



LABOUR MINISTRY SURVEY OF 97,000 BENEFICIARIES, NOT MADE PUBLIC YET

Just 1 in 5 Mudra beneficiaries started new business, half of extra jobs were self-employment: Govt survey

Data for April 2015-Dec 2017; loan for every additional job: Rs 5.1 lakh

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THE GOVERNMENT'S constant refrain has been that its flagship Mudra scheme is an engine for entrepreneurship and employment. A survey by the Labour Ministry, yet to be made public, offers a reality check: just one out of five beneficiaries (20.6 per cent) from the sample survey availed of Mudra loan for setting up a new establishment, the rest used the funds for expanding their existing business.

The Draft Report on Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana Survey conducted by the Labour Bureau under the Ministry of Labour and Employment has found that 1.12 crore additional jobs were created during April 2015-December 2017, the first 33 months following the rollout of the scheme. Of this, 51.06 lakh were self-employed or working owners which also included

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MUDRA JOBS*				
No. of loans for new business	19,396	(20.6%)		
No. of loans for existing business	74,979	(79.4%)		
NEW JOBS FROM MUDRA LOAN				
Shishu	73,91,974	(65.99%)		
Kishor	21,11,134	(18.85%)		
Tarun	16,96,872	(15.15%)		
Total	1,11,99,980			
INCREASE BY EMPLOYMENT CATEGORY				
	Shishu	Kishor	Tarun	Total
Self employed/ owners	43,64,088	6,25,575	1,16,803	51,06,466 (45.59%)
Employees/hired workers	30,27,886	14,85,559	15,80,069	60,93,514 (54.41%)
*Shishu: loans up to Rs 50,000; Kishor: Rs 50,000-5 lakh; Tarun: Rs 5 lakh-10 lakh				
*Sample beneficiaries who took loans				

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MSME relief

When bank credit was squeezed, the Mudra Yojana has helped Micro, and small entrepreneurs, whose credit demands were less than Rs 10 lakh. They have got loans without collateral. This money has provided some cushion for many to expand their existing businesses.

MEETING IN NORTH BLOCK

J&K team meets Shah, says he assured curbs to be eased in 25 days



J&K sarpanchs were part of a delegation that met Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi, Tuesday. Tashi Tobgyal

Home Ministry: Nobody's land to be taken away, govt land to be used for industry, hospitals, education

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 3

A J&K delegation which met Union Home Minister Amit Shah Tuesday said he assured them that restrictions on communication will be restored across the state in the next 20-25 days. He also tried to assuage fears of largescale takeover of land in Kashmir in the wake of the August 5 announcements. In a statement, the Ministry of Home Affairs said: "Shah reassured the representatives that nobody's land would be taken away and government land would be used for the establishment of industries, hospitals and educational institutions. This would not only create employment opportunities for the locals but also

They said they also discussed the road ahead in the new set-up.

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In private, sarpanchs admit: we are hiding from our voters

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 3

AMONG THE panchayat representatives from Kashmir, who met Union Home Minister Amit Shah and later interacted with the media, Zubair Butt stood out.

At the conference hall in North Block, as sarpanch after sarpanch stood up to describe how the removal of J&K's special status under Article 370 had empowered them, Butt, a young sarpanch from Harwan in Srinagar, took the mic and began speaking on the difficulties being faced by people in downtown Srinagar due to the restrictions in place.

"Movement and communication is a serious problem in downtown Srinagar. Supplies, including that of fuel, are scarce. Barring ration, getting anything else is difficult," he said. He also said that the administration was paying for construction work in panchayats at 2012 rates.

Minister of State Jitendra Singh intervened and assured all help to Butt and promised that the rates would also be revised. But this moment captured the difficult situation many elected panchayat members

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AIR POWER

The Indian Air Force inducted eight US-made Apache AH-64E(I) attack helicopters, in Pathankot on Tuesday. PTI [PAGES 7, 11](#)

Preventing abuse at ashram schools

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At the Seur school in Mirzapur Tuesday. Vishal Srivastav

Week before roti-salt video, Mirzapur kids were served rice-salt

ASAD REHMAN
SEUR (MIRZAPUR),
SEPTEMBER 3

A WEEK before Pawan Jaiswal, a correspondent of *Jansandesh Times* in UP's Mirzapur district, recorded a video of a government primary school serving only roti and salt under the mid-day meal scheme, the same school had served students a meal of only rice and salt.

On Tuesday, two days after the Uttar Pradesh government booked Jaiswal along with two



Journalist Pawan Jaiswal has been booked by police

others, including the Seur village pradhan pratinidhi (representative of the village head) on charges of criminal conspiracy

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ED arrests Cong troubleshooter Shivakumar, party says vendetta

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, BENGALURU,
SEPTEMBER 3

AFTER SUMMONING him for questioning over the last four days, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) Tuesday arrested Karnataka Congress leader D K Shivakumar in New Delhi in connection with a case of money laundering associated with alleged hawala transactions. Shivakumar was summoned for questioning last Friday and he arrived at the agency headquarters late in the evening following



Shivakumar will be produced before court today. PTI

summons sent to him Thursday. After his arrest, ED sources said he was not cooperating during questioning and that custodial interrogation was necessary.

Shivakumar will be produced before a special court Wednesday by ED, seeking his custody. He had to appear before the agency after the Karnataka High Court last week dismissed his petition challenging the summons.

Following the arrest, Shivakumar tweeted, "I congratulate my BJP friends for finally being successful in their mission of arresting me. The IT and ED cases against me are politically

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Three CISF men among four killed in blaze at ONGC plant in Navi Mumbai

GARGI VERMA
NAVI MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 3

A SENIOR employee of ONGC and three Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel died and two others were injured in a massive fire that broke out inside a plant run by the oil and gas major in Uran, near Navi Mumbai, Tuesday morning.

Officials said it took over

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Officials said it took three hours to douse the fire. ANI

Need leaders who can speak fearlessly to PM, says Joshi



Joshi, Yechury, Singh, Raja on Tuesday. Anil Sharma

MANOJ CGG
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 3

INDIA NEEDS a leadership that can argue with the Prime Minister on issues based on principles, and fearlessly express views without worrying whether he would be pleased or angry, BJP veteran Murlu Manohar Joshi said Tuesday.

Joshi made the remarks at a memorial meeting for Congress leader and former Union minister S Jaipal Reddy, who died on July 28 in Hyderabad.

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Will buy land in J&K for resorts: Tourism Ministers of Maharashtra, Karnataka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, BENGALURU,
SEPTEMBER 3

ALMOST A month after the Centre revoked the special status granted to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370, BJP-ruled Maharashtra and Karnataka have become the first states to propose investment in the two Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh that will come into being from October 31.

Sources said the Maharashtra government has written to Union Tourism Minister Pralhad Singh Patel offering to open resorts run by the Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation (MTDC) in both the regions. It has also written to the local administration for allotment of land for the resorts.

Looking to leverage the move in the upcoming state polls, the Maharashtra Cabinet Tuesday sanctioned the state tourism department's proposal, making a token budgetary provision of

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Rs 2 crore for the investment.

Later, Karnataka Tourism Minister C T Ravi posted on his Twitter account: "While we are focused on improving Tourism Industry in Karnataka, we are also contemplating about making an entry into Jammu & Kashmir Tourism. Karnataka's Art, Architecture, Culture & Traditions can be showcased in India's Crown, resulting in a

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While China witnessed a decline in its currency by around 0.6 per cent, the Indian currency that opened on Tuesday after three days, witnessed a sharp decline of 90 paise. Finance minister's announcement to merge six small banks failed to lift market sentiment as the Sensex at the Bombay Stock Exchange fell over 500 points

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Keen on jointly producing weapons with Russia in India, says PM Modi

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
VLADIVOSTOK, NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 3

ON THE eve of his summit talks with Vladimir Putin, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he shares a "special chemistry" with Russian President Vladimir Putin and is keen on technology transfers so that the two sides can make military equipment in India at cheaper rates for export to third countries.

Modi, the first Prime Minister to visit Russia's Far Eastern city of Vladivostok, is due to hold wide-ranging talks with Putin on Wednesday.

"I am confident that this visit will give a new vector, new energy and a new impetus to the relations between our countries," Modi said in an interview with Russia's state-run TASS news agency.

Russia and India are set to sign about 15 documents, including some in the military-technical sectors, within the framework of the 20th Russian-Indian summit that will take place on the sidelines of the

Eastern Economic Forum (EEF), a Tass report said.

The Russian-Indian partnership has gone beyond the framework of military and technical cooperation, Modi said.

"We are close friends. And as close friends, we should think about what we can do together in the future," he said.

"We don't want to be limited just to relations between the customer and the seller of military technologies. We are sure about the model of transferring technologies. I have said several times about this and we have even started moving in this direction," Modi said.

"Today, provided that technologies are transferred, the production of military equipment can be cheap in India. And we will be able to supply these weapons to third countries at very low prices. India and Russia need to take advantage of this opportunity," he noted.

He also spoke about India's manned space mission — the Gaganyaan project — and said that Russia will help train the country's astronauts.

Haryana woman kills self over 'inaction' on rape complaint

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 3

A 22-YEAR-OLD woman in Haryana's Yamunanagar district committed suicide, allegedly over 'police inaction' on her rape complaint.

The incident took place outside the Jathlana police station Monday evening, where the woman, along with her kin, had gone to know the status of her complaint.

Members of her family accused local police officials of not acting on her complaint, which was submitted around 12 days ago.

Police said she took some poisonous substance and was taken to a local hospital, where she died. Police said they had been investigating the rape complaint lodged by her family.

Yamunanagar Deputy Superintendent of Police Subhash Chand on Tuesday said the woman had "eloped" with one Manoj Kumar three months ago. She had given a statement in a court that she went with Manoj on her own, police said.

Later, her family lodged a complaint that she was raped and sought action against Manoj, police said.

Three employees of the Jathlana police station had been sent to the Police Lines after the suicide incident, the DSP said.

Every accused has a right to be defended in court: HC

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
DEHRADUN, SEPTEMBER 3

THE UTTARAKHAND High Court on Tuesday restrained all bar associations of the state from passing resolutions to prevent advocates from representing a person or persons in a particular criminal case, saying all accused have a constitutional right to be defended in court.

The HC order came on a PIL challenging the legality of a resolution passed by Kotdwar Bar Association asking its members not to defend a man accused of murdering an advocate.

Asserting that all accused have a constitutional right to be defended in court by the counsel of their choice, Chief Justice Ramesh Ranganathan and Justice Alok Kumar Verma of the HC directed the Kotdwar Bar Association to pay Rs 25,000 to the petitioner Kuldeep Agarwal, the lawyer who had been engaged by murdered accused Vinod Kumar to fight his case.

The division bench also said that the Uttarakhand Bar council has the power to take action against any bar association of the state which issues such "illegal" resolutions preventing advocates from appearing for their clients.

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Mudra loan

unpaid family members while 60.94 lakh were employees or hired workers.

To put this in context, the number of additional jobs in 33 months was less than 10 per cent of the total number of loans.

The Draft Report, dated March 27, 2019, has been accessed by The Indian Express. The survey studied as many as 97,000 beneficiaries and was conducted between April-November 2018. Its salient findings:

- A total of Rs 5.71 lakh crore in loans was sanctioned under three categories of Mudra — Shishu, Kishor (Rs 50,000 to Rs 5 lakh) for 34% of the total sanctioned and Tarun loans (Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh) constituted the remaining 24%.
- Shishu loans (upto Rs 50,000) account for 42% of the total loan amount sanctioned in 2017-18; Kishor (Rs 50,000 to Rs 5 lakh) for 34% of the total sanctioned and Tarun loans (Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh) constituted the remaining 24%.
- Shishu loans accounted for 66% of the new jobs created; Kishor created 18.85% of new jobs and Tarun 15.1%.
- In effect, the loan extended for every additional job created works out to Rs 5.1 lakh. Experts said this explains why units may be finding it so difficult to generate employment.
- Services and trading accounted for more than two-thirds of the additional jobs (services: 38.46 lakh or 34.34 per cent and trading: 37.21 lakh or 33.23 per cent).
- Allied agriculture created 22.77 lakh more jobs (20.33 per cent of the total). Manufacturing could add only 13.10 lakh (11.7 per cent).

The government had planned to use the findings of this survey to counter the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) report on unemployment which estimated the unemployment rate to be 6.1 per cent in 2017-18, a record high. The NSSO report was ready in December 2018 but was released after Lok Sabha elections on May 31, 2019.

While the survey asks beneficiaries if they set up a new unit after availing the loan, followed by a series of questions related to employment, the draft report does not share the break up in additional jobs created by new units and existing units.

Detailed queries sent to the Labour and Employment Ministry about the Mudra survey by *The Indian Express* remain unanswered.

Sources said the Labour Bureau presumes the surveyed accounts to include double or triple-time beneficiaries as well as spillover from 34.26 crore Jan Dhan account holders who were also being included by banks as Mudra beneficiaries; especially those accounts where an overdraft of Rs 5,000 was being provided by the banks.

The survey defines "self employed" as "persons who operate their own establishment or are engaged independently in a profession or trade on own account or with one or a few partners" and "includes unpaid family members working in an establishment".

A worker, on the other hand, can be the owner of an establishment, other household member working as co-owner or partner or helping the owner in running the establishment, "whether hired or not", besides regular and salaried employees, casual/daily wage labourers.

Employees or hired workers refer to "persons engaged, excluding self employed, by the unit whether for wages or not", in work connected directly or indirectly with the process and includes all administrative, technical and clerical staff, supervision or management, and production/services.

The Mudra Yojana was launched in April 2015 to provide funding to the non-corporate small business sector through various financial institutions like banks, NBFCs and Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs).

The survey, in the nature of a non-farm enterprise survey, was conducted to collect information on generation of employment in different sectors including manufacturing, services, allied agriculture, trading and other sectors. It, however, does not capture information for employment in the agriculture sector.

About 5 crore persons (3.1 crore self employed, 1.95 crore hired workers) were employed in establishments which availed of Mudra loans before the commencement of the survey.

The reference period for the Mudra survey was taken from April 8, 2015, the launch date, to December 2017.

Joshi

Recalling his association with Reddy during the early 1990s, when they were members of a forum of Parliamentarians on intellectual property rights, Joshi said: "Till the end, on this issue, he used to express his viewpoint at every level, whether he was a member of the forum, member of the Janata Party or member of the Congress party...he never compromised on these issues."

The BJP stalwart said: "*Mein aisa samajhta hun ki aajkal aise netritva ki bohut aavashyakata hai jo siddhandhon ke saath bebaaki ke saath aur bin kuch is baat ki chinta kiye hue pradhan mantri naraz honge ya khush honge, apni baat saaf saaf kehkte hain, unse bahas karte hain.*"

"(I feel there is an acute need for such a leadership today that can, based on principles, without fear, express views clearly without worrying whether the Prime Minister will be pleased or angry, and argue with him)."

Joshi said that even after Reddy became a minister in the I K Gujral government, he agreed to convey the forum's views to the Prime Minister — and when his opinion was sought, he said "without any hesitation, in clear words, that he agrees with the proposal of the forum".

Incidentally, Joshi was the BJP president between 1991 and

J&K team meets Home Minister

enhance tax revenues for the state, which in turn would be used for the welfare of the people."

"Shah said that it was essential to change the atmosphere and bring the people of Jammu and Kashmir to the mainstream. He promised to begin the process of block-level elections as quickly as possible. He told the representatives that your fight is against terrorism, as is ours, hence we should ensure an atmosphere of peace in Jammu and Kashmir at the earliest," the MHA said.

Hailing them as leaders of J&K, Shah said it would be their responsibility to ensure that the benefits of various government schemes reach the correct beneficiaries and that an atmosphere of peace and prosperity is maintained, the MHA said.

Delegation members said he told the panchs that following the removal of the special status under Article 370, the 73rd and 74th amendments to the Constitution — introducing local self-governance in rural and urban India — will now be applicable to J&K.

The sarpanchs raised the issue of their security, the law and order situation, pending payments under MGNREGA, lack of permanent premises for panchayats, lack of jobs for the youth, paucity of computers and sought enhanced funds and salaries. They said the Home Minister assured them of cooperation on all these issues.

The sarpanchs said Shah told them they would all get insurance of Rs 2 lakh each and that the security situation will soon improve in a manner where there will be no threat to life. The panchs said he told them that elections to Block Development Councils would be held in the next two months. They also said Shah assured that five youth from each village would be provided jobs by the government.

Mir Junaid, president of J&K Youth Front, said, "We told the Home Minister that full statehood is an issue among the people and whether it would be restored. He said we will do it once normalcy is restored. He explained all the development programmes planned for the state and asked us to ensure it reaches the grassroots."

Secretary Vinita Singhal said the administration had identified locations in popular tourist locations, such as Pahalgam and Leh, for the resorts based on discussions with the local administration.

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2 states say will buy land in J&K for resorts

(Kashmir) should be an integral part of the country".

Sources said the CM has also been in touch with J&K Governor Satya Pal Malik regarding investment in the region. On Tuesday, Maharashtra Tourism Minister Jaikumar Rawal announced that he will be visiting the region in the next 15 days for negotiations.

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dence against the journalist and the investigation is ongoing," he said.

Shivakumar

motivated and I am a victim of BJP's politics of vengeance and vendetta."

"I appeal to my party cadre, supporters and well-wishers to not be disheartened as I have done nothing illegal. I have full faith in God & in our country's Judiciary and am very confident that I will emerge victorious both legally and politically against this vendetta politics."

His arrest is connected to a money laundering case registered by the ED last year after an Income Tax department investigation in 2017, where Rs 8.83 crore in unaccounted cash was found in New Delhi in locations linked to the Congress leader.

The I-T department carried out searches in August 2017 in premises linked to Shivakumar at a time when the then Congress minister sheltered 44 Congress MLAs from Gujarat at a resort outside Bengaluru ahead of a crucial Rajya Sabha poll in Gujarat where Congress leader Ahmed Patel was a candidate.

After the I-T department found Rs 8.83 crore in unaccounted cash and stated in a complaint that Shivakumar was not able to account for the source of the funds, the ED registered a case under the PMLA and criminal conspiracy charges against Shivakumar and four associates.

During the recent political crisis in Karnataka, before the BJP assumed power in Karnataka after the Congress-JD(S) coalition lost a trust vote, Shivakumar had tried to wean away coalition dissidents.

Calling his arrest "illegal", the Congress accused the BJP government of indulging in "punitive actions" against its leaders to divert the attention of the people from the mismanagement of the economy by the Government.

ONGC fire

three hours to douse the fire, which started at 7 am. The deceased have been identified as CISF personnel N A Nayak (48), M Paswan (33) and SP Kushwaha (36), and ONGC employee C N Rao (50), police said.

"They suffered 100 per cent burns and were identified by their

ID cards," Dr Manoj Dhatre, chief medical officer of Uran rural hospital, said. "There were seven people stuck inside at the time of the incident. Two of them suffered burn injuries but are out of danger. They have been identified as CISF personnel K R Mahesh and Raju Shindu. One suffered very minor injuries."

According to Uran police, the incident was reported around 7.25 am by the ONGC staffer who suffered minor injuries. "All seven had come in for the morning shift at 5 am. Around 6.30 am, the CISF staff smelled gas leakage and alerted the GM. All of them went across to turn off the valve when there was a blast, and the plant caught fire," said Inspector Anil Chavhan.

"As of now, we are lodging an accidental death report and are investigating," he said.

Three bodies were recovered close to 10 am when the fire was being controlled. "Because it was an ONGC plant, we immediately evacuated all residents in a 2-km radius. The fire was massive and the cloud of smoke had alerted the residents," said a fire officer from Panvel.

"We're extremely sad to hv lost 4 precious lives-3 CISF jawans and a senior ONGC officer in the unfortunate fire incident in Uran Plant 2day inspite of valiant efforts made to contain blaze in less than 2 hrs tme. #ONGC expresses its heartfelt condolence to bereaved families." ONGC posted.

Sarpanchs

from Kashmir find themselves in following the August 5 announcements.

While most representatives made feeble complaints while speaking on record, a majority admitted privately that they were living in fear, uncertain about the future.

"We were very happy when the panchayat elections were held. The stranglehold of the entrenched families had been broken. Democracy was reaching the grassroots. But after abrogation of Article 370, we are hiding from the same people who elected us. We have been delegitimised in one stroke. People are calling us 'gaddar' (traitor). We are being seen as stooges of Delhi, just as the Muftis and Abdullahs," a sarpanch from Srinagar said.

The panchs also expressed concern about their personal security. "Security is an issue. We raised it with the Home Minister. He said abrogation of Article 370 had paved the way for a more secure Kashmir and that there was no need to fear. But we are living in fear of both militants and locals. I am not even sleeping in my home," another sarpanch said.

In the conference hall, Anil Sharma, J&K panchayat state president, said, "We stand by the decision of the Prime Minister on Article 370." He detailed how Shah had assured all assistance for functioning of the panchayats, and addressed their concerns. He said there were difficulties but the restrictions were necessary.

Nazir Ahmed Raina, a BJP politician from Ganderbal, said, "We had a good meeting with the Home Minister. All sarpanchs will get insurance of Rs 2 lakh. The money will now come directly into our accounts. We have become powerful because of the abrogation of Article 370."

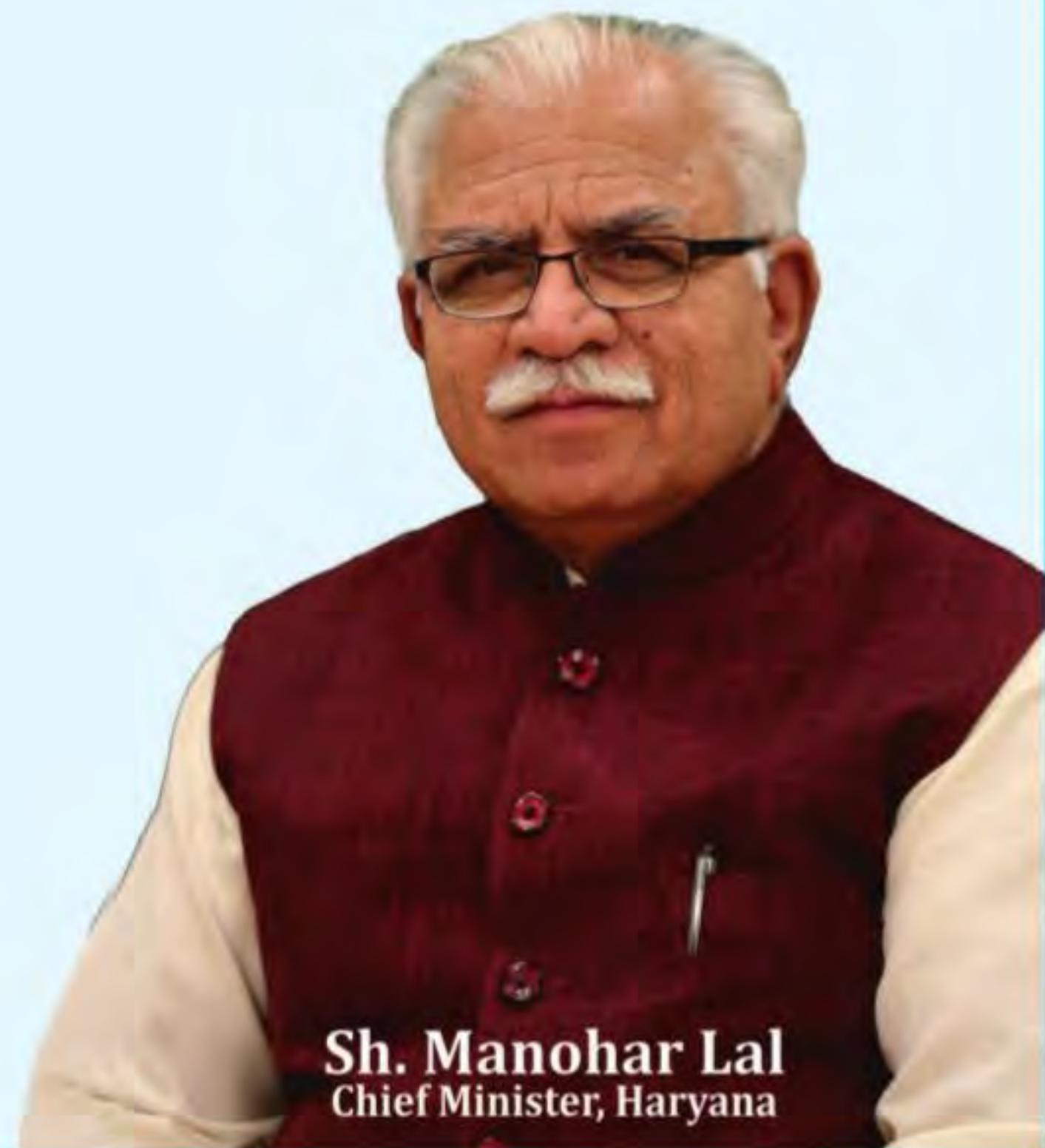
But some sarpanchs from Srinagar and north Kashmir did not share the enthusiasm. "They are from areas which are not under very severe restrictions. We are facing public anger. Even after the lifting of restrictions, people are not opening shops in protest. There is public anger. Then there is the fear of militants. One shopkeeper was warned by them not to open his shop. When he did not listen, he was killed," said one sarpanch.

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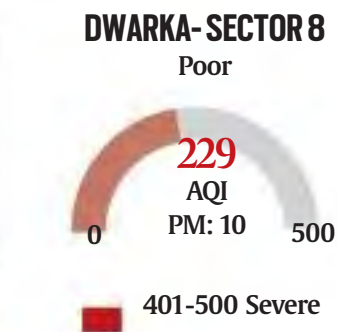
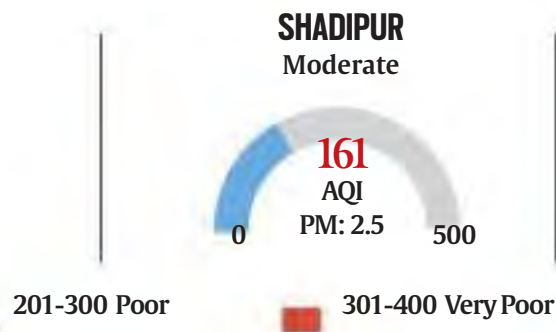
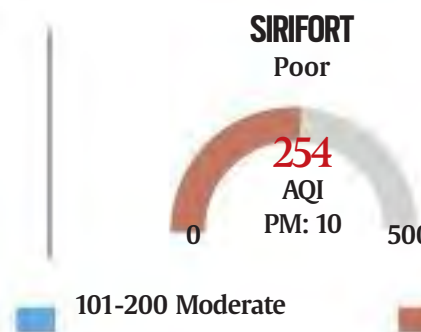
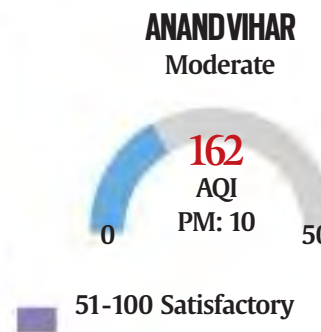
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401-500 Severe

‘HER EXAMS OVER, SHE WANTED TO HAVE ICE-CREAM’

Late-night India Gate outing turns fatal, man, 8-yr-old daughter run over by truck

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 3

OUT FOR a late-night outing to India Gate to have ice-cream with his family, a 39-year-old man and his eight-year-old daughter died when a dumper truck ran over them at 12:20 am Tuesday. The accused was arrested from the spot.

The victims, Kewal Dhiman and Manya, were accompanied by Kewal's wife Poonam (32) and his second daughter Myra (3). The four, who live in Geeta Colony, had headed to India Gate on a two-wheeler.

"Manya was excited after her exams got over and insisted Dhiman take her out for ice-cream. They left the house after dinner, around 9:30 pm. The girls played with a ball while the couple sat on the lawns in front of



India Gate. Around midnight, they got ready to leave for home and were heading to the scooter when they saw a speeding truck coming in their direction. Dhiman instantly pushed away his wife and Myra but couldn't save Manya and himself," said Lavleen, Poonam's sister.

Dhiman, who worked as a trader in the stock market, was the family's sole breadwinner. The family said the victims suffered severe injuries to the head and chest. Two people, a passerby named Ram Singh (24) and an autorickshaw driver, Deepak Kumar, were injured.



Kewal Dhiman and Manya died in the accident. Praveen Khanna



also found a crushed scooter and three damaged autorickshaws. The speeding truck also uprooted a traffic signal. The driver, Raman (24), was arrested from the spot," said Eish Singhal, DCP (New Delhi). Police said he drove the truck for a private contractor. Inderjeet Dhiman (65),

Kewal's father, said, "I was waiting for them to come home. Around midnight, I received a call from Poonam about the accident. I told my family to rush there." The couple got married in 2010 and lived with Dhiman's father.

Police said IPC sections 279, 337, and 304A have been slapped against the accused.

One of the family members of the victims alleged police didn't take them to the hospital in time. "Poonam called me and told me they were lying on the road. I reached Tilak Marg after 30 minutes and found they were still there. It was only after I reached that they were put inside a PCR van and taken to the hospital," alleged Sahil Arora, Poonam's brother.

Police denied the claim and said the victims were rushed to nearest hospital minutes after the PCR call was made.

‘Principal Secy’s take on division of power illegal’

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 3

THE OPINION of the Principal Secretary (Law) relating to the division of power between the L-G and the elected government is "illegal" and amounts to "contempt" of the judgment of the Supreme Court Constitution bench, Delhi Law Minister Kailash Gahlot said Tuesday.

Over the past few weeks, differences between the bureaucracy and the elected government have cropped up again after Principal Secretary (Law) Sanjay Aggarwal gave an opinion on files, suggesting that departments need to take the L-G's approval even on matters that are under the direct control of the elected government. Several decisions, sources said, are stuck because of the standoff.

Gahlot said Aggarwal's interpretation, where he cited Article 239-AA(4) of the Constitution, is "wrong" as it effectively means that departments need to take the L-G's approval even on matters falling out of the purview of reserved subjects of land, police and public order. "The opinion is illegal and amounts to contempt of court. The SC said in categorical terms that the L-G's concurrence is not needed on issues not relating to the reserved subjects. The L-G still retains the option to refer matters to the President under Article 239-AA(4)," Gahlot told *The Indian Express*.

According to sources, the Law Department remains firm on its position that all files need to be put up before the L-G, leading to a situation where several notifications are stuck with senior officials adhering to the principle laid down by Aggarwal.

In one case, a file relating to the notification of a welfare scheme



Law Minister Kailash Gahlot

meant for lawyers is pending with the office of the Law Minister Gahlot since April 24. Gahlot said the matter was stalled due to the principle laid down by Aggarwal on the allocation of powers.

"How do I send the file if there is such an opinion? This is why it is stuck," Gahlot said.

Aggarwal had taken over the post on May 31. His office also sent two reminders, on June 18 and July 31, seeking a detailed action plan on implementation of the welfare scheme.

Asked if the files will be forwarded to L-G before notifications are issued, bureaucrats maintained that "the opinion rendered by the Principal Secretary (Law) is self-explanatory".

Meanwhile, Bar Council of Delhi Chairman K C Mittal held a press conference Tuesday, requesting the L-G and Delhi High Court Chief Justice to "repatriate Aggarwal" or direct him to proceed as per the July, 2018, Constitution bench verdict.

Earlier, CM Arvind Kejriwal and the L-G office had issued statements saying they had directed officials to resolve the issue and expedite the implementation of the welfare scheme.

During a hearing in Delhi HC last month, the government counsel had said over 350 notifications are pending due to bureaucrats insisting that files be put up before the L-G first.

BRIEFLY

Kaushal's aide arrested

New Delhi: Faridabad Police Tuesday arrested a member of the Kaushal gang following a tip-off. Police said the accused, Sachin Khedi, was also involved in the murder of Haryana Congress spokesperson Vikas Chaudhary.

Chain snatcher caught in act

New Delhi: A 35-year-old woman and her daughter caught a chain snatcher, who allegedly tried to snatch the woman's gold chain, in Outer Delhi's Nangloi, police said Tuesday.

5 women held for gold theft

New Delhi: Five women were arrested for allegedly robbing jewellery shops in North East Delhi's Nand Nagri, said police. Police recovered half kilo gold from their possession.

South MCD to meet RWAs for pilot project

New Delhi: South MCD will soon meet RWAs of Lajpat Nagar III and ask them to start earmarking parking areas with yellow stripes. Lajpat Nagar III, which will be made into a model ward, will have dedicated areas for visitors' parking and stickers to identify people who live in the area. **ENS**

JNUTA calls univ bluff on letter to Romila Thapar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 3

THE JAWAHARLAL Nehru University Teachers' Association (JNUTA) Tuesday made public the letter sent to historian Romila Thapar by the JNU administration, in a bid to counter the "blatant falsehood" being spread about the move.

After facing criticism from various quarters for asking for Thapar's CV, the JNU administration had put out a statement in which they said the letter was not sent for discontinuation but only to check willingness and availability of the Emeritus Professors.

A total of 12 Professor Emeriti, including Thapar, had received the letter. "As per the ordinance, the university is required to write to all those who have attained the age of 75 years to know their availability and their willingness to continue their association with the university... Writing these letters as per the ordinance is not for discontinuation but for an informed review by the executive council..." the statement said.

However, the letter sent to Thapar on July 12 and made public by JNUTA, read: "In light of the above Executive Resolution, you are requested to provide the latest CV for consideration of the Committee appointed by Executive Council to assess your work and decide on your continuation as Professor Emeritus by August 16 positively."

The subject line of the letter also said "Assessment of Past Work of "Professor Emeritus" in Jawaharlal Nehru University for the Committee to Decide on Continuation".



Historian Romila Thapar

The JNUTA said the subject line is "all the evidence needed to expose the true intentions of the JNU administration".

They demanded that "all such letters to Professors Emeriti issued by the JNU Registrar be immediately retracted, any review of their performance be put to an end, and a personal apology be tendered to each of them forthwith".

"The JNU Registrar's counter to the JNUTA's characterisation of the administration's intent as 'politically motivated' has been that 12 such letters were sent out to Professors Emeriti. The JNUTA finds it laughable that the current JNU administration thinks that confessing to an insult on a larger scale counts as a defence," said JNUTA president Atul Sood. "JNUTA's charge of political motivation is only strengthened by this revelation, as by casting its net wide across several Professors Emeriti, the JNU Registrar has initiated a process of bringing JNU's past before its Executive Council, so that it can proceed to undo it entirely," he said.

JNU Registrar Pramod Kumar did not respond to calls and texts seeking a comment.

2 of family dead as homes crumble like pack of cards

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 3

TWO PEOPLE died and three were injured after a four-storey house collapsed in North East Delhi's Seelampur Monday. Police said the fourth floor of the house collapsed around 10:20 pm, affected five adjacent homes which too came crumbling. The dead have been identified as Moni Sarfaraz (21) and her father Mohammad Yaseen (65).

Kamrul Siddique, a labourer who lost his house in the collapse, said, "I was sitting inside with my family. Since it was Muharram, some people were playing drums on the street when all of a sudden we heard a loud bang. I went outside and saw that the roof of my neighbour Ikramuddin's house had collapsed and two neighbouring homes were crumbling."

Neighbours claimed that they had warned Ikramuddin and his family about their home being weak, but they didn't listen. One of the injured women, Shahjahan Begum, told *The*



In Seelampur, where the incident took place. Praveen Khanna

Indian Express, "We had told our neighbours not to construct the fourth floor. Their house was built on unstable ground, and they started construction a month ago. A night before the incident, we noticed a few cracks in the structure and informed the owner. He and his son then called workers and constructed a support beam on Monday..."

Atul Garg, deputy fire chief, DFS, said, "We received a call around 10:25 pm about the incident and rushed with five fire tenders. Firemen removed the debris and rushed all the five injured to

nearby hospitals. Two of them succumbed to their injuries."

Police said that along with DFS, personnel of the NDRF and DDMA were also deployed. "We have arrested the owners of the house that collapsed first, Ikramuddin (60) and Gufran (32), and the building contractor Dinesh (40). A case has been registered against them," said, Atul Kumar Thakur, DCP (North East).

Moni was the sole breadwinner after her father fell sick seven months ago. Moni's mother said, "I have four children and no place to live now."

AAP latest: I Love Kejriwal campaign

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 3

"AN IIT graduate, who later served as an Income Tax Commissioner, Arvind Kejriwal puts in 18 hours a day in office. But he doesn't know the art of politics. Do you want him back as CM?"

The AAP's "I Love Kejriwal" campaign, launched Tuesday, seeks to polish the CM's image as an approachable politician, who is "just like us". As part of the campaign, the party will distribute pamphlets across the city,

outlining the CM's achievements in office, AAP's Delhi convenor Gopal Rai said.

The pamphlet terms Kejriwal as "Delhi ka Shravan Kumar", who represents a caring son for his aged parents in the Hindu epic Ramayana, citing the pilgrimage scheme for the elderly. It also touches on reforms in the power sector, education and health, among others.

The party also announced a series of outreach events across Delhi to establish a "direct dialogue" with people. Rai said discussions are being held on 11 dif-

ferent points at such events, which have so far taken place in Rohini, Rithala, Narela and Badli. "One question is what do people think about the narrative of having leaders from the same party in multiple layers. Is that model working in UP or Haryana? We are also seeking their feedback on the good work done by the other CMs that Delhi has seen as compared to Kejriwal's term," Rai said.

He added: "People support our decisions. I want to invite all 3 CM candidates of the BJP to our events..."

Councillors vs commissioner as tensions rise in North MCD

ABHINAV RAJPUT
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 3

IN A sign of escalating tension between the North Corporation's deliberative wing and its commissioner Varsha Joshi, several councillors of the North MCD held a meeting Tuesday with BJP's Delhi unit chief Manoj Tiwari and general secretary Ravinder Gupta at the Civic Centre and told them that she doesn't give them time to meet or take their calls, which is hampering the development in their area, especially in an election year.

"Most of the work in the corporation cannot be executed without the commissioner's nod... but getting time with her has proven to be a challenge," claimed a councillor. "We asked Tiwari to keep our problems before higher authorities like the L-G or a minister," she added.

Former mayor of the North civic body Preeti Agarwal, who



Varsha Joshi rejected the councillors' allegations

was also present in the meeting, told *The Indian Express*, "Some of the work done by her is good, but it is also true that confrontation between the deliberative and executive wings is at its peak in the North MCD. Most councillors in the meet complained of not getting time. Both councillors and executives should be flexible when it comes to giving time to each other for betterment of public."

Joshi hit back, saying that she meets everyone and picks up their calls when she is available.

"If I am away in some meeting with seniors, I can't do much about it. As far as I know, there is no one whose issues I have not listened to and addressed on the spot. It has also been my request that if it's not possible to meet, the issue be sent to me on WhatsApp and I will immediately address it, which I invariably do, at all hours," she said.

"Most councillors do so and their problems get addressed. That I am pressed for time in view of both charges is well known anyway," Joshi, who holds additional charge as commissioner of South corporation as well, said.

The confrontation between the two wings is not new to MCDs. In October last year, a special House session was called by mayor Bipin Bihari Singh seeking impeachment of the then commissioner Ranveer Singh for his alleged refusal to take steps to end the sanitation workers' strike.

AFTER AMENDMENTS TO MV ACT

Rs 23,000, Rs 24,000, Rs 32,500: Just some road challans issued in Gurgaon recently

SAKSHI DAYAL
GURGAON, SEPTEMBER 3

A TWO-WHEELER owner in Gurgaon hit more than just a speed bump when he was challaned Rs 23,000 for multiple violations Monday afternoon — two days after the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019, came into force.

Police said the driver, Dinesh Madan, a resident of Delhi's Geeta Colony, was found to be driving without a driving licence, registration certificate, third party insurance, "violating air pollution" standards and not wearing a helmet. The challan was issued near the District Court around 12.55 pm and the vehicle was impounded. The man was riding a Honda Aviator, which has

an ex-showroom price of roughly Rs 55,000.

While the penalty for driving without a driving licence and registration certificate is Rs 5,000 each, the lack of third party insurance attracts a fine of Rs 2,000. Penalty for violating air pollution standards is Rs 10,000 and that for driving without a helmet is Rs 1,000.

Madan, who works at the Gurgaon court and arranges advertisements in newspapers, claimed he possessed all necessary documents, but was not given enough time by police personnel to produce them.

"I usually take off my helmet around 15-20 metres before the court complex, which is what I did on Monday as well. Police personnel stopped me in the service lane and asked me to pay



The Rs 23,000 challan issued to Dinesh Madan

Rs 1,000 for the violation. I told them I had the helmet, but they refused to listen," said Madan.

"I didn't have Rs 1,000 so I told them I will get someone from the court to get the money," he said.

He said police personnel then asked for his documents, and he told them he had left them at home. He claimed he was asked to "get them in 10 minutes".

"I told them I stay in Delhi and there is no way I can get the documents in such a short time, but

they did not listen. They issued a challan of Rs 23,000 and took the keys to my scooter. I could not do anything once the challan had been issued," said Madan. "That is more than the current value of my vehicle, which would fetch only Rs 15,000-18,000. It was my mistake not carrying the documents... but I have all of them."

Officials from Gurgaon Police said a part of the amount may be "forgiven" if he is able to produce his documents in court. "If he shows his licence, registration certificate and insurance in court, the penalty for those can be forgiven. He will have to pay Rs 1,000 for not wearing a helmet. Fine for violating air pollution standards can be forgiven if he produces a certificate. Fines in other cases can be forgiven," said Subhash Boken, PRO of Gurgaon

Police, adding that a total of 950 challans were issued on Monday.

In another case, a challan of Rs 24,000 was issued to Jai Narayan, a resident of Gurgaon's Subhash Nagar, at "Court Mor" Tuesday. Apart from other violations, the man riding pillion on Narayan's two-wheeler was not wearing a helmet.

The third challan, however, exceeded both penalties and amounted to Rs 32,500. Issued to an auto driver at Bristol Chowk, the challan accused him of driving without a licence, registration certificate, and third party insurance.

He has also been accused of violating air pollution standards, "dangerous driving", "number plate pattern/without high security registration", among other things, police said.

Being considered: Drones to transport cornea to eye banks

ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 3

THE ALL-INDIA Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), along with IIT-Delhi, is considering a project to transport cornea tissues from far-flung areas to eye banks and vice-versa using drones. The initiative, ideated by doctors at Dr Rajendra Prasad Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, is at a nascent stage and will take time to be completely implemented.

“We are planning to develop a drone system in which the cornea tissues can be transported to peripheral areas. It is one of the most important schemes for the future, wherein we can get a trained technician to pick up the specimens and get them to the eye bank. In areas with poor connectivity, this system will get us through to the patient,” said Dr JS Titiyal, Head of Cornea Services at RP Centre and Chairman of the National Eye Bank.

AIIMS’s National Eye Bank (NEB) has collected 29,000 corneas till date and rehabilitated over 20,000 corneal blind patients from all over the coun-

try by means of corneal transplantation. In 2018, the centre crossed 2,000 in corneal tissue collection — the highest in the last 50 years — as 2,234 donor corneas were retrieved.

“In 2018, a total of 1,426 blind patients received the corneal transplant—a utilisation rate of 65%, which is greater than the national average. In many states, inter-state transportation of tissues cannot be done. In states like West Bengal and Rajasthan, we are pushing for a single registration portal and single distribution scheme, so the tissues can be transported accordingly,” added Dr Titiyal. There are more than 760 institutional members (Eye Banks and Eye Donation Centres) registered with the Eye Bank Association of India. But it is not enough. “Only 2% of those 760 eye banks are actively functioning,” said Dr Namrata Sharma, Secretary Eye Bank Association of India and Professor of Ophthalmology at RP centre.

Another project expected to start by the end of this year is to have an application-based programme to track the patients’ progress before and after surgeries.

NOT CASTE, FAMILY INCOME ONLY CRITERIA Scholarship scheme expands to cover all

Students preparing for competitive exams can avail Rs 1 lakh

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 3

FROM A welfare policy targeting students from the Scheduled Caste, the Jai Bhim Mukhyamantri Pratibha Vikas Yojana has now been expanded to a free coaching service for all Delhi students with a family income less than Rs 8 lakh.

The scheme was introduced last year to provide financial assistance to students from Scheduled Castes preparing for competitive examinations, and the maximum financial assistance provided to any student was Rs 40,000. On Tuesday, the Delhi government announced a cabinet decision to expand the scheme to all students who have completed Class X or Class XII from Delhi, whether they are from the SC, ST, OBC or from the general categories.

“It’s the age of cut-throat competition and children re-

quire coaching for getting admission in good engineering and medical colleges. Children born in poor families are also very intelligent, but in the absence of resources for coaching they are left behind, and only those with sufficient economic resources have access to coaching. Till now, this scheme was only for students of the Scheduled Caste category and maximum financial assistance was Rs 40,000. Today the cabinet has decided to expand this scheme in scope and duration,” said Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

Under this scheme, assistance is provided to students preparing for civil service examinations; judicial service examinations; entrance examinations for courses like engineering, medicine, MBA and law; and other public examinations for recruitment to banks and public sector undertakings.

Till last year, the maximum duration for which coaching was

provided under this scheme was five months. Following the cabinet decision, this duration has been expanded — in the case of civil services and judicial services examinations, the minimum duration has been set at 12 months. The quantum of financial assistance has also been increased to Rs 1 lakh for these two categories of examinations and for engineering, medical, National Defence Academy and Combined Defence Services entrance examinations.

Last year, 4,961 students had availed coaching services under this scheme. With the expansion of its scope, the number of beneficiaries is likely to increase.

Asked which department will be responsible for implementing this scheme now that its scope and meaning has changed from welfare of scheduled caste students, Kejriwal said it would continue to be carried out by the SC/ST Welfare Department.

Gym owner held in Gurgaon hit-and-run that killed 2 teens

SAKSHI DAYAL
GURGAON, SEPTEMBER 3

TWO DAYS after a street vendor and his 14-year-old brother-in-law died after being run over by a speeding Range Rover in Gurgaon, the driver of the car was arrested Tuesday evening. The accused, Amit Singh (31), resides in the city’s Begumpur Khatola and owns and operates a gym in the village.

“On Sunday evening, the accused was returning from Sector 50’s Arcadia Market around 10.30 pm, via Golf Course



Police used the car’s engine number to track Amit Singh (31)

Extension Road near Business Park. His car collided with two boys, who were walking with a cart. He left his car there and fled,” said Gurgaon Police PRO Subhash Boken.

Tracking down the vehicle-owner and the man behind the wheel, however, was compli-

cated by the absence of a number plate, said police. The owner was finally identified through the engine number.

Police said the engine number was used to contact the car’s makers, who helped identify the buyer. Although records showed the car owner was a resident of Delhi’s Fatehpur Beri village, it was found that he had gifted the vehicle to his niece’s husband, who is Amit’s brother, during their wedding.

“Singh was identified and arrested from Begumpur Khatola. The matter is under investigation,” said Boken.

SC enquires about revised plan to finish Jaypee projects

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Tuesday sought to know from the state-owned National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC) whether it is willing to give a revised proposal to complete the stalled projects of the cash-strapped Jaypee group, even as the Centre said it has to step in because “a mess has been created by the promoter”.

The top court said that if NBCC, whose two proposals were rejected earlier by lenders of the defaulting Jaypee group, is unwilling to submit a revised plan, then it may look for other alternatives.

A bench of Justice A M Khanwilkar and Justice Dinesh Maheshwari issued notice to the NBCC and sought its reply by September 5. “We are issuing notice to the NBCC returnable by Thursday. In view of the suggestions made, we would like to know from NBCC whether it would be in a position to submit a revised plan to address the aspirations of various stakeholders,” the bench said. PTI

BEFORE DEBT’S RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-III, DELHI

4th FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001
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.246/2019

CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA Applicant
Versus
SHRI RAVI KIRAN GANTELA & ORS. Defendants

To, (D-1) SH. RAVI KIRAN GANTELA, S/O. SH. JOSEPH GANTELA, R/o. House No. 545, Gali No.2, Village Mamua, Sector-66, Noida Gautam Budh Nagar-201 301, U.P.
Also at: 5-7/4-19, K.L. Rao Nagar, 4th Lane, Vijaywada Urban, Krishna-520 001, Andhra Pradesh.

Also at: Manager Sales, I.D.C. Technologies Solution India Pvt. Ltd., C-22/26, Sector-57, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar-201301, U.P. Also at: C/o. IDC Technologies Solution India Pvt. Ltd., 3322-A, 2nd Floor, Bank Street, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005.
Also at: R/o. Machavaram Puduguralla, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh-522 413.

(D-2) MS. VENKATA LAKSHMI JANAMALA, W/o. Sh. Ravi Kiran Gantela, R/o. 6-7-6/1, Thirumalaiah Street, Opposite Petrol Bunk, Tailar Peta Vijayawada (Urban), Krishna, Andhra Pradesh-520 001 Co-Borrower
Also at: 5-7/4-19, K. L. Rao Nagar, 4th Lane, Vijaywada Urban, Krishna-520 001, Andhra Pradesh.

(D-3) M/S. SHUBHKAMNA BUILD TECH PVT. LTD., Through its Director,
197-E, Pocket-IV, Mayur Vihar, Phase-I, Delhi-110091 Builder. Also at: A-80, Sector-2, Noida, U.P.

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 on **05.09.2019 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 **23rd Day of July 2019.**

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

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF INDIA

Centre One Building, Floor No. 21, World Trade Centre Complex, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai – 400005
Export-Import Bank of India proposes to sell assign loan account(s) to eligible purchasers in NPA account(s) with total outstanding dues of approx. ₹175.67 crore to Banks/ARCI/NBFC/FIs/etc. by e-auction in terms of Reserve Bank of India guidelines under Swiss Challenge Method. Detailed offer will be shared after execution of Non-Disclosure Agreement. For further details please visit our website www.eximbankindia.in (under tender & notices).
General Manager (Loan Administration Group)
Place: Mumbai/Date-04.09.2019

ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TEACHER SELECTION

The Army is running 137 CBSE affiliated Army Public Schools (APS) as Private Unaided Schools located all over India which are functioning under the control of Local Military Authorities. A number of vacancies are likely to occur in the next academic session. The exact number of vacancies will be published by respective Schools/managements and selection carried out.

An online screening examination will be conducted as per details below to ensure a basic threshold of knowledge and competence so as to shortlist suitable candidates for the interviews and final selection

Date : 19-20 October, 2019
Categories : PGT, TGT, PRT
Mode : On-line.
Exam Centers : Select Cities and towns across India
For details of qualifications, registration and conduct, please log on to website : www.awesindia.com

BEFORE DEBT’S RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-III, DELHI

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In the matter of: O.A.NO.244/2019/DRT-III

CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA Applicant
Versus
SMT. NAMRATA AND ANR. Defendants

To, (D-2) M/s. Shubhkamna Buildtech Pvt. Ltd. Through its Authorised Officer / Director
Having its Regd. Office at: 197-E, Pocket-4, Mayur Vihar, Phase-1, Delhi-110091.
Also at: A-80, Sector-2, Noida, U.P. - 201301.

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NOTICE OF THE 18th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, INFORMATION ON E-VOTING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the 18th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company is scheduled on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 10 am at Govt. Servants Co-operative House Building Society Ltd., Kaiyan Kendra, 9, Paschim Marg, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi – 110057 to transact the business as stated in the notice sent to the members individually.

The Annual report for the FY 2018-19 of the company along with the Notice of AGM has been dispatched to all the members whose email IDs are registered with the Company. Physical copies of the same have been sent to all other members at their registered address in the permitted mode.

The same is also available on the Company’s website www.indiaexpomart.com. Additionally, the notice of AGM is also available on the website of National Securities Depositories Limited (‘NSDL’) at <https://www.evoting.nsdl.com>. The documents pertaining to the business to be transacted at the AGM are available for inspection at the Registered Office of the company during specified business hours on all working days except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays upto the date of AGM. The dispatch of physical copies of notice of AGM has been completed on September 02, 2019.

In terms of Section 108 of Companies Act, 2013, read with rules thereto, as amended, the company is pleased to provide Remote E-Voting facility to the members to cast their vote by electronic means (Remote E-voting) on all the resolutions set forth in the notice. The company has engaged services of NSDL for providing e-voting facility. Kindly refer the notice of the AGM regarding instructions on e-voting.

The remote e-voting commences on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 10 a.m. (IST) and will end on Wednesday, September 25, 2019, at 5 p.m. (IST). The remote e-voting shall not be allowed beyond the said date and time.

The cut-off date for determining the eligibility to vote by electronic means or at the AGM is Thursday, September 19, 2019.

A person whose name is recorded in the register of members and/or as per the lists to be furnished by NSDL and CDSL in respect of shares held in electronic form, as on the cut-off date, i.e. September 19, 2019, shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting or voting facility available at the meeting and to entitlement of dividend, if approved at the meeting.

Any person who has acquired shares of the company and becomes member of the company after dispatch of the Notice and holding shares as on cut-off date, may obtain the login id and password by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or cs@indiaexpocentre.com by mentioning Folio no.

The company shall also provide facility for voting through electronic voting system at the meeting and Members attending the meeting who have not already casted their vote by remote e-voting shall be able to exercise their right to vote at the AGM

The members who have casted their vote by remote e-voting prior to the meeting may participate in the meeting but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again

In case of any queries, you may refer to the ‘Frequently Asked Questions’ (FAQs) and e-voting user manual available in downloads section of NSDL’s e-voting website <https://www.evoting.nsdl.com>. In case of any grievances, you may contact Ms. Pallavi Mhatre, Manager, of NSDL at 022-24994545 or call on toll free number 1800-222-990; email: pallavi@nsdl.co.in or evoting@nsdl.co.in in who will also address grievances connected with the voting by electronic means.

The results of voting would be declared as stipulated under the relevant rules and will also be posted on the above-mentioned company’s website and website of NSDL.

By Order of the Board of Directors
Anupam Sharma
Company Secretary

September 04, 2019
Delhi

EXTRACT OF ORDER NO. CS/V/DISC/ RCN/ 25/ 2015 DT. 03 DEC 2018

Headquarters Western, Naval Command New Command
Post Building Tiger Gate, Near Ballad Estate Mumbai-400 023
CS/V/DISC/RCN/25/2015 03 Dec 18

ORDER

1. WHEREAS, the disciplinary proceedings under Rule 14 of the Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965 were instituted against Shri RC Naik, MTS of NAD Karanja vide Charge Memorandum KA/0254/RCN dated 04 Nov 15 on the following article of charge :-
Article:- That Shri RC Naik, MTC, T. No. 51518, of Naval Armament Depot, Karanja remained unauthorisedly absent from duty from 02 May 2011 onwards, without prior permission/intimation and hence has failed to maintain devotion to his duty and acted in a manner which is unbecoming of a Govt Servant and thereby violated Rule 3(1) (ii) and (iii) of Central Civil Services(Conduct) Rules 1964.

2. AND WHEREAS, a statement of imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour on which the article of charge was based, together with a list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the charge was proposed to be sustained were also forwarded to him alongwith the above said Memorandum dated 04 Nov 15. The DGS has acknowledged the said Charge Memorandum but he failed to submit his statement of defence.

3. AND WHEREAS, Shri Jai Singh, Assistant Manager was appointed as Inquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against Shri RC Naik, MTS vide Order KA/0254/RCN dated 21 Jan 16 and Shri RK Manna, Foreman(AWS) was appointed as Presenting Officer vide Order KA/0254/RCN dated 21 Jan 16. The Inquiry Officer summoned the DGS to attend departmental inquiry. Despite repeated notices, the DGS did not attend the inquiry on the scheduled dates. Therefore, the Inquiry Officer held the inquiry ex-parte on 15 Apr 17. The Inquiry Officer found the DGS guilty of the charges framed against him on the basis of oral and documentary evidence adduced before him during the inquiry.

4. AND WHEREAS, in accordance with Rule 15(2) of the CCS(CCA) Rules 1965, a copy of Inquiry Report submitted by the Inquiry Officer was forwarded to the individual on 02 Jul 18 to enable him to make any submission/representation thereon, if he so desired. However, the same was returned by the Postal Authority with remark “Unclaimed”.

5. NOW, THEREFORE, taking into account the entire circumstances of the case, the undersigned in exercise of the powers vested in him as the “Disciplinary Authority” of the said Shri RC Naik, MTS of NAD Karanja is of the view that, end of the justice would be met if, the penalty of “Removal from Service” is imposed on him.

6. Accordingly, the penalty of “Removal from Service” is hereby imposed on Shri RC Naik, MTS of NAD Karanja.

Sd/-
(Pradeep Joshi)
Rear Admiral
Chief Staff Officer(P&A)

To,
Shri RC Naik, MTS
Village-Kolhi Kopar
Tal. Panel, Post. Pargaon
Dist. Raigad, Maharashtra

davp 10702/11/0136/1920

HOMI BHABHA CENTRE FOR SCIENCE EDUCATION

Tata Institute of Fundamental Research

NATIONAL OLYMPIAD PROGRAMME 2019 - 2020

In Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Junior Science & Physics

All students wishing to participate in the programme must appear for corresponding National Standard Examinations (NSEs) on November 24, 2019 (for NSEJS on November 17, 2019). Qualification in NSEs is the first step towards participation in the corresponding International Olympiads of 2020.

For details see: [http:// www.iapt.org](http://www.iapt.org)
AND [http:// olympiads.hbcse.tifr.res.in](http://olympiads.hbcse.tifr.res.in)

Important date :

Enrolment of Students for NSEs: August 21 - September 15, 2019

Government of India Ministry of Defence Border Roads Organisation General Reserve Engineer Force TRADEWISE VACANCY FOR COMPASSIONATE APPOINTMENT AGAINST DD QUOTA ADVT NO. CA/DD/01/2019

PLEASE READ THE IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS UPLOADED IN THE BRO WEBSITE CAREFULLY BEFORE FILLING UP THE APPLICATION FORM

Application are invited for filling up the following posts in General Reserve Engineer Force (BRO) against Compassionate Appointment from the list of candidates uploaded in the BRO website.

Sr No	Posts/Trades	Vacancy
1.	Draughtsman	2
2.	Steno B	3
3.	UDC	4
4.	LDC	22
5.	Hindi Typist	1
6.	Supvr Store	2
7.	SKT	7
8.	MSW Nursing Assistant	9
9.	Veh Mech	11
10.	Welder	1
11.	MSW Des	26
12.	MSW Mason	10
13.	MSW Cook	20
G/TOTAL		118

Note:-1

The detailed advertisement is available on the website of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) www.bro.gov.in. The candidates willing to apply for above post are advised to refer to the detailed advertisement regarding eligibility criteria and essential qualification for each trade etc. Fresh DD form duly filled in with essential documents to reach The Commandant, GREF Centre, Dighi Camp, Pune-411015 by 30 Sep 2019.

Note:-2

The relaxation in age/qualification etc. can be done only within provisions of DOPT guidelines on the subject of compassionate appointment.

davp 10901/11/0016/1920

TEMPORARY AUGMENTATION OF TRAINS DURING PUJA & DIWALI-2019

To clear extra rush of passengers during Puja & Diwali Festival-2019, following trains will be augmented on temporary basis. Details are as under –

S.N.	Train No. & Name	Augmented by	With Effect from
1.	12259/12260 Sealdah-New Delhi Duranto Express	AC 3-Tier - 1 (on the days of run)	From Sealdah : 02.10.2019 to 14.10.2019 From New Delhi : 03.10.2019 to 15.10.2019
2.	12319/12320 Kolkata-Agra Cantt. Weekly Express	AC 3-Tier - 1 & Sleeper Class-1 in each train (on the days of run)	From Kolkata : 02.10.2019 to 27.11.2019 From Agra Cantt. : 03.10.2019 to 28.11.2019
3.	12357/12358 Kolkata-Amritsar Bi-Weekly Express		From Kolkata : 01.10.2019 to 30.11.2019 From Amritsar : 03.10.2019 to 02.12.2019
4.	13135/13136 Kolkata-Jaynagar Weekly Express		From Kolkata : 05.10.2019 to 30.11.2019 From Jaynagar : 06.10.2019 to 01.12.2019
5.	13155/13156 Kolkata-Sitamarhi Bi-Weekly Mithilanchal Express		From Kolkata : 05.10.2019 to 31.10.2019 From Sitamarhi : 25.10.2019 to 01.11.2019
6.	13157/13158 Kolkata-Muzaffarpur Weekly Tirhut Exp.		From Kolkata : From 29.10.2019 From Muzaffarpur : From 30.10.2019
7.	13159/13160 Kolkata-Jogbani Tri-Weekly Express		From Kolkata : 25.10.2019 to 01.11.2019 From Jogbani : 26.10.2019 to 02.11.2019
8.	13165/13166 Kolkata-Sitamarhi Weekly Express		From Kolkata : From 26.10.2019 From Sitamarhi : From 27.10.2019
9.	13149/13150 Sealdah-Alipurduar Kanchan Kanya Express	AC 3-Tier - 1	From Sealdah : 01.10.2019 to 30.11.2019 From Alipurduar : 02.10.2019 to 01.12.2019
10.	13167/13168 Kolkata-Agra Cantt. Weekly Express	AC 3-Tier - 1 & Sleeper Class-1 in each train (on the days of run)	From Kolkata : 03.10.2019 to 07.11.2019 From Agra Cantt. : 05.10.2019 to 09.11.2019
11.	13181/13182 Kolkata-Silghat Town Weekly Express		From Kolkata : 30.09.2019 to 25.11.2019 From Silghat Town : 01.10.2019 to 26.11.2019
12.	13043/13044 Howrah-Raxaul Bi-Weekly Express		From Howrah : 02.10.2019 to 15.11.2019 From Raxaul : 03.10.2019 to 16.11.2019
13.	13063/13064 Howrah-Balughat Bi-Weekly Express	AC 3-Tier - 1	From Howrah : 07.10.2019 to 12.11.2019 From Balughat : 07.10.2019 to 12.11.2019
14.	13425/13426 Malda Town-Surat Weekly Express		From Malda Town : 05.10.2019 to 30.11.2019 From Surat : 07.10.2019 to 02.12.2019
15.	13413/13414 Malda Town-Delhi Farakka Express (via Sultanpur)		From Malda Town : 03.11.2019 to 30.11.2019 From Delhi : 05.11.2019 to 02.12.2019
16.	12321/12322 Howrah-Chatrapati Shivaji Terminal Mumbai Mail	AC 3-Tier - 1	From Howrah : 11.10.2019 to 30.11.2019 From CSMT : 13.10.2019 to 02.12.2019
17.	13019/13020 Howrah-Kathgodam Bagh Express	AC 3-Tier - 1	From Howrah : 01.10.2019 to 30.11.2019 From Kathgodam : 03.10.2019 to 02.12.2019
18.	13021/13022 Howrah-Raxaul Mithila Express	AC 3-Tier - 1	From Howrah : 01.10.2019 to 30.11.2019 From Raxaul : 02.10.2019 to 01.12.2019

Chief Passenger Transportation Manager

EASTERN RAILWAY

New Delhi

‘Boby Deol’ tattoo is only lead in man’s death

Cops connected dots to crack GK-2 murder

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
Noida, September 3

MAHENDER SINGH
MANRAL
New Delhi, September 3

A DECOMPOSED body of an unidentified man was found in Noida’s Rabupura village Tuesday morning. Except for a tattoo reading ‘Boby Deol’ on his left arm, the body has no other identification mark, police said. “It appears that the man died more than five days ago... the body was in a very bad state. The skin had peeled off when locals dragged his body, and all that is left are his black pants. It is very difficult to identify but we have circulated his picture in local areas for any leads,” said an officer from Rabupura police station. Investigators have contacted local police stations to cross check any missing persons complaint matching the description of the man. Police will also approach local village heads with the picture for identification. Police said they will investigate the tattoo on his arm and check if it is his actual name. “The body has been sent for post-mortem,” an officer said.

A BAIL bond recovered from the room of a domestic help, accused of killing his 91-year-old employer, helped police tie him to another criminal who helped carry out the crime. According to police, the domestic help, 22-year-old Kishan Kumar, has three previous criminal cases of theft and snatching registered at Hauz Khas police station against him. It was in Tihar jail in 2017 that he met Mushir, who is now a co-accused in the murder of Kishan Dev Khosla and is on the run.

So far, five people – Kishan, Deepak Yadav (18), Pradeep Sharma (40), Sarvesh Kumar (26) and Prabhudayal (23) – have been arrested, said Additional DCP (South district) Parvinder Singh. “We are conducting raids to nab Mushir,” he added. Kishan and Mushir both came out of Tihar in 2018. “Mushir started working as contractor while Kishan got a job at Khosla’s GK-II home through a reference,”



The victim, Kishan Khosla

an officer said.

On Saturday afternoon, Kishan allegedly drugged Khosla and his wife Saroj and stuffed his body inside a fridge, which he then loaded into a tempo parked downstairs.

Saroj woke up around 5 am Sunday, and realised that her husband and domestic help were missing. “Police searched the house and Kishan’s room, from where a team led by ACP Vijay Chandel found some court papers that linked Kishan with Mushir. They contacted the police station from where Mushir was arrested and showed his picture to the area’s security guard, who identified him. Police found he was working in Sangam Vihar, and

also discovered that Kishan had made two transactions from Khosla’s ATM card from the same area. An eatery owner in Sangam Vihar told police that Mushir had bought food from his shop late Saturday night,” an officer said.

Kishan is learnt to have told police that he was disgruntled with Khosla’s “taunting and abuses”. “A month ago, while consuming liquor with Mushir and Deepak, Kishan shared his grouse and Mushir suggested that he kill Khosla, bury him and flee to Nepal. From there, the plan was to demand ransom from his family by telling them he is still alive,” an officer said.

The accused rented a room with a courtyard in Tigri on August 29 and Mushir asked two labourers, Sarvesh and Prabhudayal, to dig a six-foot hole. “They told them it was for a water treatment plant and gave them Rs 1,500 each. They gave Sharma, a tempo driver, Rs 2,000 and told him it was to ferry a refrigerator,” an officer said, adding that connecting the dots between Kishan and Mushir and technical surveillance helped them crack the case.



AN ALTERNATIVE

During Ganpati visarjan at Kalindi Kunj Wednesday. To follow NGT norms and not allow idols into the Yamuna, Delhi Jal Board has created three ponds to facilitate idol immersion during the 10 days. *Abhinav Saha*

Feared lynching, say two held for driving into crowd

New Delhi: A day after a video of a car being driven rashly into a crowd in North West Delhi’s Model Town surfaced online, police arrested two web designers Tuesday. Police said that during questioning, the accused, Arun Kumar (26) and Pradeep (23), claimed they did not stop the vehicle as they feared lynching by the mob. The purported video, shot Sunday night, shows a black Hyundai Verna speeding through

a crowd and later reversing at high speed, as people shout at the driver, at Old Gupta Colony. Police said the car, registered in Kumar’s name, has been impounded. DCP (North West) Vijayanta Arya said, “Several CCTVs of the locality were checked and in one of the cameras, the registration number of the car could be identified. We used technical surveillance and local sources to arrest the accused and trace the vehicle.” **ENS**

MISSION DIRECTOR, NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION, J&K
Jammu Office: Regional Institute of Health & Family Welfare, Nagrota, Jammu - 181221
Fax: 0191-2674114; Telephone: 2674244;
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NHM Help Line for Jammu Division: 18001800104; Kashmir Division: 18001800102

Notice inviting e-Bids for Provision of Tele-Radiology Services by way of Transmission of Medical Images & Reporting thereof at the Healthcare Facilities in J&K
For and on behalf of the Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, online bids are invited for provision of Tele-Radiology services by way of transmission of medical images & reporting thereof at the healthcare facilities in J&K, as per detailed specifications and terms & conditions mentioned in the tender document (SBD), for an initial period of three (3) years, and further extendable for two (2) years on annual performance basis:

S. No.	Particulars	Date/Time
1.	Date of Publishing SBD	28.08.2019 at 1400 Hrs
2.	Start Date of Downloading SBD from Website	28.08.2019 from 1400 Hrs
3.	Websites for Downloading SBD	www.jktenders.gov.in www.jknhm.com
4.	Last Date of Downloading SBD from Website	21.09.2019 upto 1600 Hrs.
5.	Seek Clarification Start Date	29.08.2019 from 1000 Hrs
6.	Seek Clarification End Date	05.09.2019 upto 1200 Hrs.
7.	Pre-Bid Meeting	07.09.2019 at 1400 Hrs.
8.	Star Date for Submission of Online Bids	12.09.2019 from 1400 Hrs
9.	Last Date for Submission of Online Bids	21.09.2019 upto 1600 Hrs
10.	Date of Opening of Technical Bids	23.09.2019 at 1200 Hrs
11.	Date of Opening of Financial Bids	To be Notified Separately

No. SHS/NHM/J&K/Estt./9906-9912
Date: 27.08.19
DIPJ-2457

Sd/- Mission Director
National Health Mission
Jammu

NORTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (PROJECT),
C.L. ZONE SINDHORA KALAN, SHAKTI NAGAR,
NEW DELHI-110052, TEL. No. 011-23654558

No.EEP/TC/CLZ/2019-20/01 Dated : 30.08.2019

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Seq. No.	North Delhi Municipal Corporation Stage	Start Date	Expiry Time
1.	Request of Tender Document From	30.08.2019	17.30 Hrs.
2.	Issue of Tender Document From	04.09.2019	17.31 Hrs.
3.	Request of Tender Document To	17.09.2019	17.00 Hrs.
4.	Issue of Tender Document To	18.09.2019	17.30 Hrs.
5.	Tender Closing Date and Time	20.09.2019	14.00 Hrs.
6.	Cost Open Date and Time	20.09.2019	14.15 Hrs.

The Executive Engineer (PR)/CLZ on behalf of the Commissioner, North DMC invites sealed Item Rate/Percentage rate Tenders from the approved and eligible Contractors registered with (General Wing) for execution of works at Sr. No. 1 and from specialized agencies (Open Category also) for execution of rehabilitation work of school building at Sr. No. 2 on online only at the website <https://www.tenderwizard.com/NORTHDMCETENDER>.

S. No.1, Name of Work: Construction of North DMC Primary School Janta Vihar in Mukundpur Area in Civil Line Zone. SH:- Construction of Boundary wall, Fire Tank and Miscellaneous Works. FTC No. 19/24/XL-VII-Edu./PC-201, H/A: XL-VII-Edu., Tender Amount: Rs.2,12,28,654/-. Earnest money: Rs.4,24,600/-

S. No.2, Name of Work: Renovation and Strengthening of Hall and Main Building in M.C. Pry. School Adarsh Nagar in C-17/N/CLZ FTC No.19/24/XL-VII-Edu./PC-201, H/A: XL-VII-Edu., Tender Amount: Part 'A' Rs.1,43,09,091/- Part 'B' @ Item Rate, Earnest money: Rs.4,29,300/- Tender Cost for Item No.1 is Rs.1,500/- & for item No.2 is Rs.1000/-. Time of completion for item no.1 is 6 months and for item no.2 is 12 months. Rate holds good for all items is six months.

R.O. No. 78/North/DPI/2019-20

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (Pr.) CLZ

NORTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (PROJECT) K.P. ZONE
NEAR RAILWAY UNDER BRIDGE, SAWAN PARK, DELHI-110052
No. EEP/TC/KPZ/2019-20/02 Dated: 30.08.2019

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

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5.	Tender Closing Date and Time	20.09.2019	12:00 Hrs.
6.	Cost Open Date and Time	20.09.2019	12:15 Hrs.

The Executive Engineer (PR)/KPZ on behalf of the Commissioner, North DMC invites sealed Item Rate/Percentage rate Tenders from the approved and eligible Contractors registered with (General Wing) for execution of works of following works only at the website <https://www.tenderwizard.com/NORTHDMCETENDER>.

S. No.: 1, Name of Work: Construction of Boundary Wall for M.C. Pry. School at 1/1 Roop Nagar at Ward No. 78N/KPZ. FTC No. 19/24/XL-VII-Edu./PC-201, H/A: XL-VII-Edu, Tender Amount Part 'A' Rs. 68,86,021/- Part 'B' @ Reserve Price Earnest Money (Rs.): 1,37,720/-

S. No.: 2, Name of work: Construction of Hall at M.C. Pry. School at H-Block, Ashok Vihar in C-75N/KPZ. FTC No. 19/24/XL-VII-Edu./PC-201, H/A: XL-VII-Edu, Tender Amount Part 'A' Rs. 74,50,897/-, Part 'B' @ Item Rate, Part 'C' @ Reserve Price Earnest Money (Rs.): 1,79,450/-

S. No.: 3, Name of work: Imp. Dev. of Approach Road of Village Joorbagh from Road No. 37 to Tulsī Nagar, Culvert & Chattrar Singh Marg in Ward No. 71N/Trī Nagar. FTC No. 19/66/XL-VIII-Z-F(i)/PC-066 H/A: XL-VIII-Z-F(i), Tender Amount Rs. 2,77,13,087/-, Earnest Money (Rs.): 5,54,300/-

Tender Cost for Item No. 1 & 2 is Rs. 1000/- and for Item No. 3 is Rs. 1500/-. The time of completion for item no. 1 is 6 months and for item no. 2 & 3 is 9 months Rate holds good for all items is six months.

R.O. No. 77/DPI/North/2019-20

Sd/-
EX. Engineer (Pr.) KPZ

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited
(A Joint Venture of GoI & GoK)
e-Mail: contracts@bmrcl.co.in Website: www.bmrcl.co.in
No. BMRCL/Phase-2/Challaghatta Depot/DDC/2019/53 Date: 04.09.2019

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTIFICATION (RFP)
On behalf of Managing Director, BMRCL, General Manager (Contracts) invites sealed proposals for the work of “Detailed Design Consultant for Elevated Challaghatta Yard & Depot cum workshop with Inter Modal Integration Hub (IMIH) for Phase-2 Project of BMRCL.” Bid security amount: INR 1.00 Lakhs. Sale of RFP documents (Online only): from 04.09.2019 to 04.10.2019. Date and Time of submission of RFP: 10.10.2019 from 11.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs. Date and Time of opening of RFP: 10.10.2019 at 15.30 hrs. Cost of RFP document: INR 2,240/-. For more details visit our website www.bmrcl.co.in from 04.09.2019.

Sd/- General Manager (Contracts)

यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण
प्रथम तल, शॉपिंग कॉम्प्लेक्स, सेक्टर ओमेगा-न (P-2), ग्रेटर नोएडा - 201308, गौतमबुद्ध नगर (उ०प्र०)

पत्रांक/वाई०ई०ए०/मूलेख/195/2019 दिनांक 03.09.2019

सार्वजनिक सूचना

निम्नलिखित भूमि यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा आपसी सहमति के आधार पर काश्तकारी से क्रय किया जाना प्रस्तावित है :-
ग्राम भाईपुर ब्रह्मानन स्थित 60 बी० रोड के अंतर्गत

क्रम सं०	ग्राम का नाम	काश्तकार का नाम व पता	खाता संख्या	खसरा सं०	क्षेत्रफल
1.	भाईपुर ब्रह्मानन	बीरबल शर्मा पुत्र रामकिरोड नि० ग्राम	214	557	0.5604 का बकदर भाग
2.	भाईपुर ब्रह्मानन	कै० पी० शर्मा पुत्र रामकिरोड नि० ग्राम	214	557	0.5604 का बकदर भाग

उपरोक्त भूमि क्रय किये जाने में यदि किसी व्यक्ति को कोई आपत्ति है तो वह लिखित रूप में 15 दिन के अंदर विशेष कार्यधिकारी, यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औ० वि० प्राधिकरण के कार्यालय में अपनी आपत्ति प्रस्तुत कर सकता है।

विशेष कार्यधिकारी
यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औ० वि० प्राधिकरण

Delhi Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd.
An Enterprises of Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
ISBT Sarai Kale Khan Delhi-110013

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The AGE(E), DTIDC invite tenders on behalf of MD, DTIDC Ltd for the following work through e procurement solution only.

NIT No. : 28/2019-20
Tender ID No. : 2019_DTIDC_179165_1
Name of work : Providing watch and ward / security surveillance services at ISBT, Sarai Kale Khan

Estimated Cost : Rs. 2,10,37,286/-
Earnest Money : Rs. 10,51,864/-
Time Allowed : 365 Days
Last date of receipt of Tenders : 20/09/2019

The Tender forms and other detail can be obtained from the website: <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in/>

Sd/-

AGM (Sarai Kale Khan)
DTIDC Ltd. ISBT
Sarai Kale Khan, Delhi
DIP/Shabdarth/0603/19-20

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. DENC/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against following Tender Notice, closing date & time are mentioned against each column. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

Tender No.	105-DRM-MB-19-20, dt. 30.08.2019	106-DRM-MB-19-20, dt. 30.08.2019
Name of Work	Heavy repair to water supply installation in the section of ADENH/PU.	Through Rail Renewal (P) = 19.756 Kms. of existing 52 Kg rails with 60 Kg rail UP Line from Km.29.991 to 30.067, 31.394 to 31.575, 92.595 to 93.18, 96.651 to 96.95, 105.713 to 111.45, 116.5 to 118, 120 to 124.386 =12.764 Kms (Estt 36/2018), UP line km 93.18 to km 95.6=2.42 kms (Estt 179/2017), UP line from km 91.228 to 92=0.772 kms (Estt 179/2018)
Tender Closing Date	03.10.19	03.10.19
Tender Closing Time	16:00 hrs.	16:00 hrs.
Advertised Value (Rs.)	6996230.73	6754868.71
Earnest Money (Rs.)	139900.00	135100.00
Tender Doc. Cost (Rs.)	5000.00	5000.00
Period of Completion	08 Months	06 Months
Bidding Start Date	19.09.19	19.09.19

Tender No.: 75/W/23/WADEN/HQ/T, Notice Dt. 31.08.2019.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE

The Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (Const), Northern Railway, Moradabad for and on behalf of President of India, invites E-tenders under Single Packet System for the under noted work:-

1. Name of work with its location	Electrification of 44 units Type-II Quarters in Railway colony Ambala including Electrification work of additional rooms constructed in Officers Rest House Chandigarh along with electrification work of Goods platform at Ghagghar Railway Station.
2. Completion period of the work	12 months
3. Approx. Cost of work	₹ 54,23,705.04
4. Earnest Money amount (to be deposited Online)	₹ 1,08,500/-
5. Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender	Tenders may be uploaded upto 11.30 hrs on date 26.09.2019 on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in . The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11.30 hrs on 26.09.2019.
6. Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document	The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway web site i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and tender document is available on www.ireps.gov.in . Above tender document will be available for submission of offer on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 11.09.2019 to 26.09.2019. The bidders who desire to participate against e-tenders, are advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which, they would require to, obtain class III digital certificate (if already not obtained) issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. 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. 17-Elect/C/GPS/UMB/54-B Dated : 31.08.2019.

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NORTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (PROJECT) K.P. ZONE
NEAR RAILWAY UNDER BRIDGE, SAWAN PARK, DELHI-110052
No. EEP/TC/KPZ/2019-20/02 Dated: 30.08.2019

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Seq. No.	North Delhi Municipal Corporation Stage	Start Date	Expiry Time
1.	Request of Tender Document from	30.08.2019	17:30 Hrs.
2.	Issue of Tender Document from	04.09.2019	17:31 Hrs.
3.	Request of Tender Document To	17.09.2019	17:00 Hrs.
4.	Issue of Tender Document To	18.09.2019	17:30 Hrs.
5.	Tender Closing Date and Time	20.09.2019	12:00 Hrs.
6.	Cost Open Date and Time	20.09.2019	12:15 Hrs.

The Executive Engineer (PR)/KPZ on behalf of the Commissioner, North DMC invites sealed Item Rate/Percentage rate Tenders from the approved and eligible Contractors registered with (General Wing) for execution of works of following works only at the website <https://www.tenderwizard.com/NORTHDMCETENDER>.

S. No.: 1, Name of Work: Construction of Boundary Wall for M.C. Pry. School at 1/1 Roop Nagar at Ward No. 78N/KPZ. FTC No. 19/24/XL-VII-Edu./PC-201, H/A: XL-VII-Edu, Tender Amount Part 'A' Rs. 68,86,021/- Part 'B' @ Reserve Price Earnest Money (Rs.): 1,37,720/-

S. No.: 2, Name of work: Construction of Hall at M.C. Pry. School at H-Block, Ashok Vihar in C-75N/KPZ. FTC No. 19/24/XL-VII-Edu./PC-201, H/A: XL-VII-Edu, Tender Amount Part 'A' Rs. 74,50,897/-, Part 'B' @ Item Rate, Part 'C' @ Reserve Price Earnest Money (Rs.): 1,79,450/-

S. No.: 3, Name of work: Imp. Dev. of Approach Road of Village Joorbagh from Road No. 37 to Tulsī Nagar, Culvert & Chattrar Singh Marg in Ward No. 71N/Trī Nagar. FTC No. 19/66/XL-VIII-Z-F(i)/PC-066 H/A: XL-VIII-Z-F(i), Tender Amount Rs. 2,77,13,087/-, Earnest Money (Rs.): 5,54,300/-

Tender Cost for Item No. 1 & 2 is Rs. 1000/- and for Item No. 3 is Rs. 1500/-. The time of completion for item no. 1 is 6 months and for item no. 2 & 3 is 9 months Rate holds good for all items is six months.

R.O. No. 77/DPI/North/2019-20

Sd/-
EX. Engineer (Pr.) KPZ

3 lakh takers for RFID tags, but only 165 use cashless tech at tolls

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
New Delhi, September 3

MORE THAN three lakh radio frequency identification (RFID) tags have been issued by the South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) as of Tuesday, but only 547 were recharged by commercial vehicle owners for automatic toll deduction at the plazas.

Of those 547 vehicles, only 165 paid the municipal tax and environmental compensation charge (ECC) using the RFID system, said SDMC additional commissioner Randhir Sahay, SDMC and the Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA), who are steering the RFID project, Tuesday launched a website and mobile app for pre-registration of the tags and recharging them through netbanking or mobile wallets.

“The objective is to do away with long queues at plazas. It’s crucial that people recharge their tags and not make payments in cash, so they can cross the plazas in two-three seconds,” said Sahay.

On-site payment booths have been set up at 28 locations near

EPCA mulls RFID tags for all vehicles

New Delhi: Following a “historic” Supreme Court order on the need for proper parking spaces, the Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA) Tuesday said it would explore if RFID tags could be used for private vehicles. At present, the RFID project in Delhi is limited only to commercial vehicles. Sunita Narain, EPCA member, said they will study whether illegal parking can be detected through RFID system. **ENS**

tolls, where vehicle owners can recharge tags through cash or card payments. After midnight on September 13, cash toll payment will not be accepted at any of the 13 plazas where the RFID system is in place, and vehicles will also not be allowed to pass through.

EASTERN RAILWAY
Abridged Tender Notice No.: EL-HWH-CON-GENL-71-2019-NIT, dated 29.08.2019. Tender No.: EL-HWH-CON-GENL-71-2019. Open tender is invited through e-tendering procedure by Chief Electrical Engineer (Con), Eastern Railway, Howrah from experienced electrical contractors, partnership firms etc. holding valid electrical contractor's license with adequate financial capability and sufficient experience for the following work : **Name of Work :** Electrical (G) works for construction of (a) Platform shed at Belanagar, AEN office at Dankuni, staff quarters, gang hut etc. as Part-I of Liluah-Dankuni 3rd line. (b) Staff quarters, PWI store, gang hut etc. as Part-II of Bardhaman-Kalwa gauge conversion. (c) Electrification of EI cabins at Singur & Naikul. Platform illumination through LED lighting etc. as Part-II of Dankuni-Chandannpur 4th line and (d) Platform illumination through LED lighting as Part-II of Bardol-Boinchi & Boinchi-Shaktigarh 3rd lines in Howrah Division of Eastern Railway. **Tender Value :** Rs. 287,65,511/-. **Earnest Money :** Rs. 2,93,800/- **Date & Time of Closing :** 10.10.2019 at 12.30 hrs. Tender documents can be downloaded and bids can be submitted at www.ireps.gov.in Manual offers are not allowed against this tender. Detail tender notice can also be seen in the notice board of Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer (CON), Eastern Railway, Howrah, 371, Telkal Ghat Road, Ground Floor, Howrah-711101.

CON-81/2019-20

Tender Notice is also available at websites : www.ee.indianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in

बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Bank of India
Head Office, Information Technology Department, C-4, G BLOCK, Star House 2, 8th floor, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400 051 E-mail: headoffice.it@bankofindia.co.in

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
For Procurement of
New Audio Video Equipment at Head Office, Star House

The captioned RFP is available on Bank's Corporate website till 23.09.2019. Details available on the Bank's Corporate Website www.bankofindia.co.in under 'Tender' section from 03.09.2019.

CSIR-Central Scientific Instruments Organisation
(Council of Scientific & Industrial Research)
Sector-30-C, Chandigarh (India)
www.csio.res.in, Phone No. 0172-2672431, 2672333

OPEN/GLOBAL E-PUBLISH TENDER

The E-Publish tenders for the following have been invited. Complete details are available on E-Publish Portal www.eprocure.gov.in and our website "http://csio.res.in"

S. No.	Tender No.	Description of material
1.	CSIO/3(1)2019-Pur	Vacuum Sputtering Coating System
2.	CSIO/3(2)2019-Pur	High Speed Camera
3.	CSIO/3(12)2019-Pur	Portable CMM (Expression of Interest)
4.	CSIO/3(17)2019-Pur	Automated Analytical Chem Semi Preparative High performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) System

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER (ID: 2019_AAI_31020_1)
[Tender No. (AS)-AS-08/2019-20/e-Procurement-Online Reverse Auction]

Tenders are invited by Executive Director (CNS-P) on behalf of Chairman, Airports Authority of India (AAI) from eligible bidders for “SITC of Designed based Public Address system at various airports with Three Year Onsite Warranty and Three Years Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract, with spares.” Estimated Cost: ₹ 8,35,82,284.00. For further details like tender, corrigendum/addendum and registration please visit CPP portal: <http://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app> or contact at E-mail: gmas@aai.aero; artkirkey@aai.aero; avtarsingh@aai.aero; TeleFax:+91-11-24697343. N-45/2019-20

CCS HARYANA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, HISAR (ESTABLISHED BY PARLIAMENT ACT 16 OF 1970)

Tender Notice

CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar is inviting Tender for following Equipments/ Items:-

1. Purchase of Bee Hive Boxes for KVK, Sadalpur.
2. Purchase of iMac Pro with Software and Accessories for the Department of Extension Education & Communication Management, CCSHAU, Hisar.
3. Purchase of Heat and Mass Transfer Lab. For the Department of Basic Engineering, CCSHAU, Hisar.
4. Procurement of Digital Headspace Gas Analyzer for the Department of Processing & Food Engineering, CCSHAU, Hisar.

For detail information and e-Tendering schedule, please visit the website: <http://etenders.hry.nic.in> and University website: <http://hau.ac.in>.

Date of Start of Bid Preparation and Submission 02.09.2019 (09.00 hours) and Closing on 17.09.2019 upto 17.00 hours. Opening of Technical Bid on 18.09.2019 at 09.00 A.M. & Financial Bid on 21.09.2019 at 12.00 noon.

Note:

1. All Updates, Amendments, Corrigenda etc. (If any) will be posted only on the CCS HAU Website/ Tender website. There will not be any publication of the same through Newspapers or any other Media.
2. Interested Bidders are advised to Deposit Bid Security/EMD on or before 48.00 hrs. on expiring Date and Time of Bid Online so as to get the payment verified.

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FRANK SUGGESTION

UNION MINISTER for Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan spoke about the new prices for ethanol, and how ethanol produced from more sources will now be procured by the oil companies, during Tuesday's Cabinet briefing. When asked about technical details of converting sugar into ethanol, Pradhan said that for more details on know-how, he can arrange a meeting of the journalists with Union minister Nitin Gadkari and NCP chief Sharad Pawar, who have deep knowledge of the cane-based industry.

SEAT CONFUSION

THERE WAS a moment of awkwardness at the prayer meeting in memory of late BJP leader Arun Jaitley at Talkatora Stadium on Tuesday. The function was organised by the family and chairs were arranged in the middle of the stadium for invited guests, who were given a wristband for entry. Some senior political leaders, however, plonked themselves down on the chairs. Soon, there was an announcement that the seats were meant for the invited guests, which included senior Union ministers and judges from the Supreme Court and High Court, and BJP's national executive members were requested to sit in the gallery. As part of the prayer meet, Anup Jalota sang a couple of bhajans, including "kabhi kabhi bhagwan ko bhi bhakton se kaam mein", which he said was Jaitley's favourite. Among others in the audience were Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu, Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi, Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP working president JP Nadda, and Union ministers Nitin Gadkari and Ravi Shankar Prasad.

BITTER FEUD

INDIA-PAKISTAN rivalry seems to have cast its shadow on what was supposed to be a low-profile gathering — South Asian Speakers' summit on achieving Sustainable Development Goals — at Male, Maldives. First, it was the heated exchange of words between Indian and Pakistani delegations over the scrapping of special status to J&K under Article 370. Next, New Delhi managed to get the Male declaration ignore all assertions made by Islamabad on the matter. Last heard, Indian delegation comprising Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh did not engage with Pakistani representatives in any bilateral dialogue. Otherwise, the Indian delegation held delegation-level bilateral talks with all other SAARC countries present.

HEALTH BULLETIN

THE HEALTH Ministry has roped in Indian cricket team captain Virat Kohli to spread the word about its campaign to eat healthy during the National Nutrition Month. Quoting Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan, Kohli on Tuesday tweeted, "Healthy eating is an integral part of a healthy lifestyle. Congratulations to @drharshvardhan and the @fssaiindia team for kickstarting this initiative. Let's all come together and be a part of the #EatRightIndia movement."

IAF gets new firepower, inducts eight Apache attack helicopters

ARUN SHARMA

PATHANKOT, SEPTEMBER 3

IN A significant boost to India's combat capabilities, the Indian Air Force Tuesday formally inducted to its fleet eight latest-generation AH-64E(I) Apache attack helicopters. The helicopters, manufactured by Boeing, were part of a multi-billion dollar deal struck with the US government nearly four years ago, and were inducted at a function at the Pathankot Air Station.

Modified to specifically suit specific standards as demanded by the IAF, the Apaches not only add to its combat capability but also provide additional capabilities for operations in the plains of Punjab — the main theatre of all wars with Pakistan in the past. The first crew of the Apache helicopters was trained by Boeing along with the US Army.

"It is one of the most serious attack helicopters in the world," said Air Chief Marshal B S Dhanoa, chief guest at the occasion. "Alongside the capability to shoot fire and forget anti-tank guided missiles, rockets and other ammunition, the change



An Apache during the induction ceremony of the attack helicopters into the Indian Air Force. PTI

that gets into the Indian Air Force is that it has air-to-air missile capability...for the first time in the history of the IAF," he said.

Among the most lethal attack helicopters in the world, the Apaches are capable of fielding a variety of weapons systems including air to ground Hellfire missiles, 70 mm Hydra rockets and the air-to-air Stinger missiles, the Air Chief said, adding that they also carry one 30 mm chain gun with 1,200 rounds as part of area weapon sub system. It also comprises fire control

radar, which has 360-degree coverage and a nose-mounted sensor suite for target acquisition and night vision systems, he said.

The Apache helicopters will replace the ageing Mi-35 helicopters, which the IAF has been operating for the past three decades.

Capable of performing many operations, suppression of enemy air defence and battlefield strike roles, the Apache helicopters operate as a team, said Dhanoa, adding that the IAF, with their induction, has upgraded its inventory to the latest generation of at-

tack helicopters. These have modern electronic warfare (EW) capabilities to provide versatility in a network-centric aerial warfare.

The IAF has signed a contract with Boeing and the US government for 22 Apache attack helicopters, the last batch of which will be delivered by March 2020.

This procurement will enhance the capability of the air force in providing integrated combat aviation cover to the Army strike corps, the IAF said in a statement. These tandem seating helicopters are day and night, all-weather capable and have high agility and survivability against battle damage, it said, adding that they are easily maintainable even in field conditions and are capable of prolonged operations in tropical desert regions.

Earlier, Boeing India president Salil Gupte handed over the key of the Apache attack helicopter to Air Chief Marshal Dhanoa. R Nambiyar, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C), Western Air Command, among other senior IAF officers were present on the occasion. One of the Apache helicopters which flew over the airbase was given a water cannon salute on landing.

India, Japan review situation in Indo-Pacific

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 3

DEFENCE MINISTER Rajnath Singh and his Japanese counterpart Takeshi Iwaya discussed the security situation in the Indo-Pacific region, including the Korean Peninsula and the South China Sea, according to a joint statement issued during Singh's two-day visit to Tokyo.

Singh recalled that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe had in their vision statement in October last year "reiterated their unwavering commitment to working together towards a free and open Indo-Pacific". Singh also said that the two leaders had "expressed their satisfaction at the progress made in fostering defence cooperation for shared security, and reaffirmed their desire to further deepen the strategic and defence cooperation between Japan and India", according to the statement.

In this context, Singh and Iwaya "affirmed their intention to hold the first Foreign and Defence Ministerial Dialogue (2+2) ahead of the Japan-India Annual Summit this year" to take forward the cooperation for peace and prosperity of the Indo-Pacific region.

Peace and stability in the Indian and Pacific Oceans are "crucial for ensuring prosperity of the Indo-Pacific region and the entire world" and both the ministers "had a frank exchange of views on the current security situation in the region, including developments on the Korean Peninsula and in the South China Sea," according to the statement.

The two defence ministers also "welcomed the steady progress in bilateral cooperation in the area of Maritime Domain Awareness based on the Implementing Arrangement for Deeper Cooperation between the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force and the Indian Navy signed last year".

Singh and Iwaya met for the annual defence ministerial meeting on Monday and Singh also called on Abe.

The two countries also welcomed Malabar 2019, the trilateral maritime exercise between India, Japan and the US, which will be held between late September and early October. The second trilateral mine-countermeasures exercise (MINEX) between the three countries was held in July and both Singh and

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In China's shadow, a strategic alliance

DURING PRIME Minister Narendra Modi's talks with Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in Tokyo last year, India and Japan decided to have a 2+2 dialogue mechanism between the Defence and Foreign Ministers of the two countries. With an assertive China in their neighbourhood, this was an effort aimed at giving political muscle to the existing diplomatic, security, and defence cooperation between the countries. India had until then had a 2+2 dialogue only with the United States. India and Japan also have shared maritime interests in the Pacific Ocean, and had decided in last year's meeting to deepen their "maritime domain awareness" with a pact between the Indian Navy and Japanese maritime self-defence force.

Iwaya "expressed their resolve to continue the trilateral exercise in the same framework from next year onwards," according to the statement. They also "recognised the conduct of Japan-India Maritime Exercise in 2018 and shared the view to conduct the exercise on a regular basis".

The two countries want the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force and the Indian Navy to work towards participating in multilateral exercises, including as observers. They also shared their views to "explore cooperation with countries in the Indo-Pacific region through various initiatives that would further the shared vision of peace and stability of the Indo-Pacific region", the statement mentioned.

Trial court extends Chidambaram's CBI custody till Thursday 'in view of SC order'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 3

HOURS AFTER the Supreme Court ordered that former Union minister P Chidambaram will remain in CBI custody until September 5 despite the agency stating that it did not want his custody any more, a Delhi court on Tuesday remanded the Congress leader in CBI custody until that date.

"A person says he doesn't want to go to judicial custody.... I don't want custody," Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for CBI in the INX Media case, told a bench of Justices R Banumathi and A S Bopanna, urging it to leave the decision on it to the trial court.

Special CBI Judge Ajay Kumar Kuhar subsequently ordered that "in view of the Supreme Court's order", the accused will remain in CBI custody until September 5.

Senior counsel Dayan Krishnan and advocate Arshdeep Singh, appearing for Chidambaram, apprised Judge Kuhar that they will not press for



P Chidambaram at a Delhi court on Thursday. Praveen Khanna

interim bail application, and urged that it be taken up on September 5. Agreeing to this, the court listed Chidambaram's interim bail application for hearing for Thursday.

Mehta told the Bench on Tuesday that Chidambaram had not filed the bail plea at the time his matter was being argued in SC on Monday. Subsequent to the SC order, his lawyers filed an interim bail plea and urged the trial court to consider it, saying that the top court had directed it to do so, he said.

Seeking recall of Monday's order, Mehta contended, "I don't

think it's proper to say how the trial court should decide the matter. Let the law be allowed to take its course," Justice Banumathi observed, "We are conscious that we should not usurp the jurisdiction of the trial court."

Meanwhile, in a counter-affidavit filed in Supreme Court, the CBI questioned maintainability of Chidambaram's plea challenging his remand. The affidavit referred to an SC Constitution Bench decision which said that "normally the High Court is final arbiter in bail/anticipatory bail matters".

Chidambaram mocks govt on economy: '5%'

New Delhi: P Chidambaram on Tuesday took a dig at the Centre over the slowdown in the economy, which dropped to a six-year low of 5 per cent in the April-June quarter. As he stepped out of the courtroom after his hearing in the INX Media trial, journalists asked him for his reaction on his custody. An unfazed Chidambaram showed five fingers, and said, "5 per cent." As a reporter asked what he meant, Chidambaram replied: "You remember what's 5 per cent." **ENS**

Seeking its dismissal, the agency said the petitioner "has not pointed out any extraordinary circumstances which would have justified any deviation from the consistent practice being followed".

MADHAVI KHODE CHAWARE, NAGPUR ADDITIONAL TRIBAL COMMISSIONER

AWARD CATEGORY: CHILD DEVELOPMENT

With open doors and strict gates, a scheme secures Maharashtra ashram schools against sexual exploitation

VIVEK DESHPANDE
CHANDRAPUR, SEPTEMBER 3

AT THE Borda government ashram school for girls, located in the Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve's buffer zone, about 30 km from Maharashtra's Chandrapur city, nobody, even a VIP, is allowed in without making an entry in a register maintained by a security guard.

This tightly controlled system of checks is part of a regimen called *jivhala* (affection), including awareness and sensitisation programmes, brought in across Maharashtra ashram schools after several reported incidents of sexual exploitation of girls.

The need for the programme was felt following the uproar over a 2016 incident of sexual abuse of a 10-year-old girl at an ashram school in Wardha district, allegedly by a worker employed for construction work at the school.

Additional Tribal Commissioner of Nagpur Madhavi Khode Chaware, who worked out the *jivhala* regimen, was one of the recipients of The Indian Express Excellence in Governance Awards, under the category 'Child Development'. Recently, an ad-hoc commit-



tee of state women legislators against sexual exploitation recommended *jivhala* as a possible solution.

Khode, now Commissioner (Textiles) at Nagpur, said, "Sexual abuse in ashram schools is underreported, like malnutrition. Children get enrolled here at the age of six and, as such, get no learning about such things from



Abhishek Saha

Nagpur Additional Tribal Commissioner Madhavi Khode Chaware receives the award from Union minister Ram Vilas Paswan; (right) a workshop for 'Balsakha' and 'Balsakhi' at the Government Ashram Shala at Sode in Gadchiroli.



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their parents...After we rolled out *jivhala*, providing training and orientation to all stakeholders, as also video and reading material, children now speak out openly about these intimate issues. The thought behind it is two-fold — empowering children and sensitising the school administration on its responsibilities."

While teachers and students were given training on do's and don'ts, covering everything from vulgar gestures and exhibitionism to porn, students were counselled about the physical changes happening in their body and good and bad touches, through CDs etc, and a code of conduct put in place for everyone from contractual workers to donors, volunteers, trustees and visiting government officials. Every staffer or volunteer can now only be employed after a background check.

Under a 'Balsakha' and 'Balsakhi' system, students from Classes 8 to 10, to be trained annually, were appointed to act as a bridge between the children and administration. A 'Samvad Peti' (communication box) was put up in schools to allow students to share their grievances anonymously, while a 30-minute weekly Samvad Varga (commu-

nication class) was started for interactive sessions with students, reiterating the whole concept.

The responsibility for ensuring child security has been vested with school management committees, which comprise members of village child rights committees, female and male wardens, and Balsakhas and Balsakhis.

Apart from CDs explaining how sexual predators lure children, and booklets showing what children feel about how they get treated by elders, the schools share with students pamphlets explaining what the United Nations charter says about children rights, what India has done to fulfill that promise, and the Acts that ensure these rights. The new set of rules requires schools to take parents' permission to take students out for any assignment or reason, and to inform the District Project Officer, Tribal Department, followed by the registration of an FIR, within the hour in case of any incident.

Chaware said, "The challenge was opening up the topic itself. The word 'sexual harassment' is difficult to teach to children. Even officials had problems." The award, she hoped, would open up conversations regarding the issue.



NORTH

Rajasthan issues alert as man tests positive for Congo fever

Jaipur: The Rajasthan health department has sounded an alert after it came to the notice of officials that a 32-year-old resident of Jodhpur had tested positive for the Crimean-Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF). According to officials, the resident's two children are also suspected to have contracted

the disease and all three of them are currently undergoing treatment in Ahmedabad. Health Minister Raghu Sharma directed officials to conduct surveys and take precautionary measures to contain the spread of the disease. The viral fever has high morbidity rate of up to 40 per cent in India. **ENS**



A three-storey house collapsed in Kolkata's Bowbazar on Tuesday, two days after many residents were evacuated after their houses developed cracks due to the ongoing work for East West Metro corridor. *Partha Paul*

EAST

Two JMB suspects arrested in Bengal, say police

Kolkata: The Special Task Force of Kolkata Police on Tuesday arrested two more suspected members of the Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh from Malda district, taking the total number of arrests to four in the last eight days. Abdul Bari (28) and Nizamuddin Khan (28) were arrested from Shamsi police station area in Malda dis-

trict. Police claimed the JMB members had planned to make north Bengal their new base. "The duo were the main organisers in the newly-detected Uttar Dinajpur module. As per instructions of their top leaders, they were trying to re-organise, recruit and conduct trainings..." said DC (STF) Subhankar Sinha Sarkar. **ENS**

WEST

Ahmedabad blasts accused to travel to Delhi for trial

Ahmedabad: A special designated judge has permitted six accused in the 2008 Ahmedabad serial blasts to travel to New Delhi for a day, after a court there issued warrants to produce them for trial in the 2008 Delhi serial blasts case. Fifty-eight people were killed in serial blasts across Ahmedabad on July 26, 2008, alleged to have been carried

out by the Indian Mujahideen. A special court is currently holding trial inside Sabarmati Central Jail. The six accused, Saquib Nisar, Abdul Qadir, Zeeshan Ahmad, Zia-ur-Rehman, Mohammad Shakeel and Asif Basiruddin Shaikh, have also been directed by the court not to speak to the media or any individual. **ENS**

SOUTH

Police complaints over writer's remarks on NRC

Thiruvananthapuram: Several people have filed police complaints over remarks made on social media about the NRC in Assam by Malayalam writer and All India Radio programme director K R Indira. Indira, who works in Thoothukudy, Tamil Nadu, said "brothers in Kerala" are worried about where those

excluded from the final NRC would head to. "They can be rehabilitated in the camps of illegal migrants, without vote, aadar card and ration card. They could be sterilised to prevent from multiplying," she wrote. "No doubt that *thathas* (a word used for Muslim women) would continue to beget children..." **ENS**

‘Muslims didn’t offer prayer since 1934 as they were not allowed to’

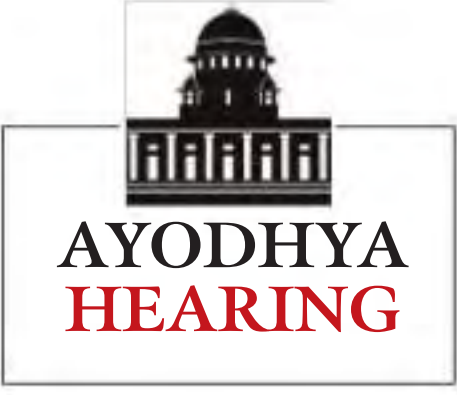
Idols placed inside mosque in 1949 in a planned, surreptitious attack, SC told

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 3

QUESTIONING THE contention that Muslims had not offered prayers at Babri Masjid except on Fridays after 1934, one of the appellants in the Ayodhya dispute told Supreme Court on Tuesday that this was because they were not allowed to.

"Hindus say they (Muslims) didn't pray there after 1934...and a virtue is made out of that... It's because you didn't let them pray. And then you say limitation comes in," Senior Advocate Rajeev Dhavan, appearing for M Siddiq, told a five-judge Constitution bench headed by CJI Ranjan Gogoi.

The bench, also comprising Justices S A Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S A Nazeer, is hearing appeals against the September 30, 2010 verdict of Allahabad High Court which made way for a three-way division of the dis-



puted 2.77 acres.

Justice Bobde asked Dhavan, "...was there any action taken by any Muslim who went there and said, 'I'm not being allowed to pray'?"

Dhavan replied that the Wafk inspector had given a report, which he said showed Muslims prayed in the inner courtyard only on Fridays. He said although the key was with the Muslims, the police allowed the mosque to be opened only on Fridays, when it was cleaned and prayers were offered.

The bench asked whether the witness, who claimed that Muslims were not allowed to

pray, was cross-examined. Dhavan replied, "We are only [concerned] on the veracity of the statement of the witness."

Reiterating the assertion that idols of Hindu deities were placed inside the central dome of Babri Masjid on the intervening night of December 22 and 23, 1949, Dhavan contended that the "sequence of events" showed it was a "planned, surreptitious attack".

While those supporting the temple contend that idols "appeared" on their own — "swayambhoo" — Dhavan said, "Appearance of idols of deities inside Babri was not a miracle. It was a planned and surreptitious attack."

Accusing then Faizabad District Magistrate K K Nair of playing a role in the "conspiracy", Dhavan said Nair later contested the Lok Sabha polls for Bharatiya Jan Sangh, the precursor to BJP.

Dhavan also said the temple side's claim to the entire area,

and not just the spot referred to as Janmasthan was based on the "swayambhoo" argument. If the court accepts the swayambhoo argument, he argued, Muslims get nothing.

On this, Justice Chandrachud asked, "When a place assumes the character of a juridical person by virtue of birth of a deity or marriage of a deity, then wouldn't areas abutting the spot where the garlands were exchanged also become part of it?"

Dhavan replied, "That's assuming Muslims were not praying there."

SC notice on 'threat' to Rajeev Dhavan

The apex court on Tuesday issued notice to one N Shannmugham, a Chennai-based octogenarian professor, on a plea by Rajeev Dhavan, alleging threats for representing the Muslim parties. In his complaint, Dhavan also attached a WhatsApp message that he received from another person.



Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP working president J P Nadda and other senior leaders pay tribute to former Union minister Arun Jaitley at a prayer meeting in New Delhi. *ANI*

In J&K, questions over whether Urdu will remain official language

MUZAMIL JALEEL
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 3

ON THE ground in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), one of the questions being raised after the Centre's decision to scrap the state's special status and bifurcate the state into two Union Territories, is whether Urdu will remain the official language.

Section 47 of the J&K Reorganisation Act empowers the new Legislative Assembly of the Union Territory of J&K to "adopt any one or more of the languages in use in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir or Hindi as the official language or languages to be used for all or any of the official purposes."

The business in the Assembly, the law states, shall be transacted in the "official language or lan-

guages of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir or in Hindi or in English."

Before August 5, Urdu was the official language of J&K state, while official transactions and orders were also conducted and issued in English.

When contacted, J&K Governor's advisor Farooq Khan told *The Indian Express*: "All special provisions have been thrown into the dustbin of history where they always belonged. In the new set-up, everything will be done afresh. A child has taken birth, so it will be nurtured with all the love and care by the Government of India. The Centre's welfare schemes, which used to be mutilated in the previous set-up, are being pursued with full vigour."

Asked about the status of Urdu as J&K's official language post-August 5, Khan said: "The

Reorganisation Act is very clear that the new official language or languages will be chosen by the new Assembly. Hindi is the national language so it would be an official language of the Union Territory of J&K. Urdu will also be given its due place. English will also be used as it is being used currently."

Dogra rulers recognised Urdu as a state and official language of J&K in 1889. Before Urdu, Persian was the official language of Kashmir for around three centuries. In J&K, Urdu is the language of land and revenue records, courts (especially lower judiciary) and police (FIRs etc are all written in Urdu). It is also the mode of instruction in government schools, especially in Kashmir and the Muslim-majority districts of Jammu and Kargil.

With different languages

spoken in J&K — Kashmiri, Dogri, Gojri, Ladakhi, Pahari and Balti — Urdu emerged as a link language during Dogra rule, especially because it wasn't the mother tongue of any substantial group.

The entry of All India Services in J&K in 1962 led to a decline in the use of this official language in the higher echelons of power because the officers — majority of them non-locals — didn't know Urdu and preferred English. Urdu, however, continued to be the main language of the government.

In January last year, the PDP-BJP government constituted the first ever State Council for Promotion of Urdu Language. It had argued that "Urdu is not just the official language and spoken in all its regions, it is also a vast repository of the cultural heritage of the Indian sub-continent known as Ganga-Jamuni Tehzeeb".

Babri litigant alleges bid to assault, death threat to withdraw case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 3

IQBAL ANSARI, one of the main litigants in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land dispute case, has lodged a police complaint alleging that two persons, including a woman, on Tuesday attempted to assault him at his house in Ayodhya and threatened to kill him if he did not withdraw the case.

Ansari claimed he was rescued by his family members and the two police gunners provided to him for security. He claimed that the two persons have been seen near his house over the last two days.

Police have taken the accused persons to the police station for questioning. "We are inquiring into the allegations... On the basis of the inquiry report, the next course of action would be taken," said Additional Superintendent of Police, Ayodhya City, Vijay Pal Singh.

Singh said the woman identified herself as Vartika Singh while the man called himself

Prabhu Dayal Singh, and they both claimed to be from Lucknow. "Police are verifying their credentials," Singh said.

Ansari said the two persons reached his house at Kalyana locality around 1 pm and told the police gunners that they wanted to meet him. "I allowed them to come in... The woman identified herself as Vartika Singh and claimed she was an international shooter. While discussing triple talaq and Babri Masjid demolition case for around 10 minutes, she suddenly got aggressive and said that because of me, the temple is not able to be built. I told her that the matter is pending in court and whatever it will decide we would follow it. The woman then started hurling abuses at me," Ansari claimed.

"The woman then asked me to withdraw my claim in the Babri Masjid land dispute case and also threatened to shoot me if I did not do what she was asking for. She also attempted to assault me but I was rescued... Police were informed and they reached with women police constables and took both the persons with them."

Students ‘attack’ teacher who spoke about J&K special status

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 3

STUDENTS OF a state government-run school in Ramban district allegedly attacked a teacher in a classroom after he reportedly said that the Centre had followed proper procedure in scrapping special status of Jammu and Kashmir.

As the incident led to tension between two communities in the area, Ramban Deputy Commissioner Nazim Zai Khan constituted an inquiry committee headed by Additional Deputy Commissioner and Additional SP, sources said.

On Tuesday, students held a demonstration and boycotted classes seeking action against the teacher. They were later per-

sueded by the school principal to return to their classes. "We can say something only after the teacher comes to school. He is now on leave," the principal said.

The teacher had reportedly told the students on Friday that the Centre had followed proper procedure in scrapping J&K's special status, and spoken about the potential benefits of the move. When the school reopened on Monday, the teacher was taking a class when a group of students barged in and attacked him.

The teacher claimed he had only answered students' queries on Article 370, the procedure for abrogation of special status and its impact on people. On Monday, he said, some students from higher classes entered the classroom and asked two students to

stand up. "When I intervened, one of the intruders locked the doors from inside while others beat me. I managed to come out of the classroom on the first floor, but the assailants tried to throw me down," he said.

While the principal was on leave, other teachers locked their colleague in a classroom to protect him from students and an angry mob that had gathered outside the school building.

Police arrived, and the teacher was taken to hospital. Doctors kept him under observation for 24 hours before discharging him on Tuesday, the teacher said.

Meanwhile, prohibitory orders under Section 144 of CrPC were reimposed in Mandi area of Poonch district after nearly a week of these being lifted.

Jaishankar: How to cut communications for terrorists, keep it open for others?

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 3

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS Minister S Jaishankar has said that the communication "impediments" in Jammu and Kashmir have been undertaken to avoid violence and bloodshed, and pointed to the difficulty in keeping communications open for citizens while cutting it off for terrorists.

However, he said there will be easing of restrictions in the coming days progressively.

On Pakistan, he made it clear that dialogue is possible only when the neighbouring country stops terrorism targeted at India.

In an interview to *Politico Europe* in Brussels, where he was visiting last week, Jaishankar said, "At the moment, what we are seeking to do is to avoid any situation likely to lead to violent situation or bloodshed. Why would you have violence and bloodshed in this state? How do you have violence in a state like this? One, for example, by activating terrorist assets that are already in place. Guess what, it has been happening for many years now. Therefore, communication impediments..."

When asked about people suffering from the communication restrictions, he said, "Yes, sure. But if you tell me how do I cut off communications between the terrorists and their masters on the one hand, but keep the internet open for other people? I would be delighted to pass on this information."

On Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan's op-ed in the *New York Times*, in which he says there is an invitation offering India dialogue, Jaishankar was categorical about Delhi's position: "India wants normal



S Jaishankar

neighbourly relations with Pakistan... Now here's the problem: for many years now, and many decades now, the Pakistanis have been conducting terrorist campaigns and terrorist activities against India. Now, I ask you: how do you have normal neighbourly relations with a country that openly practises terrorism?"

He cited Khan's earlier interviews where he spoke about terrorists in his country. "The issue is not whether you talk or not, [but] do you talk to a person who simultaneously conducts terrorism against you, or not?... we are happy to talk to any country, including Pakistan, provided Pakistan stops this terrorism..."

On scrapping special status of J&K under Article 370, Jaishankar said the provision was temporary and an obstacle to growth and development. "There was a temporary provision of the Indian Constitution... What was meant as a short-term measure extended to a point where it affected governance, where it affected development and where it created an atmosphere — you know, because of the lack of development — of separatism in some quarters, which then served as an excuse for Pakistan to practise cross-border terrorism."

Nath removes excise officer over audio clip

Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath removed Dhar district excise officer Sanjeev Dubey late on Tuesday after an audio recording of the officer's phone conversation with a whistleblower went viral on social media.

In the recording, Dubey is purportedly heard telling the whistleblower that a liquor contractor was paying some Congress ministers and legislators an amount between Rs 10-20 lakh, and that it was not possible to pay a certain Congress MLA more money.

"Had there been so much money in the liquor business, the Ambanis would have sold liquor," Dubey purportedly said in the recording.

Nath has ordered an inquiry into the allegations levelled in the audio recording. **ENS**

Wildlife board nod to Gulmarg defence project

NAVJEEVAN GOPAL
CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 3

THE NATIONAL Board for Wildlife (NBWL) has given its nod for an air defence and weaponry project in Jammu and Kashmir in which 1.18 hectares of Gulmarg Wildlife Sanctuary land will be used. The project will also cover 12.35 hectares of forest land and outside Gulmarg Sanctuary.

The proposal, recommended by the then State Chief Wildlife Warden with 17 riders/conditions, was cleared at a July 18 meeting of the standing committee of NBWL. The meeting was chaired by Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar.

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Wildlife Warden Suresh Kumar Gupta said that the proposal will be submitted for forest clearance once the wildlife clearance is for-

mally received from NBWL. He added that environment clearance is not needed for all projects, and whether such clearance would be required for the project in question would be known after the forest clearance process.

The proposed project in J&K includes installation of air defence and weaponry along with helipad construction. "Only radar system would be set up in the sanctuary area and all other basic infrastructure will be outside the wildlife area," Gupta said.

"NBWL clears proposals of national interest with conditions," said Gupta. "There are things which are in public interest, such as roads that pass through sanctuaries, and NBWL takes a call on such things."

According to the website of the J&K Wildlife Protection Department, "To ensure survival of highly endangered Musk Deer (*Moschus Crysgogater*), Gulmarg

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Boost to monitoring capability

THE RADAR system in the project is aimed at keeping an eye on aerial movements inside Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, and on attempts to cross the Line of Control. The defence forces lack such monitoring capability in this area. The proposal to construct this radar facility has been a long-pending request from the armed forces that finally started moving last year.

Wildlife Sanctuary was upgraded from Man and Biosphere Reserve in the year 1987. The area is one of the best world renowned tourist destinations for its famous meadows, rocky cliffs, dense birch forests and a home for bird watchers." The website says the sanctuary has rich flora and fauna bio-diversity with variegated species like musk deer, common leopard,

barking deer, Asiatic black bear, Himalayan black bear, Indian wolf, snow cock, chakoor.

In the proposal to the NWBL, the then State Chief Wildlife Warden recommended that the proprietary and legal status of the protected area shall remain unchanged. NPV (Net Present Value) shall be charged in accordance with Supreme Court orders, the user agency shall pay 5

Attack on Digvijaya continues as other Cong leaders bicker

MILIND GHATWAI
BHOPAL, SEPTEMBER 3

WHILE FOREST Minister Umang Singhar continued to scale up his allegations against former chief minister Digvijaya Singh, calling him a blackmailer, many ministers and leaders in the faction-ridden Congress engaged in shadow-boxing.

Singhar alleged that Digvijaya was blackmailing the government with a few ministers and MLAs by his side, and promoting illegal sand mining and liquor business in the state. After his relentless attack on the senior Congress leader, Chief Minister Kamal Nath summoned Singhar in the evening.

The allegations prompted the Opposition BJP to allege that governance had come to naught in Madhya Pradesh, even as Congress general secretary in-charge of MP Deepak Bavaria warned party leaders and workers of disciplinary action if they go public with internal matters instead of raising them on party forum.

As Singhar continued to target Digvijaya — the minister's late aunt Jamuna Devi was a bitter adversary of Digvijaya, in whose government she was the deputy CM — Law Minister P C Sharma accused him of seeking attention by targeting a big leader after having lagged behind in the race for the new Pradesh Congress Committee chief. Without referring to

Jyotiraditya Scindia, who has staked claim for the PCC chief's post, Sharma said the recent developments had probably convinced Singhar that he did not stand a chance for the post. Singhar had said that Digvijaya was a contender for the post.

Scindia, who arrived in Gwalior on an enthusiastic welcome by his supporters including Women and Child Development Minister Imarti Devi, steered clear of the controversy over the PCC chief's post, saying he would leave the selection to party president Sonia Gandhi. When asked by reporters if he had threatened to quit the party if he was not made PCC chief, he said he would not react to speculation. He insinuated that illegal mining was still taking place in the state, but did not elaborate.

Imarti Devi said that she and other supporters want to see Scindia as PCC president, and that he should not back down.

Amid the bickering, former PCC chief and Union minister Arun Yadav tweeted, "I am pained by the developments over the last eight months after having struggled for last 15 years with honest party workers. Had I know things would pan out this way I would not have risked my life while waging a fight against poisonous and corrupt ideology." He was PCC chief till April 2018 when the Congress replaced him with Kamal Nath, who still holds the post. Yadav shared some photographs of the protests against the BJP rule.

Bid to malign image through bribery complaint to CVC, says ED ex-chief

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 3

FORMER ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) director Karnal Singh on Tuesday claimed that there was an attempt to malign his image through a complaint to the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), accusing him of professional misconduct and alleged bribery.

Denying all charges, he said in a statement that the complaint of an officer chargesheeted for corruption is being relied upon to tarnish his "spotless career" of 34 years.

The former ED chief was referring to a series of complaints filed with the CVC by former ED joint director J P Singh. Singh was the joint director in Ahmedabad when, in 2015, he was booked by CBI for allegedly accepting bribes from bookies he was probing for alleged match-fixing.

The CBI had booked Singh on



Karnal Singh

a complaint from Karnal, the then ED director.

On April 11 this year, the CVC wrote to the CBI, asking it to investigate allegations against Karnal. The Commission wrote: "...as the allegations are serious, specific and verifiable, the CVC...hereby directs that an investigation be conducted by CBI into the allegations contains [contained] in these complaints. The report on investigations along with specific comment/recommendations on the allegations may be submitted to the Commission within 12

weeks of receipt of this communication."

However, sources said, no movement has been made in the matter since then by either CBI or CVC.

The CBI did not offer any comment on the matter. The CVC also did not respond despite several calls.

According to J P Singh's complaint, Karnal stalled his probe into a cricket betting syndicate and did not follow up on recommendations to suspend a betting website. He has alleged that Karnal was paid Rs 25 crore by bookies in August 2015 and he was subsequently removed from the ED.

On September 22, 2015, CBI booked Singh for alleged corruption and raided his premises. The agency subsequently filed a chargesheet against Singh, which he has called "concocted" in his complaint.

Singh's complaint alleges that Karnal was paid a further Rs 10 crore by bookies. He has also

made allegations against investigating officer of the case against him, Deputy SP M C R Mukund, alleging the latter was "running an extortion racket" in CBI.

Singh submitted audio and video files with CVC to support his claims.

Karnal Singh stated, "To put the record straight, I deem this complaint against me by a corrupt officer without any facts and merit. The charges are false and frivolous in nature and are absolutely denied by me."

"During my tenure as Director ED, a report from central intelligence agency highlighted his (J P Singh's) involvement in a corruption and extortion case. The matter was first enquired by Special Director (Western Region), ED and subsequently referred by me to CBI for taking appropriate action."

Karnal said J P Singh was not only arrested and chargesheeted by CBI but was also found involved in money laundering.

Ajit Jogi's son arrested for false info in poll affidavit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BHOPAL, SEPTEMBER 3

FORMER CHHATTISGARH chief minister Ajit Jogi's son Amit Jogi was arrested from his residence in Bilaspur on Tuesday for allegedly providing false information about his birthplace and date of birth in an election affidavit.

Police have booked the 42-year-old under IPC sections related to cheating, forgery, forgery of valuable security and using a forged document (or electronic record) as genuine one. Bilaspur SP Prashant Agrawal told *The Indian Express* that Amit has been sent to judicial remand for 14 days.

He was later produced in the court of Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) Aslam Khan, located in Gaurela area of the district, public prosecutor Sanjeev Rai said.

Amit Jogi argued in person in the court.

Rai pleaded before the court that the offence fell under "serious category" and hence, the accused should not be granted bail.

After hearing both the sides, the court rejected Amit Jogi's bail plea and sent him in judicial remand for 14 days, Rai said.

BJP leader Sameera Paikra, who had lost to the Janta Congress Chhattisgarh (J) leader from the Marwahi constituency in the 2013 Assembly elections, had filed an election petition in the Chhattisgarh High Court, challenging Amit Jogi's caste and place of birth. The High Court dismissed the petition in January this year on the ground that the term of the Chhattisgarh Assembly (2013-2018) had already ended.

In February, Paikra filed a



After hearing both the sides, the court rejected Amit Jogi's bail plea and remanded him in judicial custody for 14 days

complaint at the Gaurela Police Station in Bilaspur district against Amit.

Ajit Jogi called his son's arrest a political vendetta by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. He claimed that the police went ahead with Amit's arrest even though the High Court had offered him relief in the matter.

Meanwhile, Amit has said that he will challenge the order sending him to judicial custody, and alleged that the Bhupesh Baghel government wanted to stop him from campaigning for the upcoming bypoll for the Dantewada constituency.

The action against Amit comes days after the police filed an FIR against his father for allegedly securing a false caste certificate. The case was filed under Section 10 of the Chhattisgarh SC, ST and OBC (Regulation of Social Status Certification) Act, 2013. The FIR was filed after a state government committee declared that Ajit Jogi was not a tribal, and that he had not been able to prove that he was a member of the Kanwar tribe.

—WITH PTI INPUTS



Doctors at a protest rally against the assault on a senior doctor, in Guwahati on Tuesday. PTI

30 arrested for Assam doctor's lynching

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GUWAHATI, SEPTEMBER 3

POLICE IN Assam's Jorhat district on Tuesday arrested 30 people in connection with the lynching of a doctor at a tea estate last week.

The incident occurred on August 31, when a garden worker was brought to the hospital at Teok tea garden where Dr Deben Dutta, 73, worked. When the worker died, police said, a mob of 250-300 vandalised the hospital premises and attacked Dutta.

The police arrived and rescued Dutta and rushed him to Jorhat Medical College and Hospital, but he died en route.

On Sunday, the state branch of the Indian Medical Association (IMA) and Assam

Medical Service Association (AMSA) called for a 24-hour withdrawal of medical services by doctors to protest against the incident.

In response, doctors across Assam withdrew from services, excluding emergency services, on Tuesday.

The Indian Tea Association said in a press statement that it is not feasible for garden managements to run garden hospitals and urged state government to take over the hospitals and run them under the aegis of state or Central schemes.

Meanwhile, at least two tea garden doctors — one in Golaghat and one in Dibrugarh — tendered their resignation on Tuesday in protest against the incident, citing a threat to their lives and lack of security.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 3

FOLLOWING A directive from the Supreme Court, the state government on Tuesday constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe charges raised by the law student, who had gone missing after uploading a video on Facebook blaming an 'influential sant-politician' for allegedly harassing and destroying lives of many girls in her college.

Home Department stated that the SIT would be headed by IG (Public Grievance Cell) Naveen Arora while Commandant 41th Battalion PAC, (Ghaziabad) Bharati Singh would also be a member. Directions have also been issued by the State government to Arora to include policemen with a clean image in the probe panel.

"This SIT will ensure impartial investigation and also probe all allegations levelled in Shahjahanpur case," the statement said.

Chief Secretary Rajesh Kumar Tiwari also directed the Divisional Commissioner (Bareilly) and vice-chancellor of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Ruhelkhand University, Bareilly, to admit the law student and her brother to the college or any other affiliated college.

Directions have also been issued to the Shahjahanpur Superintendent of Police to provide adequate security to the law student, her parents and other members of her family, stated a press note.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 3

THE MAHARASHTRA and Karnataka governments have decided to jointly oppose Andhra Pradesh's application seeking a relook at the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal's order on water distribution among the states following the creation of Telangana.

The decision was taken on Tuesday at a meeting between Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and his Maharashtra counterpart Devendra Fadnavis at the latter's residence in Mumbai. The two states also decided to set up a high-level committee for better dam management to avoid floods. The decision comes in the wake of floods in Kolhapur, Sangli and Satara districts in western Maharashtra.

According to an official statement issued by the Maharashtra government, the two states would jointly counter Andhra Pradesh's petition to the water tribunal to rework the allocation of water share among four states to accommodate Telangana.

The Maharashtra and Karnataka government believe that "Telangana was created following bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh. Therefore, allocation of water should be from Andhra Pradesh's share which was approved by the tribunal".

In 2010, the tribunal had announced the share of water for each state with 800 thousand million cubic feet (TMC) for Andhra Pradesh, 700 TMC for Karnataka and 560 TMC for Maharashtra of the total 2,060 TMC of available water.

However, Andhra Pradesh argued that under



Karnataka CM B S Yediyurappa with Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis at the latter's residence in Mumbai. Express

the issue of water discharge from Koyna dam to to avoid floods in villages along the state's border with Maharashtra.

Inter-state flood management was dwelt at length during the meeting. The water regulation in Karnataka's Almatti dam was critical to tackle the floods in Kolhapur, Sangli and Satara.

Karnataka Deputy CM Dr C M Ashwathnarayan,

Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Maharashtra Water Resources Minister Girish Maharaj and Power Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule were also present at the meeting. Earlier, Yediyurappa also offered Ganesh puja at Fadnavis's residence.



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Dated this day of 28.08.2019.

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To be presided by : Prof, **Khalid Mahmood** Ex-Vice Chairman, Urdu Academy, Delhi

Welcome Speech : Prof, **Shehpar Rasool** Vice Chairman, Urdu Academy, Delhi

Vote of Thanks : **Secretary**, Urdu Academy, Delhi

Date & Time : **5th September, 2019 (Thursday) at 6.00 p.m.**

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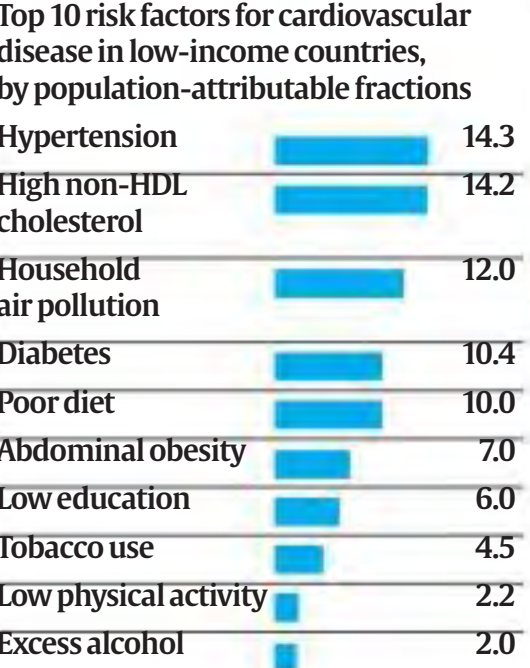
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TELLING NUMBERS

Air pollution in Indian homes key heart risk factor: The Lancet



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HOUSEHOLD air pollution has emerged as one of the key causes of cardiovascular diseases (CVDs), and 12% of all CVDs in low-income countries are attributable to it, a new report has said. Hypertension is the largest risk factor for CVD in low-income countries (which include India), followed by high non-HDL cholesterol and household air pollution.

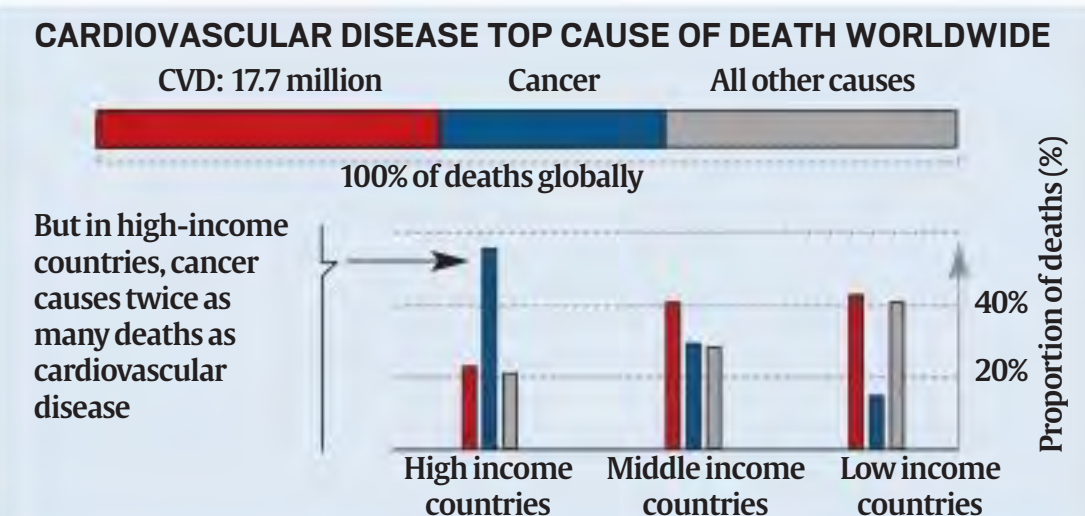
The report is one of two from a study by the Prospective Urban and Rural Epidemiologic (PURE), both published online in *The Lancet* on Tuesday and presented at the European Society of Cardiology 2019. One report looks at common diseases, hospitalisation and death; the other at CVD risk factors in middle-aged adults in 21 countries.

What it means for India

In the report that looked at risk factors for CVD, researchers enrolled 1,55,722 participants between January 2005 and December 2016. These included 35,793 from five low-income countries, including India.

Household air pollution is a greater risk factor for CVD in India than diabetes, tobacco use, low physical activity and poor diet. An earlier report from a PURE study (*Lancet Respiratory Medicine* 2014) showed that Indians had the lowest lung function among the 21 countries studied.

At least 65% of homes in India use biomass fuel for cooking and heating. In urban areas, the use of mosquito coils, *dhoop* sticks and *agarbattis* contribute to high household air pollution.



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Apache attack helicopters: what IAF’s lethal new acquisition can achieve

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EIGHT APACHE AH-64E stealth attack helicopters, among the most advanced military flying machines in the world, joined the Indian Air Force on Tuesday, providing a significant boost to its combat capabilities at a time of complex security challenges.

How do the Apaches enhance the attack helicopter capabilities of the IAF at this stage, since it already has the Russian Mi-24/Mi-35 gunships in its inventory?

One of the major reasons why the IAF decided to go in for the Apaches is their ability to operate at much higher altitudes than the aging Russian attack helicopters and, of course, because of the advanced technical abilities that come with the American-made helicopter.

The Mi-35 could not operate in the Kargil conflict at the heights that the IAF wanted it to be used in support of the Army. While the primary task of the attack helicopter gunship is in support of mechanised armoured formations, yet the adaptability of the inven-

tory to be used elsewhere is also important.

The Russian gunships were made for an era when a dual role was envisaged for them. Thus, in addition to their attack role, they have cabin space for eight soldiers, who can be speedily dropped behind enemy positions. The Apache does not have any cargo role, and is, in comparison, smaller and more nimble.

Among the Apache’s modern capabilities are the ability to shoot fire-and-forget anti-tank missiles, air-to-air missiles, rockets, and other munitions. It also has modern electronic warfare capabilities to provide versatility in network-centric aerial warfare.

So, how many Apaches will replace the IAF’s Mi-35s?

IAF had signed a contract with aerospace major Boeing and the United States government in 2015 for 22 Apache AH-64Es. The first eight of these attack helicopters have been delivered on schedule, and the last of the choppers is to be delivered by March 2020.

These helicopters will be deployed in the western regions of the country. In addition to these machines, another six helicopters are being procured for the Indian Army,

In ethanol, govt’s sugar solution

Government has hiked ethanol procurement price for blending with petrol, allowed conversion of old sugar into ethanol. How is the move expected to address problems of overproduction and unpaid dues?

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ON TUESDAY, the government approved an increase in the price of ethanol to be procured by public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) from sugar mills for blending with petrol for the 2019-20 supply year from December 1. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) also allowed conversion of old sugar into ethanol, which again is expected to help mills deal with the current overproduction in the sweetener and make timely payments to farmers for the cane delivered by them.

What exactly is ethanol and how do mills produce it?

Ethanol is basically alcohol of 99%-plus purity, which can be used for blending with petrol. The normal rectified spirit used for potable purposes has only 95% alcohol content. Both ethanol (also called anhydrous alcohol) and rectified spirit are produced mainly from molasses, a byproduct of sugar manufacture. Mills typically crush cane with a total fermentable sugars (TFS) content of about 14%. Much of this TFS — sucrose plus so-called reducing sugars (glucose and fructose) — gets crystallised into sugar. The uncrystallised, non-recoverable part goes into what is called ‘C’ molasses. The latter, constituting roughly 4.5% of the cane, has a TFS of 40%. Every 100 kg of TFS, in turn, yields 60 litres of ethanol. Thus, from one tonne of cane, mills can produce 115 kg of sugar (at 11.5% recovery) and 45 kg of molasses (18 kg TFS) that gives 10.8 litres of ethanol.

But rather than produce sugar, mills can also ferment the entire 14% TFS in the cane. In that event, they would end up making 84 litres of ethanol and zero kg of sugar. In between these two extreme cases, there are intermediate options as well, where the cane juice does not have to be crystallised right till the final ‘C’ molasses stage. The molasses can, instead, be diverted after the earlier ‘A’ and ‘B’ stages of sugar crystal formation. Mills, then, would produce some sugar, as opposed to fermenting the whole sugarcane juice into ethanol. If ethanol is manufactured using ‘B’ heavy molasses (7.25% of cane and with TFS of 50%), around



Cane being transported to a sugar mill in Shamli, Uttar Pradesh, in January.
Express Archive/ Praveen Khanna

21.75 litres will get produced along with 95 kg of sugar from every 1 tonne of cane.

So what has the government done?

Given the surplus sugar production in the country, it has allowed mills to produce ethanol from ‘B’ heavy molasses and directly from sugarcane juice. On Tuesday, the CCEA approved even use of sugar and sugar syrup for production of ethanol; mills can simply add these to the molasses mother liquor for further fermentation. But the real impetus has come from mills getting higher rates for ethanol manufactured from the ‘B’ heavy and sugarcane juice routes. For the 2018-19 supply year (December-November), the ex-distillery price payable by OMCs for ethanol manufactured from the conventional ‘C’ molasses route was fixed at Rs 43.46 per litre. This was set higher at Rs 52.43/litre for ethanol from ‘B’ heavy molasses and Rs 59.13/litre from sugarcane juice. For the new 2019-20 supply year, the prices have been raised marginally to Rs 43.75/litre (‘C’ molasses), Rs 54.27/litre (‘B’ molasses) and Rs. 59.48/litre (sugarcane juice). Moreover, even ethanol produced from sugar and sugar

syrup will enjoy the Rs 59.48/litre rate.

How will all this play out?

Currently, ex-factory prices of sugar are ruling at around Rs 32 per kg. If a mill were to produce 115 kg of sugar and 10.8 litres of ethanol through the conventional route, its gross realisation at Rs 32/kg and Rs 43.46/litre would be roughly Rs 4,149 from every tonne of cane crushed. But if it were to convert the entire cane juice into 84 litres of ethanol, the gross realisation at Rs 59.48/litre works out much higher at Rs 4,996 per tonne of cane. In other words, there is a huge incentive to produce ethanol today. This has been additionally facilitated by the government mandating 10% blending of petrol with ethanol. Between 2013-14 and 2018-19 (supply years), ethanol procurement by OMCs has increased from 38 crore litres to an estimated 200 crore-plus litres. Out of the latter, 32 crore litres is expected to be made from ‘B’ heavy molasses and sugarcane juice. If mills are able to divert more of cane juice for ethanol, it would mean producing less sugar. Since the country is producing too much

THE SUGAR BALANCE SHEET*

1. Closing stocks as on September 30, 2018 :	104.11 LAKH TONNES
2. Production in 2018-19 season (Oct-Sep):	329.50 LAKH TONNES
3. Total availability (1+2):	433.61 LAKH TONNES
4. Domestic consumption :	260 LAKH TONNES
5. Exports :	38 LAKH TONNES
6. Closing stocks as on Sep 30, 2019 (3-4-5):	135.61 LAKH TONNES
7. Likely production in 2019-20:	270-280 LAKH TONNES
8. Domestic consumption:	270 LAKH TONNES
9. Targeted exports:	60 LAKH TONNES
10. Closing stocks as on Sep 30, 2020 (6+7-8-9):	75.61-85.61 LAKH TONNES

**Projections do not factor in diversion of sugarcane juice for ethanol*

sugar and is importing oil, the ethanol-blending programme is beneficial both for mills and for the country’s balance of payments. Ten-per-cent blending requires 330 crore-odd litres of ethanol, which can now be produced through the ‘B’-heavy molasses and sugarcane juice routes as well.

What is the present situation in sugar like?

Mills are expected to close the 2018-19 sugar season (October-September) with all-time-high stocks of 136 lakh tonnes (lt), which is equivalent to to six months of domestic consumption. Even if production falls from 329.5 lt to a projected 270-280 lt in the new season and exports nearly double to 60 lt — the country consumes only 265-270 lt a year — stocks will remain at levels where mills will still struggle to pay farmers (see box). As of now, they have outstanding cane dues of over Rs 10,000 crore, of which Rs 7,000 crore-plus is in UP alone. These will mount further as crushing for the 2019-20 season begins in a month’s time. Ethanol is the only real saviour under the circumstances — both for mills and cane growers.

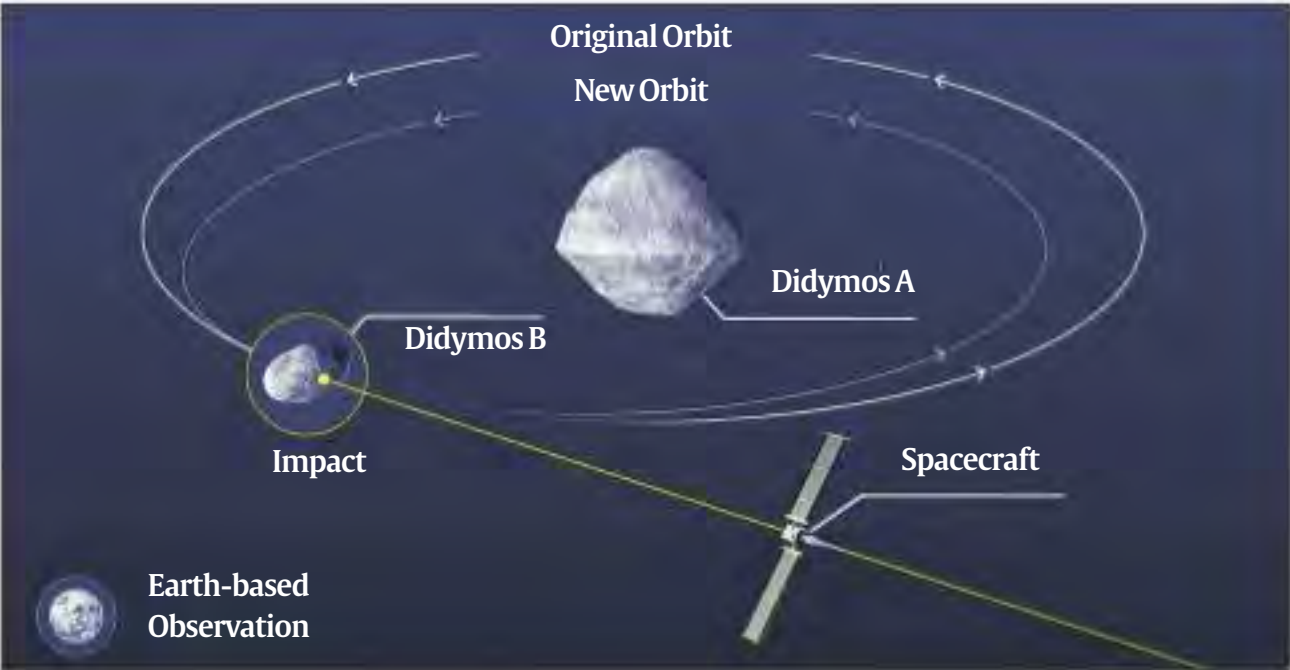
How to deflect an asteroid: plan in progress

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AMONG ALL the causes that will eventually cause the extinction of life on Earth, an asteroid hit is widely acknowledged as one of the likeliest. Over the years, scientists have suggested different ways to ward off such a hit, such as blowing up the asteroid before it reaches Earth, or deflecting it off its Earth-bound course by hitting it with a spacecraft. Now, scientists have embarked on a plan to test their expertise with the second of these two methods.

The mission

It is an ambitious double-spacecraft mission to deflect an asteroid in space, to prove the technique as a viable method of planetary defence. The mission, which includes NASA and the European Space Agency (ESA), is known as the Asteroid Impact Deflection Assessment (AIDA). During September 11-13, asteroid researchers and spacecraft engineers from around the world will gather in



Mission profile of NASA’s DART mission, which aims to deflect Didymos B — the “moonlet” of the Didymos asteroid system. *European Space Agency*

Rome to discuss its progress.

The target is the smaller of two bodies in the “double Didymos asteroids” that are in orbit between Earth and Mars. Didymos is a

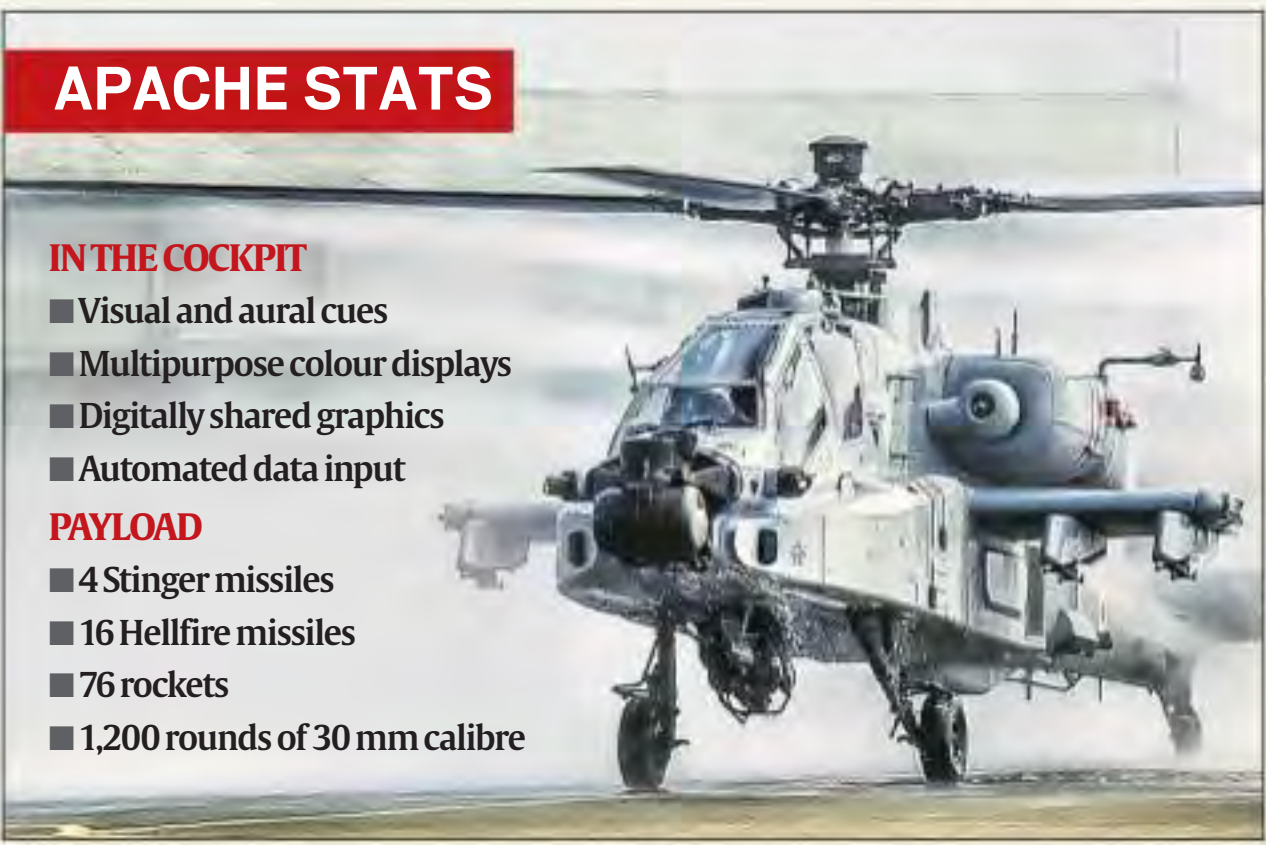
near-Earth asteroid system. Its main body measures about 780 m across; the smaller body is a “moonlet” about 160 m in diameter. The project aims to deflect the orbit of the

smaller body through an impact by one spacecraft. Then a second spacecraft will survey the crash site and gather the maximum possible data on the effect of this collision, ESA explained in a statement.

Tools of the mission

NASA is building the Double Asteroid Impact Test (DART) spacecraft for launch in summer 2021. It is planned to collide with the target at 6.6 km/s in September 2022. Flying along with DART will be an Italian-made miniature CubeSat, called LICIACube, to record the moment of impact.

ESA’s contribution is a mission called Hera, which will perform a close-up survey of the post-impact asteroid, acquiring measurements such as the asteroid’s mass and detailed crater shape. Hera will also deploy a pair of CubeSats for close-up asteroid surveys and the very first radar probe of an asteroid. All this would allow researchers to model the efficiency of the collision. This can help turn this experiment into a technique that could be repeated, as needed, in the event of a real threat, ESA said.



which will enhance mechanised operations comprising tanks and infantry combat vehicles in desert and semi-desert regions.

Will all the Apaches be in flyaway condition, or does the deal involve local

production?

The Apaches are being received in a semi-flyaway condition, as were the Chinook heavy-lift helicopters, also manufactured by Boeing. After affixing their rotors, the aircraft are able to fly on their own.

There is an agreement between Boeing and Tata to manufacture the fuselage of the Apaches in India under the joint-venture Tata Boeing Aerospace Limited, Hyderabad. It is not known if any of these fuselages have been used in the eight Apaches delivered so far.

Who is supplying the firepower for the Apaches? What weaponry does an Apache carry?

The firepower in the Apaches is being integrated with the helicopter by Boeing itself in the United States. The helicopter is capable of delivering a variety of weapons, which include air-to-ground Hellfire missiles, 70 mm Hydra rockets, and air-to-air Stinger missiles.

The Apaches also carry a 30 mm chain gun with 1,200 rounds as part of the area weapon subsystem. The helicopter carries the fire control Longbow radar, which has 360-degree coverage, and a nose-mounted sensor suite for target acquisition and night-vision systems.

The weapons and radar systems in the helicopter will enhance the capability of the IAF in providing integrated combat aviation cover to the Army strike corps. These tan-

dem seating helicopters are day/night, all weather capable, and have high agility and survivability against battle damage. These are easily maintainable even in field conditions, and are capable of prolonged operations in tropical and desert regions.

When and where did IAF pilots train on the Apaches before the induction?

The IAF pilots who were to fly the Apaches began their training on the helicopters in the United States in 2018. The US Army provided the training to the fleet’s pilots and maintenance personnel at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

Which other countries fly these attack helicopters?

Boeing’s global customers for the Apache include Egypt, Greece, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Korea, Kuwait, the Netherlands, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom, apart from the United States Army. The company said in a statement that India was the 16th nation to procure the helicopter, and that it was receiving the most advanced variant.



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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

THE HEALING TOUCH

A new law will not remove trust deficit between doctors and patients. National Medical Commission must evolve protocols

THREE DAYS AFTER a mob beat a doctor to death at a tea-estate hospital in Assam, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has placed in the public domain a draft bill “to address the issue of violence faced by healthcare professionals”. The provisions of the draft law, uploaded on the ministry’s website on Monday, are stringent — they deal with mental and physical abuse targeting doctors, and cover not just hospitals and a radius of 50 metres around them, but also ambulances and home visits by healthcare professionals. The draft proposes a maximum imprisonment of 10 years and a fine of Rs 10 lakh for assaulting doctors, para-medical staff, medical students and diagnostic service providers in healthcare facilities. It addresses a long-standing demand of doctors for a Central law to curb violence against healthcare professionals. Cleaning the unholy mess involving doctors, patients and hospitals will, however, require much more than punitive measures.

The debate on medical ethics in the country has largely been framed by the doctor-patient binary. This has not only come in the way of a satisfactory resolution of the complex problems pertaining to the rights of patients and doctors but has also resulted in doctors becoming the face of the failure of the country’s healthcare system. At one government doctor for 10,000 people, India’s doctor-patient ratio is far lower than the World Health Organisation’s recommended ratio of 1:1,000. Moreover, the atmosphere in most public and several private hospitals is hardly congenial for those suffering serious illness. Tempers often run high when patients have to contend with unhygienic and overcrowded facilities, the waiting time to consult a specialist is painfully long and there are queues for even routine diagnostic tests. With most hospitals lacking grievance redressal mechanisms, patients often vent their frustration on healthcare professionals. A study published in The Lancet in 2017 noted that nearly 75 per cent Indian doctors have faced some form of hostility during their career.

The rising incidents of violence against doctors point to an aspect of healthcare that hasn’t received much attention in policy circles: There is hardly any meaningful communication between doctors and patients. The doctor-patient relationship in India is largely paternalistic. A doctor rarely communicates to patients — or their relatives — the complexities of the ailment in jargon-free language or prepares them for long-drawn therapy. The medical school doesn’t equip a young doctor with the communication skills to convey bad news to patients’ relatives with empathy. Violence in any setting is reprehensible. But the hostility against doctors points to a trust deficit between them and patients. A law against such violence will address, at best, the symptoms of the problem. The new regulator of the medical profession in the country, the National Medical Commission, must evolve protocols to heal the doctor-patient relationship.

FOR CHILDREN’S SAKE

UP government must fix flaws in the mid-day meal scheme, not target journalists for reporting them

THE FIR AGAINST a journalist who called attention to the substandard mid-day meal that was being provided to children in a school in Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh, reeks of official highhandedness. As the state’s Basic Education Minister Satish Dwivedi has reportedly said, police cannot proceed against a journalist for “merely exposing corruption and highlighting reality”. The FIR must be withdrawn immediately.

Pawan Jaiswal had shot a video in the last week of August that revealed how children at Seur Government Primary School were fed only rotis and salt in their mid-day meal — as per government guidelines, the meal needs to be freshly cooked and wholesome. Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Awanish Awasthi has alleged that the video was stage-managed and justified the FIR against Jaiswal and two others, including a village pradhan pratinidhi, Rajkumar Pal. Awasthi has claimed that the expose was a conspiracy to malign the image of the education department since the journalist, instead of approaching the authorities, made the information public. The official seems to have confused the role of journalism with that of the government’s public relations department. By all accounts, Jaiswal did what was expected of him as a journalist, which is to report the story in the public space. An inquiry by the Child Development Officer, Additional DM and Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Chunar, has confirmed the veracity of Jaiswal’s report and action was taken against the errant officials. There seems to be no evidence so far to suggest that the journalist and the panchayat representative had motives other than exposing the negligence of the school officials. The mid-day meal scheme is a pivotal government initiative that has improved attendance and learning outcomes and is helping fight child malnutrition. It needs to be monitored carefully.

The FIR against Jaiswal could have a chilling effect on other journalists in the state. UP’s record in delivering public services and goods is far from desirable. Officials concerned about the government’s image should fix the flaws in the system instead of targeting those who merely bring them to public notice. As for the UP Police, it should focus on urgent tasks like curtailing crime through legal means, instead of harassing journalists for doing their job.

CAPTAIN’S WILL TO WIN

Virat Kohli’s appetite for success, his single-mindedness, make him stand apart

IT SHOULDN’T COME as a surprise that Virat Kohli, the most ambitious and intense modern-day Indian cricketer, has already become the most successful Test captain, notching up his 28th win, one more than MS Dhoni. He now has 13 overseas wins from 27 Tests, while Sourav Ganguly had 11 in 28 games. His job was definitely helped by the fact that he is in command of a far superior pace attack than his predecessors. But it would be churlish to use that as a putdown.

It’s in his intensity and will to win that he stands apart from MS Dhoni, who was a good limited-overs captain but who often let the game drift in Tests. Dhoni had a better batting line-up and his bowling attack, too, wasn’t toothless. Barring the wonderful Jasprit Bumrah, the other pacers under Kohli had played under Dhoni’s leadership. In fact, Ishant Sharma lost his way then and Mohammad Shami, who too has played under Dhoni, has stepped up under Kohli. Unlike Dhoni, Kohli has also shown a greater single-mindedness in his pursuit of wins, even if on the odd occasion it has led to a loss instead of a plausible draw. Dhoni would often play down overseas matches, but Kohli has repeatedly talked about his ambition to win more overseas.

Ganguly had the intensity and the will to win overseas but while his blueprint was built on a fabulous batting line-up — his elevation of Virender Sehwag as an opener was the most impactful factor behind his success as a leader — Kohli’s is built around his bowlers. Still, despite his achievements, Kohli isn’t yet rated as highly as Dhoni or Ganguly in public perception. Dhoni’s aura was built on limited-overs success, in particular the 50-over and T20 World Cup triumphs, and Ganguly would be rightly seen as the man who got India to win overseas on a (relatively) consistent basis. The good thing is Kohli is young and if he continues to improve as a captain, he can leave behind a formidable legacy.



MITRA PHUKAN

ON AUGUST 31, the final National Register of Citizens, excluding 19,06,657 people from the 3,30,27,661 who had applied, was released in Guwahati. This was a controversial document, much anticipated and dreaded in Assam for the past few years, ever since work on updating the NRC of 1951 started in 2013. The 19 lakh have been given another 120 days to submit documentary proof to the Foreigners’ Tribunals.

The issue of identity has been central to Assam for decades. Agitations and movements demanding the ouster of “outsiders” have led to street demonstrations, peaceful processions as well as terrible violence. Students have lost years in academic lives, the economy has suffered greatly. There has been the inevitable lack of development because there is no peace. And yet there has been no satisfactory answer to the fraught question of the number of illegal immigrants in this state. The NRC seems set to be yet another controversial document, its relevance questioned by almost all stakeholders.

The process itself has been perceived, sometimes, to be heartless, as when inhabitants of remote areas reeling under calamitous floods were called, at very short notice, to appear before NRC centres in distant places. People have committed suicide, and many are being treated for depression, after not finding their names in the draft rolls. Strange things — such as one sibling appearing on the rolls, while another is missing, parents’ names on it but that of children missing, the name of a soldier serving in another state missing — point to the flaws of the humongous exercise.

There have been doubts about whether the state government machinery was up to this complex task. Was it even practical to have a Register of Citizens in just one state, when both in- and out-migration within the country is common? Many of the respondents would be illiterate, they would not see documentary proof as a necessity. As it turns out, this last has turned out not to be true. People who, by their dress and appearance, are viewed as “foreigners” and “Bangladeshis”, with insecurity dogging them for decades, have carefully preserved the documents that would prove their citizenship. Besides, there are people with very

NRC cannot be the definitive document to prove citizenship. It can provide a base from which to move forward

A figure of 50 lakh immigrants residing illegally in Assam has been bandied about. There were fears about being ‘swamped’ by the language, religion and culture of the ‘Other’. Since this figure was about 16 per cent of the total population of Assam, it was certainly unacceptably high. But there is no convincing explanation of how it was arrived at. Even the draft rolls of the NRC had excluded around 40 lakh. And now that 19 lakh is the official figure, arrived at after a time-consuming and expensive process, a figure likely to become even smaller, those who believed in the veracity of the previous number, and who based their thinking and political careers on it, are left insisting that it is flawed.

“Assamese” names who do not find their names on the NRC. Others could not submit relevant documents and are now living in a state of fear. There are also a large number of people of Nepali origin whose names do not figure, though they have lived here for decades.

The All Assam Students’ Union, which spearheaded the anti-foreigner movement decades ago, calls it a flawed and incomplete document, because the number of those excluded is too small by their reckoning. The BJP, AGP and Congress are united in their unhappiness about the document, though for different reasons.

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It is nobody’s case that Assam does not have illegal migrants. It does, as do many other countries, and states that are better policed, and have less porous borders. The sensitivity of this issue here, though, has been caused by several factors. There is the fact of the visible markers of identity of Muslims of Bengali origin. The bearded, lungi-clad man is called a Bangladeshi and a Mian, derogatively. This is why many people from the Char areas had welcomed the idea of an error-free NRC, since it would prove, publicly, their Indian citizenship. Migrants from Nepal do not face this abuse because they do not have identity markers like the Muslims of Bengali origin do. There is also the fact, unfortunately, of religion — Hindu, non-Hindu.

Assam has been a land of shifting borders. Even after Independence, several states were carved out of Greater Assam. The Brahmaputra and Barak valleys lie in uneasy coexistence.

The creation of Bangladesh in 1971 saw a huge influx of refugees, straining Assam’s resources greatly. The topography of the region is such that borders are difficult to define. Chars, the riverine islands that dot the Brahmaputra along its course, rise, and become inhabited. After a few years, they are washed away, and the inhabitants, who live in makeshift homes, move to a newer place. In the vast expanse of the Brahmaputra, with no shoreline in sight, who is to say, as one ekes out a precarious existence, whether one is a citizen of India or not.

There is a need for a valid and accurate NRC. But most people here believe that it cannot be at the cost of humanity. There is also the notion that the demand for the NRC is a product of xenophobia. Events have shown that this is not true. For instance, when many busloads of people from distant Chars in western Assam came, overnight, to provide, once more, their citizenship documents to NRC centres in eastern Assam, they were looked after by volunteers who came together to give them food and shelter. Many had the markers that identified them as Muslims of Bengali origin, while the majority of those who provided succour were not.

One can only hope that this humanism will show the way forward. What will happen to those who cannot prove their citizenship, and yet have their homes here? Not giving them voting rights, while they still keep rights to property and employment, would be one way out acceptable to most, since it was the idea of these migrants becoming vote banks for a particular party that gave rise to insecurities. In this exercise, there can be no place for religious affiliations or bias. But first and foremost, seal the porous borders with all neighbouring countries.

This NRC cannot be the definitive document to prove citizenship. At most, it can provide a base from which to move forward, with humane practicality.

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PRESENTING THE BUDGET 2019-20, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman was eager to paint a rosy picture of the Indian economy. But within no time, this show of strength was proved hollow. It was only a matter of a few weeks before the government began to frantically come out with new experiments for strengthening the already strong economy. The latest announcement is the merger of 10 public sector banks to create four entities.

The government believes that big banks will now have enhanced credit capacity. This may be true to an extent. But, that alone will not save the economy. The stability of the banking system is also related to the capacity for recovery of loans. The government has boasted that it recovered Rs 1,23,156 crore in the last financial year. But, this recovery rate is to be compared with the volume of bad loans — Rs 8,06,412 crore in March 2019.

Sitharaman was conspicuously silent about the huge amounts of money written off. Bank frauds grew by 84 per cent in the last financial year. A lion’s share of bad loans is attributed to the nexus between corporate houses, bank executives and political chieftains. The bigger the banks become, bigger is the risk of fraud. Mergers will only add to that risk. The experience of mergers, as it happened in the State Bank of India group, underline the futility of the exercise. It is ironic, that on the same day as the merger announcement, the government had to announce the

A FICKLE FRIEND

Government has laid out red carpet for foreign capital, which is unreliable in long run

lowest GDP growth in the last six years of 5 per cent for the first quarter of 2019-20.

It was unprecedented that during this period, the government had to arm-twist the RBI to transfer to it a record amount of Rs 1.76 lakh crore. Reportedly, the government nominee on the committee for reviewing the RBI’s economic capital framework had pleaded for Rs 54,255 crore more from the RBI reserve. It was turned down by the committee. The government nominee, who is also the Finance Secretary, tried to convince the members that the financial stability risk provisions be reduced to 3 per cent of the RBI balance sheet, whereas the “safe range” according to experts is between 4.5 to 5.5 per cent.

This shows that the government is so frantic that it is not concerned about the sustainability of even the RBI. Such kinds of policy clashes between the government and RBI had led to the resignation of former RBI Governor Urjit Patel and Deputy Governor Viral Acharya. The Modi government is not in a mood to pay attention to the basic principles of banking, according to which the stability of a bank is the cardinal concern for all its transactions.

The government’s claims of a strong and vibrant economy have been shattered to pieces. About a week ago, the finance minister announced new measures aimed at attaining financial stability and economic growth. It was as though she was presenting a new budget. The thrust of the proclama-

tions was, of course, “ease of doing business”. In all the crucial sectors, rules and regulations were relaxed to suit the interests of capitalist greed.

The justification was that only private investments can bring development for the nation. When they talk about an investment-driven economy, again they eye foreign direct investment. All relaxations, concessions and red carpets are meant mainly for them. They are reluctant to learn lessons from the experience of various countries vis-a-vis unbridled foreign capital. Such countries had to mortgage all their national interests and political autonomy at the altar of foreign capital.

On July 28, the Cabinet further came out with new relaxations allowing 100 per cent FDI in coal mining and contract manufacturing, and 26 per cent in digital media. A vast world of unlimited profit is being offered to global barons.

It is well known that foreign capital is eager to enter Indian market in order to maximise profits. But, the moment they see a better playground, this capital will leave. The impact of unconditional dependence on foreign capital would be disastrous for the economy. We are not in a time of stability and growth. But, the government wants to hide the gravity of the crisis.

Viswam is Rajya Sabha MP from the Communist Party of India

SEPTEMBER 4, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

NAM IN HAVANA

PRESIDENT FIDEL CASTRO formally inaugurated the sixth Non-aligned Conference with a hard-hitting anti-imperialist, anti-racist, anti-American and anti-Chinese speech. However, he was equally forthright on the need for developing countries to wage a war against poverty and underdevelopment. He brought into the open the plight of the non-oil producing underdeveloped countries and appealed to the “sense of responsibility” of the oil-producing countries to cooperate with the less privileged countries. With his charismatic personality, Castro dominated the inaugural session with a speech that lasted an hour and 25 minutes.

FAMINE IN MP

A SPECTRE OF famine is looming large over a sizeable part of Madhya Pradesh. Twenty-three of the state’s 45 districts are reeling under the impact of the worst drought of the decade. The late arrival of monsoon and meagre rainfall have destroyed kharif, the main crop accounting for above 60 per cent of the total foodgrains production in the state, and created an unprecedented shortage of drinking water in both rural and urban areas.

JANATA’S CHARGES

THE JANATA PARTY charged the “defectors”, led by Charan Singh, with frustrating the

mandate given by the people in March 1977. But, it gave a solemn pledge to the people that with their cooperation, the party would provide a “cohesive, stable, progressive and dynamic” government led by Jagjivan Ram with his national stature, administrative ability and deep sympathy for the legitimate aspirations of the downtrodden. In its resolution on the political situation, the national executive reiterated its conviction that the Indian polity cannot be identified with religion, language or culture of a section of the people. Any sectarian approach is not only contrary to the philosophy of life but also to the national ethos so painstakingly built during the freedom struggle.



The world's most happening place

Global power axis is shifting eastwards from the Pacific-Atlantic.
India's future lies in the Indian Ocean region



RAM MADHAV

THREE DECADES AGO, when globalisation was the flavour of the season, a big section in India, comprising the conventional Right and Left, was up in arms against it. The argument, broadly, was that globalisation was a conspiracy hatched by the developed West to take over the emerging markets of the developing world, that included India. Some of us, though we shared the concerns about globalisation, felt that this cannot be the sole argument against it. Our scepticism was based on the evolving global power order at that time.

The advent of the globalisation era had coincided with a significant geo-political development. Starting with the late '80s, fissures started erupting in the USSR body politic, ultimately leading to its dismemberment and collapse in the early '90s. The West's aggressive globalisation push started around that time. It had arguably seen the collapse of the USSR and the end of bipolarity in global politics as an opportunity to attempt a West-centric global standardisation.

Scholars in the West were gung-ho over this prospect. Recall Francis Fukuyama's famous article in 1989 in the reputed journal, *The National Interest*, provocatively titled "The End of History?" Later, in 1992, he expanded his theses into a book, *The End of History and The Last Man*. Fukuyama's argument was that with the collapse of the Soviet Union, humanity had reached "not just ... the passing of a particular period of post-war history, but the end of history as such: That is, the end point of mankind's ideological evolution and the universalisation of Western liberal democracy as the final form of human government".

The unipolar world that Fukuyama had conceived in his article was the dominant thought in the West at the time globalisation was unfolding. Naturally, the thinking world outside had doubts and scepticism about the real intent of that process. Many scholars in the world questioned the validity and ambition of Fukuyama's argument. History proved them right and Fukuyama wrong.

Three decades into its existence, globalisation is at the end of its tether. Countries the world over are increasingly turning inwards. Global institutions are losing their relevance and influence over large parts of the world.

But the world is not turning nationalist, as some had argued at the time of the emergence of globalisation. Instead, we see a process of the emergence of new power blocs in different parts of the world. These power blocs are hankering to become strategic poles, thus leading to the emergence of a multi-polar world order. Multipolarity is the new flavour of the season in the 21st century, marking a death blow to globalisation and unipolarity.

Under the new pecking order, America continues to enjoy primacy but a much reduced one. The American leadership seems content with its role in global affairs reduced while its priorities seem more domestic than global. The European Union is struggling to find its coherence to emerge as an important pole. But internal contradictions like Brexit and disputes over the entry of East European nations bog it down. The rise of a China-centric Asian power order that has spawned new alliances, both regional and interest-based, is a phenomenon in our neighbourhood. China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the Shanghai

Cooperation Organisation (SCO) have been causing ripples in the world today.

A new Hanseatic League-style arrangement is trying to reemerge on the world stage with the coming together of countries like Ireland, the Netherlands, the Nordic and Baltic states, while the Arab League, with 22 member states, is in complete disarray with war, terror and despotism. Erstwhile superpowers like Russia and the United Kingdom are struggling to find a place of prominence in the new 21st century world order. Leaders of both countries have great power ambitions — the UK leadership talks about "Global Britain" while Putin centered his 2018 campaign around the slogan "Strong Russia". Yet it appears to be a long road ahead for both countries.

Amidst all this, India is quietly building itself as an important power. Vibrant democracy, literate and skilled manpower and a vast middle class with strong purchasing power are its advantages that attract world attention today. Its strong leadership under Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been able to bring the country on par with major powers in the world through proactive diplomacy and global positioning. Yet we still have to travel a long distance before we emerge as a strong pole. We are no doubt capable of it, but for it to happen, we need to do a few things, and do them differently.

The Indian Ocean is where India's future lies. The global power axis is constantly shifting eastwards from the Pacific-Atlantic region, and the Indian Ocean region has

The Indian leadership needs to appreciate the fact that in the emerging multipolar world order, India is a natural leader in the Indian Ocean region. By turning eastwards and focusing on building an Indian Ocean Bloc, it can aspire to rise as a guiding pole for many countries in the region. India has to think and act fast. As an influential region, it is already witnessing major competition among the leading powers. But with its historic, cultural and civilisational linkages with countries in the region and its present standing in the world, India could become a natural gravitational force for countries, mostly the island nations, in the region.

emerged as the most influential region today. It is here that the power axis will settle down ultimately in this century; it is here that the emerging new economies come together with strong traditional economies; it is here that populations and markets with purchasing power exist; it is here that strong military powers with massive defence spending exist; it is here that massive energy-guzzlers like India and China are located. It is the world's most happening place today.

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An Indian Ocean Conference of the stakeholder nations in the region is thus an idea whose time has come.

The Fourth Indian Ocean Conference is taking place in the Maldives, with leaders of about 40 countries participating. The writer is national general secretary, BJP and director, India Foundation

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"With the threshold for documentary proof high, and the appeals process long and murky, the process of updating the NRC has been mired in controversy given the BJP's penchant for stoking anti-Muslim, anti-immigrant sentiment."

— DAWN

On a shaky foundation

Central government did not renew President's rule in J&K, in accordance with Article 356, in time. It is a gaffe that has had dire consequences



GOPAL SANKARANARAYANAN

AS THE MIASMA around Article 370 pervades the public discourse, most conversations appear to revolve around the issues of broken promises, self-determination and lack of legislative consent. Of course, reams of processed wood pulp have attempted to navigate the readers through the jungle that is constitutional law, and for the most part, it appears that while integration of the state of Jammu and Kashmir with the federation may be unexceptionable, it is perhaps the process adopted that has raised questions (and hackles). The object of the present article is to look, not at the presidential orders from earlier this month, but at what formed the foundation of the entire exercise — the imposition of President's Rule in December, 2018.

Article 356 of the Constitution allows the President to impose his rule on a state where he is satisfied that governance is not in accordance with the Constitution. The proclamation he/she issues in this regard can also provide for the vesting of the powers of government in the President, that of the legislature in Parliament and most significantly, the suspension of the provisions of the Constitution that would apply to a body or authority in the state. In our Westminster form of government, this essentially means the central government can abuse Article 356 to impose its will on states where inconvenient opposition parties are in power. All our leaders have been guilty of its abuse, probably none more so than Indira Gandhi who is solely responsible for more than half of all its invocations since 1950.

Anticipating this misuse then, the Constituent Assembly provided two principal safeguards in Article 356: First, that every proclamation would be valid for only two months; and second, if resolutions approving the proclamation were passed by both Houses of Parliament, then it would be valid for six months, which could be extended up to a maximum period of three years with parliamentary resolutions on each occasion. For the present discussion, it would be pertinent to consider the exact words of Article 356(4): "A Proclamation so approved shall, unless revoked, cease to operate on the expiration of a period of six months from the date of

issue of the Proclamation."

As far as Jammu and Kashmir is concerned, the President first issued his Proclamation on December 19, 2018, vesting the powers of the government with himself and those of the legislature with Parliament. This was followed on January 3 by the approval of the Houses of Parliament. Notably, this approval gave the Proclamation a life of six months with effect from December 19, 2018 (not from January 3, 2019). Therefore, if it were not extended before June 18, the Proclamation in the solemn words of the Constitution, would "cease to operate". In 1994, a nine-judge bench of the Supreme Court in the *S R Bommai* case had observed that the necessary consequence of such a lapse of the Proclamation would be that the "status quo ante revives". It emphasises: "The Legislative Assembly which may have been kept in suspended animation also springs back to life".

However, it appears that the government missed the bus.

Imagining that the cut-off date was July 2, resolutions were tabled to extend the Proclamation on June 28 in the Lok Sabha and July 1 in the Rajya Sabha, thereby purporting to renew the six-month period from July 3. This, as Article 356(4) clearly shows, was impermissible, because the Proclamation had ceased to have effect on June 18 itself. The only option now was a fresh Proclamation to be issued by the President on the same terms as the earlier one — imagine your passport or driver's licence, but without a grace period for renewal, thereby requiring you to apply afresh.

Neither the notifications by the President on August 5 and 6 under Article 370, nor the exercise by Parliament to reorganise the state as two Union Territories were carried out with the approval of the J&K state legislature. In fact, both the nation's executive and the legislature proceeded as if the legislature did not exist, singularly on the misapprehension that the Proclamation was still in force. The consequence of this gaffe appears to be grave — gubernatorial privilege has been speculated and the creation of new territories to be directly governed by the Centre has undermined the federal canon. India and its government have had to endure obloquy, both from within and without, and a frustrated neighbour has drummed up visions of nuclear war.

While the integration of the land and its people is necessary, it is cardinal that the world's most resplendent democracy heed constitutional process, because without it, we are back in the dark days of the Emergency.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

CHINA'S HYPOCRISY

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Upholding the law' (IE, September 3). The writer asserts that whatever is happening in Hong Kong is purely China's internal affair. The writer also alleges that radicals in Hong Kong have been supported by the Western media and diplomatic agencies of some countries. However, on August 16, China placed the Kashmir issue in front of the UN Security Council and in so doing it openly supported Pakistan. The Chinese government is well aware that the unrest in Kashmir has been caused by Pakistan funding terror. Isn't this a case of double standards?

VD Malviya, Noida

DEALING WITH PAK

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The Pak muddle' (IE, September 3). There is a lot of confusion in Islamabad and Rawalpindi since the Indian government abrogated Article 370 and changed the status of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. War with India is definitely not an option. The consequences of war will be devastating for both countries. However, it's difficult to talk with Pakistan given that actors in the country speak in different voices.

Vihaan Gupta, Ujjain

THIS REFERS TO the editorial 'The Pak muddle' (IE, September 3). Pakistan raising the Kashmir bogey ad nauseam and portraying itself as the messiah of Kashmiris. The Balakot strike was a game changer which rattled Pakistan to its core. India should not respond to Pakistan's provocation, rather concentrate on restoring normalcy in Kashmir.

Deepak Singhal, Noida

LETTER OF THE WEEK AWARD

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

THE WINNER RECEIVES SELECT EXPRESS PUBLICATIONS

BANKS AND JOBS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Bigger better' (IE, August 31). The mega merger of public sector banks appears to be aimed at fiscal consolidation and reviving growth. The government feels that this move will help the Indian economy touch \$5-trillion mark well in time for the next parliamentary polls. The consolidation may improve economies of scale, leading to greater operating efficiency. But shrinking the number of PSU banks from 27 to just a dozen could also lead to a fall in their employment potential, much like what happened during the SBI's consolidation. There are also apprehensions that while mega loans may increase, the MSME sector could get neglected.

Lal Singh, Amritsar



VIEW FROM THE RIGHT

RBI TRANSFER

THE RECENT DECISION of the Reserve Bank of India to transfer Rs 1.76 lakh crore, which has come under severe criticism by the Opposition, is the defended by *Organiser's* editorial. Titled 'Utilising Reserves for Bharat' the editorial argues that "the real focus of the debate should be the utilisation of this amount and not the transfer of amount".

The editorial starts by saying that the nationalisation of banks by former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1969 was "the biggest infringement on autonomy of not just the RBI but the entire banking system". It then says that the critics of the recent RBI transfer, including Rahul Gandhi, are "considering this fact" and says that certain issues need to be put in context. It argues that the autonomy of RBI's decisions is maintained by its independent directors. It says

that the profit earned by the RBI is "not kept with the bank and government, in a way people of the country, has natural ownership over it". Of the Rs 1.76 lakh crore, it says, Rs 1.23 lakh crore is the dividend "that the RBI has earned in terms of profit and in any case Government would have got that". It asks, "if those reserves are meant for Bharat, where's the question of raiding the RBI?"

The remainder of Rs 52,000 crore being transferred to the government, *Organiser* says, is as per the report of the committee headed by the former RBI governor Bimal Jalan.

The editorial adds: "Though the government has announced various policy measures to boost the economy, over-reliance on FDI and FII has been the real problem, as these investments will always be opportunistic, profit-fleeing and antithetical to our domestic supply chain. Not just the recapitalisation of banks, but also investing in economic and social infrastructure in such a way that small and medium scale industries, which are the natural employment generators in Bharat, will get the boost."

PAKISTAN'S MADNESS

PANCHAJANYA HAS GIVEN its attention to the

"madness" of Pakistan when it comes to Kashmir in its editorial. It begins by saying "just like depression makes a person either sleepy or crazy," a similar negativity can be seen "when it comes to issues related to a India" and Pakistan has come to the brink of craziness. It says that it is in this context that Pakistan's fuming — after India has "removed Article 370" and reconstituted Jammu and Kashmir — should be seen.

It adds that even after Pakistan has gone to numerous countries and knocked on the door of the UN four times, the issue of Kashmir has not been internationalised. Instead the editorial says, "Pakistan's madness has definitely become evident to the world for trying to intervene in affairs of other nations".

Talking about the basis for Pakistan's existence, the editorial says that "if the meaning of an Islamic country is Pakistan, then which country would want to become what Pakistan today?"

NOORANI'S POLEMICS

ORGANISER HAS CARRIED a review of AG Noorani's book on the RSS titled, *The RSS: A Menace to India*. Written by BS Harishankar, the article argues that the book is "another

addition in the smear campaign against RSS" and is "spineless polemics". As the book was released by former Vice President of India Hamid Ansari, the article first talks about Ansari inaugurating a conference of the Popular Front of India and says that "it shall be untrue if Ansari claims he was not aware of aware of PFI's background" and then says that "now the equations are clear: Why has the PFI been left out from the book by Noorani? It mentions then that the PFI has been accused of various anti-national activities, which include links with various Islamic terrorist groups".

The review then talks about the various parts about the book and tries to counter the assertions made by Noorani. It has several examples of accusing Noorani of not looking at other religions, especially Islam. It says that "Noorani conceals many truths, especially the heavy criticism by Churches against Islamic fundamentalists in India". Later it said that "instead of acknowledging these serious criticisms against Islamic outfits by Churches in India, Noorani accuses Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath of coining the term 'love jihad' for Muslims who marry Hindu girls".

Compiled by Krishn Kaushik

TOP OF THE WORLD



Police fired teargas after unrest broke out in Johannesburg. AP

SOUTH AFRICA

Govt promises to stop xenophobic attacks after five deaths

Johannesburg: Five people have been killed in xenophobic violence in South Africa, police said on Tuesday, as President Cyril Ramaphosa vowed to clamp down on the attacks and the African Union and Nigeria sounded their alarm. Hordes of people — some armed — gathered in Johannesburg's central business district for a third day of unrest directed against foreigners, hours after mobs burned and looted shops in the township of Alexandra. Five deaths — most of them South Africans — have been reported, police said, adding 189 people had been arrested.

USA

Teen shoots dead 5 members of his family

A 14-YEAR-OLD American boy shot and killed five family members at their home in Alabama, before throwing away the pistol and calling police, officials said on Tuesday, in the latest high-profile gun crime. The shooting occurred on Monday night in the town of Elkmont, a spokesman for the Limestone County Sheriff's Office told media, including an ABC affiliate. The sheriff's office said five people were shot, with three dying at the scene and two later in hospital.

RUSSIA

Blogger jailed over tweets

Moscow: A Russian court sentenced a blogger to five years in jail on Tuesday after convicting him of inciting violence against the children of police officers, and charged two Kremlin critics with organising an illegal protest. The court action follows a summer of protests demanding free elections to Moscow's city legislature on Sept. 8. On Tuesday, a court found blogger Vladislav Sinita guilty of extremism after he wrote a Twitter post on July 31 that suggested officers who used violence against protesters might find their children targeted.

Johnson's govt loses working majority amid Brexit showdown

Cross-party alliance of MPs try to take charge of UK Parliament to stop possibility of no-deal exit

ELIZABETH PIPER, KYLIE MACLELLAN & WILLIAM JAMES
LONDON, SEPTEMBER 3

BRITISH MPs on Tuesday began a bid to stop Boris Johnson pursuing a 'no-deal' Brexit, a challenge that a senior government source said would prompt the Prime Minister to press for a snap election on October 14. Johnson's government also lost its working majority on Tuesday as a Conservative MP switched over to the Liberal Democrats.

More than three years after the United Kingdom voted in a referendum to leave the European Union, the outcome of the Brexit crisis remains uncertain, with possible outcomes ranging from a turbulent no-deal exit to abandoning the whole endeavour.

Johnson implicitly warned lawmakers on Monday that he would seek an election if they tied his hands in talks to negotiate a last-minute divorce deal, ruling out ever countenancing a further delay to Brexit, which is now scheduled for Oct. 31.

On Parliament's first day back from its summer break, an alliance of opposition MPs and rebels in Johnson's Conservative Party put forward a motion to launch their bid to block a no-deal exit, and appeared confident of victory.

Johnson cast the challenge as an attempt to force Britain to sur-



Boris Johnson speaks in Parliament on Tuesday. Reuters

THE LEAD-UP TO BREXIT

SEPTEMBER 3: On Tuesday, Parliament convened again after a break. An alliance of opposition MPs and rebel Conservative MPs attempt to pass legislation that will rule out a no-deal Brexit on Oct. 31.

SEPTEMBER 6: This is essentially the last day in which legislation will be possible before Parliament is

suspended, as the next two days are Saturday and Sunday on which the House does not convene.

SEPTEMBER 9: Parliament is suspended till the Queen's Speech takes place.

OCTOBER 14: The Queen's Speech on upcoming government policies.

OCTOBER 21: Parliament starts work again, but will debate the Queen Speech for two days.

OCTOBER 23: Legislation can begin again in Parliament, during which time MPs will vote on a potential EU Withdrawal Agreement.

OCTOBER 31: Brexit day.

render to the EU just as he hopes to secure concessions on the terms of the divorce.

Just as Johnson began speaking, he lost his working majority

in parliament when one of his own Conservative lawmakers, Phillip Lee, crossed the floor of the House of Commons to join the pro-EU Liberal Democrats.

Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn told parliament that Johnson's was a government with "no mandate, no morals and, as of today, no majority". **REUTERS**

Israel PM cancels Sept 9 visit to India over polls

HARINDER MISHRA
JERUSALEM, SEPTEMBER 3

PRIME MINISTER Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday cancelled a planned day-long visit to India on September 9 to meet his counterpart Narendra Modi, citing scheduling issues due to an unprecedented repeat polls in Israel.

A statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office said the two leaders spoke over phone and they "agreed that due to scheduling constraints, the Prime Minister's visit will take place after the (September 17) elections."

This is the second time this year that the Israeli leader has



Benjamin Netanyahu

cancelled a visit to India, doing so earlier before the April elections.

Israeli lawmakers in May voted to dissolve Parliament and hold re-elections on Sept 17 after Netanyahu failed to form a government after the April 9 polls. **PTI**

8 schoolchildren killed in knife attack in China

KJM VARMA
BEIJING, SEPTEMBER 3

EIGHT STUDENTS of a primary school in central China were killed and two others injured in a knife attack carried out by a man, released recently from jail, state-run media reported on Tuesday.

The incident happened at around 8 am on Monday at Chaoyangpo grade school in the town of Baiyangping at Enshi county at Hubei province, on the first day of the new academic year, according to

the *Global Times*.

Eight children were stabbed to death, while two other students suffered injuries in the attack, it said.

The suspect, a 40-year-old local resident, was arrested immediately after the incident.

The man was an ex-convict who had spent over eight years in jail for attempting to gouge out his girlfriend's eye, the report said. He was released from jail in May.

The incident sparked public outrage as Monday marked the start of classes for school students. **PTI**

Hindu group claims girl abducted, converted to Islam in Pakistan

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
KARACHI, SEPTEMBER 3

A HINDU girl has been allegedly abducted and converted to Islam in Pakistan's Sindh province, the second incident of forced conversion in the Muslim-majority country within a week.

The girl, identified as Renuka Kumari, was abducted from the Institute of Business Administration in Sukkur on August 29 and has been missing since then, the All-Pakistan Hindu Panchayat, a non-profit organisation, claimed in a Facebook post.

An official, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed that Renuka was abducted from the institute where she was doing graduation in the business administration.

"Our information is that it's

In July, the Sindh Assembly had unanimously passed a resolution demanding that the practice of forced conversions of Hindu girls be stopped

another case of a Hindu girl being abducted and forcibly converted to Islam in Sindh province," the official said.

The brother of the girl said they had filed a formal report with the police.

"A fellow student, Babar Aman, is said to be involved in the abduction and police have arrested his brother," the girl's brother said.

A senior police official said that they were investigating the matter and did not know as yet whether the Hindu girl left on her own will or was abducted.

There have been numerous

cases of Hindu girls, some under the age of 18, being abducted and forcibly converted to Islam before being married to Muslim men.

In Punjab province, a 19-year-old Sikh girl was abducted and converted to Islam before being married to a Muslim man last week, triggering protests by the minority community.

In July, the Sindh Assembly unanimously passed a resolution demanding that the practice of forced conversions and abductions of Hindu girls must be stopped and action be taken against those involved in such activities.



'The curses and spells used in the books are actual curses and spells,' the priest said. Reuters

in Tennessee.

Launched in 1997, the series of books spins an epic tale of

good and evil focused on the adventures of the eponymous bespectacled young wizard as he



Afghan policemen at the site of the blast in Kabul. Reuters

Taliban attack kills 16 in Kabul, casting shadow on peace deal

SAYED HASSIB
KABUL, SEPTEMBER 3

A TALIBAN attack on a housing complex used by international organisations in the Afghan capital, Kabul, late on Monday killed at least 16 people and angered local residents who demanded the heavily fortified compound be moved.

The blast, which shook buildings several kilometres away, happened just as Zalmay Khalilzad, the special US envoy for peace in Afghanistan, was outlining details of a draft accord with the insurgents in a television interview.

Following major Taliban attacks on two northern cities over the weekend, the bombing of the Green Village compound in a mixed business and residential area added to questions around the peace deal reached between US and Taliban negotiators in the Qatari capital, Doha.

Habib Jan, who was in his house nearby when the blast occurred, said the area has been attacked repeatedly and many residents wanted the compound, used by foreign staff of international groups including aid organisations, moved.

"This isn't once or twice, it's the fourth or fifth time, all by the Taliban. A lot of my friends, a lot of my family have been wounded or killed," he said, as smoke spiralled into the sky from burning tyres lit by protesters demanding that the complex be moved.

"Our young people have been killed, our children have been killed, our old men have been killed, our girls have been killed. What can we do?"

Interior ministry spokesman Nasrat Rahimi said the blast was caused by a tractor packed with explosives but armed attackers, who planned to follow up the blast, were killed by security forces.

He said around 400 foreign nationals were evacuated from the heavily protected site, located off a major road in an area



US special envoy Zalmay Khalilzad (left), with Afghanistan Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah in Kabul. Reuters

U.S. ENVOY REVEALS DRAFT PEACE DEAL

■ **The US will withdraw 5,000 troops from Afghanistan and close five bases within 135 days under a draft peace accord agreed with the Taliban, chief US negotiator, Zalmay Khalilzad, said.**

■ **In exchange for the phased withdrawal, the Taliban would commit not to allow Afghanistan to be used by militant groups such as Al Qaeda or Islamic State as a base for attacks on the United States and its allies.**

■ **Khalilzad declined to say how long the rest of the roughly 14,000 US troops would remain in Afghanistan.**

■ **Several details of the agreement remain to be clarified, including the status to be accorded to the Taliban.**

of houses and shops.

Like other compounds built to house the thousands of foreign contractors and agency staff who work in Kabul, Green Village is a fortified complex of concrete blast walls and steel gates protected by armed guards. **REUTERS**

Priest in US school bans *Harry Potter* books on exorcist's advice

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 3

EXORCISTS ADVISED a Nashville school priest to ban the *Harry Potter* books, over fears the popular children's novels could be used to summon spirits.

Reverend Dan Reehil contacted exorcists in Rome and the US, who recommended removing the fantasy novels from St Edward Catholic School's library

struggles against the dark wizard Lord Voldemort.

"The curses and spells used in the books are actual curses and spells; which when read by a human being risk conjuring evil spirits into the presence of the person reading the text," the reverend said in an email obtained by local media.

Rebecca Hammel, the superintendent of schools for the Catholic Diocese of Nashville, told the newspaper *The*

Tennessean that Reehil had "canonical authority to make such decisions".

Although the school used to stock the books, it will not offer them to pupils in its newly opened library, Hammel said.

A global success, the *Potter* series by British author J.K. Rowling has been repeatedly banned from schools in the US and Britain, mostly for allegedly promoting satanic values or black magic.

LONGYEARBYEN IN NORWAY'S SVALBARD ARCHIPELAGO IS THE FASTEST-WARMING TOWN IN THE WORLD

On the front lines of climate change in the world's northernmost town

ALEX FRASER
SVALBARD, SEPTEMBER 3

ICEBERGS FLOAT liked doomed islands past the small boat as it makes its way through a fjord filled with the slush of a melting glacier. Occasionally, as the warming waters dissolve the bottom of one of the icebergs, it becomes top-heavy and does a somersault, as if it were playing instead of dying.

The Wahlenberg glacier above the fjord naturally calves, sheering off icebergs into the water. But here it is happening at an increasing rate because of warming waters, says Kim Holmen, the international director of the Norwegian Polar Institute.

Holmen, wearing a woollen hat with a hot-pink pom-pom against the chill of an Arctic summer day, has lived in the northern Norwegian archipelago of Svalbard for three decades. He describes the changes he's seen as "profound, large and rapid."

"We are losing the Svalbard we know. We are losing the Arctic as we know it because of climate change," he says amid the constant crackle and trickle of the ice dissolving. "This is a forewarning of all the hardship and problems that will spread around the planet."

Since 1970, average annual temperatures have risen by 4 degrees Celsius in Svalbard, with winter temperatures rising more than 7 degrees, according to a re-

port released by the Norwegian Centre for Climate Services in February. The "Climate in Svalbard 2100" report also warns that the annual mean air temperature in Svalbard is projected to increase by 7 to 10 degrees Celsius by the end of this century.

Since 1979, the Arctic sea ice extent has declined by nearly 12% per decade, with the most pronounced winter reduction in the Svalbard and Barents Sea area.

That's not good news for Svalbard's main town, Longyearbyen. With a population of slightly more than 2,000 people, it is the northernmost town on the planet.

It is also the fastest-warming. Rows of simple white wooden crosses cling to a hillside over



The town of Longyearbyen is the world's northernmost. Reuters

Longyearbyen, a sparse cemetery that appears vulnerable even on a sunny day in August.

Ivar Smedsroed is the summer vicar at Svalbard Church. Inside

the Lutheran house of worship, which claims to be the world's northernmost church, stained glass paints the snow-topped mountains nearby in a pastel hue.

He worries about the effects of thawing permafrost beneath his feet at the graveyard, which he calls "a place of memories, a place of remembrance."

"As the permafrost thaws, things that are in the ground tend to be pulled up," Smedsroed says matter-of-factly as he sits on the ground near the graves. "That is happening more or less all of the time, so we might see that the graves literally come up, the coffins."

There has been talk of relocating the graveyard after a landslide missed wiping it out by meters in October 2016.

Thawing permafrost isn't just a problem for the dead: It has caused problems for current residents of Longyearbyen too.

Houses in the valley are built on small wooden stilts instead of deep foundations. Softening ground can lead to collapses, landslides and avalanches.

On December 19, 2015, an avalanche killed a man and a child in their homes.

Erosion also threatens homes here. Three years ago, as winter approached, 13 meters of coastline fell away overnight, leaving Christiane Huebner's cabin perilously close to the fjord. Huebner, her family of three and their husky dogs abandoned the home.

"It was a wake-up call since it happened very quickly," she says. They returned the following spring and had to relocate the cabin from the shore.

The spectre of climate change

looms large also over Audun Salte's dog farm. During the summer, with no snow on the ground, the dogs pull sleds on wheels along the bumpy gravel road, rattling past the few cars on the island. "If climate change should be the end of humanity, I really don't care, but if climate change is the end of any animal species who hasn't contributed anything towards the speeding up of this process, that's why I am reacting," he says.

He compares climate change to an accident we can't help starting, at feeling lucky we weren't the victim: "When people slow down to look at a car crash, climate change is like that because everyone is slowing down to look at the accident, not realising that we are actually the car crash." **REUTERS**

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PERSONAL

I, Manoj Kumar S/O Ramesh Kumar R/O B-3/165 B-3 Block Yamuna-Vihar North East Delhi-110053 changed my name to Manoj Singla. 0040510667-5

It is general information that I JATIN KUMAR S/O Sh.RAMBIR SINGH residing at H.No.-246,Gali No-7,D-Block, Brij Puri, Delhi-110094 inform that name of mine has been wrongly written as JATIN in my Caste Certificate No.2837/211/SDM/S PUR/2002. The actual name of mine is JATIN KUMAR which may be amended accordingly. 0040510733-1

It is for general information that I,Tarun Kumar son of Dharam Pal Gupta residing at 2908/21,Vishram Nagar,Tri Nagar,Delhi-110035,declares that my minor son name has been wrongly written BHAV in school Records.But actual name is BHAV GUPTA,which may be amended accordingly. 0040510683-2

It is for general information that I, Amit Kumar S/O Sh. Subhash Chander R/O-C/7/83A, Keshav-Puram, Delhi-110035. informs that my name has been wrongly-written as Amit Kumar Arora in school-records of my minor son Navtej Arora aged 14years and my minor daughter Reet Arora 11years. My actual name is Amit Kumar which may be amended accordingly. 0040510725-10

I,Vikash Kumar S/O Sh. Dinesh Singh R/O Vill. Karmaini Gazi,Post. Neehna Jalalpuri, Dist. Gopalganj, Bihar-841503 have changed my name to Vikash Kumar Singh for all purposes. 0040510627-1

I,Sohanpal S/o-Devendra Singh R/O-Nangla Firoj-Mohanpur PIN-201009,Distt-Ghaziabad Post-201009,U.P.inform that names of my minor both sons have been wrongly-written Yash Salalot&Anshuman in my Army Service-Record No.3198113(Nayak). Sohanpal The actual names of my minor both sons Yash Chaudhary&Anshuman Chaudhary. 0040510755-10

I,Ravindra Prasad S/O Jai Kishun Shah R/O-RZ-E-2B, Jai-Vihar,Phase-1,Najafgarh,Delhi-110043, have changed the name of my minor daughter from Kusum to Sneha Kumari. 0040510719-9

I,Piyush Sethi S/O Yog Raj Sethi, H.No.1, Kakrola-Mor,Vipin-Garden,Uttam-Nagar, New-Delhi-110059, have changed my minor daughter's name Senorita Sethi to Simran Sethi. 0040510685-6

I,Nisha Kumari, W/o-Sh. Naresh Kumar, R/O-B-623/624,DDA Colony,Chaukhandi West Delhi,Tilak-Nagar, New Delhi-110018, inform that Nisha Kumari and Nisha Aneja is one and the same person. 0040510733-10

I,Naresh Kumar, S/O-Sh.Keval Kishan, R/O-B-623/624,DDA Colony,Chaukhandi,West-Delhi,Tilak-Nagar, New Delhi-110018 inform that Naresh Kumar and Naresh Kumar Aneja and Naresh Aneja is one&the same person 0040510763-1

I,Kuldeep Singh Rana S/O Sh.Rajpal Rana resident of Vill.Saidpur,Tehsil-Kharkhoda, District-Sonepat(HR), have changed my name from Kuldeep to Kuldeep Singh Rana and will be called/Known by the name of Kuldeep Singh,in future. 0040510622-1

I,Geeta Kumari,W/o Sh.Umesh Chandra Roy R/O-Village-Ratan Tola,P.O.Mahinawan, P.S.Maner,Distt.-Patna (Bihar). Have Changed My Name,From Geeta Kumari To Geeta Roy.,For All Future Purposes. 0040510667-6

I,Devansh Kumar,R/O-RZ-4A,Gali.No.4, Ashok-Park,West Sargapur,Delhi-110046, have changed the name of my minor son name,from Devansh Kumar Mehta to Devansh Kumar for,all purpose. 0040510763-6

I,Amarjeet Singh S/o-Jai Singh,R/O-A-11A,Fateh-Nagar Tilak-Nagar,New-Delhi-110018, have changed the name of my minor daughter Kimreet aged-17years and she shall hereafter be known as Kimreet Kaur. 0040510755-2

I, hitherto known as Sangita Sharma W/o Kamal Prashad Sharma, residing at House No-230/23, Gali No.-8, Railway Colony, Mandawali, Shakarpur East Delhi-110092 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sudershana Sharma. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this concern. 0040510653-1

I, Vinod Kumar Gupta S/o Shri Bhayia Ram R/O R-109/1, Model Town-II, Delhi-110009 (India) do hereby inform that the following names are of same person i.e. me Vinod Kumar, Vinod Gupta, Vinod kumar Gupta and in future I will be known by the name Vinod Kumar Gupta for all purposes. 0040510623-1

I, Subham Chauhan R/O 191, Pocket-A, Sarita Vihar, New Delhi 110076 have changed my name to Subham Chauhan. 0070672774-1

I, Sangita Shrivastava Chopra D/o Jwala Prasad Shrivastava and W/o Kamal Chopra R/O 1930, 2nd Floor, Kingsway Camp, Outram Lines, G.T.B Nagar, Delhi-110009, that my name has been wrongly written as Sangita Chopra in my Passport No.: E6344918. The actual name of mine is Sangita Shrivastava Chopra 0070672777-1

I, Sangita Divedi W/o-Shyam Narayan Divedi R/O-G-11/24, Sector-15, Rohini, Delhi-110089, inform to all my and my husband name wrongly-written in my Minor Daughter School-Record as Sangeeta Divedi W/o-Shyam Narain Divedi instead of Sangita Divedi W/o-Shyam Narayan Divedi. 0040510706-1

I, Sandhyaben Vijay Khemchandani W/o Vijay Khemchandani R/O F-29, Mansarovar Garden, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Sandhya Khemchandani for all purposes. 0040510634-1

I, Samuel Vinay Rao, son of Late K.S.V. Sanjeeva Rao, residing in J-2/44, Ground Floor, DLF Phase-II, Gurgaon, Haryana-122002, do solemnly informs that my name is written in some documents as Samuel Vinay Rao and insome as Sam Vinay Rao". That Samuel Vinay Rao and Sam Vinay Rao are one and the same person. This is my true statement. 0040510643-1

I, Syed Shahnawaz Ayazi S/o Ayaz Uddin R/O F-17/1 4th Floor Jyga Bai extn Jamia Nagar N.D-110025 have changed my name to Shahnawaz Ayazi. 0040510639-3

I, Suraya Sirwal W/O Kousar Hamid Sirwal residing at Flat no 1B 42 Princeton Dlf5 Gurgaon have changed my name to Suraiya Kousar Sirwal vide aff dated 31.08.2019 at Faridabad 0050154462-1

I, Suraiya W/O MD Saifuddin Molla R/O L-4/B Batla House Jamia Nagar N.D-110025 have changed my name to Suraiya Begum. 0040510639-1

I, Sumer Gahlot R/O SMQ No. D-9, WAC Qtrs Subroto Park, New Delhi-110010, have changed my minor son's name Parikshit Gahlot to Ajay Gahlot vide affidavit dated 03/09/2019 before NCT Delhi. 0040510652-2

I, Suman Devi W/o-Surendur Kumar R/O-WZ-55,Choukhandi-Village, Tilak-Nagar, New Delhi-18,Have. Changed My Name. to Chinta Devi for all Future Purposes. 0040510661-6

I, Suman D/o Balbir Singh Shekhawat R/O RZF-770/5, Gali.No.11, Raj-Nagar-2, Palam-Colony, South West Delhi-110077, have changed my name to Suman Shekhawat. 0040510685-5

I, Sukhbir S/O Hari Kishan R/O- H.No-322 Village-Budhena Ballabgarh Faridabad-121004. Have Change My Name To Sukhbir Singh. 0040510725-8

I, Srishti Saluja W/O-Lagan Verma R/O A-302, Prashant-Vihar, Rohini Sector-14, New Delhi-110085, Have Changed My Name After-Marriage To Srishti Verma. 0040510667-1

I, Sonia Garg W/O.Sushil Garg R/O-A-361, Chet Ram, gali.no.1, near Dr.Vinod-clinic, Moujpur, Delhi-110053, have changed my name to Reena Garg.,for all purposes 0040510685-4

I, Shyam Singh S/O-Chandra Bhan Singh R/O RZ-2552, 1st-Floor, Gali.No-27, Tughlakabad Extn.,N.Delhi-110019, changed my name to Shyam Singh Rathore 0040510755-5

I, Sheesham Arora, W/o Shri Rajinder Kumar Arora, R/O 113, Indira Vihar Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi-110009. Informs that Missim Arora and Sheesham Arora, both are the names of same person. 0040510675-1

I, Shashikant Mahrouf S/O Sh. Harish Chand Mahrouf R/O H.No. 243-244, IInd Floor, Pkt. E-21, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-85. Has changed my daughter's name Anushka Mahrouf to Samaira Mahrouf for all purpose. That Anushka Mahrouf & Samaira Mahrouf is the one and same person. 0040510636-1

I, Shakeela Begum W/o Mohammad zaki R/O 3117, Gali Wakil Wali Kucha Pandit Lal Kumar Delhi-6 have changed my name to Shakeela Naaz to all Purposes. 0040510650-2

I, Savita Mahajan Spouse of mahajan Umesh Jagannath R/O Plot No-31, Take Mala Asranagar, Pathardi Didd Ahmednagar Maharashtra-414102 have changed my name from Savita mahajan to garje Savita Vishnu vide affidavit dated-02/09/2019 before Notary Public GNCT of Delhi. 0040510647-1

I, Sanjeev Kumar S/o Madan Lal R/O-D-155,Togre Garden Extension,Delhi-110027 have changed my name to Sanjeev Kumar Chawla for all future purposes. 0040510683-5

I, Sanjal Kumar Yadav S/O Guru Parsad Yadav R/O GH/D, Subzi-Mandi, Roshanara-Road, Delhi-110007, Changed my name to Sanjay Kumar Yadav. 0040510667-4

I, Prem Singh S/o Charan Singh R/O G-204,Gali-2, SGM Nagar, Faridabad, Haryana-121001, that name of my father has been wrongly written as Chand Singh in my Pan Card. The actual name of my father is Charan Singh 0070672781-1

I, Nisha Rastogi D/O Dinesh Kumar Rastogi R/O Flat.No-63, Savarkar-Apartment, Plot No-39, I.P.Extn, Delhi-110092 Changed My Name To Nisha Rustagi. 0040510733-3

I, Nirmala W/O Amit Ranjan Kumar R/O 688 3rd-Floor-West Parmanand Colony Delhi-110009 Changed My Name To Nirmala Mehto.,For All Purposes. 0040510719-4

I, Nirmal Jyoti W/o Pankaj Khurana R/o House No. 82-83, 3rd Floor Gyan Park, Chander Nagar Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051, have changed my minor son's name from Param Khurana alias Param aged 14 years to Parm Khurana forever 0070672790-1

I, Muskan Goel d/o Sushil Kumar Goyal R/O B-87,Vinobha Kunj Apartment, Sector-9, Rohini, Delhi-85 changed my name to Muskan GOYAL. 0040510719-3

I, Muhammad Haris S/o Ajmal Malik R/o 15, Block R-D.D.A Flats Qtrs Turkman Gate Delhi-6 have changed my name to Mohammad Haris for all purposes. 0040510650-1

I, Mohit S/o Rajkumar Saini R/O G-235, Gali No.7, Shiv Mandir-Road, Saroopnagar, Delhi-110042 have changed my name to Mohit Saini. 0040510685-8

I, Mohd Khurshed alias Khursid S/o Mohd Nagina, R/O RZD-117, Nihal Vihar, Nangloi, Delhi-110041. All names are of same person and finally change his name to Khursid. 0040510725-9

I, Md Sahid S/o Shafi 0040510725-7

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CLASSIFIEDS & TENDERS

I, Manisha Seam Mishra daughter of Manmohan Seam and ex. Wife of Rakesh Mishra, Residing at House No.- D-14/6, Second Floor, Presidency Flats, Ardee City, Sector-52, Gurugram, Haryana-122002, declare that I got divorce from my husband vide court decree No. KT11D00167 dated 01-07-2011, further I have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as MANISHA SEAM 0070672797-1

I, Mamta W/o Sh.Raj Kumar R/O-K-46 Sri Niwas Puri, New Delhi-110065, have changed my name to Mamta Sachdeva for all future purposes 0040510633-1

I, MANREET KAUR D/O BHUPENDER SINGH R/O 104, Paschim Vihar Extn., New Delhi-110063, that my name is wrongly mentioned in my Meerabai Polytechnic (Commercial Art), diploma as MANPREET KAUR instead of MANPREET KAUR Roll No. 227922, year 2005, my name is MANPREET KAUR. 0040510624-1

I, Kamal Kumar S/o Pramod Kumar R/O-17-A,S/F, Anarkali-Garden, Prop. No-17, Jagat Puri, Delhi-110051 have changed my name to Kamal Rathore. 0040510719-8

I, KM Neeshu Singh d/o- Kamlesh Singh R/O-N-385 Mangolpuri Delhi-83, have to change my name Nishu Singh.for all future purposes. 0040510725-9

I, Jodhsthir Haldar S/O Amala Haldar R/O C-70, Bhoomiheen Camp, Govindpuri, Kalkaji, Delhi-110019. Have Changed My Name To Tapan Majhi. 0040510719-1

I, Jai Laxmi Tiwari d/o Mohan Tiwari R/O-A-271, Vikas Puri, Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Jai Lakshmi Tiwari. My correct date of birth is 10/08/1993 and not 09/08/1991. 0040510625-1

I, Jagvinder Singh R/O B-48, Subhadra Colony, Saral Rohilla, Delhi-35 have changed my minor daughter name from Sargun Gulati to Sargun Kaur Gulati permanently. 0040510670-1

I, Inder pal Singh Gujral S/O.Kuldeep Singh R/O-2/322C, Subhash-Nagar, Tagore-garden, New-Delhi-110027. have changed my name to Inder pal Singh, for all purposes. 0040510685-3

I, Hazel Sharma, D/o Ms. Glory Samuel R/O-H.No.1-162, 3rd-floor, Humanyun-Pur, Safdarjung-Enclave, New Delhi-110029, have changed my name to Hazel Samuel.,for all fuure purposes. 0040510755-3

I, Hardeep Kaur Gujral W/O.Inder pal Singh R/O-2/322C, Subhash-Nagar, Tagore-garden, New Delhi-110027. have changed my name to Hardeep Kaur.,for all purposes. 0040510685-1

I, Gaurav Khosla S/O Jatinder Kumar Khosla R/O WZ-980 UGF-Floor Rani Bagh Shakurbasti, Delhi-34 changed my name to Gaurav Kumar. 0040510725-6

I, Gaurav Arora R/O S-277 Second Floor, Greater Kailash-1, Delhi.Have Changed My Daughter's Name From Anavi Arora To Anvi Arora. 0040510667-10

I, Fahad S/o.Shamim Anwar R/O-D-52/1,Block-B Abulfazal Enclave-Part-2,Jamia-Nagar, Okhla Delhi-110025, have Changed my name to Fahad Shamim Permanently. 0040510725-1

I, Deepak Tiwari S/O Shyam Sunder R/O C-6/139 C, Keshav Puram, Delhi-110035. Have Changed My Name To Deepak Kumar. 0040510725-5

I, Deepak Soni W/o Ramesh Sharma R/O E-202, Bhagyaawan-Apartment, Mayur-Vihar PH-1, Delhi-110091, have changed my name to Deepa Sharma. 0040510719-10

I, Bhupinder Singh Multani S/O Amrik Singh., R/O C-102, Amrapali-Sapphire, Sector-45, Noida, Gautam-Budhnagar, U.P-201301, Changed My Name To Bhupinder Singh. 0040510763-4

I, Kajal S/O Jai Parkash R/O 411/125, S75, Devli Mod, Khanpur, New Delhi-110062 Have Changed My Name To Kajal Prakash 0040510763-5

I, Ayan Ahmad Zaidi S/o Wasif Abbas Zaidi R/O Plot No-33A, 2nd Floor, Gadda Colony, Zakir Nagar, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025, have changed my name from Ayan Ahmad to Ayan Ahmad Zaidi for All Purposes. 0040510674-1

I, Arshad Khan S/o Mr. Shamshad R/O F-86-A, Ground Floor, Abul Fazal Enclave-1, New Delhi-110025 have changed my minor son's name from Abdul Rahman Lodi to ABDUL RAHMAN for all future purposes. 0040510632-1

I, Anuradha D/O Sudhir Chander Singh R/O Plot No-117, Sainik-Vihar Part-1, Vikas-Nagar, Uttam-Nagar, N.Delhi-110059 changed my name to ANURADHA Singh. 0040510755-4

I, Angeeta Wadhwa W/O Shri.Rajesh Kumar Wadhwa R/O A-1/402, Printers-apartments, Sector-13, Rohini, New Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Sangetaa Wadhwa. 0040510763-2

I, Amita Kandhari W/o Sanjeev Kandhari R/O F-32 Ground-Floor, Kalkaji, Delhi-110019, changed my name to Ameetta Kandhaari. 0040510661-2

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For & on behalf of my clients Mr. Rajender Kumar R/O Late Pyare Lal & Mrs. Vinika W/o Mr. Rajender Kumar both r/o A-55, Anand Vihar, Nangli Shakrawati Mor, Najafgarh, New Delhi-43, I serve this Public Notice to all clients severs their relations from their son namely Mr.Harshat Kumar and his wife Mrs.Pooja and also Debbara that said son and his wife Pooja from all the properties both movable & immovable for all intents and purposes. Anyone deals with them shall do at his own risk and

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B-6, SUNEJA TOWER-1 DISTT. CENTRE, JAMKUNJPUR, NEW DELHI-55

PUBLIC NOTICE
Be it known to all that my client Mr. Suresh Bawani with Late Sh. B.S.Bawani No.288 Surya apartment, plot no.21, sector-13, Rohini Delhi-110085 have severed all their relations and disowned their son Vikas Bawani and his wife Binmesh Bawani, from all of her movable and immovable properties due to the unethical behavior of them towards their parents. I am taking care of my client in her old age and acting against her interest and they are not having any right or claim over her son Vikas and Binmesh have shifted elsewhere address not known yet. My client will not be responsible for any of their acts or deeds of her son & daughter in-law. Who so ever deals with them shall do at their own cost and risk.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Be it known to public at large that my client Shri Jaswant Singh S/o Shri Rattan Singh R/O R-741, New Rajendra Nagar, New Delhi-110060 have disowned his Grand daughter Ms. Amrita Singh D/o Shri Gurcharan Singh from all their movable and immovable estate. My client and their estate shall not be responsible in any manner for any act/decided done by her grand daughter and any person dealing with them shall deal at his/her own risk & cost thereof and further shall be dealt with as per the law.

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Shobhna Madan S/o, Ashok Kumar Madan R/o. Plot No. 139, Second Floor, Front Portion, Guru Harkrishan Nagar(Paschim Vihar), New Delhi, has lost the Original conveyance deed unregistered and other documents of property no. Plot No. 139; Second Floor, Front Portion The Hindustan CHBS Ltd. Guru Harkrishan Nagar (Paschim Vihar), New Delhi. Finder Please Contact : 9811659020

PUBLIC NOTICE
Be it known to public at large that my client, Smt. Shilpa Singh is Absolute owner of A Freehold Residential Plot No.D-14, New Palam Vihar Phase-I, Gurugram (Haryana) Original Regd.GPA in favour of Sh. Khushwant Nagpal on 21/08/1998, Regd. as No.793 & Original Regd.Sale Deed in favour of Smt. Veena Devi on 04/05/1999, vide Gali No.149 and Original Regd.GPA in favour of Sh. Khushwant Nagpal & Sh. Standish Sharma on 28/12/2013, vide Vaska No.3304, have signed Affidavit which is claim of document and sale property and My client has also Report for missing the said documents at Police Station Gurgaon CID No.2176324123. The general public is hereby cautioned not to deal with the above mentioned property with any person(s) on the basis of said Regd. Sale Deed & GPA, if any person(s) or Authority having any claim against me or upon the said property by virtue of Sale Agreement, Contract, Mortgage, lien, Charge or otherwise whatsoever and of whatsoever nature is hereby required to notify the same within seven days, from the date of publication of this notice for any claim/objection. Otherwise said be considered as waived and abandoned and shall not be binding upon my client.

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SENSEX: 36,562.91 ▼ 769.88 NIFTY: 10,797.90 ▼ 225.35 NIKKEI: 20,625.16 ▲ 4.97 HANG SENG: 25,527.85 ▼ 98.70 FTSE: 7,268.23 ▼ 13.71 DAX: 11,920.87 ▼ 32.91

			
GOLD	RUPEE	OIL	SILVER
₹38,987	₹72.39	\$58.14	₹47,960

Indian basket as on September 2, 2019

International market data till 1900 IST

SECTOR WATCHAVIATION

DGCA imposes more restrictions on travelling in cockpit jump seat

Tuesday’s order tightens curbs issued by aviation regulator in July

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 3

THE DIRECTORATE General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued an order restricting travel in the cockpit jump seat, with the aim of securing safety of aircraft operations.

The aviation safety regulator has directed that no person shall enter the cockpit and occupy the jump seat on an aircraft registered in India during flight time.

The restriction, however, will not be applicable to crew members, officers of Ministry of Civil Aviation or Indian Meteorological Department authorised by DGCA to perform official duties, among other permitted crew members.

The order, issued on Tuesday, comes in addition to the one issued back in July where the aviation watchdog had prohibited off-duty airline officials, including pilots and aircraft maintenance engineers from travelling in cockpit “even when they are on leave or have not been assigned any duty whatsoever”.

The July order stated that this practice was in violation of Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) 3 of 1997. Tuesday’s order supersedes the AIC 3 of 1997.

This development will not allow airlines to accommodate certain passengers on the cockpit jump seat in case of overbooking.

The exemption has also been given to an employee of the aircraft operator, who has the permission of the pilot-in-command and whose duties are such that his/her entry into the cockpit is necessary for safe operations of the aircraft.

In addition, any flight crew member of the airline, who has been authorised by the airline and has permission of the flight commander — and

CREW MEMBERS EXEMPTED

■ The restriction, however, will not be applicable to crew members, officers of Ministry of Civil Aviation or Indian Meteorological Department authorised by DGCA to perform official duties, among other permitted crew members

■ The July order by the DGCA followed an Air India pilot testing breath-analyser positive ahead of a flight from Delhi to Bengaluru

whose presence in the cockpit shall be beneficial to the overall safety of operations — has also been exempted from the rule prohibiting cockpit travel.

The aviation regulator’s move in July followed an Air India pilot testing breath-analyser positive ahead of a flight from Delhi to Bengaluru, in which he was scheduled to travel in the cockpit as an additional crew member.

The circular is part of the regulator’s efforts to improve flight safety.

A senior DGCA official said, “We are also expanding the categories (for mandatory alcohol testing) to include air traffic control officers, aircraft maintenance engineers, workers handline machines on the airside and some others.

“We have published the regulations and sought comments from public till September 5. After examining the comments, we will finalise the regulations and are working out the logistics.”

DISMAL GDP DATA, WEAK CORE SECTOR GROWTH, LOW AUTO SALES

Macro worries push Sensex down 769 points; rupee loses 97 p/USD

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 3

FINANCE MINISTER Nirmala Sitharaman’s announcement on Friday to merge 10 public sector banks into four big banks failed to lift the market sentiment on Tuesday. While the Sensex at the BSE fell 769 points or 2.06 per cent, the rupee lost 97 paise or 1.36 per cent against the dollar to close at near 10-month low of 72.39 following concerns over the ongoing tariff war between the United States and China as well as the sharp fall in the Q1 GDP growth to 5 per cent along with the weak core sector growth and continued decline in auto sales numbers.

Over the weekend, the US announced fresh tariffs on China and concerns grew over escalation of tariff war between the two countries. Following this, while China witnessed a decline in its currency by around 0.6 per cent, the Indian currency that opened on Tuesday after a three day gap, saw a decline of 97 paise against the dollar. Since July 31, the rupee has lost around 5 per cent from 68.86 against the US dollar to close at 72.39 on Tuesday. During the same period, Chinese yuan renminbi lost 4.3 per cent and is currently trading at 7.18 against the dollar, a 11-year low.

The rupee has been under pressure over the last five weeks

EXPLAINED

Govt measures yet to reverse investor sentiment

THE SHARP reaction by the stock and currency markets to weak auto sales numbers and lower than expected GDP growth for Q1 FY20 shows that the current slowdown needs policy measures on both monetary and fiscal side.

While the government has announced several measures over the last couple of weeks, it has not had a visible impact in terms of reversing the investor sentiment. Besides, global concerns on US-China tariff war is something that the government can’t do much about.

after US Federal Reserve, at the time of announcing its first rate cut in a decade on July 31, stated that it was just a “mid-cycle adjustment”. The announcement took emerging markets by surprise as they earlier expected that a dovish stance would result in fund inflow in their respective countries.

Meanwhile, foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) have been exiting Indian markets over the last 2 months and have sold equities worth a net of Rs 30,000 crore. During the same period, the FPIs have invested a net of Rs 21,000 crore in the debt market.

The government’s recent announcement to roll back surcharge on FPIs also failed to revive

their sentiments and they pulled out around Rs 5,500 crore from domestic equities since the roll-back on August 23, 2019. The FPI outflow is also putting pressure on the rupee.

After plunging 867 points during the day, the 30-share index ended 769.88 points, or 2.06 per cent, lower at 36,562.91. The broader Nifty too sank 225.35 points, or 2.04 per cent, to settle at 10,797.90. Top losers in the Sensex pack included ICICI Bank, Tata Steel, Vedanta, HDFC, IndusInd Bank, Tata Motors, RIL and ONGC — falling up to 4.45 per cent.

Only two IT stocks, TechM and HCL Tech, ended with mild gains, tracking weaker rupee.

All sectoral indices ended in

the red, with BSE metal, energy, consumer durables, telecom, bankex, finance, oil and gas, realty and capital goods indices settled 3.23 per cent lower. Broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices too closed up to 1.65 per cent lower.

“Markets have reacted to the weak auto sales data, lower than expected GDP growth number for Q1 FY20 indicating that the slowdown is more pronounced thus demanding for policy measures on both monetary and fiscal side. The recent measures taken by the Ministry of Finance would help mitigate the risk but more is expected to reverse the trend. Markets are already building in expectations of a rate cut over rest of the financial year with lumpy (around 30-40 bps) expected in October 2019 policy meeting. News flow from global markets is not conducive either; US-China trade conflict has reached a new high with both the nations continuing to talk but at the same time imposing an additional tariff on goods imported from the other nation,” said Arun Thukral, MD and CEO of Axis Securities.

Elsewhere in Asia, bourses in Shanghai, Hong Kong, Korea and Japan ended on a mixed note after the US and China on Sunday put in place their latest tariff increases on each other’s goods. Exchanges in Europe were also trading the red in their respective early sessions.

‘NPAs may come down to ₹9.1 lakh cr by FY20’

The gross bad loans of banks are expected to come down marginally to Rs 9.1 lakh crore by the end of the current financial year, a joint study by Assocham-Crisil titled ‘Bolstering ARCs’ said

₹ 9.4 LAKH CRORE

Gross NPAs, or bad loans, of Indian banks as on March 31, 2019

70% Share of corporate segment in gross non-performing assets (NPAs), which has seen active interest from most investors

44-48%: Expected improvement in recovery rate, i.e. gross recovery to principal debt acquired, from earlier level of 40 per cent, owing to quicker debt aggregation, acquisition of lower vintage of assets, etc



POWER SECTOR ASSETS: The revised stressed asset framework is expected to benefit stressed power sector assets that were operational and on verge of being referred to CIRP under IBC

ARCs MUST FOCUS ON RESOLUTIONS: With a higher cash share becoming a norm, asset reconstruction companies (ARCs) will need to focus more on resolutions and attracting co-investors

₹5.4 LAKH CRORE: Aggregate debt of large stressed borrowers, of which:

■ NCLT list-1 and list-2 comprise around Rs 2.1 lakh crore

■ Existing stock of NPAs comprise around Rs 2 lakh crore

(Power, infrastructure and steel sectors together constitute about half of these Rs 4.1 lakh crore worth stressed assets)

■ Assets of around Rs 1.3 lakh crore are estimated to be under stress, but have not yet been recognised as NPAs

CABINET APPROVAL

Battling steep losses, IDBI Bank to get ₹4,557 cr from govt

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 3

TO HELP loss-making IDBI Bank meet minimum regulatory capital requirement, the government Tuesday approved equity infusion of Rs 4,557 crore fund in the lender. Along with equity contribution from the Life Insurance Corporation, now majority owner in IDBI Bank, the total infusion will be Rs 9,300 crore. Despite acquisition by LIC, which was expected to turn around the lender, IDBI Bank continues to make steep losses and has high gross non-performing assets (NPAs) of 29.12 per cent in quarter ended June 2019.

“LIC is at 51 per cent (equity stake in IDBI Bank) and is not allowed to go higher by the insurance regulator. Of the Rs 9,300 crore needed, LIC would meet 51 per cent (Rs 4,743 crore). Remaining 49 per cent, amounting to Rs 4,557 crore, is proposed from government as its share on one time basis,” the government said in a statement after a meeting of the Union Cabinet, which cleared equity infusion.

After LIC acquired majority stake in IDBI Bank, the shareholding of the government was reduced to 46.46 per cent from 86 per cent last year. In the last four financial years, IDBI Bank has posted cumulative loss of Rs 32,177 crore, requiring the government to bailout the lender frequently. Even in first quarter of the current fiscal year, it reported a net loss of Rs 3,801 crore as compared to Rs 2,410 crore in the same quarter of the last year.

IDBI Bank share closed higher 7.66 per cent at Rs 28.80 at the BSE on Tuesday. LIC has seen significant value erosion in its investment in the lender as it had picked up equity at around Rs 60.73 per share aggregating to 14,500 crore. Gross NPAs, as a percentage of total advances, were at 29.12 per cent in the quarter compared to 30.78 per cent in the year-ago June quarter.

Post provisioning and bad loan write off, the net NPA came down to 8.02 per cent as against

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18.76 per cent in the year-ago quarter. Provision coverage ratio (PCR) improved from 69 per cent from September 2018 to 83 per cent in March 2019 and further to 88 per cent as on June 30, 2019.

“After this infusion, IDBI Bank expects to be able to subsequently raise further capital on its own and expects to come out of RBI’s Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework sometime next year,” the government said in the statement. The equity infusion is part of Rs 70,000 crore planned by the government for public sector banks (PSBs) in the current fiscal. This infusion is being done through issuance of recapitalisation bonds to PSBs.

On August 27, S&P Global Ratings placed IDBI Bank Ltd’s ‘BB/B’ ratings on credit watch negative after capital breach, while noting this could be temporary as majority owners will pump in capital soon.

“A net loss in the first quarter of fiscal 2020 (year ending March 31, 2020) due to high provisioning costs eroded IDBI’s capital to below the regulatory minimum for a banking license. This is second instance over the past two years that the bank has breached the regulatory minimum, and it was not in line with our expectation,” the agency said.

“Excluding the capital conservation buffer (CCB), Indian banks are required to hold a minimum 7 per cent Tier-1 capital ratio and a 9 per cent ratio of total capital to risk-weighted assets (CRAR). IDBI’s Tier-1 capital ratio is 6.14 per cent and CRAR is 8.14 per cent as of June 30, 2019. We believe the breach could be temporary because IDBI is in the process of raising capital from its majority shareholders,” S&P had said.

Govt hikes procurement price of ethanol from Dec To cut import bill; aid industry, farmers

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 3

THE CABINET Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on Tuesday announced increases in the price of sugarcane-extracted ethanol, used for blending in petrol, in keeping with its stated policy of encouraging ethanol-blended fuel to cut the country’s oil import bill and aiding the sugar industry and farmers.

For the year starting December, price of ethanol derived from C heavy molasses has been increased from Rs 43.46 a litre to Rs 43.75 per litre, and for B heavy molasses to Rs 54.27 per litre from Rs 52.43 earlier. Also, the price of ethanol from sugarcane juice, sugar, sugar syrup route has been fixed at Rs 59.48 per litre.

Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said the higher prices would increase the procurement

of ethanol by oil marketing companies to 260 crore litres between December 2019 and November 2020, from 200 crore litres bought in the previous ethanol year. The move, the minister said, would raise the ethanol blending in petrol to about 7 per cent next year from 6 per cent currently.

Ethanol is a by-product of molasses generated on crushing of sugarcane and the higher price is seen to help the sugar mills, which are burdened with high prices of cane fixed by the Centre and state governments. Cane-based ethanol can be produced three different ways — directly from cane juice, from B-grade and C-grade molasses.

Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA) director general Abinash Verma said that fixing a single premium rate for ethanol derived from partial or 100 per cent sugar juice was a big positive. **FE**

‘Tesla Autopilot engaged in California crash in 2018; driver’s hands off wheel’

DAVID SHEPARDSON
WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 3

THE US National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) said on Tuesday that a Tesla Model S was in Autopilot mode and the driver’s hands were off the wheel when it struck a fire truck in Culver City, California, one of a series of crashes the board is investigating involving the Tesla system.

The 2014 Model S Autopilot system was engaged continuously for the final 13 minutes 48 seconds of the trip before the vehicle struck a fire truck parked on



Tesla Model S version 7.0 update containing Autopilot features. Reuters File Photo

Interstate-405 in January 2018, the NTSB safety board said in documents posted on Tuesday.

The board plans to issue a report on Wednesday. The driver

kept his hands off the wheel for all but 51 seconds of the final drive segment and received numerous alerts to place his hands back on the wheel, the documents showed. Tesla Inc did not immediately comment.

Tesla’s Autopilot was engaged during at least three fatal US crashes, including fatal March 2018 crashes of a 2018 Model 3 in Delray Beach, Florida and in Mountain View, California of a Model X. Both of those crashes remain under investigation by the NTSB and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. **REUTERS**

TRADE TENSIONS WEIGH ON BUSINESS CONFIDENCE

US manufacturing shrinks for first time in 3 years; new orders, factory jobs drop

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 3

US MANUFACTURING activity contracted for the first time in three years in August, with new orders and hiring declining as trade tensions weighed on business confidence, which could renew fears of a sharp economic slowdown.

Other data on Tuesday showed construction spending barely rising in July. Data on consumer spending had suggested that while the economy was slowing, it was not losing momentum as rapidly as financial markets were flagging. The Institute

Institute for Supply Management said its index of national factory activity dropped to a reading of 49.1 last month from 51.2 in July

for Supply Management (ISM) said its index of national factory activity dropped to a reading of 49.1 last month from 51.2 in July. A reading below 50 indicates contraction in the manufacturing sector, which accounts for about 12 per cent of the US economy. Last month marked the first time since August 2016 that the index broke below the 50 threshold.

August’s reading was also the lowest since January 2016 and was the fifth straight monthly de-

cline in the index. The ISM said there had been “a notable decrease in business confidence,” adding that “trade remains the most significant issue, indicated by the strong contraction in new export orders.” The year-long US-China trade war is eroding business sentiment, with business investment contracting in the second quarter for the first time in more than three years.

That, together with an inventory bloat, is undercutting manu-

facturing, with output declining for two straight quarters.

With trade tensions still simmering in the background, the Federal Reserve is expected to cut interest rates again this month to keep the longest economic expansion in history on track. The ISM’s forward-looking new orders sub-index dropped to a reading of 47.2 last month, the lowest level since June 2012, from 50.8 in July.

In a separate report on Tuesday, the US Commerce Department said construction spending edged up 0.1 per cent. Data for June was revised up to show construction outlays decreasing 0.7 instead of falling 1.3 per cent as previously reported.

US Treasury yields drop, stocks slide

REUTERS
NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 3

BENCHMARK 10-YEAR US Treasury yields fell to their lowest level since July 2016 on Tuesday, and all three major US stock indexes were in the red amid heightened trade worries and a contraction in US factory production.

European shares were also hurt by concerns over a global economic slowdown and uncertainty over Britain’s exit from the European Union.

The Dow Jones Industrial

Average fell 380.78 points, or 1.44 per cent, to 26,022.5, the S&P 500 lost 28.71 points, or 0.98 per cent, to 2,897.75 and the Nasdaq Composite dropped 104.21 points, or 1.31 per cent, to 7,858.67.

European stocks pulled back from a 1-month high after the disappointing US PMI data compounded worries of a global economic sluggishness, while uncertainty over Britain’s hard exit from the European Union put an end to the FTSE 100’s four-day winning streak.

The pan-European STOXX 600 index lost 0.23 per cent and MSC’s

gauge of stocks across the globe shed 0.67 per cent.

US Treasury yields fell, with the benchmark 10-year yield at its lowest since July 2016 after the downbeat ISM report exacerbated worries about a weakening global economy in the shadow of the US-China trade war.

Benchmark 10-year notes last rose 14/32 in price to yield 1.459 per cent, down from 1.506 per cent late on Friday.

The 30-year bond last rose 27/32 in price to yield 1.9373 per cent, down from 1.973 per cent late on Friday.

Trump tells China trade ‘deal would get much tougher’ if he is re-elected

ANDREA SHALAL & MAKINI BRICE
WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 3

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump on Tuesday warned he would be “tougher” on Beijing in a second term if trade talks dragged on, compounding market fears that ongoing trade disputes between the United States and China could trigger a US recession.

The world’s two largest economies imposed fresh tariffs on each other on Sunday, ratcheting up a tit-for-tat tariff war that has unsettled financial markets and raised the specter of a global recession. US and Chinese negotiators are due to meet in Washington this month, but no date has yet been set.

US stocks fell on Tuesday as data showed factory activity contracted for the first time since 2016 in August, while the benchmark 10-year US Treasury yield fell to its lowest since July 2016.

Trump, ignoring recent negative US economic data, said in a posting on Twitter that the

“Deal would get MUCH TOUGHER! In the meantime, China’s Supply Chain will crumble and businesses, jobs and money will be gone!”

DONALD TRUMP
US PRESIDENT, ON TWITTER

United States was “doing very well in our negotiations with China,” and played up the damage US tariffs were doing to the Chinese economy.

He warned that Beijing faced even tougher terms if the two sides did not resolve their trade dispute and he won re-election in November 2020, writing, “Deal would get MUCH TOUGHER! In the meantime, China’s Supply Chain will crumble and businesses, jobs and money will be gone!”

He did not provide details about the negotiations or how they could become tougher.

Thomas Donohue, chief executive of the US Chamber of Commerce, told *CNBC* that US companies and workers were

bearing the brunt of the US tariffs but China’s economy was also hurting.

He urged Trump to postpone the new tariffs that went into effect to give both sides time to reach an agreement.

Congressional passage of the US-Mexico-Canada (USCMA) trade agreement was possible, and would help boost the US economy while reassuring financial markets, he said. “It would rub off on what we’re doing in China.”

Trump, a Republican, has often publicly repeated his belief that Beijing is trying to slow-walk trade negotiations in the hopes a victory by a Democratic presidential candidate in 2020 may lead to better terms in an agreement.

Washington began imposing 15 per cent tariffs on an array of Chinese imports on Sunday, while China began placing new duties on US crude oil.

China has since lodged a complaint against the US at the World Trade Organization over US import duties, its third lawsuit challenging Trump’s China-specific tariffs. **REUTERS**

‘Trade war not good for China, US & the world’

Hong Kong: Chinese Vice Premier Liu He said Tuesday that China firmly opposes a trade war as it is not good for it, the US and the world, state news agency *Xinhua* said.

Liu, China’s top trade negotiator, made the comment when he met US Senator Steve Daines, co-chairman of the US House of Senate US-China Working Group, and Senator David Perdue. China hoped the two sides seek common ground while setting aside differences and that they can resolve the issue on the basis of equality and mutual respect, *Xinhua* quoted Liu as saying.

Meanwhile, China’s Commerce Ministry said Tuesday it will impose anti-dumping tariffs on phenol imported from the US, the European Union, South Korea, Japan and Thailand from September 6. **REUTERS**

MSMEs impacted by broader trends in economy, says Sidbi

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 3

INDICATING DEEPENING crisis in the economy, a quarterly survey of small business by state-run Sidbi has found that their sentiment has been impacted by the broader trends in the economy.

The report comes days after the disappointing GDP growth prints which showed the economy has lost its steam dipping at a low 5 per cent in the three months period to June, which is a 25-quarter low. The quarterly survey conducted with rating agency Crisil and released Tuesday, however, finds that small businesses, which are the largest job creators, are sanguine on employment.

“MSMEs can’t decouple from the broader economic trends,” Sidbi CMD Mohammad Mustafa

said in the report.

Among manufacturers, the proportion of those reporting a good survey quarter came down to 27 per cent for the reporting period from a high 45 per cent in the year-ago period, while in the services sector, the same was down at 28 per cent from 44 per cent.

The report said manufacturing sector sentiment was impacted by consumption slowdown stemming from factors such as higher ownership cost in the auto sector, and pre-poll slowdown in domestic tendering, especially in the capital goods segment. In the services sector, the moderation in sentiment was mainly on account of cautious outlook on global economic growth, which is expected to impact IT spends and lower growth in domestic freight demand, given sluggish consumption.

IL&FS case: Bombay HC to hear auditor’s plea on ban

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 3

THE BOMBAY High Court will Wednesday hear former IL&FS auditor BSR & Associates’ plea, challenging the constitutional validity of section 140 (5) of the Companies Act, under which the Centre is seeking to ban the KPMG affiliate firm for five years for its role in alleged financial irregularities at the bankrupt IL&FS Group.

The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) will start hearing arguments from September 5 based on merits for imposing the ban, which was initiated by the government. On August 9, NCLT’s Mumbai bench rejected the plea made by Deloitte Haskins & Sells and BSR & Associates, challenging NCLT’s jurisdiction to ban them for their omissions and commissions in the IL&FS Group case. **FE**

RPower, Japan firm to set up 750 MW power project in Bangladesh

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 3

RELiance POWER (RPower) has entered into a joint venture (JV) with Japanese power utility JERA to set up a 750 MW gas-based power project (Phase-1) at Meghna Ghat in Bangladesh. RPower will hold 51 per cent stake while JERA will hold 49 per cent stake in the JV.

The agreement includes the power purchase agreement (PPA) and land lease agreement with the Bangladesh government for the project, gas supply agreement with Titas Gas, a subsidiary of Petro Bangla, and implementation agreement with Bangladesh’s Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources. The project will be set up within 36 months of signing the agreements.

K Raja Gopal, CEO, RPower,

PORTAL FOR CORPORATE LOANS SALES PROPOSED

RBI panel: Allow FPIs to buy bad loans directly

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 3

FOREIGN PORTFOLIO investors (FPIs) should be allowed to directly buy stressed loans from Indian banks within certain annual prudential limits, a task force on the development of a secondary market for corporate loans has recommended to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

“The extant regulations permit acquisition of standard loans by securitisation trusts which, in turn, issue PTCs (pass through certificates) to FPIs. Such express permission is currently not provided for FPIs to acquire NPAs through securitisation trusts. These FPIs have to come through the ARCs (asset reconstruction companies) to participate in the distressed loan market,” the report said, adding: “The securitisation trusts route may also be permitted for acquisition of NPAs (non-performing assets) by FPIs.”

In order to address the issue of possible volatility that may

‘SECURITISATION TRUSTS ROUTE FOR FPIs’

■ An Reserve Bank of India task force on the development of a secondary market for corporate loans has recommended that “securitisation trusts route may also be permitted for acquisition of NPAs (non-performing assets) by FPIs”

■ In order to address the issue of possible volatility that may emerge by allowing foreign players, a scheme similar to that of the Voluntary Retention Route (VRR) for FPI investments in debt markets may be envisaged, the task force suggested

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Broadly, investments through VRR are free of the macro-prudential and other regulatory norms applicable to FPI investments in debt markets, provided FPIs voluntarily commit to retain a minimum 75 per cent of their investments in India for a period of three years.

“It is understood from market

Boeing MAX 737 likely to be biggest ever insurance payout: S&P

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
PARIS, SEPTEMBER 3

THE INSURANCE payout on the beleaguered Boeing 737 MAX aircraft after two crashes claimed 346 lives will likely be the biggest ever, S&P Global Ratings said on Tuesday.

Marc-Philippe Juillard, a director with S&P, told a press conference the twin crashes and the subsequent global grounding of the aircraft since March amounted to the “worst disaster in the history” of aviation insurance. Besides the accidents, insurers and re-insurers must also cover the costs of grounding the aircraft which will rise the longer it lasts, Juillard said, adding that it was “too early” to estimate the eventual payout.

Boeing has repeatedly been forced to push back the expected

participants that the VRR has created a much positive impact in the market and hence can be adopted in the case of secondary market for corporate loans,” the report said.

Other recommendations include the setting up of an online sales portal for secondary sale of corporate loans as well as permitting single-loan securitisation and participation by mutual funds (MFs), pension funds (PFs), alternative investment funds (AIFs), FPIs and insurers in these securities. **FE**

BRIEFLY

BoB to raise up to ₹1,132 crore under ESPS

New Delhi: Bank of Baroda (BoB) will raise up to Rs 1,132.05 crore by issuing fresh shares to its staff under the Employee Share Purchase Scheme (ESPS), the bank said on Tuesday. The decision was taken by the compensation committee of the board at its meeting held on Tuesday, the bank said in a regulatory filing.

‘No impact of trade war on shipping’

Mumbai: Amidst the growing fears of a slowdown in cargo movement due to the ongoing trade war between the United States and China, Union shipping minister Mansukh Mandaviya Tuesday said the trade frictions between the largest economies will have no impact on India’s domestic shipping. **PTI**

Saudi Arabia replaces Aramco chairman

Riyadh: Saudi Arabia on Monday named Yasir al-Rumayyan, head of its sovereign wealth fund, as chairman of oil giant Aramco, replacing Energy Minister Khalid al-Falih, as the state-owned company prepares for a much-anticipated initial public offering. **AFP**

‘Pak to import life saving drugs from India’

Islamabad: The Pakistan government has allowed the import of life-saving drugs from India despite escalating tensions between the two countries over the Kashmir issue, according to a media report on Tuesday. Pakistan’s ministry of commerce, through a statutory regulatory order, gave the permission to import and export medicines from India. *Geo TV* reported. **PTI**

‘Streaming platforms generated 70% of Indian music industry’s revenue’

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 3

AUDIO OVER-THE-TOP (OTT) platforms contributed about 70 per cent to the total revenues generated by the domestic recorded music industry in calendar year 2018.

Revenues from streaming increased to \$109 million in 2018 from a little over \$30 million in 2014, according to a recent Deloitte-JMI (The Indian Music Industry) report.

India’s audio streaming market is divided among domestic players JioSaavn, Wynk and global players Spotify, Amazon Music, Apple Music and recent entrant YouTube Music.

As per a consumer insights survey conducted by IFPI in 2018, an average internet user in India

spends 21.5 hours every week listening to music, higher than the global average of 17.8 hours.

Content forms the bulk of an OTT player’s cost. Audio OTT players pay a hefty licence fee to music labels for the content they source from music labels.

Earlier this year, the government released the draft rules to amend Copyright Act 2013 that proposed to extend the application of section 31D of the Copyright Act to OTT players.

Bringing OTT players under its purview would mean that copyright owners will no longer be able to freely negotiate the rate of royalty for the content sourced by the players from them.

Furthermore, it will do away with the need to form a licensing agreement with copyright owners. **FE**

US IPOs hope for relief from stock market volatility

JOSHUA FRANKLIN
NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 3

US COMPANIES planning to launch initial public offerings (IPOs) in the coming weeks are hoping that August’s bout of stock market volatility will subside this month, according to investment bankers and capital markets lawyers advising them.

The US trade war with China caused the stock market to seesaw in August. The CBOE Volatility index, Wall Street’s fear gauge, rose around 17.7 per cent last month, the second-biggest monthly jump so far in 2019.

Market volatility can prevent IPOs from going ahead because it makes it difficult for investment bankers to price them by balancing demand and supply for the shares on offer. **REUTERS**

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Notice Inviting Tender (TN-05/2019-20)

Online Tenders are invited for the work of Design, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning and Operation & Maintenance (O&M) of Grid Connected Rooftop Solar Power Projects of 50 MW capacity on State Government Buildings/ State Government undertaking Buildings/in Rajasthan under RESCO Mode. For more details, visit <http://esproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/med and <http://sppc.rajasthan.gov.in>. The Tender Document may be downloaded from 04.09.2019, 04.00 PM.

NIS No. – REC1920A0007 & UIN No. – REC1920WLRC00008
Raj./Samwadi/C/19/2317 Director (Technical)

PEPSU ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION, PATIALA
CORRIGENDUM

In continuation to the earlier tender notice issued in the Indian Express, Daily Ajit (Punjab) and Punjab Kesari (Hindi) on 10.08.2019 for Selection of Security Agency to providing Security in PRTC. The last date for submission of the tender is extended to 17.09.2019 by 03.00 p.m. and the technical bids will be opened on 17.09.2019 at 04.00 p.m. and the financial bids will be opened on 18.09.2019 at 11.30 am. Rest of the terms and conditions as given in the tender document shall remain the same. In case any of the bidder has already submitted the bid in response to the earlier notice the same will also be opened and considered on 17.09.2019 the last date for receipt of the tender.

Managing Director,
Peppsu Road Transport Corporation, Patiala.
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No. KEA 46 RFP (PROC) 2019 Date: 03.09.2019

NOTIFICATION

Seeking "Request for Proposal" (RFP) from Evaluation Consultant Organizations to take up evaluation of studies under QCBS method of KTPPA Act.

Karnataka Evaluation Authority (KEA) is a technical agency for guiding and overseeing the evaluation of all Public Policies, Programmes, Schemes, Boards, Urban and Rural Bodies and State undertakings in Karnataka. KEA intends to evaluate few schemes of the Government of Karnataka.

All the Evaluation Consultant Organizations (ECOs) who intend to apply must carefully go through all the sections of this tender document. Interested ECOs are requested to upload filled Technical and Financial Proposals as prescribed in the tender document along with the letters to the e-Procurement Portal website: <https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in> after downloading the required documents hosted in the same website. The applicants have to pay **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of Rs. 40,000/-** online which is refundable to non-selected ECOs.

The last date and time fixed for uploading the filled documents and to make the payment of EMD is **on or before 04.10.2019 at 17.30 hrs.**

Sd/-
Chief Evaluation Officer,
Karnataka Evaluation Authority.

DIPR/DOU/1127/2019-20

SBI
Enterprise & Technology Architecture (E & TA) Department,
State Bank Global IT Centre, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 400 614.

CORRIGENDUM-IV

Please refer RFP No SBI/GITC/Enterprise and Technology Architecture/2019/2020/617 dated 23/07/2019 for "Procurement, installation, setup and maintenance of Enterprise Architecture (EA) tool". **Corrigendum-IV** is available under 'Procurement News' at Bank's website, <https://bank.sbi>

Place: Navi Mumbai
Date: 04.09.2019

Sd/-
Head (E & TA)

Pune Mahanagar Parivahan Mahamandal Ltd.
Shankarseth Road, Swargate, Pune - 411 037

Extension - 2

Advertise No:CE/06 Dated: 24/07/2019. Tender No: 7-CE-2019, Chief Engineer Department: PMPMH has been extended as per following revised dates:

Date Of Purchase : 04/09/2019 TO 11/09/2019 till 02.30 pm
Date Of Submission : 04/09/2019 TO 11/09/2019 till 02.30 pm
Technical bid tender opening : 11/09/2019 at 03.00 pm

Only online Purchase & Submission for the above tender is available on PMC's website www.puncorporation.org, www.pmtenders.abcpurchase.com.

All other detail of tender remain as per published RFP & amendment here before:
Sd/-
Advt. No. : CE/10
Date : 03/09/2019

Chairman & Managing Director
Pune Mahanagar Parivahan Mahamandal Ltd.

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
(OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)

Notice Inviting E-Tender

Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking (BEST) invites bids for purchase of power on short term basis for the period **October '2019 and November '2019** through National e-bidding process.

The bid document for participation can be downloaded through DEEP e-portal of www.mstccommerce.com from **10:00 hrs. of 04/09/2019**. Bids must be submitted online through this portal on or before **17:00 hrs. of 09/09/2019**.

Any corrigendum will be published on the referred website only.

General Manager
BEST Undertaking

PRO/DEPM/73/2019

Award of DBT - Research Associateship in Biotechnology & Life Sciences

Applications are invited from Indian Nationals for the award of **"DBT-Research Associateship"** for pursuing research in frontier areas of Biotechnology and Life Sciences. The Associateship is tenable in Premier Research Institutions / Universities including non-profit R&D Institutions within India. The Associateships are awarded under a program sponsored by the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India.

A hard copy of the Application with necessary documents should be Speed posted to: **The National Program Coordinator, DBT-Research Associateship Program, Department of Molecular Reproduction, Development & Genetics, New Biological Sciences Building, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore - 560 012.**

Write **"Application for DBT-RA Fellowship (National)"** on the envelope. Detailed information and relevant application format may be obtained from : <http://www.mrdg.iisc.ernet.in/>. The last date for receiving the completed application at **Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, is October 3, 2019.**

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Advt. No.: IIITK/Tender/2019/17

Sealed Quotations are invited from bonafide firms for 1) Providing Manpower Services and 2) EOJ for Leasing of Cafeteria. For Details, please visit www.iiitkalyani.ac.in.

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"IREL,RED invites e-tenders for the following item/job descriptions using -procurement portal of M/s MSTC Limited"

Item	Supply of Caustic Soda Lye	Supply of Hydrochloric Acid
E-Tender (Public) No.	IREL/Udyogamandal/19-20/ET/48	IREL/Udyogamandal/19-20/ET/49
Transaction Fee to MSTC	Rs. 25,690/- (inclusive of GST)	Rs.19,494/- (inclusive of GST)
TDC to IREL	Rs. 1,680/- (inclusive of taxes)	Rs. 1,680/- (inclusive of taxes)
EMD to IREL	Rs. 4,35,420/-	Rs. 3,30,400/-
Tender starting date & time	04/09/2019 - 12.00 hrs	04/09/2019 - 12.00 hrs
Tender closing date & time	30/09/2019 - 17.00 hrs	30/09/2019 - 17.00 hrs
Tender opening start date & time	01/10/2019 - 10.00 hrs	01/10/2019 - 10.00 hrs
Minimum validity of tender (Days)	60	60

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BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE

1. On behalf of President of India, item rate E-Tenders is invited from Contractors of appropriate class for following work.

Name of Work	Construction of Antenna Structure and facility building for 11 m dia Antenna and providing RCC approach Road and Drains at ILF Lucknow. (Electrical works - External electrification)	Construction of Antenna Structure and facility building for 11 m dia Antenna and providing RCC approach Road and Drains at ILF Lucknow. (Electrical works - Internal electrification)
E-Tender Notice No.	ISTRAC/CMG/CON/EETN-35/2019-20 Dated: 29.08.2019	ISTRAC/CMG/CON/EETN-36/2019-20 Dated: 29.08.2019
Estimate Cost put to Tender	Rs.60.00 Lakhs	Rs.30.00 Lakhs
Tender Document details	E-Tender	E-Tender
Earnest money deposit (EMD)	Rs.1,20,000/-	Rs.60,000/-
Period of Completion in months reckoned from the 15th Day of date of issue of work order	07 Months	12 Months

Period during which tender document can be downloaded: From 04.09.2019 to 25.09.2019 till 14.00 Hrs.

Bid Clarifications : From 05.09.2019 to 26.09.2019 till 16.00 Hrs..

Last date of reply to Bid Clarification : 27.09.2019 upto 16.00 Hrs..

Last date & time for receipt of tenders : 30.09.2019 upto 14.30 Hrs.

Due date and time of opening tenders : 07.10.2019 after 11.00 Hrs.

2. Interested Tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details in website: www.isro.gov.in and download the tender documents from www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO

GROUP HEAD-CMG, ISTRAC

THE AMERICAN ECONOMY

Areas of concern

Slowdowns in housing construction and manufacturing are ominous

IT CAN be hard to know when isolated announcements become something more. Since last November General Motors has cut several thousand factory jobs at plants across the Midwest. In early August US Steel said it would lay off 200 workers in Michigan. Sales of camper vans dropped by 23% in the 12 months ending in July, threatening the livelihoods of thousands of workers in Indiana, where many are made. Factory workers are not the only ones on edge. Lowes, a retailer, recently said it would slash thousands of jobs. Halliburton, an oil-services firm, is cutting too.

In any given month, even at the height of a boom, more than 5m Americans leave a job; nearly 2m are laid off. Most of the time, however, overall employment grows. But not all the time. America may or may not be lurching towards a recession now. For the time being employment and output continue to grow. But in the corners of the economy where trouble often rears its head earliest, there are disconcerting portents.

Recessions are synchronised declines in economic activity; weak demand typically shows up in nearly every sector in an economy. But some parts of the economic landscape are more cyclical than others — that is, they have bigger booms and deeper slumps. Certain bits tend to crash in the earliest stages of a downturn whereas others weaken later. Every downturn is different. Those caused by a spike in oil prices, for example, progress through an economy in a different way from those precipitated by financial crises or tax increases.

But most recessions follow a cycle of tightening monetary policy, during which the Federal Reserve raises interest rates in order to prevent inflation from running too high. The first rumblings of downturns usually appear in areas in which growth depends heavily on the availability of affordable credit. Housing is often among the first sectors to wobble; as rates on mortgages go up, this chokes off new housing demand. In a paper published in 2007 Edward Leamer, an economist at the University of California, Los Angeles, declared simply that “housing is the business cycle”. Recent history agrees.

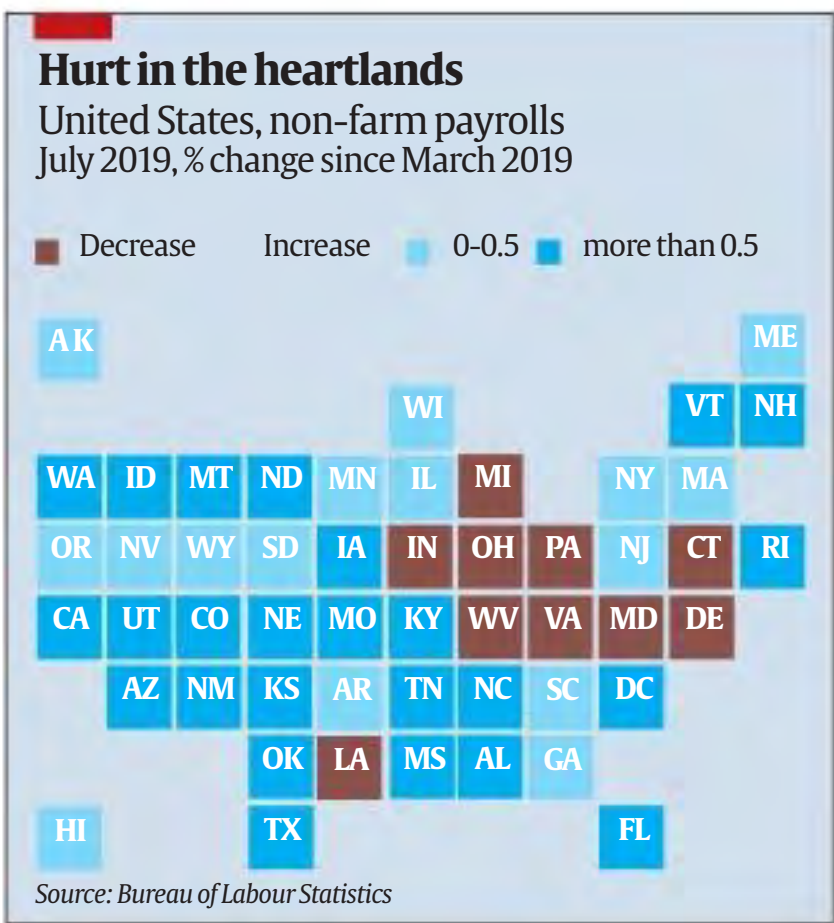
Residential investment in America began to drop two years before the start of the Great Recession, and employment in the industry peaked in April 2006. Conditions in housing markets were rather exceptional at the time. But in the downturn before that, typically associated with the implosion of the dotcom boom, housing also sounded an early alarm. Employment in residential construction peaked precisely a year before the start of the downturn. And now? Residential investment has been shrinking since the beginning of 2018. Employment in the housing sector has fallen since March.

Things may yet turn around. The Fed reduced its main interest rate in July and could cut again in September. If buyers respond quickly it could give builders and the economy a lift. But housing is not the only warning sign. Manufacturing activity also tends to falter before other parts of an economy. When interest-rate increases push up the value of the dollar, exporters’ competitiveness in foreign markets suffers. Durable goods like cars or appliances pile up when credit is costlier.

In the previous cycle, employment in durable-goods manufacturing peaked in June 2006, about a year and a half before the onset of recession. This year has been another brutal one for industry. An index of purchasing managers’ activity registered a decline in August. Since last December manufacturing output has fallen by 1.5%. Rather



A worker cuts a piece from a steel coil at a mill in Pennsylvania last year. In early August this year, US Steel said it would lay off 200 workers in Michigan. Reuters



ominously, hours worked — considered to be a leading economic indicator — are declining. Some of this is linked to President Donald Trump’s trade wars, which have hurt manufacturers worldwide. But not all. Domestic vehicle sales have fallen in recent months, suggesting that Americans are getting more nervous about making big purchases.

In some sectors, technological change makes it difficult to interpret the data. Soaring employment in oil industries used to be a bad sign for the American economy, since hiring in the sector tended to accompany consumer-crushing spikes in oil prices. But America now pro-

duces almost as much oil as it consumes, thanks to the shale-oil revolution. A recent fall in employment and hours in oil extraction may be a bad omen rather than a good one. By contrast, a fall in retail employment was once unambiguously bad news. But retail work in America has been in decline for two and a half years; ongoing shrinkage may not signal recession, but the structural economic shift towards e-commerce.

Other signals are less ambiguous. In recent decades employment in “temporary

help services” — mostly staffing agencies — has reliably peaked about a year before the onset of recession. The turnaround in temporary employment in 2009 was among the “green shoots” taken to augur a long-awaited labour-market recovery. Since December it has fallen by 30,000 jobs.

Even if America avoids a recession, the present slowdown may prove politically consequential. Weakness in some sectors, like retail, is spread fairly evenly across the

country. But in others, like construction or, especially, manufacturing, the nagging pain of the moment is more concentrated (see map). Indiana lost over 100,000 manufacturing jobs in the last downturn, equal to nearly 4% of statewide employment. It is now among a modest but growing number of states experiencing falling employment: a list which also includes Ohio, Pennsylvania and Michigan.

Those four states, part of America’s manufacturing heartland, suffered both early and deeply during the Great Recession. In 2016 all delivered their electoral-college votes to Mr Trump, handing him the presidency. The president’s trade war might have been expected to play well in such places. But if the economic woe continues, voters’ faith in Mr Trump is anything but assured. Choked states might well turn Democrat-blue.

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HORTICULTURE

Plant power

The foody benefits of farming vertically

MANY FOODIES pin the blame for farming’s ills on “unnatural” industrial agriculture. Agribusinesses create monocultures that destroy habitat and eliminate historic varieties. Farmers douse their crops with fertiliser and insecticide, which poison streams and rivers — and possibly human beings. Intensive farms soak up scarce water and fly their produce around the world in aeroplanes that spew out carbon dioxide. The answer, foodies say, is to go back to a better, gentler age, when farmers worked with nature and did not try to dominate it.

However, for those who fancy some purple-ruffles basil and mizuna with their lamb’s leaf lettuce, there is an alternative to nostalgia. And it involves more intensive agriculture, not less.

A vast selection of fresh salads, vegetables and fruit is on the way, courtesy of a technology called vertical farming. Instead of growing crops in a field or a greenhouse, a vertical farm creates an artificial indoor environment in which crops are cultivated on trays stacked on top of each other. From inside shipping containers in Brooklyn, New

York, to a disused air-raid shelter under London’s streets and an innocuous warehouse on a Dubai industrial estate, vertical farms are sprouting up in all sorts of places, nourished by investment in the business from the likes of Japan’s SoftBank and Amazon’s founder, Jeff Bezos.

This should cheer anyone who wants organic produce that has been grown without pesticides and other chemicals, and which has not been driven hundreds of miles in refrigerated lorries or flown thousands of miles in the belly of a plane. Such farms can greatly reduce the space needed for cultivation, which is useful in urban areas where land is in short supply and expensive. Inside, climatic conditions are carefully controlled with hydroponic systems supplying all the nutrients a plant needs to grow and recycling all but 5% of their water — which is incorporated in the crop itself. Specially tuned LED lighting generates only the wavelengths that the plants require to prosper, saving energy. Bugs are kept out, so pesticides are not needed. Foliage and fruit can be turned out in immaculate condition. And the harvests last

all year round.

There is more. As they will remain safe and snug inside a vertical farm, long-forgotten varieties of fruit and vegetables can stage a comeback. Most of these old-timers have been passed over by varieties bred to withstand the rigours of intensive farming systems. A cornucopia of unfamiliar shapes, colours and flavours could arrive on the dinner table.

This glimpse of Eden is still some way off. The electricity bill remains high, principally because of the cost of powering the huge number of LEDs required to simulate sunlight. That means vertical farming can, for the time being, be profitable only for high-value, perishable produce, such as salad leaves and fancy herbs. But research is set to bring the bill down and the costs of renewable energy are falling, too. In a hot climate such as Dubai’s extensive solar power could make vertical farms a valuable food resource, particularly where water is scarce. In a cold climate thermal, wind or hydroelectric power could play a similar role.

Some field crops, including staples such as rice and wheat, are unlikely ever to be suitable for growing in vast stacks. But as its costs fall thanks to further research, vertical farming will compete more keenly with old-fashioned greenhouses and conventional, horizontal farms where crops grow in the earth. As an extra form of food production, vertical farming deserves to be welcomed, especially by the people whose impulse is to turn their back on the future.

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Fresh produce being harvested at Sky Greens vertical farm in Singapore in 2014. Reuters

CROSSWORD 3901



- ACROSS**
- 1 Deeply involved with MO when working (8)
 - 5 Left in charge? (4)
 - 9 Agreed to lose a selfish characteristic (5)
 - 10 A number try out the French shrubs (7)
 - 11 In the main it's uninhabited (6,6)
 - 13 Making a statue may be clever (6)
 - 14 Not how Anne Boleyn's ghost will collide with you (4-2)
 - 17 Occasion when victory must be won in a great hurry (2,4,2,4)
 - 20 It controls the waves, though the rain is wild (7)
 - 21 Prize-giver, we hear, seems unable to ring (5)
 - 22 European standard measure (4)
 - 23 Hurries after a number and gives punishment (8)
- DOWN**
- 1 Extremely nervous? (4)
 - 2 Make an introduction here and now (7)
 - 3 The original will become a source of lessons (3,9)
 - 4 There's hostility when I cast my net around (6)
 - 6 House constructed badly in Virginia (5)
 - 7 As an occupant, I'd resent being put out (8)
 - 8 Are they why numbers of people get confused? (7,5)
 - 12 It must honour its pledges (8)
 - 15 Put out of action as blade is broken (7)
 - 16 Good man has an urge to join up (6)
 - 18 Essay on legal proceedings (5)
 - 19 Woeful cry from a girl audibly (4)

Solutions Crossword 3900 Across: 1 Wrongdoer, 8 Obese, 9 Slivers, 10 Ulster, 11 Chalet, 12 Improved, 15 Matronal, 18 You win, 20 Ninety, 21 Cockade, 22 Evens, 23 Episcopal. **Down:** 2 Ralph, 3 Novels, 4 Duration, 5 Roller, 6 Restive, 7 Bridriden, 11 Commander, 13 Polygons, 14 Stunted, 16 Obtuse, 17 Cuckoo, 19 India.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



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DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

The day's influences advise you to get professional matters in order and tread carefully around all emotional issues. The week's picture, on the other hand, urges you not to get bogged down in detail, but to go for all adventurous and far-sighted options.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

You can indulge yourself, and recognise that a little extravagance could go a long way towards putting you in a better frame of mind. It is possible to spend your way to happiness, and even perhaps to solve problems by throwing money at them.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

It will take a great deal of effort to reach your goals, as I am sure you know. Close partners should be extremely helpful, and very probably ready to lend a helping hand, just as long as you ask. Also, take an overdue decision: you seem to have put off the big moment for far too long.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

You still seem to be taking three steps backwards for every one forwards — and quite possibly one step sideways as well. The planets are sending you a message that you should give up one or two responsibilities and put a goal in cold storage, perhaps until next year.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

If you wish to be spontaneous, take a leaf out of children's plans and activities. In spite of the fact that the day's lunar alignments are somewhat sober, you should find a way to loosen up and let your hair down. The chances of romance are high, but it may be a place which attracts your fancy rather than a person.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

You may be slightly accident prone, yet as usual you are determined to get the job done properly. At work, your main problem may be anger or irritation over past slights or hurts. The emotional temperature has dipped, perhaps to your great relief.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Give and take is the order of the day, but it is also important to be in control at home. Mid-morning alignments are romantic, but also somewhat muddled, suggesting that expert assistance is vital. Perhaps you should admit that, for once, you haven't got everything taped.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

If you are wondering just when life is going to get back to normal, the answer should be now. In fact, the vast majority of people born under your sign may be able to sit back and rest on their laurels. What's more, the emotional tide is about to turn in your favour.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)

A word of advice for the whole week: fretting and fuming will do no good. You have to acknowledge that you are rushing ahead of other people, and they must realistically be given sufficient time to catch up. Besides, you could do with time to pause for breath.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

It's fine to be secretive and secluded, but you must maintain a continual check on your motives. By all means go behind people's backs if you have everyone's best interests at heart. But be warned that if they find out what you're doing by accident, then they may not be best pleased.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

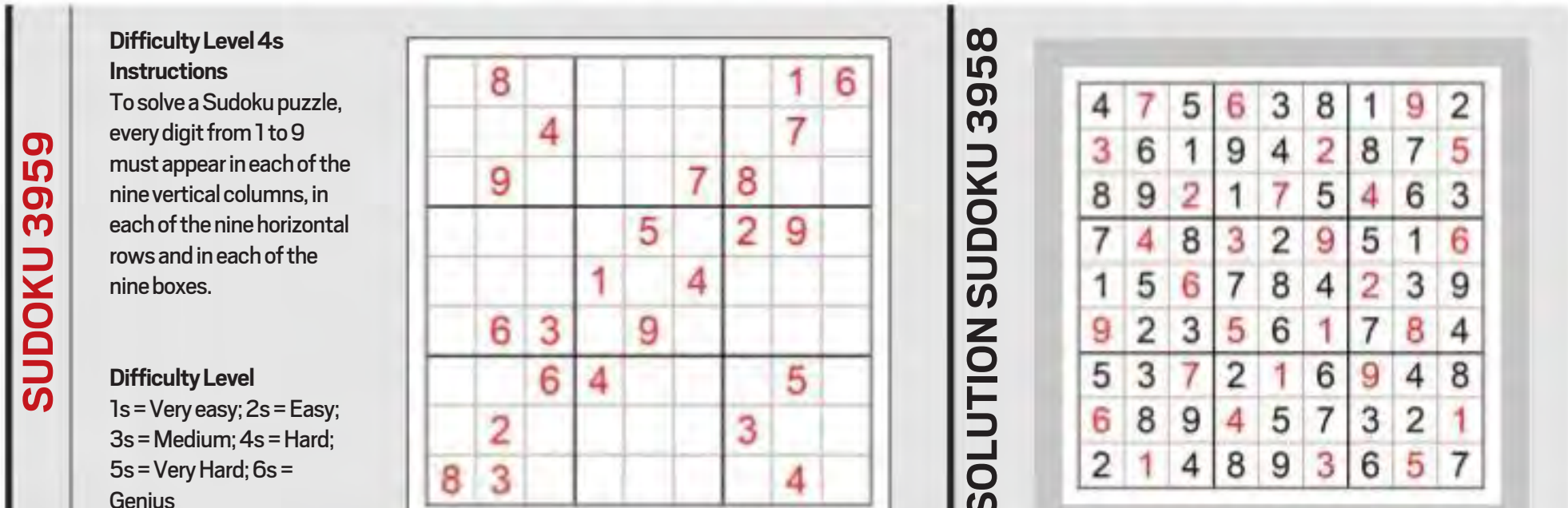
Your stars are looking fabulous from the social point of view. However, while casual friendships appear particularly well-aspected, intimate and passionate links may seem stuck on the launching-pad. The person who can help, could be the last one you think of.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Once again social organisation is on the cards. By this I mean that you will, even against your better judgment, be assuming responsibility for other people. Take care that you have sufficient time, for you don't want to be caught short, just when you're about to succeed.

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. ____ should act as a tonic. They should spur us to greater exertion. — B. C. Forbes (12)



NOTICE BOARD CORPORATE ASSOCIATE DIARY APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, HONOURS



AWARD-TPDDL
Sanjay Banga, CEO, TATA Power-DDL receiving the prestigious BML Munjal Award from Bharat Ratna and Former President of India Pranab Mukherjee along with others for driving Business Excellence.



INAUGURATION-BHEL
BHEL is setting up a network of solar-based Electric Vehicle Chargers on the Delhi-Chandigarh Highway. 5 charging stations were inaugurated by AG Sawant, M/o Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises, in the presence of Dr N Shinghal, CMD, BHEL.



AGM-REC
The 50th AGM of REC Ltd. was held recently at New Delhi. AK Agarwal, CMD, REC while addressed the shareholders at the meeting. During the financial year 2018-19, REC sanctioned a total loan assistance of Rs. 115,957 crore.



INAUGURATED-DELHI POLICE
Amulya Patnaik, Commissioner of Police, Delhi inaugurated DCP Office Complex, Outer-North District at PS Samaipur Badli, recently. The district carved out of North-West & Rohini districts has been functional since 01.01.2019. The complex will house English offices, visitor's lounge & a Conference Hall with all modern facilities like PA system, projector etc. There is also a mess & wet canteen facilities for the staff. Speaking on the occasion, the CP Delhi said that the purpose of establishing Outer-North District was to enhance police strength & visibility in this strategically significant area. It has yielded desired results as crime graph has gone down. The CP, Delhi appreciated public cooperation through Prahari, Police Mitra & other community policing initiatives, which work as force multipliers.



REVIEW-NSIC
PC Sarangi, MoS, MSME while reviewing the performance of NSIC applauded its various initiatives for the growth and development of MSME sector in the country. On the occasion RM Mishra, CMD, NSIC were present.



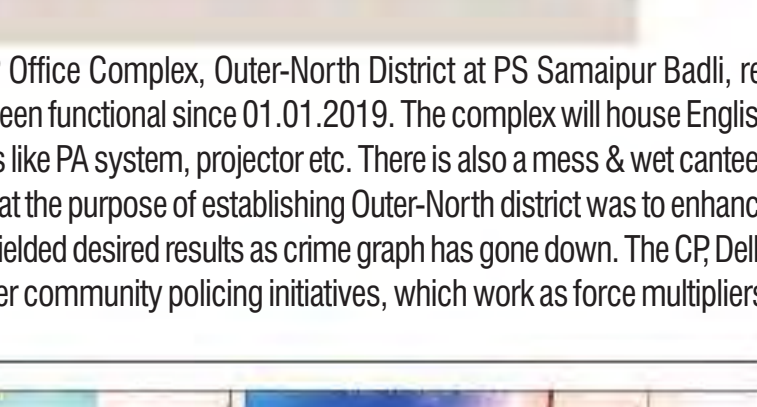
DEDICATED-AAI
MoS (I/C) for Civil Aviation, HS Puri dedicated the Delhi Air Traffic Services (DATS) Complex of AAI to the Nation in the presence of PS Kharola, Secy, MoCA, A Kumar, DG, DGCA, A Agrawal, Chairman AAI, GBS Raju, Chairman-Airports (GMR).



TOOK OVER-BSF
Vivek Kumar Johri took over the charge of DG of BSF recently. He is the 25th DG of elite Border Security Force, which is the largest Border Guarding Force of the world having the strength approx. 2.65 Lacs brave and dedicated men and women.



INAUGURATION-SCOPE
SCOPE Academy of Public Sector Enterprises has commenced the 9th Executive Development Program at SCOPE Minar. A Sobti, DG, SCOPE inaugurated the program in the presence of A Bhat, Dir, Mindshare HR Consultancy.



FOUNDATION DAY-LIFE INSURANCE CORPORATION OF INDIA
Life Insurance Corporation of India enters 64th year of its incorporation on 1st September, 2019. Anoop Kumar - Zonal Manager, LIC North Zone addressed the press conference on the occasion. LIC has played a significant role in spreading the message of life insurance among the masses and mobilization of people's money for people's welfare. In this journey, LIC has crossed many milestones and has set unprecedented performance records in various aspects of life insurance business. LIC continues to be the dominant life insurer even in the liberalized scenario of Indian insurance and is moving fast on a new growth trajectory surpassing its own past records. In its 63 years of existence, LIC has grown from strength to strength be its customer base, agency network, branch office network, new business premium and has a significant role in spreading life insurance widely across the country.



FIT INDIA PROGRAM-PRPC
"Fit India Movement" program was organised by Panipat Refinery & Petrochemical Complex (PRPC) & Delhi Public School, Panipat Refinery, the event was successful. In the end, Sikder applauded the program and exhorted all present to follow.



SUMMIT-SBI
At the 2nd National Summit on Financial Inclusion organized by CSR Research Foundation with the support of NITI Aayog (Govt Of India), SBI and other institutions in Mumbai. MoS SJE R Athawale were present on the occasion.



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CELEBRATIONS-INDIANOIL
SM Vaidya, ED (Operations), Refineries Headquarters, IndianOil, led the 60th IndianOil Day celebrations at the Refineries HQs. Vaidya in his energetic address urged the team to make a firm resolve on the momentous occasion.



APPOINTMENTS
THDC RK Vishnoi assumed charge as Director (Technical) of THDC India Ltd recently. Vishnoi is an Hons. Graduate in Civil Engineering from BITS Pilani & has around 33 yrs of vast experience in Design, Engineering and Construction of hydro project structures.



COMPETITION-CANARA BANK
Canara Bank Delhi Circle conducted the National Level Quiz competition "CANARA KNOWLEDGE CHAMP" 2019 on 01.09.2019 to unleash the potential in India's youth through reigniting their minds & help them scale new heights.



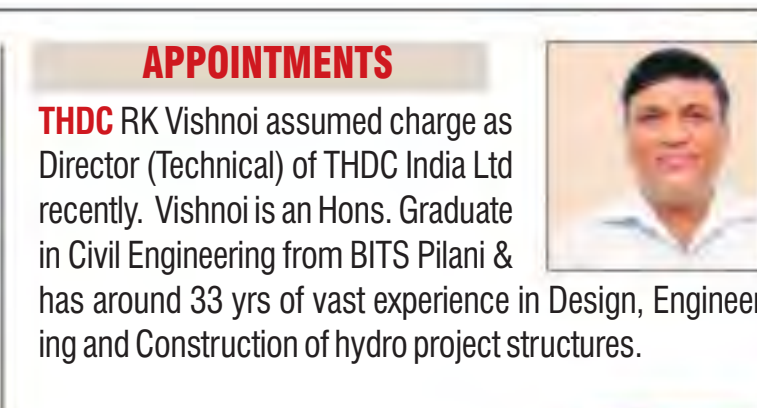
LOK ADALAT-BANK OF BARODA
Under the aegis of new delhi district legal services authority, Patiala house, a Special Lok Adalat was successfully organized by Bank of Baroda at its Regional Office, Preet Vihar, New Delhi.



MEETING-OBCC
The 96th State Level Bankers' Committee Meeting was conducted by OBC SLBC Convener-NCT Delhi. The meeting was addressed by Mukesh Kumar Jain- Managing Director & CEO- Oriental Bank of Commerce.



IRCTC
IRCTC has decided to restore Convenience fee on e-tickets booked through its website. However, it has decided to reduce these charges as compared to old charges levied around 3 years back. The convenience fee will be charged at Rs 15/- per ticket for non AC class whereas it will be charged at Rs 30/- per ticket for AC class from September, 01, 2019.



NEEPCO
VK Singh has assumed the charge of CMD, NEEPCO on Sept. 1, 2019. Prior to this he was Dir. (Tech.) in NEEPCO. He has more than 34 yrs of rich experience in all facets of Hydro & Gas based power generation.

Open & shut case

Belinda Bencic inflicts more misery on Naomi Osaka, beating the defending champion in straight sets

ASSOCIATED PRESS
NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 3

NAOMI OSAKA'S achy left knee didn't let her serve without pain, so she didn't practice that key part of her game leading into the U.S. Open. The knee also prevented her from covering the court and preparing for shots the way she'd like.

Those weren't the only reasons that the No. 1-seeded Osaka's 10-match winning streak at the U.S. Open and title defense ended Monday in the fourth round. Belinda Bencic's clean, crisp strokes, struck with the ball still on the rise, contributed plenty to the outcome, too. Osaka joined 2018 men's champion Novak Djokovic on the sideline before the quarterfinals, exiting with a 7-5, 6-4 loss to the 13th-seeded Bencic under a closed roof at Arthur Ashe Stadium on a rainy afternoon. Djokovic stopped playing in his fourth-round Sunday night because of a problematic left shoulder.

"I honestly didn't move well today. You know what I mean? I felt like I was always flat-footed. ... The knee was a little bit annoying in the movement aspect," Osaka said. "But I think that that's something I should have overcome." As for her powerful serve, Osaka called it 'inconsistent,' saying she hadn't been working on it coming into the year's last Grand Slam tournament "because I can't really land on my leg that great."

Osaka has been wearing a black sleeve on the knee and was given a pain-killing pill by a trainer midway through the second set Monday. By then, Bencic was up a set and a break, employing a quick-strike style of taking balls early and snapping them back, rushing Osaka and not leaving her not enough time to respond. It worked before: Bencic is now 3-0 against Osaka in 2019.

"I don't have the biggest power. Don't have the most winners or most aces. But I think I can really read the opponent's game well," said Bencic, who will face No. 23 Donna Vekic of Croatia in the quarterfinals. "I definitely try to do that against anyone, not only against her."

Bencic finished with far more winners, 29, than unforced errors, 12, and showed once again that she is a big-match player. She owns a tour-leading nine victories over top-10 opponents in 2019 and is 4-1 for her career against top-ranked players.



Defending champion Osaka reacts after her 10-match winning streak at US Open ended with a loss to Bencic. *USA Today Sports*

TRAMLINES

About the last match, I was an idiot... (But) the only thing I can say, the energy you're giving me right now, guys, I think it will be enough for my next five matches. The more you do this, the more I will win, for you guys."

DANIIL MEDVEDEV
SARCASTICALLY THANKING THE CROWD AFTER THEY JEERED HIM FOLLOWING THE WIN OVER FELICIANO LOPEZ

Important results
MEN'S SINGLES: 24-Matteo Berrettini (ITA) bt Andrey Rublev (RUS) 6-1, 6-4, 7-6 (6); 20-Diego Schwartzman (ARG) bt 6-Alexander Zverev (GER) 3-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3; 13-Gael Monfils (FRA) bt Pablo Andujar (ESP) 6-1, 6-2, 6-2; 2-Rafael Nadal (ESP) bt 22-Marin Cilic (CRO) 6-3, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2
WOMEN'S SINGLES: 13-Belinda Bencic (SUI) bt 1-Naomi Osaka (JPN) 7-5 6-4, 23-Donna Vekic (CRO) bt 26-Julia Goerges (GER) 6-7(5) 7-5 6-3, 25-Elise Mertens (BEL) bt Kristie Ahn (USA) 6-1 6-1

Bencic is 22, just a year older than Osaka, but her progress was slowed in recent years by injuries, including wrist surgery. Back in 2014, when she was 17, Bencic became the youngest woman into the U.S. Open quarterfinals since 1997, when another Swiss woman, Martina Hingis, took the title.

Hingis' mother, Melanie Molitor, used to coach Bencic, and five-time major champion Hingis herself has served as a mentor. Bencic said she likes to emulate the way Hingis used to play, always thinking a move or two — or more — ahead.

"With Melanie, we didn't try to copy Martina's game. We tried to make my own game. And obviously, I know there are similarities, because that's the way Melanie teaches, but it was about making my own strengths and my own game style," Bencic said.

Nature's call: Tennis at (bathroom) break point

CINDY SHMERLER
NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 3

TENNIS, A sport known for rapid-fire rallies, sprints to the net and fast-twitch lunges, is being slowed by the most basic of human needs: the bathroom break.

With matches often stretching past an hour and a half, sometimes a player truly has to answer nature's call during a set. But many times the break appears to be part of a delay strategy, which has frustrated tennis officials eager to keep things moving for less-patient spectators and television viewers.

On Tuesday, Stefanos Tsitsipas left the court for a bathroom break midway through the third set of his nearly four-hour first-round match at the United States Open. While he was gone, his opponent, Andrey Rublev, paced back and forth, panther-like, behind the baseline. A full six minutes elapsed before play resumed. When Coco Gauff, 15, and Anastasia Potapova, 18, split sets in their first-round later that afternoon, both ran off the court to the restroom during a two-minute break before the third set.

And two weeks before the U.S. Open, in a match at the Cincinnati Masters, Nick Kyrgios took a bathroom break after being assessed a penalty for cursing at the umpire. He grabbed two rackets and walked off the court, trailed by a tournament official who must accompany players on their way to the bathroom. Once under the stands, Kyrgios smashed both rackets against the floor in a back hallway and immediately returned to the court. He never entered a bathroom.

Strategic delays of game are nothing new in tennis, but they seem to have gotten worse. To stem flagrant abuse, the Women's Tennis Association this year reduced the number of permitted bathroom breaks to one from two. The break, which can be used for the restroom or to change clothing, must be taken at the end of a set, unless it is deemed an emergency by the chair umpire.

If players go in the middle of a set, they must do so before their own service game. However, while there are guidelines to determine when a bathroom break is permissible, there are no penalties for players who spend the time doing something it was not intended for. Line judges and other officials escort players to the facilities without following them in.

There also is no time limit for bathroom breaks — compared with the five minutes al-

lowed for injury timeouts — because there is not uniformity in how far courts are from bathrooms. "The rule is there to provide for a need for the players," said Steve Simon, the chief executive of the WTA. "It is not meant to be strategic or a momentum changer."

He said the breaks had been causing "undue delay, which was not good for either television or for the fans who had to sit through them." "There's a certain subjectivity to this whole thing," he added. "We have to be sensitive to feminine issues and to gastro issues. We're not going to put anyone in an uncomfortable position."

The Association of Tennis Professionals, which governs men's matches, follows a similar protocol, though the men are allowed two bathroom breaks during a best-of-five match (the women have just one break but play shorter matches, needing to win two sets out of three). The U.S. Open and other Grand Slam tournaments, which all have their own rule books, follow the WTA and ATP guidelines regarding bathroom breaks.

The breaks are prevalent even at the lower rungs of the sport, where they border on the absurd. At one pro circuit tournament in Lexington, Ky., this summer, Yuxuan Zhang, who was ranked just outside the top 200, lost the first set of her quarterfinal match, 6-1, in only 24 minutes. Instead of recovering in her court-side chair during the two-minute changeover, she left for the bathroom. She returned nearly 10 minutes later, saying the bathroom was far away from her court. She lost the second set, 6-0, after another 33 minutes.

"I tell my players all the time that if they lose the first set 6-0, they should go to the bathroom, wash their face, sit there for a few minutes and then go back," said Joseph Sirianni, a former ATP player who coaches several Australians at lower levels. "It's a great way to regroup and also to break the rhythm of the opponent."

It is also not a bad time to circumvent rules about getting help with the game. One tour official said he used to leave the court during juniors matches, on the pretext of going to the bathroom, to call his mother for advice. Another player told of a friend whose father would hand him a banana as he headed to the restroom. Once peeled, the banana revealed a piece of paper with coaching tips.

Such maneuvers are clearly prohibited at all levels of professional and junior tennis. Yanina Wickmayer, a 2009 U.S. Open semifinalist, said it's a common ploy to use a bathroom break for other purposes. **NYT**

US sprinter Coleman cleared for Worlds, Olympics

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
LOS ANGELES, SEPTEMBER 3

CHRISTIAN COLEMAN has been cleared to take part in this month's World Athletics Championships after the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) dropped charges against him on a technicality, a statement said. US sprinter Coleman, the fastest man

over 100m this year, had been facing a two-year suspension after drug-testers were unable to locate him on three separate occasions in a 12-month period.

However, USADA said in a statement that after receiving guidance from the World Anti-Doping Agency on how the 12-month window should be calculated, it was withdrawing its case. "Consistent application of the global anti-doping rules is essential in

every case," USADA chief executive Travis Tygart said. "In this case we applied the rules to Mr Coleman in the manner that USADA understands should be applied to any other international-level athlete. We must approach every case with the primary goal of delivering fairness to athletes under the rules and providing transparency and consistency in order to build their trust and support for the anti-doping system."

Herrera in the dock as fixing trial opens

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
MADRID, SEPTEMBER 3

SPAIN'S FIRST major match-fixing trial began Tuesday with former Manchester United midfielder Ander Herrera among 42 defendants charged over a 'suspect' 2011 match between his former club Real Zaragoza and Levante. The accused made no comments as they arrived at the court in the eastern city of Valencia for the start of proceedings which are expected to last until September 30.

Real Zaragoza's 2-1 win on May 21, 2011, the last match of the season, spared the club relegation from the Spanish first division. But it triggered an investigation by Spain's anti-corruption prosecutors' office over suspect payments to playing staff and coaches. Midfielder Gabi Fernandez, who currently plays in Qatar, scored both goals in Real's crucial victory. He is among the accused along with Herrera, who moved to Paris Saint-Germain over the summer on a free transfer from Old Trafford.

Real Zaragoza's coach at the time, Mexico's Javier Aguirre, is also on trial. Aguirre was sacked as Japan's coach in 2015 over his implication in the scandal. Prosecutors suspect Real Zaragoza deposited 965,000 euros in the bank accounts of some of its players and coaching staff so that they, in turn, could bribe Levante players to deliberately lose the game.

An investigating judge shelved the long-running probe into the match in 2017 but the case was reopened following an appeal by state prosecutors, the Spanish League and Deportivo La Coruna, the club relegated as a result of Real Zaragoza's win.

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