I am concerned," she told broadcaster NRD.

"Such lapses are a break in what is taboo, without scruples, and their effect on society is — especially in these times — devastating."

Toennies had apologised for his "inappropriate" words on Sunday, insisting he backs Schalke's values against "racism, discrimination and exclusion".

Justice Minister Christine Lambrecht had previously called on the German Football Association (DFB) to "deal" with Toennies.

"Racism must be loudly and clearly contradicted" at every opportunity, the politician told the Funke media group. "Nowhere is integration as successful and quick to work as in sport - that must not be put at risk."The DFB confirmed to AFP subsidiary SID that their ethics committee will meet to discuss the matter on August 15.

Meanwhile, Cacau, the Brazil-born former Germany star who heads the DFB's integration committee, was also stunned by Toennies comment. "The longer I think about it, the more unimaginable it becomes that a man of his position and experience speaks so... disparagingly about the population of an entire continent," said the 38-year-old.

Former Schalke forward Gerald Asamoah, one of Germany's first black internationals, said he was left "somewhat speechless" by Toennies remark.

"I have been working with Clemens Toennies for a long time, and we have been close friends for a long time," wrote the 40-year-old Asamoah on Instagram. "He never behaved in a racist manner towards me. I was very surprised, shocked and injured by his statement."

Toennies comments have become a distraction for Schalke, under new head coach David Wagner, who start their league season at Borussia Moenchengladbach on August 17.

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PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING

Harley Race, wrestler known as 'King of the Ring,' dies at 76

NEIL GENZLINGER
AUGUST 7

HARLEY RACE, a professional wrestler who overcame serious injuries from a car accident to become a mainstay of the wrestling circuit, winning numerous individual and tag-team titles in the 1960s, '70s and '80s, has died. He was 76. The cause was lung cancer, the wrestling organisation WWE said on its website. It did not say where he died.

Race was pitted in high-profile matches against Dusty Rhodes, Ric Flair, Andre the Giant, Hulk Hogan and other marquee names. In his heyday, he was such a name himself, personifying toughness but serving as a transitional figure who helped bring the sport from an era of brawn to one of character-driven performance. "Before Race, sweaty grapplers played to a relatively small but loyal and dedicated group of fans," The St. Louis Post-Dispatch wrote in 2001. "After Race, wrestling is a megabillion-dollar industry with huge television contracts, pay-per-view spectacles and a sleazy soap-opera sensibility."

As Flair, one of professional wrestling's best-known and most flamboyant figures, put it on Twitter, "Without Harley Race, there was no Ric Flair." Harley Leland Race was born on April 11, 1943, in Maryville, Montana. "It's not a stage name, as many people still believe," he said in his autobiography, "King of the Ring: The Harley Race Story" (2004, with Gerry Tritz). His parents, Mary and George Allen Race, were sharecroppers, he wrote, and his father also drove a bus.

At 15, he said, he was tossed out of high school after slugging the school principal, who was trying to break up a good-natured fight between Harley and an equally rough-and-tumble friend. "I was barred from school property until I apologised to the shaken but unhurt principal," he wrote. "I'm not the apologetic type of guy, so it would become a lifetime suspension."

Harley Race was a transitional figure who helped bring the sport from an era of brawn to one of character-driven performance. NYT

That suited him fine, because he already knew that he wanted to be a professional wrestler, having heard promotional spots on the radio and seen a few matches on a black-and-white television. He moved further toward that goal when he got a job working on the Missouri farm of the Zbyszkos, a family that included two brothers, Stanislaus and Wladek, who had been professional wrestlers. They taught him moves. "Mostly what they taught me were submission holds," Race wrote. "They'd put me in one and say, 'Try to get out.' The more I tried, the more I wore myself out or hurt myself."

He began wrestling professionally in 1960, working in small arenas across the United States. A car accident in 1961 killed his wife, Vivian, whom he had married only a month earlier, and left him seriously injured. In his autobiography, he recalled a doctor telling him that he was unlikely to walk again. " 'I'll send you ringside tickets to my first match,' I told him," Race wrote.

He and Larry Hennig won a series of tag team titles beginning in 1965. Individual accolades soon followed. He won his first National Wrestling Alliance championship in 1973 by beating Dory Funk - a belt he would win seven more times.

Race accumulated assorted nicknames over the years: "Handsome," "Mad Dog," "King of the Ring," "Greatest Wrestler on God's Green Earth." He would often play the bad guy in the ring, inviting the crowd's scorn. "He was a good athlete, good looking, the whole package," Hennig told The Des Moines Register in 2005. "Some rednecks don't like that. They don't like to see you talking and mouthing off. But he could back it up."

Among his claims to fame was being the first man to body slam Andre the Giant, in 1978, when Andre was said to have weighed more than 500 pounds. Race joined the WWE in 1986. His last serious matches were in the early 1990s. After that he worked as a wrestling promoter and manager for a time, then he started a sort of minor-league wrestling circuit, World League Wrestling, and training school, the Harley Race Wrestling Academy in Eldon, Montana. Race was married four times, most recently to Beverly Ann Race, who died in 2009. There was no information on his survivors immediately available.

Race taught the basics of wrestling at his academy. "The longer your body is on the mat, the longer you are in the business," he explained to The Register. "When you're in the air, you gotta land somewhere. If you got the background in basic mat wrestling, you can wrestle anybody."

But he also taught the showmanship aspect, beginning with the advice that a good match starts with the wrestler's mindset.

"You go in the ring and you're the band director," he said. "You're not part of the audience or part of the band. What you create in your mind is what makes people get behind you or go against you."

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