



SOME CURBS BACK AFTER TEEN INJURED IN PROTEST DIES

Desperate Pakistan is pushing infiltrators into Valley: Army

290 booked in J&K under PSA since August 5: Official

ADIL AKHZER
& BASHAARAT MASOOD
SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 4

ANNOUNCING THE arrest of two Pakistani nationals affiliated to banned militant outfit Lashkar-e-Toiba, General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the Army's 15 Corps Lt Gen K J S Dhillon said Wednesday that a "desperate" Pakistan was pushing infiltrators into the Valley to carry out "terrorist activities".

Addressing a joint press conference with ADG (Law and Order) Munir Khan in Srinagar, one month after the Centre scrapped Jammu and Kashmir's special status and bifurcated the

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NAVEED IQBAL
SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 4

IN THE 30 days since the removal of special status to the state of Jammu and Kashmir and its bifurcation into two Union Territories, at least 290 people have been booked under the Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act (PSA). Of these, 250 have been booked under this law in the Valley and 40 in Jammu, sources in the government told *The Indian Express*.

Before August 5, these figures



In Reasi, the first Army recruitment rally since August 5

Chenab Valley & Pir Panjal youth line up to join Army

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 4

AWAY FROM the intense political and legal debate over the removal of J&K's special status and its bifurcation into two Union Territories, an estimated 29,000

youth from the Muslim-dominated areas of the Chenab Valley and Pir Panjal region are queuing up to join the Indian Army.

Since Tuesday, over 6,000 youth have already participated in a week-long recruitment rally of the Army's Counter

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15 Corps GOC K J S Dhillon with ADG Police Munir Khan on Wednesday. Shuaib Masoodi

had ranged, on an average, between 70-80 per month.

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Article 370 was never intended to be forever, says Tharoor

MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

THE CONGRESS is not defending Article 370 "for all time" because it was "never intended to be forever" but the manner in which J&K's special status was revoked was "undoubtedly violative of the spirit" of the Constitution, Lok Sabha MP and Congress leader Shashi Tharoor said.

Speaking to *The Indian Express* Wednesday, ahead of the release of his latest book *The Hindu Way*, Tharoor also said that given the "depth of belief" associated with the Ram temple in Ayodhya, "there would have been a case for having some sort

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Overriding rule, Govt OKs NGT members for 3 years or 'until further orders'

JAY MAZOOMDAAR
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

THE APPOINTMENTS Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has cleared the appointment of an unspecified number of members in the National Green Tribunal for three years "or until further orders". This flies in the face of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.

Under NGT Rules, a Tribunal member has a fixed five-year tenure and cannot be removed without consulting the Chief Justice of India and an inquiry conducted by a judge of the Supreme Court.

While the 'information note' issued on September 2 does not name the appointees or the date of appointments, sources in the Environment Ministry said the new appointees are serving Director General of Forest Siddhanta Das and Additional Director General of Forest Saibal Dasgupta. The ACC note stated that necessary communication in this regard had been sent to

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Putin listening, Modi says no room for outside role in internal matters

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

ON A day when India and Russia signed 15 MoUs across a range of sectors, from space to deep-sea exploration, Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a veiled reference in Vladivostok to J&K and Pakistan — and said that India and Russia "are against outside influence in internal matters of any nation".

Speaking at a joint press



Modi and Putin in Vladivostok, Russia. ANI

conference Wednesday, along with Russian President Vladimir Putin, Modi also said that the nuclear power plants being built in India by Russia had strengthened bilateral relations, and announced a proposal for a "full-fledged" maritime route between Chennai and Vladivostok.

Putin described India as "a key partner". "Relations between our countries can be described as truly strategic and privileged

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Maharashtra gets just 4% of all Mudra loans but generates most new jobs

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JUST FIVE states, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Odisha, Bihar and West Bengal, account for about 70% of total loans disbursed — by value — under the Mudra scheme during April 2015 to December 2017, according to the Draft Report of Mudra Survey.

Four of these, Tamil Nadu,

MUDRA SURVEY

Top 5 states by loan disbursal (% share, by value)

Tamil Nadu	20.2
Karnataka	19
Odisha	15.6
Bihar	9.9
West Bengal	5.9

Karnataka, Odisha and Bihar, also figure among the top five additional employment creators, having generated almost 40% extra jobs.

Maharashtra does not rank among the top five states in terms of loans disbursed. It could

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EXCLUSIVE**POLICE FIR AGAINST AIR PRODUCER IN KERALA FOR INFLAMMATORY POST ON FACEBOOK**

Police in Kerala have registered an FIR on the basis of a complaint against KR Indira, a programme producer with the AIR, for hateful, anti-Muslim content on her Facebook account. Indira, who reportedly works with in Thoothukudi, is known for her offensive content on Facebook, aimed mostly at Muslims and other minorities

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NRC appeal deadline may be revised

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

THE 120-DAY appeal deadline set for those excluded from the National Register of Citizens (NRC) list may be revised given the delays involved with securing NRC data and the issue of certified copies of exclusion.

Before the publication of the final NRC, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) had announced that the provision to appeal exclusion before the Foreigners' Tribunal would be extended from 60 days to 120 days. However, these 120 days were to be counted from the date of publication of the final list i.e. August 31.

However, Home Ministry sources said that given the directions of the Supreme Court to NRC coordinator Prateek Hajela to secure the NRC data first, the process of issuing certified copies of exclusion to those not included in the list is likely to be delayed. This could jeopardise the chances of those excluded of having a fair shot at justice.

The certified copy of exclusion would be necessary for anyone willing to challenge their exclusion from NRC in the Foreigners' Tribunal. The document will mention the reasons for his exclusion and give details of the documents that were not considered good enough to prove his legacy.

"Once the data is secured, the NRC coordinator will inform the court and then an application may be moved to count the 120 days from the day the certified copy is received by a plaintiff," a home ministry official said.

As many as 300 Foreigners' Tribunals have already been made operational to handle the barrage of appeals that are likely to pour in after certified copies are given to the excluded.

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Pak infiltrators

state into two Union Territories, Lt Gen Dhillon said the Army arrested two Pakistan-based Lashkar militants from the Gulmarg sector on August 21.

At the press conference, Khan confirmed that an 18-year-old Kashmiri boy, who was injured in clashes with security forces last month, died at a Srinagar hospital early Wednesday. The death prompted the J&K administration to reimpose daytime restrictions in most parts of the city.

"There are desperate attempts on Pakistan's part after August 5 in one such attempt on August 21, we apprehended two Pakistani nationals. Two Pakistan citizens who belong to proscribed terrorist outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba were apprehended alive by the Indian Army," said Lt Gen Dhillon.

The Army also played confessional videos of the two men arrested, who were seen saying that they are affiliated to Lashkar. While one identified himself as Mohammed Nazim, the other said his name was Mohammed Khalil. They claimed to be residents of Rawalpindi in Pakistan. Lt Gen Dhillon said the Indian Army has already conveyed information about the two arrests to DGMO Pakistan.

"These two videos clearly show how Pakistan, the Pakistani army and citizens of Pakistan are being pushed into the Kashmir Valley to undertake terrorist activities inside the Kashmir Valley to disrupt the peace which is prevailing especially after August 5," he said.

Responding to a question about militant launchpads across the Line of Control (LoC), Lt Gen Dhillon said Pakistan is attempting "every night and day" to push militants across. "Even these two terrorists who have been captured, they were also housed at the Pakistani forward post of the army and then they were being guided by Pakistani regular troops up to the LoC," he said.

Dhillon also said the last 30 days were the "calmest period in the history of Kashmir". "There is not a single casualty... Calmest and most peaceful 30 days from the point of civilians' deaths by the security forces or anyone. All the deaths that have happened have happened by the terrorists or the stone pelters," he said.

While ADG Munir Khan said the administration has ensured no civilian casualties over the last month, the J&K administration said all landlines in the Valley will be restored by Wednesday night. Deputy Commissioner of Srinagar, Shahid Iqbal Choudhary tweeted: "Most telephone exchanges to be functional tonight across Valley. Mobiles being restored gradually, already buzzing in Kupwara. Thanks for patience and regrets for inconvenience."

According to ADG Khan, 18-year-old Asrar Firdous Khan was injured near Soura on the outskirts of Srinagar when he was among locals staging a protest on August 6, a day after the Centre moved to scrap the state's special status.

While the J&K police said he was hit by a stone, hospital documents accessed by The Indian Express show pellets injuries as well. His family, too, said he was injured by pellets on August 6.

"He was reportedly injured with a blunt object in a law and order situation where a violent crowd was indulging in stone pelting," J&K DGP Dilbag Singh told Reuters. According to Reuters, Singh said some protesters had said Khan had been hit by a tear gas canister, though authorities suspected he may have been hit by a stone thrown by protesters.

Critically wounded, Asrar then was immediately shifted to nearby the Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) and admitted to the ICU. After 29 days, Asrar succumbed early Wednesday. Hospital records show Asrar as an 18-year-old while his family claimed he was only 17, studying in Class 9.

ADG Munir Khan said, "Who

Maharashtra gets just 4% of all Mudra loans

garner just 4% share in the total loans but generated the maximum additional jobs of 15%.

Similarly, Kerala and Uttar Pradesh are two states which punch far above their weight when additional employment generation is juxtaposed with share in loan disbursements. UP with a meagre 2.7% share in loans disbursed generated 5.1% of additional employment and Kerala with 2.9% share in loans disbursed generated 5.2% extra jobs.

These two states outperformed traditional entrepreneurial powerhouse, Gujarat, the yet-to-be released survey report showed. Gujarat, with 4.5% share in total loan disbursements, generated just 5% of the total 1.12 crore additional employment in the first 33 months of the scheme.

On the contrary, Tamil Nadu,

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which received the lion's share — 20.2% — of loans disbursed, slips down the list of additional employment generators, and accounts for only 8.1% of extra jobs. A wide gap between loan disbursement share and the share in additional employment is also seen for Odisha, which had 15.6 per cent share of the total loan disbursement, but accounted only for 7.8 per cent of the additional employment.

A close look at the loan data

under the three categories — Shishu (upto Rs 50,000), Kishor (Rs 50,000 to Rs 5 lakh) and Tarun (Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh) — shows that Tamil Nadu accounted for the highest share of 24.21 per cent of the total disbursement of Shishu loans, Bihar topped in the Kishor category with 11.59 per cent of the total disbursement, and Uttar Pradesh accounted for the highest share of 14.12 per cent in the Tarun category.

As per economic activity, additional employment under Mudra in manufacturing was the highest in Tamil Nadu in absolute number terms (160,425), while Karnataka led among states in services with 528,746 additional employment and Maharashtra generated the highest additional employment in trading at 914,404 during the 33 month period.

'India, Russia oppose outside role in internal issues'

and have been developing on the basis of friendship and mutual benefit," he said.

Calling Modi "a good friend of our country", the Russian President said that they maintain "close official and personal ties" and hold regular meetings, which have become a "good tradition". "Our talks are invariably conducted in a friendly atmosphere and are always meaningful and constructive," he said.

The bilateral MoUs, meanwhile, also covered connectivity, oil and gas, and energy, while a joint statement shared a common line on other key issues, including defence ties and terrorism.

The 81-paragraph statement noted the "pace of progress achieved in the construction of the remaining four of the six nuclear power plants at Kudankulam". "Both Sides engaged in discussion on the second site and welcomed continuation of technical discussions on the... Russian design and joint manufacturing of equipment

and fuel," it said.

It said the energy industry has traditionally been a key area of interaction between the two countries, and that civil nuclear cooperation is an "important component" of the strategic partnership.

The two sides discussed "successful cooperation" in the construction of the Rooppur NPP in Bangladesh and expressed their readiness to expand in other countries, the joint statement said.

There was no reference to the S-400 missile deal in the statement. But the two sides expressed their commitment to upgrading defence cooperation, including joint development and production of military equipment, components and spare parts, improving after-sales service and holding regular joint exercises of their armed forces.

"Both Sides agreed to take forward ongoing engagement to encourage joint manufacturing in India of spare parts, components,

aggregates and other products for maintenance of Russian-origin arms and defence equipment under Make-in-India program through transfer of technology and setting up of joint ventures," the statement said.

The two leaders strongly condemned terrorism in all forms and called on the international community to set up a united front.

"They insisted on the inadmissibility of double standards in countering terrorism and extremism, as well as of the use of terrorist groups for political ends. Today no country is aloof from the shadow of terrorism. India and Russia need to be united in their counter-terrorism efforts," the statement said.

Referring to Modi's recent call, the statement said Russia had "noted India's proposal to organize a global anti-terrorism conference."

Both sides also shared notes on the situation in Afghanistan in the wake of a deal between the US and

As reported Wednesday, the Draft Report on Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana Survey conducted by the Labour Bureau under the Ministry of Labour and Employment, accessed by The Indian Express, found that just one in five beneficiaries started a new business while the rest expanded their existing establishment.

In all, 1.12 crore additional jobs were created during April 2015-December 2017. Of this, 51.06 lakh were self-employed or working owners which also included unpaid family members while 60.94 lakh were employees or hired workers. The reference period for the Mudra survey was taken from April 8, 2015, the launch date, to December 2017. The survey studied as many as 97,000 beneficiaries and was conducted between April-November 2018.

the Taliban. "India and Russia support all efforts for an inclusive peace and Afghan-led and Afghan-owned reconciliation in Afghanistan," it said.

With the summit taking place in Vladivostok, the two sides discussed cooperation between New Delhi and Moscow in the sphere of the development of the Russia's far-east. As a first step, a delegation of four Indian Chief Ministers, led by the Commerce and Industry minister Piyush Goyal, visited Vladivostok on August 12-13 to explore options in targeted sectors.

Both sides agreed to extend by one year the duration of e-visas for business and tourism purposes, including for Russian nationals, and the introduction of free e-visas for Indian nationals to visit the Kaliningrad region and Vladivostok.

On Thursday, the two leaders will address the Eastern Economic Forum, and attend a Judo championship.

blank paper from the family and village elders taking responsibility for the conduct of the person being detained," a senior police official said.

Army recruitment

Insurgency Force (Uniform). These include 2,500 youth from Ramban and Kishtwar districts, besides 3,600 from Doda — these make the Chenab Valley area of the Jammu division.

Another 8,000 youth who have got their names registered for the recruitment rally hail from Rajouri district and over 4,000 are from Poonch and Reasi districts, sources said. Over 8,000 youth from Udhampur district have also lined up to join the Army.

Senior Army officers said this is the first Army recruitment rally since the August 5 announcements on the new status of J&K. Of the youth in the fray, 40 per cent are Muslim, officers said.

The recruitment drive is underway at Talwara in Reasi district. With the first two days fixed for applicants from Ramban, Kishtwar and Doda districts, most reached Talwara a day before the start.

Vacancies are to be filled in these categories — soldier general duty, soldier technical, soldier technical nursing assistance, soldier technical nursing assistance veterinary, soldier clerk, store keeper technical and soldier tradesman.

All candidates will have to first clear the physical fitness test and those shortlisted will then go through medical and written tests. The recruitment process, officers said, is computerised and absolutely transparent, with no room for touts.

"To provide job opportunities to youth of J&K, #IndianArmy organises recruitment rally at #Reasi from 03 to 09 Sep. Registration of 29000 aspiring youth & turnout of 2500

candidates on first day, reflects the desire of youth of J&K to join mainstream & serve the nation," the Army said in a tweet.

Tharoor

of proper temple there, ideally, without destroying another community's place of worship".

On secularism, he said that "religions being treated differently just gives material to those who are putting chips on the shoulders of people..."

Speaking about a uniform civil code, Tharoor said "none of us would say" that it is a bad idea but argued that "since communities have certain....undeniably entrenched interests in the preservation of certain social and cultural practices, you need to persuade these communities that there may be an argument in favour of greater social harmony in doing this".

On the Ram temple, Tharoor said: "I have always been of the view that the faiths of millions have to be respected. In other words, if indeed the evidence suggests that there was a temple on the spot and popular lore suggests it was a Ram temple... given that there is so much depth of belief, there would have been a case for having some sort of proper temple there, ideally, without destroying another community's place of worship. The question of how to arrive at such a mutually acceptable solution was unfortunately, disrupted by the violence and destroyed the mosque itself. And that I think was a real blot on India's conscience. Now the matter is before the courts, I will leave it there."

In his book, Tharoor says "secularism is a misnomer in the Indian context of profuse religiosity and what we should be talking about is pluralism." He then argues that "under the Indian version of secularism, the Government's financial largesse is extended to Muslim Wakf Boards, Buddhist monasteries and certain Christian religious institutions... state governments are empowered to take over, own and operate Hindu temples, collect revenue from offerings and redistribute that revenue to such purposes as they deem fit, including any non-temple related ones.... This may well be worth re-examination."

Asked to explain the need for a "re-examination", Tharoor said that "some of the ways in which we practise secularism... has given ammunition to the worst enemies of Indian pluralism and diversity".

"It is easier for us to sustain an argument that says we treat all religions alike. Now, benefits of the state going to underprivileged communities, including religious minorities, is a different matter. But religions being treated differently just gives material to those who are putting chips on the shoulders of people who didn't know their chips before," he said.

Asked about the apparent confusion in the Congress on the revocation of special status under Article 370 to J&K, Tharoor said there "should be no confusion" that J&K is "an integral part" of the Indian union. However, he said: "There has been confusion about whether we are defending (Article) 370 for all time. The answer is no. Even Nehruji said that 370 needs to stay as long as it needs to stay but doesn't have to stay forever."

But "the way in which this action was undertaken was a violation of the spirit of the Constitution", he said. According to Tharoor, Kashmiris should have been consulted before the decision was taken and parties like the National Conference should have been heard and "given a chance to explain why it should not go".

"But I am not taking a view that it should absolutely be cast in stone forever. Because it was never intended to be forever, it was meant to be a facilitation mechanism. But to treat it this way and dispense with it so brutally makes us no different from Pakistan. We have done to Jammu and Kashmir, the very things we objected to Pakistan doing to Gilgit Baltistan, to PoK and so on," he said.



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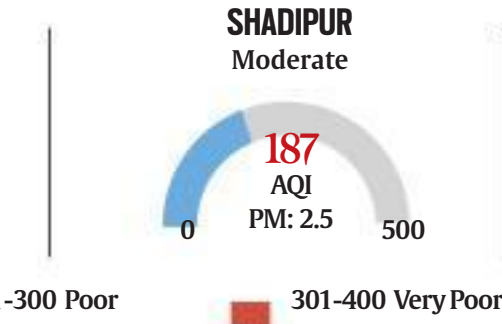
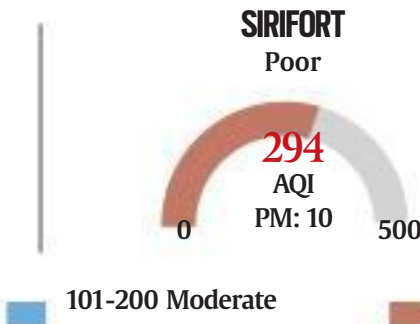
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Dalit groups allege police inaction

New Delhi: An Ambedkar University student has alleged that another student from the university passed casteist slurs at her Wednesday. Earlier in the day, Dalit groups had alleged that police refused to file a complaint and asked the complainant to visit higher authorities. Delhi Social Welfare Minister Rajendra Pal Gautam also asked police to take immediate action. Additional DCP (North district) Harendra Singh said they have received a complaint and an ACP-rank officer is looking into the matter.

2 dead in fire at warehouse

New Delhi: Two labourers died after a fire broke out inside a warehouse in South West Delhi's Samalka Wednesday. "A case has been registered against the owner of the warehouse," said police.

Truck driver dies in crash

New Delhi: A dumper truck driver died after his vehicle crashed into a stationary lorry in North Delhi's Wazirabad.

6 street dogs found dead

New Delhi: Six street dogs died after allegedly being poisoned in a locality in South Delhi's Chattarpur Extension. A complaint was filed by some residents, said police. **ENS**

1.28 LAKH VEHICLES AT POLLUTION CENTRES IN 4 DAYS

As fines increase, people scramble to fix pollution

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

ENFORCEMENT OF the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019, has led to a spike in the number of vehicles undergoing pollution tests, with 1.28 lakh vehicles — over two times the usual number — turning up at the city's PUC centres since the Act came into force.

Under the amended Act, PUC violations can attract a penalty of Rs 10,000. Earlier, the penalty was Rs 1,000 for the first offence and Rs 2,000 for every subsequent offence thereafter.

There are 938 PUC (Pollution Under Control) centres in the capital. The sudden surge triggered chaos, with many centres witnessing long queues and

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servers collapsing because of spike in applications.

"Around 95 per cent of those who came to PUC centres managed to clear the test between September 1 and September 4. The number of issuances would have been around 40,000 before

the change in law for the same time frame. In terms of vehicles coming to the centres, the increase is about two-and-a-half times," a senior official said.

As awareness about the increase in challan value is improving, the number of people visiting PUC centres is also going up. The number was highest on Wednesday, at 44,143. It was 20,698 on September 1.

PUC certificates need to be obtained every three months in Delhi and every six months in the NCR. In a 2017 report to the Supreme Court, the EPCA had observed that the PUC programme is "not even designed to catch 15 to 20 per cent most grossly polluting vehicles".

"The failure rate is very low even among the vehicles that turn up for tests. In Delhi, only

1.68 per cent of diesel vehicles fail the smoke density tests and about 4.5 per cent of the petrol vehicles fail the CO and HC tests. One serious flaw is that failed tests are often not recorded as vehicle owners refuse to pay the test fee if their vehicles fail. As a result, the pass and fail data compiled by the transport departments show very low failure rate," the report said.

The Delhi Police, meanwhile, issued an order asking all DCPs and unit heads to brief and sensitise their staff to follow traffic rules.

The order said that if police officials are found violating traffic norms, they will be liable to pay twice the penalty prescribed for committing that offence. The provision is already part of the amended Act.

Minor boy beaten up, thrown out of bus: Police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

A MINOR boy was allegedly beaten up, forced to remove his trousers and thrown out of a DTC bus in North Delhi after some passengers suspected him of being a pickpocket, said police. According to police, the alleged incident was recorded by a passenger, a college student, who later uploaded the video on a social networking site. The student's statement has been recorded, said police, adding that they have not registered an FIR.

The student posted the purported video, saying the incident took place on a bus on August 29. "The boy was beaten by a mob

and had his clothes forcibly removed on suspicion of theft. He was then thrown out of the bus while he was naked. @DelhiPolice must take action against these barbarians (sic)".

In the purported video, some people can be seen surrounding a boy, who is standing inside a bus with no shirt on. Some passengers can be seen arguing with the boy, who is then made to remove his pants. A senior police officer said: "The student claimed he tried to intervene, but they told him to stay away. He claimed he approached the driver and conductor, but they refused to help."

"We will record statements of the driver and conductor; action will be taken," the officer said.



IN SYNC

Rowing classes underway at the Yamuna, Wednesday. Tashi Tobgyal

Jeweller found with throat slit at Dwarka residence

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

A 37-YEAR-OLD jeweller was killed inside his house by unidentified persons in Dwarka. The victim has been identified as Lalit Aggarwal, owner of Satyam Jewellers. Police said the accused slit the man's throat while he was sleeping.

Lalit is survived by his wife Neha Aggarwal (34) and their two children. His family claimed the assailants slipped away unnoticed after committing the crime.

"After dinner around 10 pm, Lalit and our eldest son went to sleep. I went to sleep in the other room along with my sister, mother and our youngest son. Around 1 am, I woke up to go to the bathroom. I also went inside Lalit's room and plugged in the mosquito repellent — everything was fine then. Around 2 am, my son came and told me his father woke him up but didn't say anything, and that he saw blood near his father's face. We went to the room and saw Lalit lying on the bed, unconscious and blood oozing from his neck," Neha told *The Indian Express*.

Police have not identified the accused and are probing the matter. There were five people inside



The victim is survived by his wife and 2 kids. Prem Nath Pandey

the house when the incident took place. Police also said the house wasn't ransacked and there were no signs of a robbery.

"We received a call about the incident at 2.36 am. We went to the victim's house and found him lying on his bed, covered in blood. The accused had killed the man by slitting his throat with a sharp object and later fled. We rushed the victim to Aakash Hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival. CCTV footage near the house is being recovered and we are recording the family's statements," said DCP (Dwarka) Anto Alphonse, and added that entry to the house was friendly.

The murder weapon has not been found so far, police said, and added that Lalit was in formal clothes when he was found dead. Lalit, who hailed from Mathura, lived with his family on the first floor while his shop, which he had been running for 17 years, was on the ground floor. His elder brothers, Rakesh and Hemant, are also jewellers in Lucknow and Delhi respectively.

"The children are shocked, they were sent to Hemant's house... Lalit was excited as he was planning to go to Punjab to meet a childhood friend. We demand justice," said Neha.

Passed in Assembly, 14 bills stuck with L-G, govt depts

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

AROUND 14 bills passed by the Delhi Assembly — including on Jan Lokpal, time-bound delivery of public services, fixing accountability of private schools and expanding the inquiry jurisdiction of magistrates — remain stuck at various levels, ranging from the Lt-Governor and the Union government to departments of the AAP government. Speaker Ram Niwas Goel said he has been pushing for their assent from the Centre, keeping in mind that the term of the current Assembly is drawing to an end in another six months as Delhi goes to polls early next year.

Among the bills yet to get assent, eight were never returned to the Assembly, while the remaining were sent back by the President and the Lt-G, outlining the need for reconsideration and amendments. Messages to the Lt-G secretariat by *The Indian Express*, seeking comments, did not elicit any response.

The key bills that could not be notified despite being passed in the Assembly include the Delhi Jan Lokpal Bill; the Delhi Right of Citizen to Time-Bound Delivery of Services Amendment Bill; the Code of Criminal Procedure (Delhi Amendment) Bill; and the Delhi School Verification of Accounts and Refund of Excess Fee Bill.

According to Assembly records, the Jan Lokpal Bill, which was passed on December 4, 2015, "has not been received back". Setting up a Jan Lokpal was one of the major poll promises of AAP, which rose to political promi-

nence on the plank of anti-corruption.

The Assembly had cleared the Delhi School (Verification of Accounts and Refund of Excess Fee) Bill and the Delhi School Education (Amendment) Bill on December 1, 2015. While the former envisages penalties of up to Rs 10 lakh for taking interviews at nursery level and charging capitation fee, the latter seeks to ensure that private schools show greater accountability in fee accepted and money spent.

The bills have not been received from the Lt-G, as per Assembly records, as also confirmed by Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia.

The Delhi Right of Citizen to Time-Bound Delivery of Services Amendment Bill, which proposes that salaries of officers be deducted for delay in extending services, was first cleared by the House on November 26, 2015. The President had on January 30, 2016, returned it to the government seeking clarifications.

Subsequently, it was reintroduced and passed by the Assembly again on August 11, 2017. Since then, the bill has been awaiting assent.

The fate of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Delhi Amendment) Bill, passed in December 3, 2015, is no different. The bill seeks to empower the Delhi government to order magisterial inquiries into cases such as rapes in police custody, mysterious disappearances etc. Currently, the Delhi government can order DM inquiries into cases of custodial death, homicide, incidents of fire and suicide committed by women among others.



As per the plan, tree cutting and new construction will be banned at the park. Archive

Sultanpur National Park set for green overhaul

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, SEPTEMBER 4

THE SULTANPUR National Park area will be developed into an Eco-Sensitive Zone in the coming months, with the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) holding a meeting Wednesday to discuss the draft zonal master plan.

Officials said activities to attract birds would be encouraged within a 5 km-radius of the park. These include the conservation of natural water resources, restoration of reservoirs and ponds, organic farming, agro-forestry, and plantation in vacant public areas.

At the meeting, GMDA CEO V Umashankar said, "The draft zonal master plan will soon be finalised." According to the plan, there would be a ban on tree-cutting and new construction, and on the extraction of ground water in the zone.

To expand roads in the zone, permission would first be needed from the Forest Department and Environment Ministry, said officials.

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Sealed tenders in two bid system are inviting from the competent and experienced bidder for the following works:

1. Tender No. CE/W/1(862)/2019 vide Date of notification **05/09/2019** and Name of Work: "Annual Maintenance of Plants and Hilltop Buildings for the year 2019-20" which estimated cost of ₹ 48.95 Lakhs and period of completion for work 12 (Twelve) months (Including Monsoon Period) with EMD of ₹ 48,960/- and sale/download period from 05.09.2019 to 04.10.2019.
2. Tender No. CE/W/4(216)/2019 vide Date of notification 05/09/2019 and Name of Work: "Repair and Maintenance of Roads at South Block of Donimalai Township (For Type II Quarters)" with estimated cost of ₹. 51.21 Lakhs and period of completion for work 06 (Six) Months (Excluding Rainy Season from July to October) with EMD of ₹ 51,220/- and sale/download period from 07.09.2019 to 07.10.2019.

For accessing the tender document or download from NMDC Limited website <https://www.nmdc.co.in/nmcdtender/default.aspx>. For any clarification bidders may contact DGM (Civil), by mailing to diomcivil@nmcdc.co.in or by fax message to 08395-274644.

For and on behalf of NMDC Limited
DGM (Civil)

Date : 05-09-2019

Bihar School Examination Board

NOTICE INVITING SHORT TERM e-TENDER
(Through e-procurement mode only over <https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in>)
Tender Notice No.-: PR 371/2019

Bihar School Examination Board, Patna invites e-tenders under two bid systems from the reputed, experienced & technologically sound Firms /Companies/ Agencies/ Societies having adequate infrastructure and Experience of handling the works of "Automated Document Management System and Database restructuring."

Scope of work : Design, development & implementation of Automated Document Management System integrated with Examination record and Database restructuring.

Cost of Tender document (In Rupees)	Tender processing Fee (Non Refundable) (inclusive of GST @18.00%) to be paid through e-payment mode (i.e. NEFT/RTGS/Credit Card/Debit card) (in Rupees)	Earnest Money (In Rupees)
5,000 /- (Five Thousand Rupees only)	1,180/- (One Thousand One Hundred Eighty Rupees only)	1,00,000/- (One Lakh Rupees only)

Tender Schedule/ Programme:	
Date and Time for Activity	Date/Time : Duration
Online Sale/Download date of Tender documents	From : 04/09/2019 (11:00 Hrs.) to 19/09/2019 (13:00 Hrs.) (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
Pre-Bid Meeting	09/09/2019 at 12:30 Hrs. (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)
Last Date/Time for submission / uploading of offer/Bid	19/09/2019 upto 14:00 Hrs. (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
Submission of form fee & EMD in Hard copy/ Original	19/09/2019 upto 14:15 Hrs. (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)
Date & Time for opening of Technical Bid	19/09/2019 at 14:30 Hrs. (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in) (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)
Financial Bid Opening Date and Time	Date to be announced later by competent authority

● Detailed descriptions of the items and instructions for submitting your offer can be downloaded from e-tender website <https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in>.
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Secretary

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Solid Waste Management Department

S.W.M.C.No.A/7/2425/2019

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Date and time of Pre Bid Meeting	18 th September, 2019, 11.00 AM (18.09.2019)
Last Date and Time of Submission of Bid	10 th October, 2019, 03.00 PM (10.10.2019)
Bid Opening Date and Time	11 th October, 2019, 04.00 PM (11.10.2019)
Cost of Tender documents and EMD	Cost of tender document Rs.20,000/- + 12% GST EMD: Rs.9.5 Lakhs

Superintending Engineer/SWM

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Bid Opening Date and Time	11 th October, 2019, 04.00 PM (11.10.2019)
Cost of Tender documents and EMD	Cost of tender document Rs.20,000/- + 12% GST EMD Rs. 9.5 Lakhs

Superintending Engineer (SWM)

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ii) A minimum of ten years of teaching experience in university/college as Assistant Professor/Associate Professor/Professor and/or research experience at equivalent level at the University/National Level Institutions with evidence of having successfully guided doctoral candidate.
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ii) A Master's Degree with at least 55% marks (or an equivalent grade in a point-scale, wherever the grading system is followed)
iii) A minimum of eight years of experience of teaching and/or research in an academic/research position equivalent to that of Assistant Professor in a University, College or Accredited Research Institution/industry with a minimum of seven publications in the peer-reviewed or UGC listed journals and a total research score of Seventy five (75) (as per the criteria given in Appendix II, Table 2 – as per UGC Notification dated 18th July, 2018).
Applications in the prescribed proforma available at www.crrid.res.in alongwith curriculum vitae and names of two references, marked confidential, should be sent in a sealed envelope, superscribed "The Secretary-cum-Establishment Officer, CRRID, Madhya Marg, Sector 19-A, Chandigarh 160019" within one month from the publication of this advertisement, by registered post.

E - TENDERING PRESS NOTICE

Executive Engineer, Civil Division No. IV, Irrigation & Flood Control Department Govt. of NCT of Delhi, L.M: Bund Office Complex, Shastri Nagar, Delhi-31 invites on behalf of President of India online Percentage rate tender from approved and eligible contractors registered with Irrigation & Flood Control Department upto 3.00PM S.NO. 1 to 2 dated on 07.09.2019 and S.NO.3 dated on 16.09.2019 for the works:

H.O.A.: MALAD FUND UNDER DEPTT. OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT

1. NIT No. 35/RE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_179184-1) Name of work: Construction of elevated platform for transformer on Brahmputri main road in Seelampur Constituency, AC-65. **Estimated Cost of Rs Rs 23,21,562/- Earnest Money Rs 46,431/- period of completion 60 days**

H.O.A.: MALAD FUND UNDER DEPTT. OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT

2. NIT No. 80/RE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_179185-1) Name of work: Providing and laying RCC culverts on R/side of Escape Drain No.1 between RD 1350m to RD 1800m. **Estimated Cost of Rs Rs 8,61,881/- Earnest Money Rs 17,238/- period of completion 45 days**

H.O.A.: 4711. PLAN OTHER DRAINAGE WORKS

3. NIT No. 73/RE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_179188-1) Name of work: Remodeling of Bund Drain from RD 0m to 3450 m. **Estimated Cost of Rs 6,30,24,905/- Earnest Money Rs 12,60,498/- period of completion 365 days**

Note: i) The enlistment of the contractors should be valid on the last date of opening of tender. In case only the last date of opening of tender is extended, the enlistment of contractor should be valid on the original date of opening of tenders.
2) The following Scanned copies are required to be uploaded:- (i) Scanned copy of Registration with IFC. (ii) Scanned copy of GST. (iii) Scanned copy of EMD. (iv) Scanned copy of PAN Card/Permanent Account No (v) Scanned copy of Email/contact no /Address (vi) ESIC registration No. (vii) EPFO registration No. (viii) Certificate works experience as per conditions 1.2 of PWD-6. (e-tendering) (only 3) (ix) An undertaking as prescribed under 6 iii of Pwd-6. 9 (only S.NO.3)
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4) No manual tender shall be accepted, only tender submitted through e-procurement portal shall be considered.

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‘MOTIVATED CAMPAIGN AGAINST VARSITY’

JNU defends letters to profs, says giving a chance to other faculty

ARANYA SHANKAR
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

THE JAWAHARLAL Nehru University administration Wednesday cited a “huge skew” in the number of Emeritus Professors from the social science disciplines, as well as “missed” opportunities for professors of other fields from getting the Emeritus tag, as reasons why they decided to revise the rules in this regard. The university has faced flak from various quarters for sending letters to 12 Emeritus Professors, including historian Romila Thapar, to review their status.

In a statement, the university also said that a “motivated campaign” was being run against it using the name of one Professor Emeritus.

In an Executive Council meeting last August, the admin-

istration decided that Emeritus status of professors who are aged 75 years or above will be “reviewed for continuation”.

“Currently, there are 21 Emeritus Professors in JNU – 17 from Social Sciences and Humanities and four from Sciences. One can see that there is a huge skew in earlier appointments of Emeritus Professors. A substantive number of faculty members in JNU from various disciplines too have numerous academic achievements and laurels,” JNU Registrar Pramod Kumar said in a statement.

“Many eminent faculty members who could have guided upcoming researchers in many fields have missed out in the past from being appointed as an Emeritus Professor, and the objective was to set an age limit and make the selection broad-based, so that justice is given to



12 Emeritus Professors, including historian Romila Thapar, received letters from the university

deserving retired faculty members,” he added.

However, JNU Teachers’ Association President Atul Sood said, “If they think that Emeritus Professor doesn’t represent the pool of disciplines in JNU... and it is a case of neglect, they can fix that by giving the title to people from the sciences. There is no cap on the number. What is the

point of reviewing the work or status of those who are already Professor Emeriti?”

Former V-C Y K Alagh said “Emeritus Professors are for life... There are people who I appointed, G S Bhalla and Bipan Chandra, who died as Professor Emeritus... In no good university in the world that I know of is there a review after someone has been appointed Professor Emeritus”.

He also said there was no cap on the number of Professor Emeriti: “The only limit is that you should have outstanding people. Age is not the limit.”

Sudha Pai, who was the Rector when SK Sopory was V-C, said the number of Emeriti Professor in JNU was anyway “not large”. “In JNU, it was more an exception than the rule. You had to be exceptional,” she said.

“I’ve never heard of Emeritus status being reviewed, it’s done

for life. The status is given for your past work, so why should it be reviewed?” she added.

Earlier, Thapar too had said that “since there are no requirements on either side and it is only a status, there can be as many Emeritus Professors as the University wants”.

The JNU statutes state that “the appointment of ‘Professor Emeritus’ shall be purely honorary and will carry with it no commitment for providing residential accommodation”.

If a Professor Emeritus wishes to be associated with the university they can be given office space and other academic support facilities. “The Professor Emeritus shall be free to do academic work in the School to which she/he is attached and may supervise research scholars as a co-supervisor along with a regular faculty member,” the rules state.

Bengal to UP, meet JNUSU nominees for president

IN JNU students’ union elections, on Friday, only the United Left Panel and ABVP have fielded candidates for all four seats. For the post of president, however, five organisations and an independent candidate are set to battle it out. ARANYA SHANKAR looks at the presidential candidates.

AISHE GHOSH (24)
Students’ Federation of India

Ghosh is the first presidential candidate from SFI since it formed an alliance with AISA in 2015. Hailing from West Bengal’s Durgapur, Ghosh completed graduation from Delhi University. She is a second-year MPhil student of International Relations.

Associated with SFI since 2016, Ghosh was the unit’s joint secretary last year. On her agenda is to “restore campus democracy, fight against communal-fascist onslaughts, resist ABVP-admin nexus and continue the students’ movement as a united student force”.

MANISH JANGID (25)
Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad

A third-year PhD student in the School of Environment Studies, Jangid did his graduation from Jodhpur’s MBM Engineering College before joining JNU. Jangid is the ABVP’s unit secretary. His main agenda is to “restore the deprivation point system” and ensure “funds for infrastructure for hostels and amenities in residential and school areas”.

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At the presidential debate Wednesday night. Tashi Tobgyal

JITENDRA SUNA (29)
Birs Amdedkar Phule Students’ Association

A third-year PhD student in the Centre for Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, Suna has also done his MPhil and MA at JNU. Hailing from Odisha’s Kalahandi district, Suna parents worked as labourers and he himself did physical labour to provide his family. He did his graduation from a college near his village. Suna was one of the founding members of BAPSA in 2014.

On top of his agenda is to address dropout rates in JNU, especially of those from the reserved categories, and make sure students receive their fellowship on time.

PRASHANT KUMAR (26)
National Students’ Union of India

The third-year PhD student

of Philosophy hails from UP’s Ghatampur. He completed graduation from DU’s Hindu College before joining JNU for MA. He’s the only candidate the NSUI has fielded this year in the central panel. On his agenda is addressing problems of science students and improving hostel and library infrastructure.

PRIYANKA BHARTI (22)
Chhatra Rashtriya Janata Dal

Pursuing MA in German, Bharti was the first person to leave the satellite town of Fatuha near Patna to pursue higher studies. She joined the CRJD last year, soon after a unit was formed in JNU. On her agenda is to “fight academic inequalities by taking back deprivation points” and reinstating GSCASH.

To reduce vehicle use in capital, DDA plans 33 km track for walkers, cyclists

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

THE DELHI Development Authority (DDA) is planning to build a dedicated corridor for pedestrians and cyclists that will “loop around” the capital, and connect Metro stations, bus stands, residential and recreational areas and educational districts.

The project was discussed at a meeting on Wednesday between L-G Anil Bajjal (who heads the DDA), DDA vice-chairperson Tarun Kapoor, and PWD officials.

In its first phase, DDA plans to build the ‘Delhi Cyclewalk’ as a 33-km-long dedicated track for cyclists and pedestrians, with four corridors connecting Tughlaqabad, Greater Kailash, Nehru Place and Delhi Secretariat.



An artist’s impression of the elevated cycle track. Express

Kapoor said the corridor will have parallel tracks for cycling and walking, and run through areas like Jahanpanah Forest, the malls at Saket, Press Enclave and Nehru Place, among others. “In places obstructed by

roads and traffic, elevated or underground corridors can be installed for cyclists,” he said, adding that the project will take around three years to complete.

A statement by the L-G office said the idea is to make Delhi a

city of “connected forests and lakes”, where the track will allow people to traverse on cycles or by foot, reducing vehicle usage. No trees will be cut in crowded areas and wherever needed, elevated pathways will be constructed.

The L-G has asked the DDA V-C to execute the project with the Archaeological Survey of India and the Forest Department.

The DDA has also envisioned origin and destination plazas, where bikes can be rented and parked. These will be interlinked by cycling and pedestrian tracks. All tracks will have plants and trees along the edges.

The authority will provide space for creating cycle stands, said an official. He added that other modalities are yet to be finalised, but it is likely to be an app-based system through which one can rent a cycle.



FITNESS FIRST

To promote a positive and healthy lifestyle, Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan Tuesday cycled to the 72nd Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia meeting. Prem Nath Pandey

‘2 NIA staff steal Rs 1.2 cr in fake notes, arrested’

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

A CONSTABLE and a pantry staff member from the National Investigation Agency (NIA) have been arrested by Delhi Police for allegedly breaking into the central agency’s strong room and stealing fake currency notes of face value Rs 1.2 crore.

“An exhibit containing fake currency was stolen from NIA Malkhana last week by a constable and a pantry staff. The stolen exhibit was recovered soon after. Appropriate legal action was taken. Delhi Police registered a case and arrested both accused,” said the NIA in a statement.

“The constable thought the currency was genuine and took the risk,” said an NIA official.

According to sources, over a week ago, fake currency notes of face value Rs 1.2 crore were found missing from the NIA strong room.

On examining CCTV footage, it was found that a constable and a pantry staff member had allegedly broken into the strong room through the AC vent and stolen it.

The currency was seized during a raid by the agency in Gurgaon a few weeks ago.

VIDEOCON ON THE REVIVAL ROAD
(ANNOUNCEMENT)
Videocon Industries Limited, an Indian flagship company of Videocon Group along with 12 other group companies, are under consolidated resolution process pursuant to the NCLT order dated 08th August 2019. Given its huge consumer base and wide distribution & sales network, the company under the Resolution Professional, is making efforts to maintain momentum by maintaining and preserving customer service infrastructure and working on marketing plan needed for preservation of the value of the companies.
Mr. Mahender Kumar Khandelwal, Resolution Professional for Videocon said, “Videocon along with 12 other group companies is undergoing consolidated resolution process pursuant to the NCLT order dated August 08, 2019 and the resolution process will be undertaken as per the requirements under the IBC and the NCLT’s order. However, endeavours are made towards removal of inconvenience or difficulties faced by the trade partners and customers who have purchased and who are buying Videocon products on account of post sales service support due to the ongoing resolution process. RP shall make all efforts towards preservation of value and in this regard, continue implementation of policies to safeguard dealers & customer’s interests with extra care.”
Mr. Shekhar Jyoti, COO, Videocon said, “Being a consumer centric house hold name for more than three decades, Videocon has always come up with initiatives to give great value for money experience to customers. Innovative Products at par with current trends yet price competitive plus supported with friendly service are Videocon USPs.

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Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), an autonomous organization under the Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India invites application up to **04.10.2019** for filling up one post of **Assistant Director General (Administration)** in Level 12 (Rs. 78800-209200) of pay matrix on Deputation, including Short Term Contract (ISTC) basis, initially for a period of three years, from the eligible employee of Central/State Govt., Autonomous Body & PSU.
Eligibility Condition:
(i) Holding analogous post or the post of Under Secretary in Level 11 (Rs. 67700-208700) of pay matrix or equivalent with five year service in that grade;
(ii) 5 years working experience in Administration and Finance; and
(iii) Below 56 years of age as on the last date of receipt of application.
Note: For other information/application form etc. please visit ICMR website <http://icmr.nic.in>.
(Agnes Xalxo)
Assistant Director General (Admn.)
Tel No. 011-26589365
davp 17152/11/0012/1920

PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE
It is for the information of General Public that land Khewat No. 75, Khatooni No. 74, Mustil No. 49, Khasra No. 5, 6/1, 14/2, 15, 16/1 Area 100 Square Yard and Mustil No. 50 Khasra No. 1, 2/1, 9/2, 10, 11, 12/1/1 belongs to Smt. Rajesh Devi W/o Sh. Sahi Ram, M/s Rawat Crane Services, holding TIN 1320928 Main Road, Mujessar, Faridabad will be put to Public Auction on 18.09.2019 Wednesday at 10.00 A.M. in the office of Dy. Excise & Taxation Commissioner, Sector-12, Near Sports Complex, Faridabad by the order of Collector-cum-Deputy Excise & Taxation Commissioner, Faridabad (South) under Section 79 of Punjab Land Revenue Act, 1887 for the recovery under HGST Act amounting to Rs. 2892074/-.
Collector-cum-Dy. Excise & Taxation Commissioner, Faridabad (South)
78525/HRY

DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, JAMMU
Phone No.: 0191-2561578
Fax. No. : 0191-2547807
E-mail: sspjammu@jkpolice.gov.in
LOOK OUT NOTICE
As reported by SHO P/S Pacca Danga, Jammu, applicant namely Kewal Krishan S/o Dhani Ram R/o H. No. 289-A, Panjirthi, Jammu reported that his son has been missing since 15.01.2019. Accordingly, missing report entered at PP Panjirthi vide DDR No. 06 dated 24.01.2019. Despite thorough search his whereabouts are still unknown.
As such Photograph of missing **Sudesh Kumar Gandotra S/o Kewal Krishan R/o H. No. 289-A, Panjirthi** is being published with consent of his Legal Heirs for the information of Police Establishments/Public in General and if anybody having any clue related to his whereabouts / present location, kindly communicate the same on the below mentioned Contact/Telephone numbers.
Description Roll:-

Name	Sudesh Kumar Gandotra
S/O	Kewal Krishan
Permanent Address	H. No. 289-A, Panjirthi, Jammu
Police Station	Pacca Danga, Jammu
Age	48 years
Height	5 feet 4 inch
Complexion	Wheatish
Built	Strong
Face	Round
Eyes	Black
Dress Code	Pent/Shirt
Contact/Telephone Numbers:-	
1. DPO, Jammu	: 0191-2547807, 0191-2561578
2. SSP Jammu Mail I.D	: sspjammu@jkpolice.gov.in
3. PCR Jammu	: 0191-2542000
4. SP City North	: 0191-2547038
5. SDPO City North	: 0191-2566621
6. Landline of P/S Pacca Danga	: 0191-2548610
7. I/C PP Panjirthi	: 94191-80411
8. Contact of Legal Heirs	: 90865-33420
No.: 60761-63/ Date: 30.08.2019 DIPJ-5718	Sr. Superintendent of Police Jammu

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NOTICE OF E-AUCTION
E-auction of property on 03.10.2019 on “AS IS WHERE IS BASIS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS” & “WHATEVER THERE IS” on the platform <https://allahabadbank.auctiontiger.net>
E-auction sale notice for sale of Immovable Assets under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Allahabad Bank Secured Creditor, will be sold on “As is where is”, “As is what is” and “whatever there is” basis as on 03.10.2019. The details of bank’s dues, Borrower & Guarantors, Reserve Price, Earnest money & Description of immovable properties is given below:

Sl No	Details of immovable properties	Name of the Borrower(S)	Amount of Secured Debt	Reserve Price (in Rs)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Branch
01	All that part and parcel of land and building along with present and future construction thereon: In the name of Smt. Vajjanti Devi, W/o Sri Shambhu Pandey area admeasuring 2 decimal, registered mortgage deed no. 1440 dated 03.03.2015 bearing Book no.1, Volume no.20, Page no.255-265, Khata No.120, Plot No.889/742,705, Thana No.117, situated at Mauza-Panhar, PS-Khodaganj, Dist Nalanda, Boundary as per deed: North- Thakurwari, South-Road, East-Thakurwari, West-Road.	Smt. Vajjanti Devi, W/o Sri Shambhu Pandey, Vill+PO- Panhar, P.S-Khodaganj, Dist.-Nalanda (Bihar)	₹18,17,019/- (Rupees Eighteen lakh seventeen thousand nineteen only) with up to date interest as on 31.08.2019 cost & charges thereon till the date of realization.	₹18,28,170/- (Rupees eighteen lac twenty eight thousand one hundred seventy only)	₹1,82,817/- (Rupees one lac eighty two thousand eight hundred seventy only)	Islampur

Last Date & time for Submission of Process compliance Form with EMD amount: 01.10.2019 till 5.00 PM at Allahabad Bank, Islampur Branch Account No.50173127212
Date & Time of e-auction: 03.10.2019 from 12.30 PM to 2.30 PM at the platform of allahabadbank.auctiontiger.net
For further details and Terms & Conditions, Contact: Shri Abhinandan Kumar (Chief Manager) Mob-7488364836, Shri Mithilesh Kumar Jha (Chief Manager), Mob-8004585000/9593653562
For downloading further details and Terms & Conditions, Please Visit: (i) <https://www.allahabadbank.in> (ii) <http://www.tenders.gov.in> (iii) <https://allahabadbank.auctiontiger.net>
Date : 31.08.2019
Place : Islampur
Authorized Officer
Allahabad Bank



GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Madurai Construction and Maintenance Circle
CORRECTION TO THIS OFFICE TENDER NOTICE DATED 29.08.2019
This Office Tender Notice No.4/2019-20/HDD/01/2019
As per Tender Notice
For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamilnadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 03.10.2019 15:00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Madurai Circle for CRDP 2019-20 Works. (Package No.17 to 21) pertaining Madurai, Theni, Palani, Sivaganga and Ramanathapuram (H) C&M Division.
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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
Highways, C&M, Madurai-2.



SOUTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, M-1 Najafgarh Zone 1st Floor
SDMC Community Hall, Sector-17, Near DDA Market,
Dwarka, New Delhi - 78, Email ID:-eeimzgdsdm@gmail.com
NIT No.EE (M-I)/NGZ/2019-20/5
Dated:-28.08.2019

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
The Executive Engineer (M-I)-NGZ, SDMC, 1st Floor SDMC Community Hall, Sector-17A, Near DDA Market, Dwarka, New Delhi invites on behalf of the Commissioner, SDMC sealed item rate/percentage rate tenders as mentioned below from the approved and eligible contractors registered with General Wing. Detailed NIT/Bidding documents can be seen and downloaded from online website www.tenderwizard.com/SOUTHDMCETENDER.
Last Date of Download of Tender Document:-17.09.2019 at 14:00 HRS, Last Date of Bid Submission:-17.09.2019 at 15:00 HRS, Last date deposition of Tender cost & Earnest Money D.D.-:18.09.2019 at 15:00 HRS, Opening of Financial Bid:- 18.09.2019 at 15:30 HRS
1. N.O.W/- Const. of Road by Pdg RMC front of MC Pry School in Village Gumanhera in C-40-S NGZ (75.00°2+2+1/3=21.00AVG. MTR). **Tender No.:-2019-20/5-01, Estimated Cost: Rs.26,88,000/-, Earnest Money:-Rs.53,800/-**
2. N.O.W/- Const. of Road by Pdg RMC from Comm. Centre to Bhane Hs in Village Gumanhera in C-40-S NGZ (L=200MxW=6.3M). **Tender No.:-2019-20/5-02, Estimated Cost: Rs. 54,59,000/-, Earnest Money:-Rs.1,09,200/-**
3. N.O.W/- Imp. Of lane by Providing RMC and Drain from Main RD to MC Pry School, Savroop Hs to Bala Hs, Suraj Bhan Hs to Golu Ram Hs, Bishambhar Hs to Park, Bishambhar Hs to Suraj Bhan Hs, Raghunir Hs to Dhire Hs in Village Hasanpur in C-40-S NGZ. **Tender No.:-2019-20/5-03, Estimated Cost: Rs. 63,06,000/-, Earnest Money:-Rs.1,26,200/-**
4. N.O.W/- Const. of Road by Pdg BM+AC and Side Berm by Pdg RMC from Kanganheri Village to Daulatpur Chowki in Village Kanganheri in C-40S NGZ. **Tender No.:-2019-20/5-04, Estimated Cost: Rs. 78,69,000/-, Earnest Money:-Rs.1,57,400/-**
5. N.O.W/- Const. of Road by Pdg Dense Carpet (BM+AC) from Pandwala Mod to Kanganheri Village in C-40S NGZ **Tender No.:-2019-20/5-05, Estimated Cost:Rs. 79,57,000/-, Earnest Money:-Rs.1,59,200/-**
6. N.O.W/- Const. of Road by Pdg RMC at Holi Chowk in Village Gumanhera in C-40-S NGZ **Tender No.:-2019-20/5-06, Estimated Cost: Rs. 82,76,000/-, Earnest Money:-Rs.1,65,600/-**
7. N.O.W/- Imp. Of lane by Providing RMC and Drain from Dulichand Hs to Ram Kishan Hs, Lala Ram Hs to Srighand Hs, Chander Dutt house to Ahar Singh Hs, Bharat Singh Hs to Lakshman Hs, Umrao Hs to Chander Hs, Shrichand Hs to chetram Hs, Dhare Hs to Raj Singh Hs, Mangal singh Hs to Phirni Road, Inderjeet Hs to Kartare Hs, Chandgi Ram Hs to Dharm Singh Hs in Village Pandwala Khurd in C-40-S NGZ **Tender No.:-2019-20/5-07, Estimated Cost* Rs. 90,82,000/-, Earnest Money:-Rs.1,81,700/-**
8. N.O.W/- Construction of SUMP Well near Rawta Bridge (on FC drain) in Village Ghummanhera . in C-40-S NGZ. **Tender No.:-2019-20/5-08, Estimated Cost: Rs. 1,14,74,000/-, Earnest Money:-Rs.2,29,500/-**
9. N.O.W/- Construction of road by Pdg RCC Box Type drain from Tilak Hs to Chaudhary Sona Plot in Village Ghummanhera in C-40-S NGZ. **Tender No.:-2019-20/5-09, Estimated Cost: Rs. 1,36,05,000/-, Earnest Money:-Rs.2,72,100/-**
10.N.O.W/- Const. of lane Providing RMC drain from Satbir Hs to cremation ground, Iswar Hs to Cremation ground Kaptan Hs to Parkash Hs, Bhajnalni Hs to Prem Hs, Bhamram Prakash Hs to Bhim Hs, Lala Hs to Pt Ishwar Hs Prathavi Hs to Jai Parkash Hs, Dayaram Hs to Bhamram Parkash Hs Ramesh Hs to Girdhari Hs, Sultan Hs to Rajender Hs, Surajbhan Hs to Khazan Hs, Pappu Hs to Ashok Hs, Tilakraj Hs to Tejpal Hs Amarpal Hs to Dinesh Hs, Satbir Hs to Suraj Mal Hs, Bhim Singh Hs to Surat Hs, Mangat Hs to Hukam Hs, Mangal Hs to Sunderlal Hs, Sube Singh Hs to Sadanand Hs, Samme Singh Hs to Parkash Hs, Surjeet Hs to Bhamram Parkash Hs, Mangal Hs to Laxminarayan Hs Ram Singh Hs to Omparkash Hs Jai Narayan Hs to Rammehar Hs, Laxmi Hs to Satish Hs Rampal Hs Ombr Hs, Ramesh Hs to Hosiyar Hs, Hari Parkash chand Hs to Dharm Singh Hs, Lалу Hs to Meer Singh Hs, Fateh Singh Hs to Samme Singh Hs, Meer Singh Hs to Raaj Hs, DJB to Raji Hs, DJB to Raaj Hs in Village Ghummanhera in C-40S NGZ. (LXW=1140x1.82, 1260x4.48, 300x7.48, 300x8.48) B/W, Plaster, NCP, Good Earth, RMC. **Tender No.:-2019-20/5-10, Estimated Cost: Rs. 3,19,59,000/-, Earnest Money:-Rs.6,39,200/-**
Head of A/c for S.No. (1):-XL-VIII-S & S.No. (2 to 10):-XL-VIII-Z-F
All details are available on:- www.tenderwizard.com/SOUTHDMCETENDER
R.O. No. 52/DPS/IS/2019-20 **Executive Engineer M-1 Najafgarh Zone/SDMC**



प्रेस विज्ञापित
उत्प्र० भारत रकाउट और गाइड शीतलाखेत अल्मोड़ा (उत्तराखण्ड) स्थित प्रशिक्षण केन्द्र के भवन निर्माण हेतु टेण्डर आमंत्रित किए जा रहे हैं। इस हेतु इच्छुक टेकेदार गोल मार्केट, महानगर, लखनऊ स्थित कार्यालय से 26.09.2019 तक निर्धारित मूल्य देकर निविदा प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।
प्रादेशिक सचिव
उत्प्र० भारत रकाउट एवं गाइड

(SHORT TERMS NOTICE)
E-TENDERING
PRESS NOTICE
The Executive Engineer, CD-XII, Irrigation & Flood Control Department, GNCTD Opp. ESI Hospital, Basai Darapur Office Complex New Delhi-110027 invites on behalf of the President of India, online item rate tender from approved and eligible contractors for the following works :-
1. NIT No. EE/CD XII/19-20/44-(ID No. 2019_IFC_179255_1) HOA-4217/Development of unauthorized colonies in N.C.T. of Delhi. SW- Construction of Streets and side drains in Rajendra Park Extn.-1 Unauthorized colony Regn. No. 23 in Munda AC-08 Dist. West, Delhi (including maintenance for five years). E.C. Rs. 3,36,60,749/- Earnest money Rs.6,73,215/- period of completion 210 Days. (Date of submission & opening of bid on 11-09-2019 at 3:00 P.M. & 3:30 P.M respectively).AE-I.
Note :-
1) Details of above mentioned works & eligibility criteria can be seen and downloaded from the web site <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>.
2) Amendment(s)/ alteration(s)/ corrigendum if any, will be available at website only.
3) EMD in the form of Banker's Cheque or Demand Draft or Fixed Deposit Receipt (drawn in favour of EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CD XII, I&FC DEPTT., GNCT OF DELHI) shall be scanned and uploaded to the e-tendering website within the period of bid submission. The original EMD should be deposited in the office of EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CD XII, I&FC DEPTT., GNCT OF DELHI within the period of bid submission.(The EMD document shall only be issued from the place in which the office of receiving division office is situated).
Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER/CDXII
DIP/SHABDARTH/0614/19-20



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Open e-Tender Notice No. C/E.221/ELS/KZJ/2019-20/147 dt. 31-08-2019 (e tender no. ELS-KZJ-147-31-08-19)
e-Tender from the experienced Contractors are invited by the undersigned for the following works.
SL.No. : 1. Tender No. & date : C/E.221/ELS/KZJ/2019-20/147 dt. 31-08-2019 (e tender nos. ELS-KZJ-147-31-08-19). **Description of work :** Up-gradation of M/s AAL make Kit-3 type of 180 KVA converter to Generic type converter by OEM M/s AAI/Noida., Qty-13 nos. of ELS/KZJ for having better reliability and reducing on line failures. **Completion period :** Two Years/At Firm's prerises). **Validity of offer : 45 days. Tender Value (Rs.) :** 1,65,00,000/- (Excluding GSTof 18%). **EMD (Rs.) :** 2,32,500/- **Cost of Tender form (Rs.) :** 5,000/- **Date & time of closing & Opening :** 09-10-2019 15.00 hrs & 09-10-2019 15.30 hrs.

1. Tenderers should participate through e-tendering only and no manual offers may be considered.
2. All the prospective tenderers are requested to remit cost of tender form & EMD through online payment only.
3. The tender notice is also displayed in the notice board located in the office of Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer, South Central Railway, Electric Loco Shed, Kazipet, Warangal (Dist), Telangana State.
4. All the prospective tenderers are advised to get GSTIN identification Nos. and submit along with their offers.
Submission of tender document: Through IREPS website at www.ireps.gov.in
Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer, A1467 ELS, Kazipet
For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at <https://www.ireps.gov.in> or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

'WANTED TO MAINTAIN AUDIENCE ON APP'

To make better Tik Tok videos, man steals phones, arrested

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE
NOIDA, SEPTEMBER 4

GREATER NOIDA Police arrested four persons Wednesday for allegedly stealing mobile phones and cash to make Tik Tok videos. The main accused, Shahrukh Khan, has over 40,000 followers on the app, and committed the crime so that he could make better Tik Tok videos to maintain his audience, said police.

"We received information about mobile phones and cash being stolen in the region. Investigation revealed that Shahrukh was popular on the



A grab from his Tik Tok video

app, and would used the phones and money to make videos. The three other accused – Aasif, Faizan and Mukesh – would help him. Shahrukh works in Saudi

Arabia as a driver for a private firm and was visiting his family when he committed the crimes. The accused have been sent to custody," said Ranvijay Singh, SP (Rural). According to police, Shahrukh started making Tik Tok videos that would feature fast cars, bikes and songs. He also shot videos in the backdrop of exotic locations in Dubai. Police said the other accused do not have Tik Tok profiles. The accused, aged between 25 and 30, are from Bulandshahr. Police said they tracked the accused through technical surveillance, and recovered five mobile phones, a scooter and Rs 3,520 from their possession. Police said

the accused have six cases of theft registered against them in Gautam Budh Nagar. Police said Shahrukh has more than 2.7 lakh likes on all his videos. Most of his videos have him dancing to various Bollywood songs. In one video with 1.2 million views, he can be seen dancing to an old Bollywood song in a Saudi city. In another, he can be seen standing on top of a moving car while lip-syncing to a song from a Shah Rukh Khan movie and imitating his poses. A lot of his videos feature expensive cars and have amassed views averaging between 30,000 to 1 lakh.

4 cops face action for 'beating up' help at station

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, SEPTEMBER 4

TWO POLICE personnel at DLF Phase 1 police station have been sent to police lines, and two others suspended, after they allegedly beat up a woman, who hails from Assam and works as a domestic help, on Tuesday.

According to police, an FIR alleging theft had been registered

against the 30-year-old woman by a resident of DLF Phase 1, at whose house she works, on Tuesday. She was summoned to the station, along with two other people who worked at the house. Her relatives alleged that she was taken to a room and beaten up by personnel. The matter came to light when several people from Northeastern states staged a protest outside the station

Wednesday. "She was beaten with belts and sticks by personnel inside a room at the station... They demanded she confess to the crime, even though she told them she had not stolen anything," alleged her husband. "They released her but asked me to get her back when required. They beat her so badly, even on her private parts," he alleged. Officials from Gurgaon Police said they were alerted to the in-

cident after protesters shared pictures of the woman's injuries, and a probe was immediately ordered. "Two police officers, including a woman officer, have been suspended, and two others sent to police lines following the incident. ACP Usha Kundu has been asked to probe the matter and submit a report, following which further action will be taken," said Subhash Boken, PRO of Gurgaon Police.

कार्यालय उज्जैन नगर पालिक निगम, उज्जैन
विज्ञापित क्र. / zone 6/E-Tender/2019/363
उज्जैन, दिनांक : 03/09/2019
छत्रपति शिवाजी भवन, आगर रोड, उज्जैन (म.प्र.)
(Online) निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

निम्नांकित कार्य के लिए प्रपत्र "अ" (फार्म ए) में प्रतिशत कम या अधिक के आधार पर प्रमुख अभियंता लोक निर्माण विभाग म.प्र. शासन भोपाल के कार्यालय में पंजीकृत टेकेदारों से उक्त विभाग में पंजीकृत प्रमाण पत्र की प्रमाणित प्रति प्रस्तुत करने पर ऑनलाईन (Online) निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है, तथा टेकेदार की (श्रेणी सी) एम.पी. सर्वेक्ट व सिरियल क्र. 1 का टेण्डर फार्म का मूल्य 12500/- रहेगा। सिरियल क्र. 2 का टेण्डर फार्म का मूल्य 2000/- रहेगा।


सिरियल क्र. 1 ऑनलाईन क्रय करने की अंतिम दिनांक 27.09.2019 समय 17:30 ऑनलाईन ई.एम.डी. राशि एवं समस्त दस्तावेज Submission करने की अंतिम दिनांक 28.09.2019 समय 17:30 रहेगी।

सिरियल क्र. 2 ऑनलाईन क्रय करने की अंतिम दिनांक 16.09.2019 समय 17:30 ऑनलाईन ई.एम.डी. राशि एवं समस्त दस्तावेज Submission करने की अंतिम दिनांक 17.09.2019 समय 17:30 रहेगी।

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क्र.	टेंडर आई.डी	कार्य का नाम	अनुमानित लागत	नगरीय प्रशासन एवं विकास विभाग म.प्र. भोपाल	अर्नेस्टमनी रु.	समय अवधि
1	2019_UAD_48591_1	झोन क्र. 6 अंतर्गत पाईप फैक्ट्री चौराहा का विकास कार्य।	10553256.84/-	10.05.2012 UADD ISSR SOR	105600/-	180 दिन
2	2019_UAD_48591_1	वार्ड क्र. 48 अंतर्गत अमरनाथ एवेन्यु उद्यान में विभिन्न कार्य।	6,24,626/-	10.05.2012 UADD ISSR SOR	12500/-	60 दिन

कार्यपालन यंत्री
नगर पालिक निगम , उज्जैन



HAV. RAM BAHADUR CHHETRI, SENA MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS)

23 ASSAM RIFLES, 05th SEPTEMBER 2019
The Tagra Teyees family proudly remembers HAVILDAR RAM BAHADUR CHHETRI, SENA MEDAL (Posthumous) who in the true traditions of the Assam Rifles made supreme sacrifice while bravely combating terrorists in Kunthal, Doda District, (J&K) on 05 September 1994. May the Almighty grant eternal peace to his soul. His gallant action will continue to inspire us all.
DEEPLY REMEMBERED BY COMMANDANT & ALL RANKS 23 ASSAM RIFLES 'TAGRA TEYEE'S'



CT. GD MOHAN SINGH HMT SRINAGAR 05-09-1990

MARTYR OF CISF ON 05TH SEPTEMBER
CISF proudly remembers the supreme sacrifice of this brave-heart. On this day, he laid down his life at the altar of duty while fighting with the terrorists. His courage and bravery would remain an abiding source of inspiration for the force. The force will remain eternally indebted to him for his noble deed.

E-TENDER PRESS NOTICE
The EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CD-XIII, I&FC Department Govt. of Delhi, on behalf of the President of India, invites Online Percentage rate tender from the approved and eligible contractors registered with IRRIGATION AND FLOOD CONTROL DEPARTMENT. The contractors who are registered with other department and now got their registrations verified from I&FC Deptt. are eligible to participate in Tender process for the work:-
1. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/67 (ID No. 2019_IFC_179063_1) Major Head of Account 4515-Plan (RDB) Name of Work: Repair and Renovation of General Chaupal near jamuna patti in village Ujwa in N.G. Block. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 14,57,861/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 29,157/- Time allowed 60 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 07-09-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
2. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/68 (ID No. 2019_IFC_179072_1) Major Head of Account 4515-Plan (RDB) Name of Work: Repair of General Chaupal near phirni road in Mohan Ram patti in village Ujwa in N.G. Block. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 18,42,235/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 36,845/- Time allowed 60 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 07-09-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
3. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/69 (ID No. 2019_IFC_179127_1) Major Head of Account 4217-Plan (MLA LAD) Name of Work: Improvement of road from main Daurala road to Malikpur village. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 29,73,150/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 59,463/- Time allowed 90 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 07-09-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
4. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/70 (ID No. 2019_IFC_179142_1) Major Head of Account 4403-(Veterinary Services and Control of Contagious Diseases in Hospital and Dispensaries Capital Plan) Name of Work: Construction of boundary wall at Kh. No. 157 in village Issapur in N.G. Block (Deposit work on behalf of Animal Husbandry Deptt. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 14,45,811/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 28,916/- Time allowed 90 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 07-09-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
5. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/71 (ID No. 2019_IFC_179160_1) Major Head of Account 2711 (Revenue) Name of Work: Removal of Municipal Solid waste from B.C. Drain and maintenance of drain free from domestic garbage, floating material like hyacinth, polybags etc from RD 0m to RD 8550m. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 10,55,961/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 21,119/- Time allowed 30 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 07-09-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
6. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/72 (ID No. 2019_IFC_179222_1) Major Head of Account 2711 (Revenue) Name of Work: Removal of Garbage from inner side of Mungeshpur drain and C and D waste outer side between land boundary (RD 0m to 10362m. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 20,41,221/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 40,824/- Time allowed 180 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 07-09-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
7. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/73 (ID No. 2019_IFC_179224_1) Major Head of Account 4217-Plan (MLA LAD) Name of Work: Improvement of General cremation ground in village Dhansa, Najafgarh, New Delhi in AC-35 Delhi. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 31,95,311/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 63,906/- Time allowed 90 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 07-09-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
8. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/74 (ID No. 2019_IFC_179149_1) Major Head of Account 2711 (Revenue) Name of Work: Removal of silt from B.C. Drain from RD 6500m to RD 8150m by deploying excavator with 15.5m long boom. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 26,66,158/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 53,323/- Time allowed 70 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 07-09-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
9. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/75 (ID No. 2019_IFC_179187_1) Major Head of Account 4515-Plan (RDB) Name of Work: Improvement of Park in Kh. No. 153 in village Samaspur Khalsa, Najafgarh. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 6,91,445/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 13,829/- Time allowed 60 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 07-09-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
10. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/76 (ID No. 2019_IFC_179166_1) Major Head of Account 4406-Plan (Forest) Name of Work: Construction of boundary wall on 03 side of Mandir lane Nursery (Birla Mandir Nursery) at Mandir lane Marg. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 11,22,843/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 22,457/- Time allowed 90 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 07-09-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
11. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/177 (ID No. 2019_IFC_179242_1) Major Head of Account 2711 (Revenue) Name of Work: Maintenance of Garden and office of the EE, CD-XIII and SE (FC-IV) I and FC Deptt. Basaidarapur, New Delhi- 110027. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 21,12,219/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 42,244/- Time allowed 365 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 07-09-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
12. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2019-20/78 (ID No. 2019_IFC_179252_1) Major Head of Account 4406-Plan (Forest) Name of Work: Providing and fixing porta-cabin at CC flooring in West Forest Division, Mandir Lane, New Delhi. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 9,29,774/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 18,595/- Time allowed 60 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 07-09-2019 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
Note:-
1) Details of above mentioned works & eligibility criteria can be seen and downloaded from the web site <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>
2) Amendment(s)/ alteration(s)/ corrigendum if any, will be available at website only.
3) EMD in the form of Bankers Cheque/DD/Fixed Deposit receipt in F/o EE/CD-XIII, I&FC Deptt Shall be scanned and uploaded to the e-tender website within the period of bid submission. The original EMD should be deposited in the office of EE/CD-XIII, I&FC Deptt within the period of bid submission.
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EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CD-XIII

EAST COAST RAILWAY
LEASING OF BRAKE VANS
Tender Notice No. SDGM-KUR-Leasing-SLRs-1 to 114, Dated: 26.08.2019
Name of work
LEASING OF BRAKE VANS (SLRs/SLRDs) PARCEL SPACE TO REGISTERED LEASE HOLDERS.
LIST OF 114 SLRs/SLRDs OF 68 TRAINS (4 & 3.9 TONNES) CARRYING CAPACITY

Sl. No.	Train No.	Train Name	From - To	Reserve Price(₹)
1	18401	Puri-Okha Express	Puri-Okha	23,198/-
2	20813	Puri - Jodhpur Express	Puri-Jodhpur	21,400/-
3	18477	Kalinga Utkal Express	Puri-Hardiwar	21,114/-
4	12843	Puri-Ahmedabad Express (Via-Vizianagaram)	Puri-Ahmedabad	19,493/-
5	14710	Puri-Bikaner Express	Puri-Bikaner	19,177/-
6	22910	Puri-Valsad Express	Puri-Valsad	20,775/-
7	11020	Konark Express	Bhubaneswar-Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus	18,193/-
8	18405	Puri-Ahmedabad Express (Via-Sambalpur)	Puri-Ahmedabad	24,773/-
9	18496	Bhubaneswar-Rameshwaram Express	Bhubaneswar-Rameshwaram	19,358/-
10	22827	Puri-Surat Express	Puri - Surat	18,484/-
11	12845	Bhubaneswar-Bangalore Cant. Express	Bhubaneswar-Bangalore Cant.	16,727/-
12	17479	Puri-Tirupati Express	Puri - Tirupati	14,541/-
13	22871	Bhubaneswar-Tirupati Express	Bhubaneswar-Tirupati	13,670/-
14	17015	Visakha Express	Bhubaneswar-Secunderabad	12,150/-
15	18419	Puri-Jaynagar Express	Puri-Jaynagar	11,962/-
16	18449	Baidyanathdham Express	Puri-Patna	11,179/-
17	12896	Puri-Howrah Express	Puri-Howrah	8,073/-
18	18447	Hirakhand Express	Bhubaneswar-Jagdalpur	8,721/-
19	18452	Tapaswini Express	Puri - Hatia	7,845/-
20	58132	Puri-Rourkela Passenger	Puri - Rourkela	6,206/-
21	58002	Puri-Santragachi Passenger	Puri - Santragachi	6,122/-
22	12888	Puri - Howrah Express	Puri - Howrah	8,073/-
23	22819	Inter City Express	Bhubaneswar-Visakhapatnam	5,523/-
24	18421	Puri - Ajmer Express	Puri - Ajmer	14,467/-
25	12994	Puri-Gandhidham Express (Via-Sambalpur)	Puri-Gandhidham	13,647/-
26	12146	Puri - Lokmanya Tilak Terminus Express	Puri-Lokmanya Tilak Terminus	12,906/-
27	22866	Puri - Lokmanya Tilak Terminus Express	Puri-Lokmanya Tilak Terminus	11,807/-
28	12880	Bhubaneswar - Lokmanya Tilak Terminus Express	Bhubaneswar-Lokmanya Tilak Terminus	11,483/-
29	22882	Bhubaneswar-Pune Express	Bhubaneswar - Pune	14,925/-
30	18407	Sai Nagar Shirdi Express	Puri-Sai Nagar Shirdi	11,048/-
31	22879	Bhubaneswar-Tirupati Express	Bhubaneswar-Tirupati	8,414/-
32	18437	Bhubaneswar-Bhawani Patna Link Express	Bhubaneswar-Junagarh Road	10,232/-
33	22809	Paradeep-Visakhapatnam Express	Cuttack-Visakhapatnam	4,308/-
34	22836	Puri-Shalimar Express	Puri-Shalimar	3,969/-
35	22890	Puri - Digha Express	Puri - Digha	5,691/-
36	22814	Paradeep-Santragachi Express	Cuttack-Santragachi	3,908/-
37	58417	Puri-Gunupur Passenger	Puri-Naupada	3,287/-
38	58525	Brahmapur-Visakhapatnam Passenger	Brahmapur-Visakhapatnam	3,008/-
39	18425	Puri-Durg Express	Puri - Durg	6,528/-
40	12893	Bhubaneswar-Balangir Express	Bhubaneswar-Balangir	



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TAKING A CUE

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi's call against single-use plastic has found its echo in the ruling party's headquarters. In the last two days, the BJP office has become almost free of plastic bottles. Earlier, every room in the BJP headquarters used to stack cartons of 250 ml water bottles and every day hundreds of bottles had to be dumped. Now every room has a stainless steel jug and paper glasses. The staff said they have been given special instructions to keep the jugs clean and to ensure that clean water is served.

OUTREACH CAMPAIGN

WITH THE BJP announcing an outreach campaign on the government's move to scrap the special status of Jammu and Kashmir, a short film has been prepared that focuses on how the BJP had continuously opposed the provision. It starts with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Independence Day address in which he says Article 370 was a temporary provision but no other government had the courage to abrogate it. The video says the "historic blunder" just helped the militants and its gift to Jammu and Kashmir was nothing but terrorism. The film blames Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru who added Article 370 despite objections from leaders like B R Ambedkar. The film recalls that Atal Bihari Vajpayee on August 30, 1968 moved a motion in Lok Sabha to make the article inoperative but the dream had been fulfilled only now. The film states that the government's move has finally made India one from Kashmir to Kanyakumari.

MINISTER IN METRO

TO FOLLOW Prime Minister Narendra Modi's instruction to give up VIP culture, some Union ministers have picked up new habits. While some have tried to avoid a big cavalcade following them, Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has started using the metro to commute whenever there is a possibility of a traffic jam. On Tuesday night, he boarded a train on the Violet line from Sarita Vihar for Faridabad to attend Ganpati Mahotsav organised by Haryana Industry minister Vipul Goel. A picture of him standing in the coach caught everyone's attention.

LOW ATTENDANCE

HIS PORTRAIT may be occupying the pride of place in the Central Hall of Parliament House, but no politician turned up to pay tributes to Dadabhai Naoroji on his birth anniversary on Wednesday. Even the Congress, of which Naoroji was a founding member, gave a miss to the brief ceremony. Only five officers of the Lok Sabha Secretariat turned up do the honours. The Lok Sabha Speaker and the Secretary-General are away in Maldives.

Cong's Haryana rehaul: Selja PCC chief, Hooda CLP leader

SUKHBIR SIWACH
CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 4

MOVING TO end factional politics in its Haryana unit ahead of the assembly elections in the state, the Congress Wednesday went for a revamp, removing PCC chief Ashok Tanwar and naming Kumari Selja, another Dalit leader, in his place.

A sitting member of Rajya Sabha, Selja has in the past served three terms as a Lok Sabha member and been a Minister at the Centre.

Making the announcement in New Delhi, Haryana Congress in-charge Ghulam Nabi Azad also said that former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda will be the new leader of the Congress Legislature Party, replacing Kiran Choudhry, and, therefore, Leader of Opposition in the Vidhan Sabha.

"The Congress president has given him (Hooda) one more responsibility: he will be chairman of the election management committee... this is a very important position as Haryana elections may be announced within a week or 10 days," Azad said.

Seeking Tanwar's removal, Hooda's supporters had been clamouring that their leader be given the party's command in Haryana to energise workers across the state. But Hooda's critics within the party had warned that any such move would lead to polarisation of Jat and non-Jat votes. By bringing in Selja as PCC



EXPLAINED Win-win for Hooda

THE CONGRESS'S decision is set to energise Bhupinder Singh Hooda's supporters, who are likely to now go to the electorate and project him as the Haryana CM candidate in the forthcoming Assembly polls. Removal of Ashok Tanwar from the post of Haryana Congress president had become a prestige issue for Hooda and his supporters, who will now count this as their success.

The Hooda camp is happy with Kumari Selja replacing Tanwar, as she is seen as having good political equations with the former CM. In his meeting with party president Sonia Gandhi on Wednesday, Hooda is learnt to have given his consent on Selja's appointment. The Hooda camp also hopes to get the lion's share in ticket allocation.

chief and naming Hooda as CLP leader, the Congress has tried to strike a balance ahead of the poll announcement, hoping it placates rival camps.

Incidentally, during the Lok Sabha elections this year, Hooda and Selja had campaigned for



Bhupinder Singh Hooda after his appointment; Kumari Selja at her residence in New Delhi on Wednesday. Anil Sharma

each other, raising hopes in the Congress that they will be able to work together. Intense infighting in the Haryana unit had led to the defeat of the Congress in election after election.

At a rally in his Rohtak stronghold last month, Hooda was projected as the chief ministerial candidate for the assembly polls with or without party support. He had also remarked that the party had "lost its way (*bhatak gayee*)", and was no longer the Congress of the past. But the hints of rebellion dispipated with the Congress working out an arrangement.

In New Delhi, Azad reminded reporters how Hooda had defeated Chaudhary Devi Lal thrice in the Lok Sabha elections and remained Haryana Chief Minister for almost a decade. He also recalled the contribution of Hooda's father and grandfather.

EC to Law: Extend postal ballot cover to non-govt voters on duty during polls

RITIKA CHOPRA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

KEEN ON expanding the ambit of postal ballots, the Election Commission (EC) has proposed to allow voters on duty in the aviation sector, shipping sector, trains, fire services, medical services, traffic, long-distance road transport corporation buses, the aged, the physically challenged, and journalists covering elections to vote by post in the upcoming assembly elections.

The EC has sent a proposal to the Union Law Ministry this week seeking changes to the Representation of the People Act,

1951, and the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, to extend the facility of postal voting to people who cannot vote in person "on account of compulsion of their service conditions".

Currently, only service voters (armed forces, the armed police force of a state and government servants posted abroad), voters on election duty and those in preventive detention are allowed to cast their votes through postal ballot. The exception is provided in Section 60 of the RP Act, 1951.

Under this method, ballot papers are distributed electronically to electors and returned via post. The remaining eligible voters are expected to cast a vote in person

at designated polling stations.

The EC's letter justifies the recommendation to expand the above category of special voters stating, "it is necessary to explore all avenues to enable exercise of franchise by all eligible voters".

"In order to ensure that the process of issuing of postal ballot etc. happens in a controlled environment so as to eliminate chances of undue influence and interference in the casting of vote through postal ballot, the Commission intends to provide the facility in specific centres on specific days duly supervised by elections officials," states the letter.

In the case of the aged and physically-challenged voters, the

EC has proposed that the postal ballot paper should be delivered to them at home and collected back "then and there in a controlled, safe and secure environment".

"It is requested that the necessary amendments may be made at the earliest considering that General Elections to Legislative Assemblies of certain states are due in the immediate future," the EC letter further states.

The government has already accepted the EC's recommendation to allow registered NRI voters to appoint proxies to cast a vote on their behalf. An amendment to the RP Act was passed by the Lok Sabha last year. It is now pending in the Rajya Sabha.

From Oct 2, Govt to crack down on single-use plastic

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

FOLLOWING PRIME Minister Narendra Modi's call on Independence Day, the central government is all set to announce a ban on a number of Single-Use Plastic items on October 2, the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, sources told *The Indian Express*.

The move is part of an ambitious drive against Single-Use Plastic (SUP), under the theme "Shramdaan", for which a detailed plan has been worked out for ministries and departments.

The key elements of this initiative were laid out in a presentation that was made during the Prime Minister's meeting with the Council of Ministers last week.

Among the proposals are: a total ban on SUPs; all 4,378 urban local bodies to collect and segregate recyclable and non-recyclable plastic waste; plastic waste along National Highways to utilised for road construction; cement manufacturers to use plastic as fuel; Textile Ministry to ramp up production of jute bags; all gram sabhas to be plastic waste-free by 2022.

As part of the initiative, 5 lakh sarpanchs and swachhagrahis (cleanliness volunteers) will also receive personalised letters from the Prime Minister.

Besides, various ministries, including Housing and Urban

Affairs, Railways and Tourism, have been asked to conduct "massive shramdaan activities on October 2 in railway stations, tourist spots, beaches and historic sites.

All Union ministers have been advised to "offer shramdaan with ministry staff during the campaign period". The ministries have also been asked to "mobilise celebrities" for cleanliness drives.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change has been asked to ensure and enforce the ban on SUPs by all states and Union Territories. "Ban entry of SUP in Indian Himalayan region and other eco-fragile zones..." states the presentation.

The plan includes incentives, too. For instance, the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion is expected to organise an international competition on innovations on plastic waste recycling. The Rail Ministry will announce an award for the best plastic-free station. And the Tourism Ministry will announce a competition among tourist spots for plastic waste removal.

Besides, Union ministers and BJP MPs and MLAs are expected to share their "plastic waste shramdaan stories" on social media, and share selfies with their alternatives for SUPs and a one-minute video on their efforts for a plastic waste-free India.

Collegium to recommend transfer of Madras CJ

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

THE SUPREME Court Collegium has decided to recommend the transfer of Madras High Court Chief Justice V K Tahilramani to the Meghalaya High Court.

The Collegium, comprising Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and Justices S A Bobde, N V Ramana, Arun Mishra and R F Nariman, took the decision on August 28 and had sought the response of Justice Tahilramani. She had urged reconsideration of the proposal, but the Collegium, which met again on September 3, rejected this.

"The Collegium has carefully gone through the aforesaid representation and taken into consid-

eration all relevant factors. On reconsideration, the Collegium is of the considered view that it is not possible to accede to her request. The Collegium, accordingly, reiterates its recommendation," said the Collegium resolution, which was made public on Wednesday.

Meghalaya High Court Chief Justice A K Mittal will be transferred to Madras High Court.

The Collegium also reiterated its recommendation to transfer Justice Vivek Agarwal of Madhya Pradesh High Court to Allahabad High Court and Justice Amit Rawal of Punjab & Haryana High Court to Kerala High Court. It was also decided to recommend that Tripura High Court Chief Justice Sanjay Karol be transferred to Jharkhand High Court.

ASHISH SAXENA, JHABUA DISTRICT COLLECTOR

AWARD CATEGORY: WOMAN DEVELOPMENT

Weighed under by ‘reverse dowry’, Jhabua district embraces campaign to phase it out

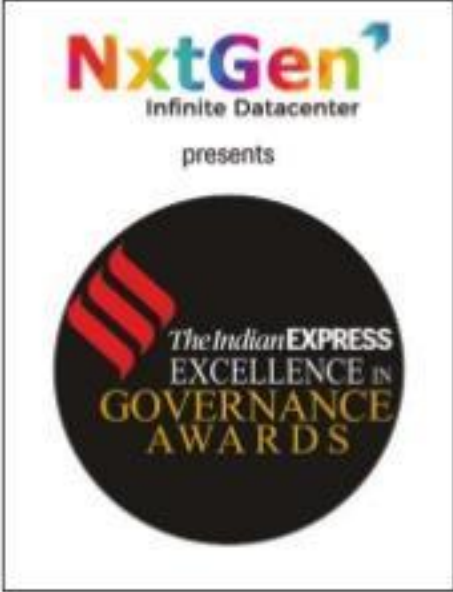
AISHWARYA MOHANTY
JHABUA (MADHYA PRADESH),
SEPTEMBER 4

IN KHARDU Badi village in Madhya Pradesh's Jhabua district, Naval Bhuriya, 35, is hailed for setting an example by taking just Rs 525 as 'dahej-dhappa' (reverse dowry) from his son-in-law's family.

Married 20 years ago, Bhuriya and his wife Satura (35) live in a two-room kuchcha house. At the time of their wedding, recalls Bhuriya, his father had to take a loan of Rs 45,000 at an interest of 10 per cent annum, to pay dowry to Satura's family.

"It took us almost 15 years to repay the loan. Immediately after we got married, my wife and I began working at construction sites in Rajkot to pay the amount. I did not want my daughter or her husband to face the same difficulties," he says.

In large parts of the tribal belt of Jhabua district, dominated by the Bhil, Bilala and Patelia tribes, the practice of taking dowry from the groom's family has been an old norm. In the past few years, several residents have raised concerns about the practice, with the dowry amount go-



ing up to Rs 5 lakh in some cases. In October 2016, Jhabua's then collector Ashish Saxena invited girls selected for the national yoga competition from across the district for a felicitation ceremony. When he asked the girls if they needed any help, an 18-year-old burst into tears and said, "My father is selling me off." It was then, says Saxena,



Praveen Khanna

Jhabua District Collector Ashish Saxena receives the award from Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Ram Vilas Paswan; (right) Naval Bhuriya with his wife at his home in Khardu Badi village, Jhabua.



Bhupendra Rana





NORTH

Cyber conmen cheat ex-CJ Liberhan of Rs 2.25 lakh

Chandigarh: Cyber fraudsters cheated retired Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh Manmohan Singh Liberhan of Rs 2.25 lakh after obtaining his confidential bank details posing as employees of State Bank of India. Justice Liberhan also headed the Liberhan Ayodhya Commission for 17 years. The fraud took place in July this year and an FIR was lodged on Wednesday. Police said the fraudsters called Liberhan saying the SBI is going to cancel his ATM card because his account was not linked to his Aadhaar. Justice Liberhan provided the caller with his ATM card number and password. **ENS**



A protest in Mirzapur demanding dropping of charges against journalist Pawan Jaiswal who has been booked after he shot a video showing students of a school being served roti-salt under the midday meal scheme. *Express*

EAST

To combat poaching, Bihar to set up tiger protection force

Patna: Bihar Cabinet gave approval to set up a Special Tiger Protection Force (STPF) in the state on Wednesday. The force will be armed and will have the status of a paramilitary force. At least six states which have tiger reserves have their own STPF. Principal Secretary, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Ministry, Deepak Kumar Singh said that now the Cabinet had given a go-ahead to formation of STPF, the state government would soon get into an agreement with National Tiger Conservation Authority to set up the force. **ENS**

WEST

45-yr-old woman rescued after she jumps off bridge

Mumbai: A 45-year-old woman was rescued by villagers after she jumped off a bridge on Gadhi river at Umroli in Panvel on Tuesday. The woman had jumped into the river to save her teenage son. The boy remains missing. According to police, Khadija Mohammad Shaikh had gone to a dargah in Umroli with her 14-year-old son Rahman Shaikh. “They were returning back in the evening on foot. The boy suddenly jumped off the bridge,” a police officer said. Khadija then jumped into the river to save him. “Villagers managed to save her but her son could not be found,” he added. Investigation and search for the missing boy are still on, police said. **ENS**

SOUTH

Malayalam writer booked for Facebook post on NRC

Thiruvananthapuram: Malayalam writer and All India Radio programme director K R Indira was booked on charges of promoting enmity and hatred over her Facebook post on the exclusion of more than 19 lakh people from the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam. Indira, who works in

Thoothukudiy, 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, aadhaar card and ration card. They could be sterilised to prevent from multiplying,” she had posted. **ENS**

FIRST NAMES AFTER NEW ANTI-TERROR LAW PASSED

Jaish, Lashkar chiefs, Dawood, Lakhvi now ‘individual terrorists’

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

JAISH-E-MOHAMMED (JeM) chief Masood Azhar, Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) chief Hafiz Saeed, his deputy Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi, and underworld don Dawood Ibrahim on Wednesday became the first individuals to be designated as “terrorist” under the newly amended Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA). Parliament had passed the UAPA amendment Bill in July this year, empowering the government to designate even individuals as terrorists. The Act earlier had provision to only designate organisations as “terrorist”.

The government had argued that this was in keeping with international norms and laws, and pointed out that even the United Nations designates individuals as terrorists. It said the move would help clamp down on financial resources and assets of individual terrorists even if they disassociate themselves with an organisation, or in cases where they dissolve a banned outfit and float another under a different name and form.

The move had met with criticism from many in the Opposition ranks, who said it could be misused, while Home Ministry officials pointed out that there are many safeguards in the law to prevent its misuse. On July 27, *The Indian Express* had reported that these four in-



Clockwise, top left: Masood Azhar, Hafiz Saeed, Zaki-ur-Rehman-Lakhvi, Dawood

dividuals would be the first to be declared terrorist under the amended UAPA.

A gazette notification on proscribing the four individuals was issued on Wednesday. In the case of JeM’s Masood Azhar, the notification stated that he had been proscribed by the UN. It stated: “Jaish-e-Mohammad under the patronage of Azhar, extensively undertakes recruitment drives for terrorist activities and his preaching wings regularly organise events in order to urge people to promote terrorism and support their actions against India.” It said Azhar was involved in five terror attacks: October 2001 attack on J&K Assembly, 2001 Parliament attack, 2016 Pathankot airbase attack, various attacks on CRPF, BSF and Army camps in 2017-18, and the Pulwama attack this February.

EXPLAINED

Bid to allay fears of misuse

WHEN THE UAPA was amended in July this year to allow the government to designate even individuals, fears were expressed from the Opposition that it would be misused to target people, including civil rights activists. However, with designation of the likes of Masood Azhar and Hafiz Saeed as terrorists, the government messaging appears to be a move to allay those fears — it is a high bar with which no one can have a quibbling.

For Hafiz Saeed, the notification cited the November 2008 Mumbai attacks, December 2001 Red Fort attack, January 2001 Rampur CRPF camp attack, and August 2015 attack on a BSF convoy in Kashmir. “Saeed is accused in various cases registered

and being investigated by the NIA, which inter-alia include J&K terror conspiracy and terror funding case and Duktaran-E-Millat case.” It stated that a chargesheet had been filed against him in the David Headley case in 26/11 Mumbai attacks.

LeT operational commander Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi, who is also a key accused in 26/11 attacks, has also been designated a terrorist citing the same cases as that of Saeed.

On 1993 Mumbai blasts-accused Dawood Ibrahim Kaskar, the notification stated that he “runs an international underworld crime syndicate and is involved in perpetrating acts of terror, promoting religious fundamentalism, terror financing, arms smuggling, circulation of counterfeit currency, money laundering, narcotics, extortion and benami real estate business in India and abroad”.

It noted that Dawood has already been proscribed by the UN Security Council’s IS and al-Qaeda sanction committee “for participating in financing, planning, facilitating, preparing or perpetrating of acts...or otherwise supporting activities of Osama bin Laden, Al-Qaeda and Taliban”.

It listed his various aliases — Dawood Hasan Shiekh Kaskar, Dawood Sabri, Iqbal Seth, Bada Patel, Abdul Hamid, Abdul Aziz, Anis Ibrahim, Aziz Diliip, Shaikh Mohd Ismail Abdul Rehman, among others.

India objects to protests at High Commission in London

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

INDIA ON Wednesday raised strong objections against violent protests outside the Indian High Commission in London over the revoking of special status to Jammu and Kashmir. The protesters had vandalised and damaged windows of the building.

Calling the incident “unacceptable”, the Ministry of External Affairs’s official spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said, “This is the second time in less than a month that such an incident has taken place affecting security and normal functioning of our Mission. We consider these incidents to be unacceptable and have strongly urged government of UK to take action against those involved. And take the necessary steps to ensure the normal functioning of our mission and the safety and security of our personnel.”

The ‘Kashmir Freedom March’ began at Parliament Square on Tuesday and moved towards India House, with protesters waving anti-India placards and chanting slogans. Two people were arrested in connection with the violence.

“Another violent protest outside the Indian High Commission in London today, 3 September 2019. Damage caused to the premises,” the Indian High Commission tweeted, sharing the picture of a broken window.



India-Pakistan's third meeting on Kartarpur corridor being held at Attari on Wednesday. *ANI*

ing Pilgrims to visit Gurdwara Kartarpur Sahib, which is not agreeable in the spirit smooth and easy access through the Corridor. Pakistan has also shown its unwillingness to allow the presence of Indian Consular or Protocol officials at the Gurdwara premises. Pakistan side was urged to reconsider its position,” a statement from MHA said.

The discussions were held between an Indian delegation led by an MHA Joint Secretary and a Pakistan delegation led by Director General (South Asia and SAARC), Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

According to the Home Ministry, it was agreed that the corridor will be operational throughout the year, seven days a week. Pilgrims will have a

choice to visit as individuals or in groups and on foot.

As many as “5,000 pilgrims can visit Holy Gurdwara Kartarpur Sahib using the Corridor every day. Additional pilgrims, over and above the figure of 5,000, can visit on special occasions, subject to capacity expansion by Pakistan side. Pakistan has conveyed its solemn commitment to increase this number to the maximum possible,” said the MHA.

Both sides have agreed on emergency evacuation procedures, especially medical emergencies, the MHA said, adding that a direct line of communication between the Border Security Force and Pakistan Rangers will be used for the same.

Rajasthan HC cites ‘Animal Farm’ to strike down largesse to ex-CMs

HAMZA KHAN
JAIPUR, SEPTEMBER 4

THE RAJASTHAN High Court on Wednesday held as void a 2017 amendment which provided chief ministers of the state — for the remainder of their lives — a government residence, a car, telephone and a staff of 10.

The Rajasthan Ministers’ Salaries (Amendment) Act, 2017, which amended the Rajasthan Ministers’ Salaries Act, 1956, was brought by the Vasundhara Raje government in 2017. Within the amendment, sections 7BB and 11(2) dealt with the extending the said facilities — to former CMs — which the court found contrary to Article 14 of the Indian Constitution which guarantees equality before law.

The bench of Chief Justice S

Ravindra Bhat and Justice Prakash Gupta said, “All power is public trust, to be held for and on behalf of the people and for their benefit. Once the holders of such power stray from the path of rectitude and help themselves to public largesse, the essence of the democratic principle and equality is violated.”

It said that the state government’s move “reminded of George Orwell’s apocryphal portrayal of a distorted meaning of equality in his much-celebrated *Animal Farm* — that all animals are born equal but some are more equal than others.”

The bench said that the Act arrogates former CMs “to the status of a ruling elite by assuring them significant largesse for life,” which “amounts to saying that such individuals are more equal than the other public servants and citizens

of India — placing those provisions beyond the pale of valid legislation,” while terming the amendment as “abhorrent” and “appropriation of state wealth”.

The current PIL was filed by veteran journalist Milap Chand Dandia, 87, in 2017. While the order was reserved on May 9 this year, it was delivered on Wednesday.

Dandia had submitted that the Constitution provides only for payment of salary and allowances to the members of legislatures or to the ministers and that there is no specific provision for residence and conveyance allowance for them in these provisions, and there, former CMs are not entitled to the said facilities.

Apart from former CM Vasundhara Raje, the HC’s decision will also affect former CM Jagannath Pahadia.

Feud in MP Cong worsens, Scindia says Nath must listen to Digvijaya, Singhar

MILIND GHATWAI
BHOPAL, SEPTEMBER 4

SENIOR CONGRESS leader Jyotiraditya Scindia on Wednesday virtually opened a new front against the Kamal Nath government by throwing his weight behind Forest Minister Umang Singhar and putting him on par with former chief minister Digvijaya Singh.

“The CM should listen to both sides (Singhar and Singh) and find a solution. We have toiled hard for 15 years to form the Congress government. It’s not even six months... the government should work to fulfil aspirations of people and not brook outside interference,” the former Union minister said in Gwalior, where his supporters continued to demand that he be made the Madhya Pradesh Congress Committee chief.

Singhar has accused Singh of interfering in the government. “The government should work freely and outside interference should not be allowed at any cost,” Scindia said, demanding that the CM call both Singhar and Singh to sort out differences.

Scindia’s statement came after the party claimed that differences between Singhar and Singh have been sorted out. The CM had called Singhar to his house late on Tuesday after he accused Singh of interference and blackmailing the government.

Refusing to elaborate, Singhar on Wednesday said he has shared his views with the CM and the party. The party claimed differences have been ironed out and leaders told to air grievances only on party forum. Scindia, who lost the recent general elections, stressed that



We have toiled hard for 15 years to form the Congress government in MP: Scindia

he and other workers have struggled for 15 years to bring the Congress to power. Only the day before, he had said that it was unfortunate that illegal mining was still taking place in the state.

“If there are differences it’s the CM’s responsibility to bring the two sides together and find a solution,” he said, adding, “The CM should listen to Umang-ji and act on what the truth is. He should also listen to Digvijaya Singh.”

Even as Congress media cell in-charge Shobha Oza was telling reporters that all was well within the party, a group of party workers burned Singhar’s effigy outside his house demanding his apology for remarks on Singh or the party should crack the whip against him.

Despite Congress general secretary in-charge of MP Deepak Bavaria threatening party workers and leaders with disciplinary action for going public with their comments, many, including ministers, defied the gag order.

Scindia confidant and labour minister Mahendra Sisodia said the BJP had fought the Assembly elections on the theme of “Maf karo Maharaj” and yet the Congress won. He alleged that Digvijaya Singh could not be seen when workers struggled on the streets.

MP minister follows ex-Deputy CM aunt, takes on Digvijaya

MILIND GHATWAI
BHOPAL, SEPTEMBER 4

WHEN THE Leader of Opposition compares a minister with a lion and lauds him for his plain-speaking, most would take it with a pinch of salt. But Madhya Pradesh Leader of Opposition Gopal Bhargava’s praise for state Forest Minister Umang Singhar did not appear to be a back-handed compliment, as even the BJP has never used such strong language against senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh, who the minister called a blackmailer.

At 45, Singhar is 27 years junior to Singh but when he launched a no-holds-barred attack on the former Madhya Pradesh chief minister, he was echoing his late aunt Jamuna Devi, with whom he travelled a lot as a young politician. A tribal leader, Devi was deputy chief minister in Singh’s second tenure as CM and had once said, “*Main Digvijaya Singh ke tandoor mein jal rahi hu* (I am burning in Digvijaya Singh’s tandoor).”

She remained Singh’s adversary within the Congress till her death in 2010.

The son of a civil judge, Singhar’s first political victory came in 2008 when he was elected an MLA from Gandhwani (ST) constituency and retained it in 2013 and 2018.

The first indication that Singhar carried rancour against the senior leader was when he objected to Singh’s presence at an informal Cabinet meeting early this year. However, what proved to be the flashpoint for a showdown was Singh’s public criticism of the Kamal Nath government for giving a “clean chit” to the previous Shivraj Singh Chouhan government in the Mandsaur firing case and an alleged scam in planting saplings along the Narmada. Singh had singled out replies given in the Assembly by Home Minister Bala Bacchan and Forest Minister Singhar, arguing that the Congress fought the elections on both these issues.

While Bacchan, who is said to



Umang Singhar

belong to the Kamal Nath camp, had a tough time claiming that his reply did not amount to a clean chit, Singhar wrote an open letter and stated that he was pained since the senior leader did not bother to read his reply in full, as he had already ordered a physical verification of the saplings. He said Singh spared his son Jaivardhan Singhar, who holds the Urban Development and Housing portfolio and had also given a clean chit to the former BJP government in the alleged Simhashta Kumbh scam.

Singhar, who is seen as leaning towards Jyotiraditya Scindia, tries to project himself as independent of any camp in the state Congress and close to Rahul Gandhi. A Congress leader said Singhar always talks straight and does not shy away from taking on seniors. He contradicts Singh’s position at every opportunity, this leader said.

When Singh wrote to all ministers, seeking audience with them to know the status of transfers and other works he had recommended between January and August 15, Singhar was the only minister to question the exercise. PWD Minister Sajjan Singh Varma came close to questioning the idea but his criticism was muted.

Singhar accused Singh of running the government by proxy before calling him a black-mailer and accusing him of promoting illegal sand mining and liquor business.

While the senior Singh has avoided taking on Singhar, Jaivardhan said his father has not done anything illegal in his 40-year-long political career.



Shatabdi Roy got the amount as the brand ambassador of Saradha Group of Companies

Saradha scam: TMC MP returns Rs 30.64 lakh to agency

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 4

TRINAMOOL CONGRESS MP Shatabdi Roy returned Rs 30.64 lakh, which she got as brand ambassador of Saradha Group of Companies, to the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in Kolkata on Wednesday.

The ED had interrogated Roy multiple times. On July 31, Roy had written to the ED expressing her desire to return the money.

According to ED sources, they received a bank draft of Rs 30.64 lakh, sent to the agency office on Wednesday.

"Yes, I have sent the money," Roy told media persons.

Actress-turned-politician and two-time MP from Birbhum, Roy was one of the brand ambassadors of Saradha chit fund company. In April 2013, the chit fund company went bust. Initially, the case was being probed by the Special Task Force of Bengal Police. However, the CBI later took up the case after the Supreme Court's direction.

The move comes at a time when the CBI and ED have stepped up the probe in both the chit fund and Narada sting cases.

The CBI recently summoned 10 accused, including Trinamool Congress MPs, ministers and an IPS officer, in connection with the Narada sting operation. According to CBI sources, the accused have been summoned for interrogation and to give their voice samples.

TMC leaders, including Sougata Roy, Prasun Banerjee and Subrata Mukherjee have already appeared before the CBI after receiving the summons.

Law student can be admitted in another college: UP to top court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

THE UTTAR Pradesh government on Wednesday informed the Supreme Court that the Law student who went missing after alleging harassment by the management of her college in the state's Shahjahanpur district, and was subsequently found in Rajasthan, can be accommodated at a different university to continue her studies.

Appearing for the State, Additional Solicitor General Vikramjit Banerjee told a bench of Justices R Banumathi and A S Bopanna that her brother, who

23 killed, 27 injured in Punjab firecracker factory explosion

KAMALDEEP SINGH BRAR
BATALA, SEPTEMBER 4

TWENTY-THREE people were killed and at least 27 injured when a blast brought down a firecracker factory in Batala late on Wednesday afternoon. Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh has ordered a magisterial inquiry into the incident.

The blast rocked Mattu Pathaka Works located in Guru Ramdas colony, a residential area, at 3.45 pm. Residents reported hearing multiple small blasts later. The rescue operation continued late into the night amid fears of the toll going up further. The impact of the blast was felt in a diameter of 300 metre.

The factory sits on the banks of the 100-foot-wide Hansi drain. While the drain flowed in front of the factory, at the back it had residential units. There was a car garage on the left and a computer centre separated by a narrow lane on the factory's right side. Both the computer centre and the garage nearby were badly damaged.

The firecracker making unit, built over 20 marlas (roughly 4450 sq ft), also had two schools



Rescue workers and police personnel at the blast site in Batala on Wednesday. Rana Simranjit Singh

within a 100 metre diameter.

Around 40 persons were working or present inside the factory at the time of the blast. Apart from manufacturing, the unit also sold firecrackers.

Among the dead were five persons who were just passing by at the time of the blast. Similarly, at least six injured were either working in the

nearby car garage or at the computer centre. The firecracker factory was being run by three brothers. One brother lived in the factory premises along with his family.

"Five of the dead and six injured don't belong to the factory. Other dead and injured were either working or living in the factory," said Lakhwinder Singh, a

senior police officer on spot.

Teams of the NDRF, the SDRF were deployed along with fire brigade in the rescue operation soon after the tragedy.

The blast shook the city that was getting ready to welcome the procession from Sultanpur Lodhi to celebrate the marriage anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev.

Expressing shock and dismay at the fatalities in the incident, the CM tweeted: "Deeply anguished to learn about the loss of life due to the blast in the firecracker factory in Batala. Rescue operations are underway with the DC and the SSP heading relief efforts."

However, at ground zero, there was no one designated from the administration to provide information to families of victims who were reaching there looking for their loved ones.

"My brother-in-law Shamu has died. I have seen his dead body in hospital. But I don't know where is my husband Vicky. No one is telling me," said Seema, who had come from Fatehgarh Churian with her two children. Both brothers worked at the factory.

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ROAD, RAIL TRAFFIC CRIPPLED AS RAIN LASHES MUMBAI



Mumbai received 206.6 mm of rainfall in six hours on Wednesday. Nirmal Harindran

RAINFALL in Mumbai has already surpassed its September average of 327.1 mm. The Santacruz observatory recorded 488.7 mm rain in Mumbai from September 1 till 2.30 pm on September 4. The Met department issued an orange alert with a forecast of "heavy to very heavy" rainfall at some places for Thursday for Mumbai and its neighbouring areas.

FLIGHT operations were partially crippled, with around 20 flights cancelled and another 280 delayed since Tuesday.

TRANSPORT system was hit with suburban train services disrupted on all three lines and road traffic movement affected by waterlogging and consequent gridlocks. Nearly 40 long distance trains were cancelled.

Conspiracy to malign image: Chinmayanand

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 4

A DAY after a UP Police team returned from Haridwar in Uttarakhand after "failing to question"

Swami Chinmayanand in connection with the alleged kidnapping of a 23-year-old law student, the former Union minister and BJP leader appeared before media persons in Shahjahanpur on Wednesday and said that he has full faith in the judiciary.

Stating that the ongoing SIT investigation in the case will "bring out the truth", the 73-year-old former BJP MP alleged

that "some people" have conspired against him as they do not want to see his college progress.

The 23-year-old woman is a student at the law college, whose management committee has Chinmayanand as chairman.

"I am happy and satisfied with the directives given by the Supreme Court and I am sure that the truth will come out in the SIT investigation. People will respond to the attempts made to malign my image. However, what is making me sad is that even when I tried to give LLM degree, some people... tried to affect this good work by causing ruckus," Chinmayanand said at the press meet.

Wakf board accepts idols worshipped in outer courtyard of site

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

IN A significant development in the Ayodhya case, the Sunni Wakf Board on Wednesday accepted before the Supreme Court that there existed idols of Hindu deities in the outer courtyard of the disputed site and that they were being worshipped by Hindus.

Senior Counsel Rajeev Dhavan, who is appearing for the Board, and appellant M Siddiq accepted this while discussing she-bait rights claimed by Nirmohi Akhara, one of the three parties to the title suit.

A shebait under Hindu law is entrusted with the task of maintaining and preserving an idol and its property.

The Akhara has claimed she-bait rights, saying it had been managing the affairs in Ram Janmasthan since long.

On Tuesday, Dhavan told the Constitution Bench comprising Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and Justices S A Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S A Nazeer that he was conceding shebait rights claimed by the Akhara.

On Wednesday, Justice Nazeer asked him, "You don't dispute the shebait?"

"No," replied Dhavan. The significance of the sub-



mission was not lost on the bench which quizzed Dhavan again on his stand.

"When you are not disputing the shebait rights, are you not accepting that part of the mosque was also temple?", asked Justice Bhushan.

"Yes, may be, but what part?" replied Dhavan.

The idols, he said, were in the outer courtyard and the Hindus were allowed to pray. This, he said, did not mean Hindus had the title to the place.

Justice Chandrachud pointed out that Dhavan's clients have in the suit claimed title over the whole area comprising the inner and outer courtyard.

Justice Chandrachud added, "Shebait rights exist in relation to an idol. Moment you concede shebait rights, you are giving up part of your claim."

Dhavan replied that it was not so as the Akhara only had easement rights — Hindus were allowed to pray there — but had no

title.

"But then such part is taken out of the mosque," added Justice Chandrachud. He also wondered if the idol being a juristic person would not have other rights too.

Dhavan answered that idol only had a "limited juristic personality".

"Does the fact that they prayed there give them title? It's a risky situation, but that's the Indian situation," Dhavan said.

Justice Nazeer asked if there was a difference in the Indian situation where such places of worship could exist side by side unlike the foreign position under Islamic law. Justice Nazeer referred to the influence of Sufism and asked if a mosque and another place of worship could exist side by side.

Dhavan said it was possible in Sufi places of worship for a dargah and temple to co-exist.

Asked Justice Chandrachud, "So at the highest point, your case is one of co-existence based on user. You are not claiming exclusive possession?"

Dhavan replied that his case was of title by Wakf.

The court also took judicial notice of the alleged attack on Iqbal Ansari, one of the litigants, on Tuesday. The bench assured Dhavan who brought the development to its notice that it will look into it and "do whatever is needed".

Andhra nod to end Polavaram contract given under TDP rule

SREENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, SEPTEMBER 4

THE ANDHRA Pradesh Cabinet on Wednesday approved the cancellation of the Polavaram Hydel Power Project contract awarded to Navayuga Engineering Company Ltd (NECL) by the previous Telugu Desam Party (TDP) regime.

The project is centrally-funded and the Centre and the Polavaram Project Authority (PPA) had advised Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy not to cancel the contract given to Navayuga — worth Rs 3,216.11 crore. The state government has now called for new tenders for the projects and approved the recovery of advance amounts paid to NECL.

After NECL's petition, the Andhra Pradesh High Court had on August 21 issued a stay order on the cancellation of the contract.

The Centre had warned that the move would lead to cost escalation and further delay the project. Last month, Union water resources minister, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, and Polavaram Project Authority CEO R K Jain wrote to Jagan, asking him not to cancel NECL's contract. "Such a step will result in unforeseen consequences and will plunge the project into uncertainty," Jain wrote.

The letters were written after the government decided to terminate NECL's contract on July 29.

46 CHOSEN FOR NATIONAL AWARD

From J&K to Kerala, teachers who battled odds to help students learn

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

CHALLENGING CONDITIONS in remote districts, shabby infrastructure and first-generation learners, teachers in the country often have the odds stacked against them. For their innovative methods, the HRD Ministry has chosen 46 teachers for the National Award for Teachers which will be given away by President Ram Nath Kovind this Teachers' Day. Prime Minister Narendra Modi met the teachers on Tuesday. A look at some of the winners:

DR BENCY JOY, ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS
GOVERNMENT MIDDLE SCHOOL KINMAI, CAR NICOBAR

For Dr Joy, who teaches mathematics to middle school students in a tribal area, the priority is to tackle the fear of school in his students. "I teach in an area where enrolment is very low. I



(From left) Dr Bency Joy, Gurnam Singh, Mahesh Kumar, Ashutosh Anand and Mutum Tombimacha Singh will be given awards by the President today.

believe that in order to overcome that, two fears need to be eliminated — fear of the subject and fear of teachers," said Dr Joy, who holds a PhD in psychology.

To help his students tackle the fear of mathematics, he makes small kits for them to tinker with concepts like the number line "so that they can play like it's ludo while learning".

He also counsels the children to understand which teachers



(From left) Dr Bency Joy, Gurnam Singh, Mahesh Kumar, Ashutosh Anand and Mutum Tombimacha Singh will be given awards by the President today.

they are afraid of. "Instead of confronting the teacher, I conduct group counselling with teachers and students. Through such activities, a relationship is built."

GURNAM SINGH, JAMMU AND KASHMIR
GOVERNMENT UPPER PRIMARY SCHOOL LAHARI, BARNOTI, KATHUA

When Singh was posted to this school four years ago, he found it operating out of a single-



(From left) Dr Bency Joy, Gurnam Singh, Mahesh Kumar, Ashutosh Anand and Mutum Tombimacha Singh will be given awards by the President today.

room tin shed. The school is in a remote location and it takes Singh two hours to reach everyday after a 25 km bike ride and a 10 km trek. "I got a grant from government to build a pucca school but the challenge was getting land. I sought the local community's support and they donated four bighas. Now, we have a pucca school with three classrooms, a headmaster's office, a TV and satellite dish, and a speaker sys-



(From left) Dr Bency Joy, Gurnam Singh, Mahesh Kumar, Ashutosh Anand and Mutum Tombimacha Singh will be given awards by the President today.

tem. There are a 110 schools in my zone. None of them have these facilities," he said.

MAHESH KUMAR, KERALA
GOVERNMENT LOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL CHERIYAKKARA, KAYYUR, NILESHWAR, KASARAGOD

After his posting, Kumar found local residents were not interested in enrolling their children at the school. When Kumar joined last year, there were only



(From left) Dr Bency Joy, Gurnam Singh, Mahesh Kumar, Ashutosh Anand and Mutum Tombimacha Singh will be given awards by the President today.

13 students in the school. He started working to make the school attractive with contributions from the local community, mostly comprising daily wage labourers. "We received around Rs 11 lakh from the community over seven months. We built a park, a playground and reading hutments. With these interventions, the school's atmosphere changed," he said.

The school raised Rs 3 lakh

from its alumni to buy a van for transporting students. Kumar drives the van. Today, the number of students in the school has gone up to 43.

ASHUTOSH ANAND, UTTAR PRADESH
UPPER PRIMARY SCHOOL MIYANGANJ, DARIYABAD, BARABANKI

Anand's mission is to make learning science fun for his students, most of whom are first-generation learners from Muslim and SC families. "I think there is nothing which cannot be used for learning. We have a box which students fill up with scrap items from their homes. Then they make learning materials from these items. They have made models of digestive and nervous systems using scrap materials," he said.

He also encourages his students to ideate on which scientific phenomena can be illustrated through everyday objects.

MUTUM TOMBIMACHA SINGH, MANIPUR

TEKCHAM GIRLS UPPER PRIMARY SCHOOL, TEKCHAM VILLAGE, THOUBAL

Mutum's aim has been to bring more children with special needs to the school which has 175 students. "In the village, most people try to hide children with special needs in their homes. I am in touch with various youth clubs and local volunteers and have requested them to look out for such children," he said.

Mutum tries to provide facilities to these students so that their parents do not need to put in any effort into their schooling. He pays for a van which transports them to school and back and also buys uniforms for them. "Now we have 24 children with special needs. Unfortunately, only 17 attend classes regularly. The rest require helpers which we are unable to provide. I bring them to school on occasions."

BJP MP says PLA built bridge in Arunachal, Army denies

KRISHN KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

A BJP MP from Arunachal Pradesh on Wednesday said that Chinese soldiers had built a wooden bridge nearly 75 km inside the Indian territory, a claim the Army denied, with Army spokesperson Colonel Aman Anand emphasising that “there has been no such incursion” in the border state.

Tapir Gao, Lok Sabha MP from Arunachal East and state BJP president, claimed that the bridge was built on a stream approximately 25 km from Chaglagam, the administrative circle in Anjaw district, from where the McMahon Line, India’s legal border with

China, is about 100 km. He said a local villager who went to the woods to fish and hunt sighted the bridge and sent him a video. “As a representative of that area, I could not hide it,” Gao said.

He also asserted that this alleged incursion is a “regular phenomenon”, and that PLA troops had entered in other areas, too.

Army spokesperson Col Anand said the area being referred to is called the “Fish Tail”, and there is a “differing perception of the alignment of the Line of Control, as in many other areas”.

He also said that since it is an area of “differing claims, troops routinely from either side patrol the area” and “civilian hunters and herb collectors also frequent there

during the monsoon, “whenever the nalas are in spate, temporary bridges are constructed by patrols for their movement”.

Gao told *The Indian Express*: “In 2018, when Indian patrolling party went there, they could see that PLA (China’s People’s Liberation Army) was there and they had constructed a tent house. During that interaction, they resolved (the issue) amicably, but it was very much inside the Indian territory. This time too, in the same area, on the river stream they have constructed a wooden bridge.”

Asked how he can ascertain that PLA soldiers had constructed the bridge, Gao said there are no nearby villages and local villagers know who has built bridges.

MONEY LAUNDERING CASE

Shivakumar sent to ED custody till Sept 13

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

STATING THAT allegations against him are serious in nature and custodial interrogation is necessary to confront him with “incriminating material and other crucial aspects of the case”, a Delhi court on Wednesday sent Karnataka Congress leader D K Shivakumar to Enforcement Directorate’s (ED) custody until September 13.

Shivakumar was arrested by the ED in connection with a money laundering case registered by the agency last year following investigation by Income Tax Department against him in 2017 after unaccounted cash of over Rs 8.59 crore was found in Delhi at locations allegedly linked to him.

The I-T searches were conducted in August 2017 when Shivakumar, then a minister in Karnataka’s Congress-JD(S) coalition, was sheltering 44 party MLAs from Gujarat at a resort outside Bengaluru in the run-up to a crucial Rajya Sabha election in Gujarat.

In his order, Special Judge Ajay Kumar Kuhar said, “...Allegations made against the accused are serious in nature. The investigation in my considered view would justify the custodial interrogation of the accused keeping in view the nature of offence. He has to be



APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male namely **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, was found on 01.09.2019 at 0711 hrs at Parking area of Dr. Hedgewar Hospital, Shahdara, Delhi.** In this regard proceeding FIR/DD No. 19A dated 01.09.2019 has been lodged at Police Station Farsh Bazar, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: 50/55 Years, Height: 5'6" Face: Long, Complexion: Shallow, Build: Normal, Wearing: White Shirt & Black Pant .

If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

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Bhubaneswar auto-rickshaw driver fined Rs 47,500 for traffic violations

Bhubaneswar: An auto-rickshaw driver on Wednesday was fined Rs 47,500 by Bhubaneswar traffic police for various violations of Motor Vehicle Act.

Hari Bandhu Kanhar was reportedly travelling with the vehicle’s owner Kanduri Khatua. They were inebriated when they were stopped by traffic police. Kanhar could not produce any of the documents sought by police. **ENS**

BIHAR SSC PAPER LEAK

Govt clerk’s assets to be attached soon

Patna: Assets worth Rs 10 crore belonging to Ramashish Singh Yadav, a former clerk of Bihar science and technology department who is in jail in connection with the 2006 Staff Selection Commission (SSC) paper leak scam, are set to be attached after the Patna High Court upheld a special court’s order and allowed the vigilance bureau to attach the assets.

Yadav was on deputation with SSC when the scam came to light.

Although the investigating agency has shown value of its four properties as Rs 1.42 crore, its current market value is over Rs 10 crore. He owns 17 katha land in Patna’s Rajiv Nagar and runs a school there. The disproportionate case against Yadav is currently at the trial stage.

Additional DGP, Vigilance, S K Jha said, “We will complete confiscation of the property in 10 days.”

Yadav was booked in 2006 for alleged involvement in leaking question papers for exams conducted by SSC to recruit clerks. **ENS**

प्रपत्र संख्या-1

Government of Jharkhand

Office of Executive Engineer

Drinking Water & Sanitation Division,

Ranchi East, Ranchi.

e-Procurement

T. reference No- Charu, Kutte and Pancha RWSS -17/19-20, Dt.-

Sl.	Name of the Work	Name of work :- Detailed Survey, designing and drawing, Construction of R.C.C. Gangway 50M long and 3M wide, 4MLD Capacity Conventional Water Treatment Plant, RCC Elevated Service Reservoir (i) 3.25 Lakh Litre Capacity 12M Staging (ii) 2.70 Lakh Litre capacity 15M Staging, RCC Ground Service Reservoir (i) 4.50 Lakh Litre Capacity, Staff Quarter, Compound Wall, Supplying and laying Raw and Clear Water Rising main and Distribution Network, House Connection, Supplying and Installation of VT and Centrifugal Pump motor five years Operation & maintenance with allied works etc. all complete job for Charu, kutte, Pancha & Adjoining Villages Rural Water Supply Scheme.
1.	Estimated cost (Rs. in Lakh)	2603.62 Lakh only.
2.	Bid Security (Rs. in Lakhs.)	26.04 Lakh only
3.	Cost of BOQ (In Rs.)	10,00,000
4.	Time of Completion	24 months+3months (trial and run)
5.	Date of Tender uploading on website	16.09.2019/2.00PM
6.	Document down load / Sale start date	16.9.2019/3.00PM
7.	Date of Pre Bid Meeting	17.09.2019 (Time-12.30AM) in the Office of Engineer –in- Chief, Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Jharkhand, Ranchi.
8.	Bid Submission start date	17.9.2019/3.00PM
9.	Document down load / Sale End date	23.09.2019/5.00PM
10.	Bid Submission End date	23.09.2019/5.00PM
11.	Last date of Submission of cost of BOQ and EMD (in hard Copy)	24.9.2019/5.00PM In the office of Executive Engineer, D.W.&S.Division, Ranchi East, Ranchi.
12.	Date of Opening of Tender	25.09.2019/2.00PM
13.	Name & address of office inviting Tender	Executive Engineer, Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Ranchi East, Ranchi.
14.	Name & address of Opening Officer	Executive Engineer, Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Ranchi East, Ranchi.
15.	Contact No. of Procurement Office	0651-2480155
16.	Helpline No. of e-procurement cell	0651-2480345

आवश्यक शर्तों के लिए देखें www.jharkhandtender.gov.in
Email ID- eedwsd.ranchieast@gmail.com

जिसे अब तक ना समझे, वो कहानी है मैं, मुझे बूढ़े नात को तारी है मैं।

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Executive Engineer
D.W.&S.Division,
Ranchi East, Ranchi.

PR 216009 (Drinking Water and Sanitation) 19-20 (D)



HIMACHAL PRADESH TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.

RITZ ANNEXE, SHIMLA - 171001

Tel:(0177) 2652784,Fax: 2652206, Email:hptdc@hptdc.in, Website: www.hptdc.in

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited for the sale/auction of the under mentioned Vehicles:-

Sr. No.	Vehicle No.	Type of Vehicle	Model
1.	HP-02-5250	AC Volvo Coach (41 seater)	2009
2.	HP-02-5253	AC Volvo Coach (41 seater)	2009
3.	HP-02-5254	AC Volvo Coach (41 seater)	2009
4.	HP-02-5260	AC Volvo Coach (41 seater)	2009

The above mentioned vehicles can be inspected at any working day between 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. in the Office of Asstt. General Manager, HPTDC, Himachal Bhawan, Plot No-4, sector, 28-B, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh, 160028.

The sale is being made on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS". Tenders should reach in the office of the Asstt. General Manager, HPTDC, Himachal Bhawan, Plot No-4, sector, 28-B, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh, 160028 by 2.00 p.m. on -17-09-2019 The tenders will be opened on the same day at 3.00 p.m. in the same office in the presence of the bidders or their representatives. The tender form, terms& conditions can be collected from the office of the Asstt. General Manager, HPTDC, Himachal Bhawan, plot No-4, sector, 28-B, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh, 160028, and the Account Officer (T) HPTDC GhoraChowki, Shimla-171005 on any working day from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. and also available on our website www.hptdc.in

The Managing Director, HP TDC reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason.

MANAGING DIRECTOR

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR(SCIENTIST)

QUALITY CONTROL DIVISION, DAM SITE, DHURWA, RANCHI

WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT,

GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND

e- Procurement Notice

e-Tender Reference No.- WRD/QCD, RANCHI-02 /2019-20 date- 03.09.2019

1.	Name of Work	Construction of 5 TH & 6 TH Floor of Jal Bhawan, Doranda , Ranchi.
2.	Estimated Cost	Rs. 4,11,79,836.00
3.	Cost of Bid	Rs. 10,000.00 (Ten thousand only)
4.	Earnest Money	Non-Refundable Rs. 4,11,800.00
5.	Time of Completion	15(Fifteen) Months.
6.	Date and Time of Publication of Tender on website	Date- 07.09.2019 , Time : 01:00 PM
7.	Period of Receiving Tender On Website.	From 08.09.2019 to 28.09.2019 upto 5:00PM
8.	Date and Time of Opening of Pre qualification Bid	Date- 01.10.2019 , Time : 03:00 PM
9.	Date of receiving Cost of BOQ and EMD in Hard Copy .	Date 30.09.2019 Time- up to 03:00 PM.
10.	Place of opening of Bids	e-Procurement cell, Chief Engineer, Water Resources Department, Jal Bhawan, Doranda, Ranchi.
11.	Name and address of office inviting e-tender	Deputy Director(sc), Quality Control Division, Ranchi (Dam Site Dhurwa) Mobile No. 9431588776.
12.	Help Line No of e-Procurement cell	0651-2481716

Note: - 1. Only e-tender will be accepted.
2. Further – Details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>

PR216078 Irrigation(19-20)D

Dy Director(sc)
Quality Control Division,
Dam Site, Dhurwa Ranchi-4.

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Civil Division No. IX, I&FC Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Sector-15, Rohini, New Delhi-110085 invites on behalf of the President of India, online percentage rate tender from approved and eligible contractor registered with Irrigation & Flood Control Department for the following works:

1. **NIT No:** EE/CD-IX/NIT/12/2019-20

Name of Work:- Development of unauthorized colonies in Rithala Assembly Constituency-06.

Sub Work:- Construction of road from Shamshan Ghat to Veer Singh colony by providing ready mixed concrete and repair/raising of existing side drain in Rithala AC-06. Delhi (Regn. No. 1051-B Part-I).

Estimated Cost: Rs. 3,04,20,907/-

Earnest Money: Rs. 6,08,418/-

Period of completion: 06 Months,

Last date & time of submission of tender: upto 03:00 p.m on 09.09.2019.

(Tender I.D.- 2019_IFC_179327_1)

2. **NIT No:** EE/CD-IX/NIT/13/2019-20

Name of Work:- Rural Village Development Board in N C T of Delhi. Sub-work :- Demolishing and reconstruction of Chaupal at Village Singhalpur in Shalimar Bagh Assembly Constituency-14, Delhi.

Estimated Cost: Rs. 2,03,78,776/-

Earnest Money: Rs. 4,07,576/-

Period of completion: 09 Months,

Last date & time of submission of tender: upto 03:00 p.m on 09.09.2019.

(Tender I.D.- 2019_IFC_179340_1)

3. **NIT No:** EE/CD-IX/NIT/14/2019-20

Name of Work:- Development of Unauthorized colonies in Rithala Assembly Constituency-06.

Sub Work:- Construction of roads and side drains in unauthorized colonies in Paul Colony, Rithala AC-06 (Regn No. 552).

Estimated Cost: Rs. 1,26,27,962/-

Earnest Money: Rs. 2,52,559/-

Period of completion: 06 Months,

Last date & time of submission of tender: upto 03:00 p.m on 09.09.2019.

(Tender I.D.- 2019_IFC_179345_1)

Note.

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

Sd/-

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CD-IX I & FC DEPARTMENT
GOVT. OF DELHI
DIP/Shabdarth/0613/19-20

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA

Public Works Division Aurangabad

E-Tender for the following works in “B-1 Form” for the 2(Two) Works is invited via online E-Tendering system from Company of Eligible Class by Executive Engineer Public Works Division Aurangabad (PH.No.0240-2331174) on behalf of Public Works Department of Government of Maharashtra. Dates 06.09.2019 Time 11.00 To 13.09.2019 Time 18.00

All details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Maharashtra e-Tendering Portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in> on sub Portal of Public works Department also on www.mahapwd.com portal as per online tender schedules.

Sd/-

DGIPR. 2019/2020/2623

Executive Engineer
Public Works Division
Aurangabad

JHARKHAND COMMUNICATION NETWORK LIMITED

(A SPV under DoIT& e-Gov, Govt. of Jharkhand)

Registered Office: H/No. – 347, Project Building 3rd Floor, HEC Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004

CIN: U74999JH20175GCO09474 , Contact:0651-2446147

NIT {Tender Ref.: JCNL-10/2019} Tender

Jharkhand Communication Network Ltd. invites online bid through e-Procurement process from eligible firms/agencies for “Selection of Agency for Set up of Block Infrastructure for BharatNet Phase-II Project” based on scope of work as mentioned in re-tender document. The bid shall be downloaded/submitted online from the Website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>. The bidder(s) should have necessary portal enrolment with their own Digital Signature Certificate:-

(a)

S.N.	Name of Work	EMD	Cost of Tender Document	Period of Validity
1	“Selection of Agency for Set up of Block Infrastructure for BharatNet Phase-II Project”	Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs only) in the form of Demand Draft or Bank Guarantee in favour of CEO, Jharkhand Communication Network Ltd. Payable at Ranchi, Jharkhand	Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousands Only) in the form of Demand Draft in favour of CEO, Jharkhand Communication Network Ltd. Payable at Ranchi, Jharkhand	180 Days

(b)Period of availability of tenders online date & time bidding on-line/last date of seeking clarification/date of opening of tender papers are as given below:-

S.N.	Procurement Officer	Place of Bid submission	Availability tender on-line for bidding		Date & Time of opening of Technical Bid
1	Sri Anurag Lakra Call No. +91-9430732109 Or Email id: jcni.itedept@gmail.com	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, JHARKHAND COMMUNICATION NETWORK LIMITED Registered Office: 437/A, Road No. 5, Ashok Nagar, Ranchi-834002 Contact: 0651-2446147	Bid Downloading Date Pre-Bid Meeting	From 05/09/2019 at 02:00 PM to 25/09/2019 at 01:00 PM	From 06/09/2019 at 02:00 PM to 25/09/2019 at 03:00 PM

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Sd/-CEO

P.R.216145 Information Technology(19-20)-D Jharkhand Communication Network Ltd.Ranchi, Jharkhand



GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

MADURAI HIGHWAYS (Construction & Maintenance) CIRCLE

TENDER NOTICE

T.N.No. 8 / 2019-20 / HDO / Dated: 03.09.2019

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu **Percentage tender through online only** will be received upto **11.10.2019, 15.00 hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H) C&M, Madurai Circle, for CRIDP 2019-20 works (Package No.65 to 67) pertaining Ramanathapuram (H) C&M Division.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **06.09.2019** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in**. If any changes / corrections / in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

Superintending Engineer (H),
C&M, Madurai Circle.

DIPR/3029/Tender/2019



GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

COIMBATORE HIGHWAYS, (Construction & Maintenance) CIRCLE

TENDER NOTICE


T.N. No. 5 / 2019-20 / HDO, Dated 03.09.2019

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Percentage tender through online only** will be received upto **09.10.2019, 15.00 hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Coimbatore Circle for CRIDP 2019-20 Works, (Package No. 36 to 66) pertaining Gobi (H) C&M Division and Udhagai (H) C&M Division.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in** from **06.09.2019**. If any Changes/Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

Superintending Engineer (H),
C&M, Coimbatore Circle.

DIPR/3031/Tender/2019



U.P. RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LTD PARICHHA THERMAL POWER PROJECT PARICHHA JHANSI 1 E-Tender-T-48/O&MC-VIII/CAMD-III/2x250MW/PTEP/2019-20 work of "Overhauling of CW/ACW and Raw water pump with their associated system during scheduled overhauling of Unit#5, 2X250MW, PTPP, Parichha." Estimated Cost Rs.4,64,087.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 19.09.19 up to 14:00 Hrs. 2. E-Tender-T-49/O&MC-VIII/CAMD-III/2x250MW/PTEP/2019-20 work of "Replacement of damaged PVC Fil packs, distribution pipes, nozzles of cooling tower cells, overhauling of CT Fans and associated system of Induced draft cooling tower during overhauling of Unit#5, 2x250MW, PTPP, Parichha." Estimated Cost Rs.4,27,166.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 20.09.19 up to 14:00 Hrs. 3 E-Tender-T-50/O&MC-VIII/CAMD-III/2x250MW/PTEP/2019-20 work of "Overhauling of Diesel Engine Spray pump, Hydrant pump and Foam pump and relaying of 150/200 NB Fire lines above ground at various locations of BOP area during overhauling of Unit#5 of 2X250MW, PTPP, Parichha." Estimated Cost Rs.2,21,600.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 20.09.19 up to 14:00 Hrs. 4. E-Tender-T-53/SE(O&MC-VIII)/AHD-III/2X250MW/PTEP/2019-20 work of "Removal of old and fitment of new cone of collector tank at 28 mts height in collecting tower and fabrication of silencer of vacuum pump with painting of cone and silencer during overhauling of unit no.5 of 2X250 MW." Estimated Cost Rs. 2,97,232.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 30.09.19 up to 14:00 Hrs. 5. E-Tender-T-04/OMC-III/EMD-II/PTPP/2019-20 work of "Up-keeping of various places of 2x110 MW units PTPP, Parichha." Estimated Cost Rs. 4,25,450.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 16.09.19 up to 13:00 Hrs. 6. E-Tender-ET-10/EMD-V/PTPP/2019-20 work of "Breakdown Maintenance work of HVR, BAPCON CONTROLLER, Ash Level Indicator System in ESP electrical system of Unit 3&4 of 2x210 MW PTPP Parichha." Estimated Cost Rs.2,00,000.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 01.10.19 up to 13:00 Hrs. 8- E-Tender-ET-13/EMD-V/PTPP/2019-20 work of "Routine & Breakdown Maintenance of lighting/illumination systems of main plant and BOP area including 210 MW Chimney of 2X210 MW PTPP, Parichha Jhansi." Estimated Cost Rs.6,24,100.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 30.09.19 up to 12:00 Hrs. 9. E-Tender-ET-12/EMD-V/PTPP/2019-20 work of "Repair and Rewinding of 3 phase LT Motors ranging from fractional KW to 160 KW of Unit No. 3 & 4 of 2x210 MW PTPP, Parichha Jhansi." Estimated Cost Rs. 9,00,000.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 30.09.19 up to 12:00 Hrs. 10. E-Tender-T-07/O&MC-X/EMD-VI/PTPP/2019-20 work of "ANNUAL OVERHAULING WORKS OF VARIOUS HT/LT TRANSFORMERS, IP/SP/NSP BUS DUCTS AND ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS OF UNIT#5 OF 2X250 MW PTPP, PARICHHA, JHANSI." Estimated Cost Rs. 2,74,900.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 20.09.19 up to 18:00 Hrs. 11- E-Tender-T-06/O&MC-X/EMD-VI/PTPP/2019-20 work of "Routine Maintenance, upkeep & Breakdown maintenance of 400/220 KV Switchyard & associated Equipments of 2X250 MW PTEP, Parichha, Jhansi." Estimated Cost Rs. 8,63,210.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 20.09.19 up to 18:00 Hrs. 12- E-Tender-T-10/EMD-IV/ET/PTPP/2019-20 work of "Complete rewinding/ repairing and over hauling of 6.6 KV 1550 KW, Idm fan motor of Unit #4, 2x210 MW of PTPP Parichha Jhansi using 'H' class insulating material." Estimated Cost Rs.15,68,185.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 10.09.19 up to 17:00 Hrs. 13- E-Tender-T-04/SE(HQ)/S&TD/PTPP/2019-20 work of "Deployment of 01 no Hydra of 14 Ton for miscellaneous works of


lifting and shifting of material at PTPP, Parichha on 12 Hrs. per day availability basis Model Year 2012 on onward." Estimated Cost Rs.6,39,816.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 20.09.19 up to 16:00 Hrs. 14.E-Tender-T-10/O&MC-VI/TMD-II/ PTPP /2019-20 work of "Refining of IP Turbine & LP Turbine shaft seals of 210MW (KWU Design) BHEL make during medium overhauling of the turbine of the unit no. #3, installed in 2X210MW PTPP, Parichha as per scope of work." Estimated Cost Rs.7,75,913.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 23.09.19 up to 14:00 Hrs. 15. E-Tender-T-21/CPD-II/PTPP/2019-20 work of "Supply of Complete Oil gun assembly for 2X250MW, PTPP, Parichha." Estimated Cost Rs.4,30,000.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 16.09.19 up to 16:00 Hrs. 16- E-Tender-T-07/BMD-III/O&MC-VI/PTPP/OH#3/2019-20 work of "Complete overhauling work of Pressure parts of boiler, supply of scaffolding, jet cleaning first and second path of boiler, radiography work, main boiler works, wall blower, drum internal, pant house, repairing of damaged/bulged seal plate of Seal trough, repairing works of buck-stay along with other associated works required in Boiler of Unit#3, 2X210 MW, PTPP, Parichha during annual overhauling S/D Time duration: 30 Days (FY 2019-20)." Estimated Cost Rs. 88,77,261.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 26.09.19 up to 14:00 Hrs. 17- E-Tender-T-05/O&MC-VI/BMD-IV/PTPP/2019-20 work of "Maintenance/Repairing/ Servicing of Hoist of Bowl Mill Bay, Fans area, duct, Damper & Gates, repairing of Expansion Joint of hot air ducts of Bowl Mills of Unit # 3 & 4 of 210 MW, PTPP, Parichha." Estimated Cost Rs.8,14,000.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 20.09.19 up to 17:00 Hrs. 18- E-Tender-T-04/OMC-III/EMD-I/PTPP/2019-20 work of "Preventive & Break Down Maintenance Work of All HT & LT Transformers And UP Keeping of Switchyard of 2X110 MW Units." Estimated Cost Rs.6,50,000.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 28.09.19 up to 16:00 Hrs. 19. Following Corrigendum of E-Tenders: I. E-Tender-T-01/O&MC-IX/CIMD-IV/2x250MW/PTPP/2019-20 extended as follows:- e-bid Submission dt.:05.09.2019 at 14:00 hrs. II. E-Tender-T-15/O&MC-VIII/TMD-III/2X250MW/PTPP/2019-20 extended as follows:- e-bid Submission dt.: 14.09.2019 at 14:00 hrs. III. E-Tender-T-40/SE(O&MC-VIII)/AHD-III/2X250MW/PTPP/2019-20 extended as follows:- e-bid Submission dt.: 16.09.2019 at 14:00 hrs. IV. E-Tender-T-12/CPD-I/PTPP/2019-20 extended as follows:- e-bid Submission dt.: 09.09.2019 at 16:00 hrs. V. E-Tender-T-22/CPD-I/PTPP/2019-20 extended as follows:- e-bid Submission dt.: 16.09.2019 at 16:00 hrs. VI. E-Tender-T-17/CPD-I/PTPP/2019-20 extended as follows:- e-bid Submission dt.: 16.09.2019 at 16:00 hrs. VII. E-Tender-T-16/CPD-I/PTPP/2019-20 extended as follows:- e-bid Submission dt.: 16.09.2019 at 16:00 hrs. VIII. E-Tender-T-03/O&MC-IX/C&IMD-V/2x250MW/PTPP/2019-20 extended as follows:- e-bid Submission dt.: 18.09.2019 at 12:00 hrs. IX. E-Tender-T-05/EMD-IV/ET/PTPP/2019-20 extended as follows:- e-bid Submission dt.: 14.09.2019 at 17:00 hrs. X. E-Tender-T-08/O&MC-IX/C&IMD-IV/2x250MW/PTEP/2019-20 extended as follows:- e-bid Submission dt.: 09.09.2019 at 12:00 hrs. The other terms and conditions and place of hard copies submission and opening shall remain same/unchanged. **NOTE:** I. The details of tender cost, earnest Money and submission of bids/tender Extension are available in the bid document uploaded on the e-procurement website <http://etender.up.nic.in>. 2. The bidders are required to be registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for participation in the e-Tendering. The bidder must also be registered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the e-bidding system. Date of Opening of 2nd Price Bid shall be declared later on. "Save Electricity" Sd/- EXECUTIVE Engineer E & TD, PTPP, Parichha पत्रांक- 329/E&T/P.T.P.P. DATED: 03/09/2019

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TAMILNADU MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED

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NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING – TENDER EXTENSION NOTICE

1. The Government of Tamilnadu has received a Financing (Loan No. IN8499) from the World Bank towards the cost of Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project II and it is intended that part of the proceeds will be applied to eligible payments under the contracts for which this Invitation for Bids is issued.


2. The due date for the tender is extended as follows:

S. N	Description	IFB No	Sale period	Last date and time for receipt of bid	Date and time of opening of bid
1	Modular Operation Theatre (1)	RSP1/NCB/TNRSP-II/TNMSC/ENGG/19 dt. 02.05.19	Upto 19.09.19	20.09.19, 11.00 AM	20.09.19, 12.00 PM
2	Angiography C-Arm based with Angiosuite (1)	RSP2/NCB/TNRSP-II/TNMSC/ENGG/19 dt. 02.05.19	Upto 19.09.19	20.09.19, 03.00 PM	20.09.19, 04.00 PM

For details visit www.tenders.tn.gov.in and TNMSC website: www.tnmsc.com .

DIPR/3027/Tender/2019

General Manager (E)



TAMIL NADU STATE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING BOARD

Tender Notice No. T.09/DO/F.1157/2019/Dated.04.09.2019. Two Cover System Lumpsum Contract

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, sealed tenders will be received for the work by the Superintending Engineer, Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board, Guindy, Chennai-32, from the PWD Registered Contractors Class-I (above Rs.75.00 lakhs) at 3.00 p.m. on 09.10.2019. The tenders will be opened by the Superintending Engineer on the same day 09.10.2019 at 3.30 p.m. in the presence of tenderer present at that time.


Sl. No.	Name of Work	Value put to Tender. (Rs. In Lakhs) Approx.	EMD Rs. (Including GST)
1.	Construction of Administrative Building at Amma Green Park, Guindy, Chennai-32	882.00	5,04,000/-

Note : 1. The Tender Schedules will be available during Office Hours upto 08.10.2019, after remitting cost of tender schedule of Rs.16,800/- including GST in the shape of D.D. in favour of CEO, TNSAMB, Chennai-32, Payable at Chennai (or) The tender schedules can also be downloaded from the websites www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tn.gov.in & www.tnsamb.gov.in at free of cost.

2. Further particulars can be obtained from the office of the Superintending Engineer, Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board, CIPET Road, Guindy, Chennai-32 during office hours i.e., 10.00 am to 5.45 pm on all working days. 3. The Tender received after due date and time will be summarily rejected. 4. Period of completion 12 Months.

DIPR/3047/TENDER/2019

Superintending Engineer, TNSAMB, Chennai - 32.



GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

Trichy Highways (Construction and Maintenance) Circle

TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.06/2019-20/H.D.O / Dated: 29.08.2019

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu **Percentage tender through online only** will be received upto **09.10.2019, 15.00 hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H) C&M, Trichy Circle, TVS Tollgate, Pudukkottai Road, Trichy - 20 for CRIDP 2019-20 (Package No.21 to 31) pertaining Thanjavur (H) C&M Division.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **06.09.2019** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in**. If any changes / corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

Superintending Engineer (H),
C&M Circle, Trichy - 20

DIPR/3004/Tender/2019



GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

MADURAI HIGHWAYS (Construction & Maintenance) CIRCLE

TENDER NOTICE

T.N.No. 9 / 2019-20 / HDO / Dated: 04.09.2019

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu **Percentage tender through online only** will be received upto **11.10.2019, 15.00 hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H) C&M, Madurai Circle, for CRIDP & Non Plan 2019-20 works **Widening from Two Lane to Multilane at Km 0/0-3/8 and Km 6/0 - 8/900 and Improvements at Km 0/0-8/900 of Madurai - Dhanuskodi road (Abandoned NH 49) Paramakudi urban Limit (SHU) including CD works and Upkeeping for a period of 60 Months and Package No.68 to 70** pertaining Ramanathapuram (H) C&M Division.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **06.09.2019** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in**. If any changes / corrections / in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

Superintending Engineer (H),
C&M, Madurai Circle.

DIPR/3030/Tender/2019



GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

(CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE, SALEM

TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.06/2019-20/HDO/Dated:03.09.2019

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Percentage tender through online only** will be received upto **09.10.2019, 15.00 hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H) C&M, Salem Circle for CRIDP-2019-20 Works, (Package No.37 to 52 and 2 Individual works) pertaining to Namakkal (H) C&M Division

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 06.09.2019 onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in** If any changes / corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H)
C&M, SALEM CIRCLE

DIPR/3038/TENDER/2019

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION, PANDHARKAWADA

E-mail-pandharakawda.ee@mahapwd.com/Telephone/Fax No. (07235) 227431

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 24/2019-20

Online e-tender in EPC form contract are invited by Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Pandharakawada for following works from of Tender document. Tender document download form Govt. web site <https://maharashtra.etenders.in> Rights are reserved by the competent authority to cancel / reject the tender at any stage Conditional Tenders are not accepted.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Lakhs)
1	2	3
1	CONSTRUCTION OF MAJOR BRIDGE IN KM 14/500 (NEAR KHATERA VILLAGE ON PAINGANGA RIVER) ON MUKUTBAN YEDSI KHATERA PARDI ,TALUKA ZARI ,DISTRICT YAVATMAL ON ENGINEERING, PROCUREMENT & CONSTRUCTION (EPC) MODE	2138.78

Note :-

1) The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Maharashtra e-tendering Portal <http://maharashtra.etenders.in> on sub portal <http://pwd.maharashtra.etenders.in> as under.

2) Please note the further changes regarding this work will not be published through corrigendum by press notice. The changes will be available only on e-Tendering system of Government of Maharashtra which is available on the Portal <https://maharashtra.etenders.in>

3) Right to reject any or all online bid of work without assigning any reasons thereof is reserved.

Outer No. 4523/T.C./Date-29/8/2019

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Executive Engineer
Public Works Division Pandharkawada

Revenue Department and Environment Department

Govt. of NCT of Delhi

Public Notice

Revised list of artificial ponds for Green Idol Immersion on the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi & Durga Pooja 2019

S. No.	District	Sub-Division	Name and address of artificial ponds with land marks
1.	East	Mayur Vihar	Buddha Park near H.No.-9, Pocket-1, Mayur vihar, Phase-1.
2.	East	Mayur Vihar	Rajesh pilot Park, B-block, kondli, Dairy Farm
3.	East	Mayur Vihar	Behind Red Fox Hotel, Mayur Vihar Phase III
4.	East	Mayur Vihar	MIG Complex, Near Durga Mata Mandir Kondli
5.	East	Mayur Vihar	Chhat Park, Santian Shiv Mandir A-2 Park Mayur Vihar, Ph-III.
6.	East	Mayur Vihar	Chhat Pooja Ghat Park, New Kondli
7.	East	Mayur Vihar	Opposite Neelam Mata Mandir.
8.	East	Mayur Vihar	36 Block Triokpuri, DDA Land
9.	East	Preet Vihar	Children's IP Ext. West Vinod Nagar
10.	East	Preet Vihar	Behind Park Inn Hotel DDA District Center, Mandawali
11.	East	Preet Vihar	Dr. Rajender Prasad Park, Shanti Marg, Delhi
12.	East	Preet Vihar	Chander Vihar, Between Street No. 4 & 5, Madhu Vihar
13.	East	Preet Vihar	Natural Pond in front of Kala Niketan Public School
14.	East	Gandhi Nagar	Vacant Site Between Mayur Dhwaj Appartment And Indian Oil Petrol Pump, Geeta Colony
15.	North	Model Town	DDA, Park, Jahangir Puri
16.	North	Model Town	Chhat Ghat Near SR Office Bhalswa
17.	North	Model Town	Open land at 50 Foot Road, Shah Alam Band Marg
18.	North	Alipur	Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Samaypur
19.	North	Alipur	Gali NO.15, Swaroop Nagar, Delhi
20.	North	Narela	Chhat Ghat, JJ Colony, Bawana
21.	North	Narela	Chhat Ghat, Pehladvur Banger
22.	North	Narela	Chhath Ghat, Pkt-1, Sec-A-10, Narela
23.	New Delhi	Chanakya Puri	NDMC Park, Opp. Laxmi Narayan Mandir, Kalibari Marg, and Mark: Birla Mandir.
24.	New Delhi	Chanakya Puri	Raja Bazar Park, Opp. Union Academy Sr. Sec. School, Land Mark: Union Academy Sr. Sec. School.
25.	New Delhi	Delhi Cantt.	Krishi Kunj Ground, Near Inderpuri, Loha Mandi
26.	New Delhi	Delhi Cantt.	Ram Leela Ground At Delhi Cantt., Sadar Bazar, Near Gurudwara
27.	New Delhi	Vasant Vihar	C.P.W.D., Central Park, Sec-12 R.K. Puram, New Delhi
28.	New Delhi	Vasant Vihar	DDA Community Centre Park, Near Vasant Lok Market, Vasant Vihar
29.	New Delhi	Vasant Vihar	DDA Park, Sec-06, 12 Near Hotel Hayat, R.K. Puram
30.	New Delhi	Vasant Vihar	CPWD Park Sec-01, R. K. Puram, Offsite Mohan Singh Market, New Delhi
31.	New Delhi	Vasant Vihar	MCD Park, Aadarsh Basti, Mohammad Pur Village, New Delhi
32.	New Delhi	Vasant Vihar	SDMC Park, Vasant Kunj, Near GD Goenka School, Sec-12, Near CNG Pump
33.	New Delhi	Vasant Vihar	NDMC Subhash Park, Netaji Nagar, New Delhi
34.	Central	Kotwali	Gopal Mailik Park, Opposite Shastri Nagar, Delhi
35.	Central	Civil Lines	Nirankari Ground near Nirankari Sarovar Bhawan, Burari, Delhi (Site-A)
36.	Central	Civil Lines	Nirankari Ground near Nirankari Sarovar Bhawan, Burari, Delhi (Site-B)
37.	Central	Civil Lines	Nirankari Ground near Nirankari Sarovar Bhawan, Burari, Delhi (Site-C)
38.	Central	Civil Lines	Sunil Colony, Burari, Delhi
39.	Central	Civil Lines	Shakti Enclave, Burari, Delhi
40.	Central	Civil Lines	Yamuna Pusta Thokar No. 02, Hanuman Mandir near Baba Colony, Burari, Delhi
41.	South-East	Defence Colony	Aastha Kunj Park, Near Iskon Temple, East of Kailash, New Delhi
42.	South-East	Defence Colony	Near Barapulla Nalla, Bangali Camp, Opp. Jain Mandir
43.	South-East	Sarita Vihar	Adjacent to Shiv Ghat, Opposite Jaitpur PS Old
44.	South-East	Sarita Vihar	Khadda Colony, Jaitpur NTPC Open Ground Jaitpur
45.	South-East	Sarita Vihar	Khadan Talpur Village, Sarita Vihar
46.	South-East	Kalka Ji	DDA Flats, J-3, Park, (Kalka Ji)
47.	South-East	Kalka Ji	Sewa Singh Park, Opp. Govind Puri Police Station
48.	West	Patel Nagar	Rameela Park, Prem Nagar, Patel Nagar
49.	West	Patel Nagar	B-58, Rama Road Circle
50.	West	Patel Nagar	H-Block, MCD Park, Karmapura
51.	West	Patel Nagar	NW-143B, Vishu Garden, Chowkhandi, New Delhi
52.	West	Rajouri Garden	A-1/37, Jawahar park, Kirti Nagar, Delhi
53.	West	Rajouri Garden	Furniture Block (Timber Market), Kirti Nagar, Delhi
54.	West	Rajouri Garden	Pilli Kolhi, Hari Nagar, Delhi
55.	West	Rajouri Garden	DMS Colony, Hari Nagar, Delhi
56.	West	Rajouri Garden	Jheel wala Park, Fateh Nagar, Delhi
57.	West	Punjabi Bagh	Jheel Park, Madipur, Delhi
58.	West	Punjabi Bagh	Nihal Vihar Pul, Near Fire Station, Nihal Vihar, Delhi
59.	West	Punjabi Bagh	Talab Park, Budh Bazar, Kunwar Singh Nagar, Delhi
60.	West	Punjabi Bagh	Brahmpuri Ranhola (Gram Sabha Land/Delhi Govt.)
61.	West	Punjabi Bagh	I & FC land near Nallah, Oppo. C-Block, Harphool Nagar Vihar, Nangli Vihar Extn. Baprol, Delhi
62.	West	Punjabi Bagh	Land in MPCC Building, Opp. Talab in Bakkanwala Kh. No. 83
63.	West	Punjabi Bagh	Land near Talab, Village Kamruddin Nagar, Village Kh. No. 38/1/2
64.	West	Punjabi Bagh	DDA land Opp. Talab, Village Mundka No. 142
65.	West	Rajouri Garden	G. S. Land in Community Center, Near Talab, Village Hiran Kudna Near Shiv Mandir, Kh. No. 134
66.	West	Rajouri Garden	PWD land in Baba Haridass colony, Tikri Kalan Near Metro Station, Tikri Border.
67.	North-East	Karawal Nagar	Park Near T. B Hospital, Karawal Nagar
68.	North-East	Seelampur	Shastri park, Opp. Northern Engineering College
69.	North-East	Yamuna Vihar	Chhath Ghat at Bhagirathi Vihar
70.	North-East	Yamuna Vihar	Ambedker Park, Gokalpur
71.	North-East	Yamuna Vihar	Vacant DDA land near Le-Diamond Banquet Hall
72.	North-East	Yamuna Vihar	Opp. Water Treatment Plant, Bhagirathi Vihar
73.	Shahdara	Seemapuri	Deer park, Dilshad Garden, Oppo Mukherjee Public School
74.	Shahdara	Seemapuri	Road No. 89, District park, Khel Parisar, Tahirpur Village
75.	Shahdara	Seemapuri	Kusth Ashram, Tahipur, Delhi
76.	Shahdara	Vivek Vihar	Central park, CBD Ground, Shahdara
77.	Shahdara	Vivek Vihar	Krishna Market park, Jhimli Colony, Delhi
78.	Shahdara	Shahdara	Babarpur Johar
79.	North-West	Kanjahwala	Lekhram Chowk Hanuman Mandir, Jain Nagar, Karala, Near Dry Canal
80.	North-West	Kanjahwala	Shiv Shakti Mandir, J-Block, Shiv Vihar, Mohammad Pur Majri
81.	North-West	Kanjahwala	Ghevra Village, RWA Pond Ghevra
82.	North-West	Kanjahwala	Pond in Jyoti Colony, Jaunti Village
83.	North-West	Kanjahwala	Durga Enclave Punjab Khod
84.	North-West	Rohini	Chhat Pooja Ghat, Gadhe Wala Park (n DDA Park) Opp. Sec-20, Rohini
85.	North-West	Rohini	Chhat Pooja Ghat at Inder Enclave Part-2, Prem Nagar-III, Kirari
86.	North-West	Rohini	MLA Ground, Prem Nagar Part-III, Kirari
87.	North-West	Rohini	DDA Park Laxmi Nagar, Prem Nagar-III, Kiran
88.	North-West	Rohini	A-245 Inder Enclave, Mubarakpur Road, Kirari
89.	North-West	Rohini	P-4/607 Sultanpuri
90.	North-West	Rohini	Babu Park, Mangolpuri
91.	North-West	Rohini	Hind Vihar, Prem Nagar-III, Kirari
92.	North-West	Saraswati Vihar	Ashok Vihar, New Delhi
93.	North-West	Saraswati Vihar	Halderpur, Shalimar Bagh
94.	North-West	Saraswati Vihar	PU Block, Uttari Pitamura, Pitampura, Delhi
95.	South-West		Middle of Kali Basit, near the drain behind Uttam nagar Terminal (DDA land)
96.	South-West		MP Green Field, Village Hastal
97.	South-West		Dushera park, b Block, Janakpuri in front of Maharaja Suraj Mal College
98.	South-West		Durga park, West Sagarpur, Nasirpur (DDA land)
99.	South-West		DDA land in south of Sector 12 and 13 metro line
100.	South-West		Vacant land near DDA Sport Complex in Sec-11 Dwarka
101.	South-West		M. C. Primary School Near Rabta Mor, Jaffarpur Kalan
102.	South-West		I & FC, Land near the drain besides the Vipin Garden
103.	South-West		Land near Nala Road in Sector 23, Dwarka
104.	South-West		DDA Vacant land at Sec-1, Dwarka in front of Mata mandir
105.	South-West		Kh. No. 199 & 200, Existing at Dinpur Goyla Road.
106.	South-West		Kh. No. 338 (

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I,Shushila w/o Shri Beant Pal Singh of 107, Himgiri Apartments, Vikas Puri, New Delhi-110018 changed my name to Shushila Devi vide Affidavit DL47167799258644R 0050154534-1

I,Shubhangi sharma D/o Rakesh Kumar Sharma R/o -H-1004 Logix Blossom County Sector-137,Noida,(U.P.)have changed my name from Shubhangi Dubey to Shubhangi Sharma for all future purposes. 0040510879-1

I, Yogesh Kumar Goel S/o Vijay Goel R/o B-62 Gali No.8 Shalimar Village Delhi-88 have changed my name to Yogesh Goel. 0040510892-3

I, YATIN KAPOOR S/O MUKESH KAPOOR R/O RA-9, FIRST FLOOR, INDERPURI, DELHI-110012, have changed my name to YATIN KAPURR. 0040510847-1

I, Vinny Sharma W/o Alok Sharma, R/O -C-6/1/A Street-No.09 Shyam-Vihar Phase 2 Najafgarh New Delhi- 43 have changed my minor daughter's name from Annaya Baloni To Annaya Sharma DOB-06-April-2016 for all acts in future. 0040510964-7

I, Vinai Kumar Sharma S/O : Nand Kishor Sharma R/o 1717 First Floor, Brahman Gali, Sohan Ganj, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007 have changed my name to Vinay Sharma 0070672955-1

I, Vijay Kumar S/o Nain Singh, Residing at D-27, Janakpuri, sahibabad, pasonda, Ghaziabad, Uttar-Pradesh-201005, inform that name of mine has been wrongly-written as Vijay Singh in my corporation Bank pass-book. The actual name of mine is Vijay Kumar,Which may be amended accordingly. 0040510874-10

I, Vaibhav Yadav S/o Surendra Pratap Yadav R/o-Flat No.F-2, Plot No.C-100, Shalimar-Garden Extn.2, Sahibabad Ghaziabad U.P.-201005,have changed my name to Vaibhav Surendra Yadav for all purposes 0040510877-2

I, V.S.V.N.D.S. Bhanumathi D/o V.V.N. Vara Prasad, R/O 11860/L1, 3rd Floor, St. No.8, Sat Nagar, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005 have changed my name to Bhanumathi Vogety for all purposes. 0040510835-1

I, Triloki Nath Tiwari R/o H.No-164, 2nd-Floor DDA Janta-Flat, GTB-Enclave, Delhi-93,have changed my minor daughter name from Riti Tiwari to Ritika Tiwari. 0040510907-5

I, Tarron Vinod Kumar S/O, Vinod Kumar Chandran Nair R/o 409, Sector-8, Rama Krishna Puram, ND-22, have changed my name to Tarron Vinod Kumar Chandran. 0040510876-1

I, Sushant S/o Hemant Kumar R/o 4034-35, Shaffi Building, Roshnara Road, Subzi Mandi Delhi-110007 Have Changed My Name to Sushant Kumar. 0070672962-1

I, Sudha W/o Ram Shiromani R/o 16/200, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, U.P-201012, have changed my name to Sudha Yadav for all future purposes. 0040510907-3

I, Nitesh S/o Suresh Shokeen R/O H.No.982, Chhawla, Delhi-110071 have changed my name to Nitesh Shokeen 0040510823-1

I, Sudha W/o Ram Shiromani R/o 16/200 Vasundhara, Ghaziabad U.P-201012, have changed my name to Sudha Yadav for all future purposes. 0040510907-3

I, Sonia W/o Late Vineet Kumar R/o-2520, Sadak-Prem Narayan, Churi-Walan, Delhi-110006, have changed my name to Soni Chaurasiya. 0040510892-5

I, Sohan Vir Singh S/O Tiresih Pal Singh H.No-B-17 Gali.No-7 Khajani-Nagar, JohriPur Delhi-110094.Have Changed my Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Sohan Veer Singh,For All Future Purpose. 0040510964-5

I, Siddarth Kachru S/o Anil Kumar Kachru R/O-A-134, Suraj Mal Vihar Delhi-110092 Have Changed My Name to Siddharth Kachru. 0070672960-1

I, Savita alias Savita Rani alias Navdisha Advani d/o Harish Kumar w/o ANIL KUMAR ADVANI R/O B-61, Ashirwad Apartment, Plot No.-11, Sector-12 Dwarka, Delhi-110075, have changed my name to Navdisha Advani. 0040510841-1

I, Sanjay Kumar Singh S/O Arjun Prasad Singh, R/O-D-112, Street No-9, Gamri Extn, Delhi-110053. Changed My Name To Sanjay Singh. 0040510919-2

I, Sangita Devi W/o Jagdish Kumar Gupta R/O-A-134, Second-Floor, Bunkar-Colony, Ashok Vihar Phase-4, Delhi-110052. Changed my Name to Sangeeta Devi. 0040510874-6

I, ASHIA KHANAM W/o Mohammad Rais R/o 36, Gali Kababiyun, Bazar Matia Mahal, Jama Masjid, Delhi-110006 have changed my name to AYESHA KHANAM for all purposes. 0040510871-1

I, Kamala Spouse of Yogeshwar Prasad R/o QU-17B, Pitampura, Delhi-34, have changed my name from Kamala to Kamlesh Nainwal as per affidavit dated 27-8-2019. 0040510875-1

I, Jyoti W/o Amarjeet Singh Katoch R/O A-67A, Hastals-Vihar, Uttam-Nagar, New Delhi-59 Have Changed My Name to Satvinder Kaur. 0040510877-6

I, Jugnū S/o Deepak Kumar R/o C-65, IInd Floor Surya Nagar, Ghaziabad UP-201011 have changed my name JUGNU to JUGNU AGGARWAL permanently. 0040510817-1

I, Rishi R/o BA/46G WEA, Karol Bagh, New Delhi 110005 have changed my name to Rishi Bhola 0070672983-1

I, Remya A W/O-Rameshan K(ARMY NO-10291655Y, Rank-L/Nk) R/O-kaliyathumchal House-Kodolipram Pattannur-Post, Kannur-Dist Kerala-670595. Have Changed My Name To Ramya A. 0040510827-1

I, Harmeet Singh Dutt S/O Uttam Singh R/O M-80, Uday Vihar, Part-3, Nilothi Extn,Nangloi, Delhi-110041.Changed my Name To Harmeet Singh. 0040510837-1

I, Farha W/O-Musheer Ahmed R/O-B-309, J.I.Colony Khyala New Delhi-18,Inform That Zabbar Ahmed Is My Real Son 0040510864-4

I, Harmanjeet Singh Roda R/O R-14, Inderpuri, New Delhi-110012, Changed My Minor Daughter Name Baani Roda To Baani Kaur Roda. 0040510919-3

I,Vishnu Dutt S/o Sh.Phul Prasad R/O-A-77, Vishal Enclave, Rajouri Garden, West Delhi, Delhi-110027 have changed my name to Som Nath Sharma for all purposes. 0040510819-1

I, Vanita Jain W/o Amit Raj Jain R/O.8308, Gali-Ram Swarovar, Roshanara-Road, Delhi-110007 have changed my name to Vanitaa Jain. 0040510874-1

I,Vandna Mehta W/O Harjeet Singh Address-F-138/5, Flat No-201, Jawahar-Park Khanpur, Devlii Road, Delhi-110062, changed my Name To Vandana Kaur. 0040510874-2

I,Surinder Kumar S/o Sh.Ramesh Kumar Choudhary R/o H.No.88-D, Block-B6, East Shalimar Bagh, North West Delhi-110088 have changed my name to Surinder Kumar Choudhary for all purposes. 0040510819-2

I,Shailesh Kumar alias Shailesh Kumar Mishra S/o Gyan Chandra Mishra R/o Flat no 603, Viman C.G.H.S. Society, Sector-9A, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, have finally changed my name to Shailesh Kumar Mishra 0070672964-1

I, Satish S/O Baldev Raj Sharma DOB-10/01/1988 Address- Flat no-165 Archana-Appts G-11 Paschim Vihar New Delhi-110063, New name- Satish Sharma 0040510877-1

I, Sanjaya W/O Lalit Sharma H.No-12/17 Near Govt-Dispensary Gurgaon-Village Gurgaon-122001 Have Changed My Name To Saroj. 0040510874-8

I, Rajiv Kumar Jain S/o Sh.Dhan Kumar Jain R/o B-1/42, 3rd-Floor Gali No.4 Vishwas-Nagar Shahdara Delhi-110032,.have changed the name of my daughter Tinni Jain aged about 26-years and shall hereafter be known as Vriddhi Jain. 0040510877-9

I, Raj Kumar S/o Sh.Naresh Kumar Nagpal R/O 930, First Floor, Dr.Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi-110009 have changed the name of my minor son from Soumy to Siddhant Nagpal for all purposes. 0040510819-3

I,Rahul Chauhan,S/O Shri.Surajpal Singh R/O-L-122, 2nd-Floor, Laxmi Nagar Delhi-110092, Have Changed My Name To Rahul Singh,,For All Future Purposes. 0040510877-10

I, Ajay Kumar Khari S/o Kanwar Singh R/o House No.5512, Gali No.5, New Chandrawal, Delhi-110007 have changed my name to Ajay Khari. 0040510892-1

I,Prashant Srivastava R/O A-195, 2nd Floor, Sudarshan Park, Moti Nagar, Delhi 110015 have changed my name to Prashant Kumar Srivastava. 0070672989-1

I,Neeraj Thaper S/o-Baldev Raj Thaper R/O-A-36 Flat no-102 Ist-Floor Nawada- Extn. New Delhi-110059. Have Changed my name to Neeraj Thapar. 0040510877-7

I, Mukesh Kumar, S/O Jagroop Singh, Address-Plot No 36/35, Third-Floor, Jain-Colony, Part 3,UttamNagar,Delhi110059. Changed my Name To Mukesh Siddhu. 0040510874-3

I, Koshal Kumar S/o Surendra prasad Sharma R/o F-2/256 Sangam vihar Hamdard Nagar South Delhi -110062, have changed my name to Kaushal Kumar Sharma. 0070672985-1

I, Gurpreet Singh alias Ruldu Singh S/o Baggar Singh R/O Patti Hari Ki, Vill Harrangpura, Gobindpura, Bathinda, Punjab-151501, have changed my name to Gurpreet Singh. 0070672969-1

I, Deepak Mehta S/o Kul Mitter Mehta R/o 55-56, Top Floor, Pocket-2, Sector-22, Rohini, Begumpur, Delhi-110086, have changed my name to Deepak Kumar Mehta 0070672957-1

I, Chanchal S/O Karan Singh R/O-A-33, Vikas Kunj Extn., Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 Have Changed my Chanchal Kumar. 0040510877-3

I, Km. Sumitra Sharma W/o Arjun Dutt R/o 16-B, Platinum Enclave, Sector-18, Rohini, Delhi-110089 have changed my name from Km. Sumitra Sharma to Sumitra Joshi for all purposes. 0040510964-6

I, Km. Reetu W/O Mool Kumar Kaushik R/O K-156, Sarita Vihar, Delhi-110076. Changed My Name To Ritu Kaushik. 0040510919-4

I, Gur Kawal Jit Marwaha W/o Lokpal Singh R/o WZ-625, 3rd Floor, Sri Nagar Lane No-2, Delhi-110034 Have Changed My Name to Gurkanwaljeet Kaur. 0070672978-1

I, Gorantha Chandra Datta S/O Gopend Chandra Dutta R/o K-43 G.F. Block K, Srinivaspuri New Delhi-110065, have changed my name to Gouranga Chandra Dutta. 0040510842-1

I, GUNDIYA TIWARI,Spouse of RAJESH KUMAR TIWARI resident of Village- Budhanpura, P.O.-Sajawn, Tehsil-Salempur, Distt.-Deoria,Uttar Pradesh-274508, have changed my name from GUNDIYA TIWARI(D.O.B-14.04.1984) to GURIYA TIWARI(D.O.B-12.06.1989)vide affidavit dated-04/09/2019, before Notary Advocate:-Ram Kishore Singh,having Registration-No:-2548,Delhi. 0040510837-1

I, Farha W/O-Musheer Ahmed R/O-B-309, J.I.Colony Khyala New Delhi-18,Inform That Zabbar Ahmed Is My Real Son 0040510964-3

I, Dilip Kumar alias Dalip Kumar S/o,Bal Krishan Rana R/o-NA-216, StreetNo-7, Vishnu-Garden, Tilak-Nagar, N.Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Dilip Kumar Verma. 0040510919-8

I, Dhan Singh S/o Ram Prasad R/o 217, Jatav Basti, Asoliya Mohalla, Asola Fatehpur Beri, Delhi-110074 have changed my name to Dhanni for all purposes. 0040510824-1

I, Devender Singh Negi S/O Late Mr. J.P.S Negi R/O -Flat.No.-31, Himalaya-Apartments, Plot No.-61., I.P.Extension, Patparganj, Delhi-110092 have changed the name of my minor daughter Aishwarya Negi aged 14 years to Ahana Negi 0040510892-6

I, Deepak S/O Kanhiya Lal R/O. Hmpo.61, Saini Wali Gali, Rampura, Delhi-110035. Have Changed My Name To Deepak Khari. 0040510874-5

I, Deepak Choudhry S/o Shripal Singh R/o-35,Panch Vihar,Chipliyana Buzurg, Ghaziabad-201009 have changed my name to Deepak Choudhary. 0040510837-2

I, Deepa W/o Vinod Sharma R/o: EE-2271, Jahangirpuri, New Delhi-33 Have Changed My Name to Deepsa Sharma. 0040510877-5

I, Brijesh Kumar S/o-Tula Ram R/o H.No.B-63, Gali.no.10, Meethapur-Extn., Badrapur, N.Delhi-110044,have changed my Son name,from Kanhaiya Lal to Kanhaiya Sharma. 0040510964-2

I, Bhawna Gandas W/o Lalit Kumar R/o- 33A Ward Number-1,Mehrauli,New Delhi-110030,have changed my name to Bhawna for all future purposes. 0040510837-5

I, Archna R/o A-39 Ayur Vigyan Nagar New Delhi 110049 have changed my name to Archana 0070672992-1

I, Anil Kachru S/o Shambhu Nath R/o C-24, Suraj Mal Vihar Delhi-110092 Have Changed My Name to Anil Kumar Kachru. 0070672959-1

I, Amit Mittal S/o Shri Niwas Mittal R/o II-C-178-A, Nehru-Nagar, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Amit Kumar Mittal. 0040510892-4

I, Amir Usmani S/O Mohammad Akil Usmani H.No-75f, Sector-8, Dda-Flats, Jasola-Vihar, New Delhi-110025, Have Changed My Name To Aamir Usmani. 0040510919-1

I, Ajay Singh, S/O Prem Singh Rawat, R/O A-1, kh no 676 /1-2, Devli Khanpur Delhi 110062 have changed my name to Ajay Singh Rawat 0070672973-1

IKM Sadiya Khanam W/o Ummar Siddiqui R/O-A-16/E-2 Dilshad Colony Delhi-95 have changed my name to Sadiya Vihar. 0040510877-4

I,16020129X L/NK Nardev S/o Sh. Rajendra Singh R/o Village-Shekhapur Nagria, PO-Chandapur, Distt.-Hardoi, UP-241402 inform that in my service records mother name written as Usha Devi and DOB 10-12-1963. But my mother correct name Ram Chahiti and DOB01-01-1960. 0040510883-1

I, Kanika Kashyap W/o Vipin Garg R/o H.No.783 Sector-7-C Faridabad-121006, have changed my name from Kanika Kashyap to Kanika Garg for all future purposes. 0040510907-1

Ihitherto known as Vivek Krishna Dutt S/o Sh.Rakesh Gautam residing at-1/4574, Gali.No-9, Ram-Nagar Extn., Shahdara Delhi-110032, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Vivek. 0040510877-8

Ihitherto Known as Nikita W/O Moti Lal R/O-B-452 N.T.P.C. Township Vidyt Nagar Gautam Buddha Nagar U.P.-201008 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Nikita Moti Lal. 0040510919-6

Ihitherto Known as Mihir S/O Moti Lal R/O-B-452 N.T.P.C. Township Vidyt Nagar Gautam Buddha Nagar U.P.-201008 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Mihir Kumar Ragha. 0040510919-7

I Deepak Kumar R/O 588 Sector-19 Faridabad-121004 Have Changed My Minor Daughter Name Aadya To Aadya Sharma. 0040510874-9

I,Aslam s/o meenu mistri R/O H.No 40-A, sharma-market pul Pehlad pur new Delhi-110044. Have changed my name from Aslam to Aslam Malik. 0040510919-5

I,Anuradha Shrivastav D/o Shri Gopal Krishna R/O H.No. 11, J&K Extension Laxmi Nagar,Delhi - 92 got divorce from my husband (Arvind Saxena) vide H.M.A. Petition No. 562/18dated 17/04/2018. I hereby publically inform that my son aged 14 years andDate of Birth is26-August-2005.I have changed his name and shall hereafter be known as "EshanShrivastav" in school and in all legal documents with mother's name "Anuradha Shrivastav".This is submitted for a necessary correction in school record and in all legal documents. 0070672945-1

I, Aashish Mehta S/O Kulmitter Mehta R/o 55-56, Top Floor, Pocket-2, Sector-22, Rohini, Begumpur, Delhi-110086, have changed my name to Aasheesh Mehta 0070672951-1

I, Surbhi Gambhir W/o Sh. Vikram Gambhir R/o-D-1/21, 3rd Floor Rajouri Garden, New Delhi-110027 have changed my name to Surbhi Grover to Surbhi Gambhir all future purposes. 0040510831-3

I, Subhash Gambhir S/o Sh. Balla Ram Gambhir R/o-D-1/21, 3rd Floor Rajouri Garden, New Delhi-110027 have changed my name to Subhash Chander Gambhir to Subhash Gambhir all future purposes. 0040510831-2

I, Shams Tabrez S/o Sh. Mohammad Parwez R/O-D-26D, D-Block, Tilak Vihar, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Shams Tabreze to Shams Tabrez all future purposes. 0040510831-1

I, Nischay K Sakhuja S/o Rajesh Kumar Sakhuja R/o B-12/4, Block-B, Jhilmil Industrial Area, G T Road Delhi-110095 Have Changed My Name to Nischay Sakhuja. 0070672974-1

I, Kamal Maity, my army No-14633777K S/O Late Rakhal Chandra Maity R/o Vill-Khalina, P.O-Bartana, P-S-Egra, Dist-Purba Medinipur, W.B, my son name is wrongly recorded as Saugata Maity in my EME Records being No.12 Corps 2 Wksp ect.I do hereby inform his actual and correct name is Sougata Maity. 0040510879-2

I, Mounmita Maity, W/o Kamal Maity (Army No-14633777K) R/o Vill-Khalina, P.O-Bartana P-S-Erga, District-Purba Medinipur, W.B my date of birth is wrongly mentioned in my Aadhar card as 01.03.1983, So I hereby inform my actual and correct Date of Birth is 01.03.1985 0040510879-3

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

I, JC-776563A Nb Sub Memane Jotiram Namdev S/o Sh.Namdev Memane R/o-VPO-Pargaon Memane, Teh-Turandhar, Dist-Pune(Maharashtra), Pin-412104,in my service record my wife's name has wrongly written as Arti Memane. Her correct name is Arti Jotiram Memane for all future purposes. 0040510837-4

I, JC-772227W Nb Sub Sudhir Kumar Singh S/o Sh.Jag Bhan Singh R/O-Qtr No.34/06,Piru Vihar,Sadar Bazar, Delhi Cantt-10,in my service record my daughter's name has wrongly written as Ojaswani.Her correct name is Ojaswani for all future purposes. 0040510837-6

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Adv. Virender Kumar
227, Authority Building, Janakpuri

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform General Public at large that my client Mr. Xuan Yernu is intending to purchase the Built-up First Floor, without roof right, area 53 Sq. Yds. Portion of property No. WZ-810, on Plot No. 16/418, out of Kharsa No. 38/1/1 & 38/2/1 situated at village Khyala Colony known as Navyug Block, Vishnu Garden, Delhi-18 from Mrs. Nisha Minocha, who is the owner of aforementioned property vide registered Sale Deed No. 5580, Volume No. 2421, Book No. 1, Pages 259 to 169, dated 17.05.2019.

The aforementioned property is free from all kind of charge, mortgage and the legal heirs of Late Mrs. Mohinder Kaur previous owners of the subject property have no right or claim in this property.

The aforementioned property is proposed to be mortgage with Clix Housing Finance Pvt. Ltd. If any person or persons, legal heirs or Late Mohinder Kaur, any institution, company, bank, or NBFC have any kind of right or claim in the aforementioned property, he may contact at the address given herein under within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Avnish Shukla (Advocate)
Ch. No. E-419, Karkardooma Court, Delhi-110032
Mob. 9871603366

LOST & FOUND

I Sunita Verma W/o Sh.Raj Kumar D/o Sh. Trilok Chand Narang R/o 55-B, Shiv Puri Extension, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051 have lost original documents i.e. Agreement to Sell, Affidavit & Receipt executed on 02-11-2010 in favour of Sunita Rani and Agreement to Sell, Affidavit & Receipt executed on 25-05-2009 in favour of Surender Singh of First Floor of property No.55, Shiv Puri, Delhi-110051. Finders may contact at above address. 0040510819-4

I, Archit Manglik, S/o Vivek Kumar Manglik R/o H.No.1. Lane 9, Sec 7, Gur Nanak Nagar, Jammu-180004. I have lost my 10th marksheet Roll No. 5395848 and 12th Class marksheet Roll No.1663458 and Migration Certificate No MIG/2018/0055386, Transfer Certificate of 12th If any one found please call 7665730107. 0040510880-1

I, Radhika Nanda D/o Sh.Narinder Talwar have lost my original property agreement to sell Paper of property. No.Flat No.443, First Floor, Pocket- A, Sector-17, Dwarka, New Delhi-17. FIR lodged vide LR.No-1462294/2019, dated- 01/09/2019. finder contact 9891638904 0040510822-1

It is notified for the information that my original qualification Marksheet of Main Secondary Examination year 2014, Roll No. 8170215 & Senior Secondary Examination year 2016, Roll No. 9168583, past out from CBSE has been actually lost. Ambica R/o C-447, Mangol Puri, New Delhi-110083 93315065403. 0040510836-1

Lost My Conveyance Deed of Prop. No: 1030, Sec-17, Faridabad. Registered Document: 8998 dated 26.11.1986. Finder May Contact: Dharmender Bansal S/o Chander Mohan Bansal may contact above address. 0040510830-1

TMukesh Kumar Khurana S/o Krishan Lal Khurana R/o 5-A, Block-3, Dilshad-Garden, Delhi.have Lost my Original-Lease and Conveyance Deed of Shop no.119, Indra Market Old-Subzi Mandi Delhi. 0040510892-10

PUBLIC NOTICE
Be it Known to all that my client Mr. Shri Bhagwan S/o Shri Dharam Singh R/o H.No-48B, Extension-2D, Nangloi, West Delhi, Delhi-110041 disowned our Son Pankaj from their all movable, immovable properties due to his mis-behavior & bad conduct. Anybody dealing with him in any manner whatsoever Will be doing at his/her own cost, risk & responsibility.

BITU VERMA (ADVOCATE)
Enrt.- 01/126/92
Mob:- 9811270278

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is for general information that I MANJEET SINGH S/O RAJIV KUMAR Residing at E-29, Ranjeet Vihar, Nilothi Extension, West Delhi, Delhi-110041 declare that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as MANJEET SINGH and RAJIV KUMAR respectively which may be amended accordingly. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirement in this connection.

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Anuramti Soni D/o Sh. Jwala Prasad R/o Flat No.703, Puchpanjali Plaza, Bassant Vihar Colony, Boring Road, Patna-800001 lost original allotment letter, possession letter, registered GPA duly regd. no.69016, volume no.5473, book no.4, on pages 120 to 123 dated 27/11/1998, special GPA duly regd. no. 69017 book no.4 volume no. 5473, page 124, dated 27/11/1998, will volume no. 46768, book no. 3, duly regd. no. 2336, dated 27/11

FACT CHECK, GROUND REALITY



At a press conference by protesters in Hong Kong on Wednesday evening. The protesters have not indicated a softening of their stand in response to the concession announced by Chief Executive Carrie Lam. Reuters

CHINA BACKS OFF IN HONG KONG.
WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

Extradition Bill withdrawn, question is whether protesters will relent on newer demands

AFTER THREE months of mass protests triggered the worst crisis in Hong Kong since it returned to Chinese control in 1997, the city’s Beijing-backed Chief Executive announced on Wednesday the withdrawal of the proposed law at the heart of the people’s anger.

While the sudden and unexpected concession met the number one demand of the protesters, it was not immediately clear whether this alone would return peace and orderliness to Hong Kong’s streets.

This is because the protests that began this June over the Bill (now withdrawn) that would have allowed the extradition to China of suspects accused of certain crimes has, over the past several weeks, expanded to cover a wider spectrum of demands, including core political reforms and an inquiry into police brutality with protesters.

Is the contentious Bill really dead?

Quite soon after the protests began, Chief Executive Carrie Lam had said she would delay the Bill. But this was not seen as a firm commitment, and on June 16, some 2 million Hong Kongers protested in the streets. Had Lam announced a suspension — rather than a withdrawal — of the Bill from the agenda of the Legislative Council, she would have, under the rules, left open a window for its restoration, and thus reintroduction, after serving a notice of 12 days. However, now that she has withdrawn the Bill, reintroduction would mean going through a longer process.

So, are the protests likely to stop?

No media analysts or commentators expected them to on Wednesday evening. Online, protesters underlined that they had “five demands, not one less”. Besides the formal withdrawal of the Bill, the other four were: an independent probe into police actions; amnesty for arrested protesters; direct elections for all lawmakers and Chief

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SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

Afghan deal all but done. Now?

Drafted last week, the agreement sets out a timeline for withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan. It is not a peace deal, the onus for which lies with the Afghan government. What are the challenges it faces?

NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 4

THE UNITED States and Taliban have reached a deal for American troops to withdraw from Afghanistan. Last weekend, US Special Envoy Zalmay Khalilzad was in Kabul to present details of the deal to Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani.

What have they agreed on?

No details of the draft agreement have been made officially public but Khalilzad told the Afghan media organisation TOLO that the two sides have reached an agreement “in principle” that the United States would withdraw some 5,000 troops within 135 days or five months starting from the signing of the agreement. The top US diplomat, an Afghan American, who has led the talks which began in January this year, said US President Donald Trump had to sign off on the agreement.

The draft agreement, which was reached after nine rounds of talks between Khalilzad and the Taliban in Doha, Qatar, is for the US troops to withdraw from five bases in this period. There appears to be no timeline yet for the withdrawal of the remaining 14,000 troops but a period of 14 months has been mentioned in the past. Trump said at one time that some 8,000 troops would remain.

In return for the withdrawal agreed upon, the Taliban are said to have committed to not allow “enemies of the US” — namely Daesh/ISIS and Al Qaeda — to set up base in Afghanistan. Khalilzad said in the TOLO interview that it will be the Taliban who will now fight against the “enemies of America” in Afghanistan. According to one version, the Taliban have agreed not to attack withdrawing troops.

Is this expected to usher in peace?

Earlier, it was expected that the US would get the Taliban to agree to a ceasefire. But that is not on the cards. Instead, the only expectation now is for a “reduction in violence” in some areas. In the interview to TOLO, Afghanistan’s biggest media house, Khalilzad identified those areas as Parwan province, north of Kabul, where the Bagram air base is



US Special Envoy Zalmay Khalilzad (left) with Afghanistan Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah in Kabul on Monday. Afghanistan Chief Executive office via Reuters

located, and Kabul province. Afghanistan has 34 provinces in all.

The deal is, therefore, not a peace agreement. That was driven home by the August 31 Taliban attack on Kunduz, an important north Afghanistan city, which came as Khalilzad was briefing Afghan leaders in Kabul about the agreement. Afghan special forces pushed them back with the help of US airpower, but were not able to prevent the Taliban from attacking a second northern city, Pull Kumri, where India has undertaken to build power transmission lines to Kabul as part of project to bring electricity from Uzbekistan to Afghanistan.

On Monday night, towards the end of Khalilzad’s live interview on TOLO channel, Kabul was rocked by a car bombing and gunfire, an attack that killed at last 16 people and was claimed by the Taliban

Through the talks, which began in January this year, there has been a spike in attacks as Taliban leveraged violence to buttress their bargaining position at the talks, and tried to take control of as much territory as they could before the agreement with the US was finalised.

How then can a peace deal be struck with the Taliban?

It is now for the Afghan government to negotiate a peace agreement with the Taliban in what are referred to as “intra-Afghan talks”. President Ashraf Ghani’s government was not included in the US-Taliban talks. This was the Taliban precondition for the talks. The Taliban consider the elected Afghan government a “puppet” or “proxy” of the US. The irony is that for many in Afghanistan, the Taliban are a proxy of Pakistan’s military establishment, and are seen as a creation of the ISI.

Even at this stage, the Afghan government remains sidelined. It has become something of an issue in Afghanistan that President Ghani was given a copy of the draft agreement to read at his meeting with Khalilzad, but it was taken away from him at the close of the meeting.

In his interview to TOLO, Khalilzad said the intra-Afghan talks would begin soon after the US-Taliban agreement. But it is unclear if the Taliban have committed to participate in these talks as part of their agreement with Khalilzad. The Norwegian capital of Oslo may

be the venue for these talks if they are held. Recalling the Bonn process of 2001, the intra-Afghan talks are expected to take up the question of a ceasefire and an “interim” set-up as a way of bringing the Taliban into a power sharing agreement.

What does it mean for the Afghan government politically?

The idea of an “interim” set-up almost certainly means that the September 28 presidential elections will not be held. An interim dispensation would do away with the need for elections. In any case, the Taliban have made it clear they do not believe in the electoral process and have said they would want to make changes to the Constitution. This could become the main challenge for the interim dispensation, apart from ensuring that the Taliban commit to a ceasefire and stick to it. The interim set-up has to be headed by an Afghan acceptable to the US, Taliban, Pakistan and the present Afghan government. Names are already doing the rounds.

The Afghan government, meanwhile, is apprehensive that the US may have made commitments to the Taliban that will undermine even the modest achievements made by the country towards democracy and human rights over the last two decades. The references in the agreement to “IEA” or Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, the preferred name of the Taliban for itself, and the name by which Afghanistan was known when the Taliban ruled the country from 1996 to 2001, has increased the concern.

That concern was expressed by Amrullah Saleh, a former head of the Afghan intelligence agency, a candidate in the election and who like the rest of his compatriots, but more so, is a strong anti-Taliban, anti-Pakistan voice in Afghanistan: “Clarification: The US talks with Taliban in Doha is about the fate of the Quetta Shura [the Pakistan headquarters of the Taliban], de-linking them with global terror networks, ISI, terror ideologies and prospects of re-integration in future. Doha isn’t on fate of Afg. That will be decided in Kabul & through direct negotiations”.

India has played no role in the US-Taliban talks, but hopes it may be able to influence some outcomes of the the intra-Afghan talks through its many friends in the Afghan polity who will participate in the talks.


How climate change can help or hurt bananas

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BANANAS THRIVE in warmer climates, and India is the world’s largest producer and consumer of the fruit crop. When the planet itself is warming, does it help or hamper production? A new study has found that climate change has benefited bananas over the last several decades but predicted that the trend will reverse, with climate change eventually causing a negative impact.

The findings

The study, led by Dr Dan Bebbler from the University of Exeter and co-authored by research fellow Dr Varun Varma, has been published in *Nature Climate Change*. They have studied both the recent and future impact of climate change on the world’s leading banana producers and exporters. They found that 27 countries — accounting for 86 per cent of the world’s dessert banana production — have on average seen increased crop yield since 1961 — by 1.37 tonnes/hectare every year — due to the changing climate resulting in more

BANANA YIELD IN INDIA (TONNES/HECTARE)		
	2011-12	35.7
	2012-13	34.2
	2013-14	37.0
	2014-15	35.5
	2015-16	34.6
	2016-17*	34.0
*Provisional Source: National Horticulture Board		

favourable growing conditions.

In India, data from the National Horticulture Board show broadly consistent yields in six years leading up to 2016-17, when the provisional yield was 34 tonnes/hectare.

The study says the gains in these 27 countries could be significantly reduced by 2050 — to 1.19-0.59 tonnes/hectare — or disappear completely, if climate change continues at its expected rate. The study predicts that 10 countries — including India and the fourth largest producer, Brazil — could see a signif-

icant decline in crop yields.

The study highlights, on the other hand, that some countries — including Ecuador (the largest exporter) and Honduras, as well as a number of African countries — may see an overall benefit in crop yields.

Why it matters

Bananas are recognised as the most important fruit crop, providing food, nutrition and income for millions in both rural and urban areas across the globe. In Britain, for ex-

ample, more than five billion bananas are purchased each year, and the United Kingdom accounts for seven per cent of the global export market, the University of Exeter said in a statement.

Such international trade can play a pivotal role to local and national economies in producing countries. For example, bananas and their derived products constitute the second largest agricultural export commodity of Ecuador and Costa Rica, the University statement said.

“We’re very concerned about the impact of diseases like Fusarium Wilt on bananas, but the impacts of climate change have been largely ignored. There will be winners and losers in coming years, and our study may stimulate vulnerable countries to prepare through investment in technologies like irrigation,” Dr Bebbler said in the statement.

Dr Varma said: “An open exchange of ideas is going to be critical going forward. We believe practical solutions already exist, but these are scattered across banana producing countries. This knowledge exchange needs to start now to counteract predicted yield losses due to climate change.”

Screening all children for leprosy, TB: India’s disease burden, mission

ABANTIKA GHOSH
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

IN INDIA, screening for disease is usually associated with non-communicable rather than communicable diseases. However, since last month, India has embarked on a large-scale plan to screen all children for leprosy and tuberculosis. An estimated 25 crore children below the age of 18 will be screened for the two infectious diseases, and if a person is suspected to have either of the two, s/he will be sent to a higher centre for confirmation. The existing Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) infrastructure will be used for the screening.

Why it is necessary

Leprosy is a chronic infectious disease caused by *Mycobacterium leprae*. It usually affects the skin and peripheral nerves, but has a wide range of clinical manifestations. The disease is characterised by a long incubation period that is generally 5-7 years. It is a leading cause of permanent physical disability. Timely diagnosis and treatment of cases, before nerve damage has occurred,

is the most effective way of preventing disability due to leprosy.

Tuberculosis infection, caused by *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, is one of the most common communicable diseases in India, its transmission fuelled by unhygienic, crowded living conditions. It is said that most Indians carry the bacterium and the infection flares up when their immunity levels are low, like when they are malnourished or suffering from conditions like AIDS in which the body’s immune system is compromised.

Both diseases are infectious and India has a substantial burden — its tuberculosis burden is the highest in the world. Children tend to be more prone to catching infectious diseases from their peers because of long hours in confined spaces and more bodily contact than in adults. Addressing the problem early would ensure that the infection cycle is broken.

In case of leprosy, it could mean prevention of disability. The programme would also give preventive medication to people who have come in contact with the confirmed cases.

For TB, India’s malnutrition burden is an



An rally for awareness of leprosy in Chandigarh in 2014. Express Archive

additional risk factor. As per the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-4 (2015-16), 35.7 per cent children below age five are underweight, 38.4 per cent are stunted (low height for age) and 21 per cent are wasted

(low weight for height) in the country.

The burden in India

India eliminated leprosy in 2005 — WHO defines elimination as an incidence

rate of less than one case per 10,000 population. All states except Chhattisgarh and the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli have eliminated leprosy. However, 1.15 lakh to 1.2 lakh new leprosy cases are still detected every year, Health Ministry officials said.

TB kills an estimated 4,80,000 Indians every year — an average over 1,300 every day. India also has more than a million “missing” cases every year that are not notified. Most remain either undiagnosed or unaccountably and inadequately diagnosed and treated in the private sector. The problem in the latter case is that many of these patients do not complete the full course of the antibiotic, thus exposing the bacterium to the medicine without fully killing it. This is trigger enough for the bacterium to evolve into a version of itself that is resistant to that particular drug.

The mission focus

Launched in 2013 under the National Health Mission, RBSK is focused on preventing disease and disability in children. “Child Health Screening and Early Intervention Services” basically refer to early detection

and management of a set of 30 health conditions prevalent in children less than 18 years of age. These conditions are broadly defects at birth, diseases in children, deficiency conditions and developmental delays including disabilities, together described as 4Ds.

Until now, neither leprosy nor TB were a part of the programme.

In 2017, India had set a target of elimination of leprosy by 2018, going by the Budget speech that year. The deadline has passed but leprosy remains a challenge in a country that launched the National Leprosy Eradication Programme way back in 1955.

For tuberculosis, the global Sustainable Development Goal target is to end the disease is 2030. However, there is a new urgency in India’s TB control efforts since last year, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi *suo motu* advanced the deadline for India to end TB to 2025. Speaking at the End TB summit in 2018, Modi had said: “A target has been set to end TB globally by 2030. I would like to announce that we have set aim to eradicate it from India five years ahead, by 2025.”



OF COURSE IT IS HAPPENING INSIDE YOUR HEAD, HARRY, BUT WHY ON EARTH SHOULD THAT MEAN THAT IT IS NOT REAL? — ALBUS DUMBLEDORE (J K ROWLING)

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RBI must not intervene to break the rupee’s fall. A weak currency will help exports

ON TUESDAY, THE rupee fell 1.36 per cent against the dollar, ending the day at a nearly 10-month low of 72.39. On Wednesday, it recovered marginally, closing at 72.12 against the dollar. Day-to-day fluctuations notwithstanding, the rupee has weakened considerably in the recent past, declining by around 4.7 per cent since July 31. Though the fall in the currency is not unique to India — currencies of most emerging markets have weakened after the Chinese authorities allowed the yuan to fall below the psychological mark of 7 per dollar — the rupee has weakened more than the others. This decline in the currency is likely to spur calls for the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to step in to stem the decline.

A weak currency will push up the import bill. It will also be inflationary. But the RBI should resist from intervening in the currency market. It should allow the currency to slide. A weak currency has its advantages in that it makes exports more competitive. Moreover, the rupee’s decline over the past month or so is driven by global as well as domestic factors. Globally, the greenback has strengthened. On Tuesday, the dollar index hit a two-year high, rising to 99.37, its highest level since May 2017. Domestically, foreign investors have continued to pull out money, even though the government has reversed its decision on the surcharge levied on foreign investors. A slowing economy will only exacerbate such outflows but there is no reason to panic. The evidence suggests that the rupee is overvalued. According to data from the RBI, the 36-currency export-based real effective exchange rate (REER) stood at 119.54 in July — indicating significant overvaluation. This overvaluation has affected the competitiveness of India’s merchandise exports which have remained almost stagnant in the recent past, rising marginally to \$330 billion in 2018-19 from \$310 billion in 2014-15. In comparison, over the same period, exports of countries like Vietnam and Bangladesh have surged.

With China allowing its currency to slide, other countries, which compete with China in the export market are likely to follow suit. Competitive devaluation is a possibility. US President Donald Trump also wants a weak dollar. In such a situation, the RBI should let the currency slide. With private consumption collapsing, investment activity remaining subdued, and the capacity of the government to stimulate the economy by increasing its spending being limited, a weak currency, by improving the competitiveness of exports, could provide much needed fillip to growth. While the RBI’s stated policy is that it does not target any particular level, the continued overvaluation of the rupee needs to be attended to. Alongside, the government must address the structural issues that bring down the competitiveness of India’s exports.

GIVE AND TAKE

Law that sparked Hong Kong protests has been withdrawn, opening up space for dialogue

IN JUNE, AS the protests in Hong Kong gathered momentum, the city’s chief executive, Carrie Lam, suspended the Fugitive Offenders and Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2019. As of Wednesday, the Bill stands withdrawn. The proposed law, which would have allowed those accused of criminal activity in Hong Kong to be extradited to mainland China, was the tinder that sparked the protests which have challenged the authority of the Chinese state. Lam addressed another key demand of the protestors — the establishment of an independent commission of inquiry into the use of force by the police against protestors. The question now is whether these steps are too little and have come too late.

Over three months, the protests have grown into an anti-China, pro-democracy movement. The extradition law was seen as an attack on the “one country, two systems” formula that has allowed Hong Kong to maintain its special status and autonomy since it acceded to China in 1997. While the protestors have attacked symbols of the Chinese state — its flag, emblem, etc — the police and Chinese authorities have called them rioters and accused them of showing “signs of terrorism”. The authorities have also been accused of brutality by the protesters. Two of the major demands of the protestors — amnesty for those arrested during the protests and direct elections for the chief executive’s office — remain bones of contention. What the current concessions by Lam, backed by the Chinese government, provide is an opportunity for the protesters to take their movement from the streets to the negotiating table.

Throughout the current protests, the spectre of the Tiananmen Square massacre of 1989 has lurked in the background. Then, as now, the Chinese economy and party-state was in a period of transition, and a popular protest for democracy challenged the government and communist party’s dominance. While Beijing has engaged in muscular rhetoric, it has also affirmed its commitment to “one country, two systems”. For the Chinese government as well as the leadership of the protests, it is important to realise the impact of the disruption of the last three months. According to IHS Markit Hong Kong, which tracks private business activity in the city, private sector activity is the lowest it has been since 2009, when the city was reeling from the effects of the global financial crisis. Beijing must now use the subtlety of state-craft, of listening and give and take, not speak the language of force. A sustained dialogue in and about Hong Kong is the only route to normalcy.

EXPELLIARMUS!

An obscure Tennessee cleric fondly hopes to disarm JK Rowling’s magic by banning the Potter books from school libraries

TO THE AVERAGE tourist, Nashville, Tennessee, means rye whiskey, Merle Haggard, Johnny Cash, Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix and a hundred other names from the hall of fame of American music — blues, country, folk, rock, the lot. To that august list, the occult tourist may now add the name of the hitherto obscure Rev Dan Reehill. On the advice of exorcists, this school priest in Nashville has banned librarians from issuing Harry Potter books to students, fearing that the young wizard’s spells are genuine and can cause real manifestations in the space-time continuum. Such is the power of the internet, that it has transmitted his bizarre story far and wide in a single day.

Reehill could have done it much easier and saved everyone a load of bother by simply yelling Potter’s most useful spell: “Expelliarmus!” There, we’ve gone and uttered it, the word that literally says “expel arms” in a fancy sort of way, disarming opponents. And it has had absolutely no effect on the ongoing arms race. No wonder Reehill didn’t use it.

We’re treading on eggshells here, but JK Rowling’s spells are just dog Latin — classical-sounding constructions of English words, an engaging conceit that school students, bored to death of amo-amas-amat (concerning love) and leo-leonis (concerning lions), have used for generations to revenge themselves on their teachers. Outside the Potterverse, a good Latin declension like dominus-domini (concerning the boss) is more likely to reduce minds to pulp than plain expelliarmus. Declensions are nine words longer and have a hypnotic, chant-like quality. In the old days, Reehill and his exorcists would have been subjected to such things in the course of their education, and would have sought refuge in dog Latin. But now that Latin is really a dead language, they only have the fear of the unknown.



DUVVURI SUBBARAO

Question is not whether public sector banks should be big or small. It is: Do we need public sector banks?

THE FINANCE MINISTER’S announcement last week of the merger of public sector banks, coming in the wake of growth sinking to a six-year low, was meant to be seen as a big bang response to arresting the slowdown. On the contrary, it’s a needless distraction.

In the short-term, the mergers will contribute nothing towards engineering a turnaround of the economy. Worse still, the administrative and logistic challenges of mergers will divert the mind space of bank managements away from their most pressing task at the moment — of managing the NPAs and aggressively looking for lending opportunities. Down the line, bank staff will be worrying, notwithstanding the finance minister’s assurance, about their jobs and career prospects even as their morale will be sapped by the complexity of coping with a new banking culture and new practices at a time when they should be giving their undivided attention to scouting for borrowers and improving service delivery.

A follow-on question is this: Even if the short-term outcome is not promising, are mergers a net positive in the long term? That is not unambiguously clear. While organic mergers of banks motivated purely by business considerations lead to efficiency gains, whether arranged marriages of the type the government is organising are a good thing remains debatable.

On the positive side, large banks will entail cost advantages by way of economies of scale such as centralised back office processing, elimination of branch overlap, eliminating redundancies in administrative infrastructure, better manpower planning, optimum funds management, and savings in IT and other fixed costs. Large banks will also be able to finance large projects on their own even while staying within the prudential lending norms imposed by the regulator.

Isn’t the financial sector wide enough and deep enough to take care of financial intermediation without the government at the steering wheel? Aren’t there better uses for the government’s mind space and its time?



VINOD DHALL

IT WAS a sad day when, travelling overseas, I heard the news of the death of Arun Jaitley. His multiple health issues had already debilitated him for the last few years, and these took his life. The country has lost a political and professional stalwart. Earlier, the government had lost a respected and sobering voice when he retired to his private home in south Delhi, in stark contrast to the many who cling to the post and its perks till their last breath.

I had worked with Jaitley when I was Secretary, Corporate Affairs and he was the Minister for Law and Corporate Affairs. He is one of the best ministers I worked with. Why do I say this? He was honest, both financially and intellectually — somewhat rare in politics. He never once asked me to do anything inappropriate, never even discussed any such thought or proposal.

His sharp mind instantly dived to the core of an issue — that may have led some people to feel frustrated with his “short attention span”. He read people and their character insightfully. Earlier, he had early once discussed with me about the weaknesses of a senior officer in my team at the ministry. That officer’s habits soon unraveled a few months into my tenure at the ministry, and on one occasion when he reached out to the PMO without permission, the minister and I were compelled to have him bundled out of the ministry.

Sometimes, there was a certain brusqueness to his behaviour which could be misunderstood as rudeness. Even I was appalled when two top partners of a global consultancy came to meet him and I had been asked to be present. He almost ignored the

CAPTAIN COOL

Arun Jaitley will be remembered for the economic reforms he ushered in

presence of the number two whom Rajat Gupta had brought along, apparently because he had been a previous acquaintance of Jaitley.

One of the country’s top lawyers, Jaitley was nothing short of brilliant on the floor of Parliament; his eloquence and fluency were in a class of their own. On the debating floor, he was a formidable adversary who could demolish in a few pithy, and sometimes sharp remarks, the opposite argument with consummate ease.

One of the pleasures of working with Jaitley was in the way he reposed trust in you and relied on your advice. There was this underlying comfort that if you were in the right, he was with you. He was willing to put his formidable influence and argumentation behind any reform or new idea. Politics never entered into the discussions about policies, though his passionate belief in his political ideas occasionally and momentarily surfaced in informal conversations.

He was the minister when the Competition Bill was introduced in Parliament. Years later, when he returned to the Governor of the Northeastern states L.P. Singh on September 4. Contrary to his earlier declaration, Borbora did not recommend the dissolution of the Assembly and holding of a midterm poll. Minutes after the Assembly, which was discussing the Opposition no-confidence motion against the Borbora Ministry, adjourned for the lunch recess, the chief minister, accompanied by the PWD Minister Dulal Chandra Barua, drove to the Circuit House, where the Governor is camp-

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aggers, especially at the front end, were entrepreneurial, innovative and committed. There were many factors responsible for India moving from low income to low middle income, and financial intermediation by PSBs has to find a place in that list.

Even as it acknowledges the contribution of PSBs, the government needs to confront a stream of \$5 trillion questions. Do we still need PSBs? Isn’t the financial sector wide enough and deep enough to take care of financial intermediation without the government at the steering wheel? Aren’t there better uses for the government’s mind space and its time?

There is wide consensus that today’s economic slowdown is due both to cyclical and structural factors. By way of cyclical response, the RBI has cut rates and the government has announced a few measures like frontloading expenditures and slashing some taxes. Perhaps the RBI will ease further and the government will follow on with some more measures. The most these can do is to lift the growth rate to its potential.

But that will hardly make us a \$5-trillion economy. We will become a \$5-trillion economy not by growing at our current potential growth rate but by raising it. That requires structural reforms. The agenda for structural reforms is now a daily staple of our media discourse and there is no need to rehash that here.

Structural measures will take time to work their way through the system. But even the announcement effect of structural reforms can be stunning. If, for example, the government were to put out a roadmap for giving up its majority stake in PSBs, it will go a long way in shoring up sentiment and getting us off the block to a \$5-trillion economy. An idea whose time has come?

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SEPTEMBER 5, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

ASSAM CM QUILTS

PUSHED CLOSELY TO defeat on the floor of the state assembly, Assam Chief Minister Golap Borbora tendered the resignation of his 541-day old Janata Ministry to the Governor of the Northeastern states L.P. Singh on September 4. Contrary to his earlier declaration, Borbora did not recommend the dissolution of the Assembly and holding of a midterm poll. Minutes after the Assembly, which was discussing the Opposition no-confidence motion against the Borbora Ministry, adjourned for the lunch recess, the chief minister, accompanied by the PWD Minister Dulal Chandra Barua, drove to the Circuit House, where the Governor is camp-

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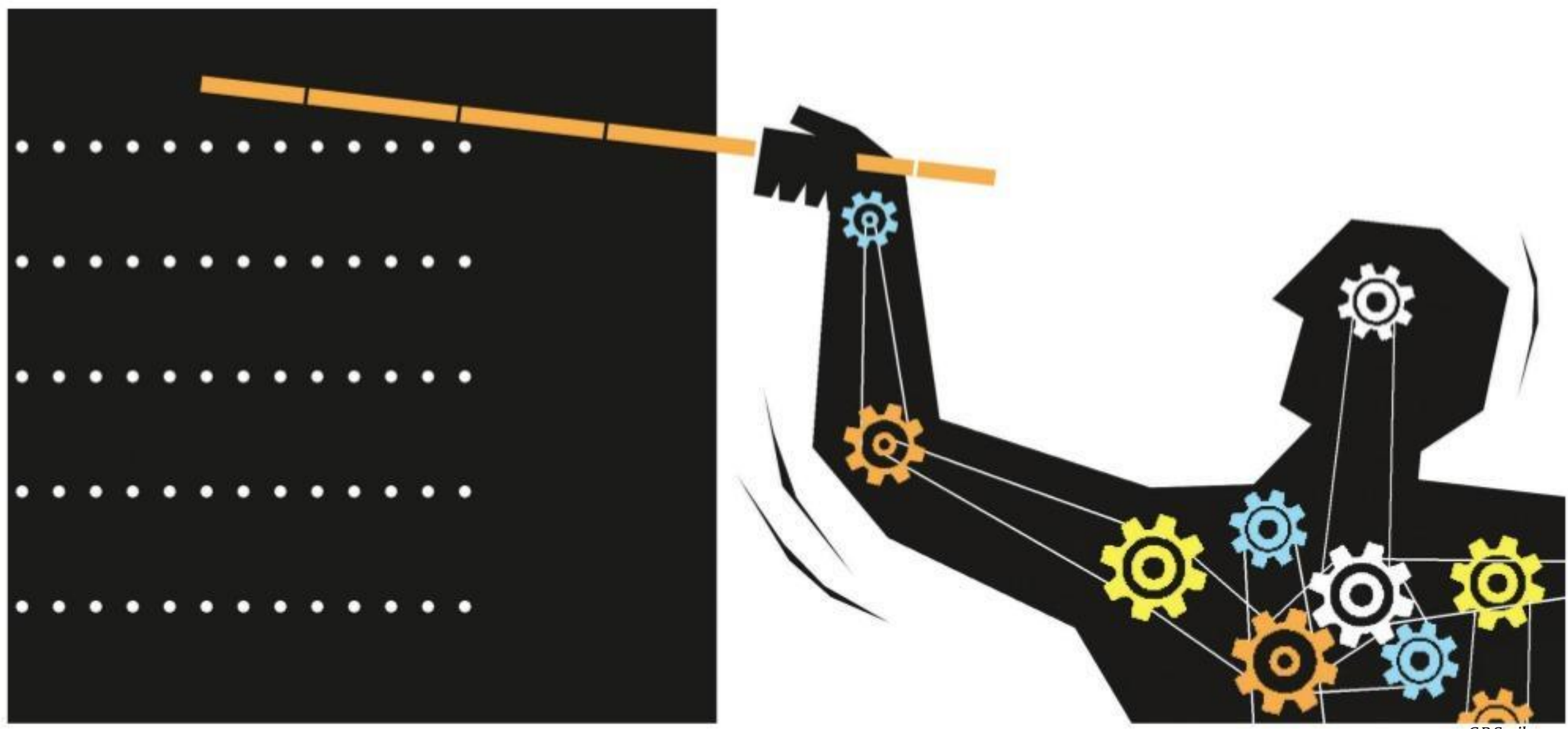
and a mid-term poll. We will now see that we give a good Government to people,” he declared.

TIBET VISIT

FIVE REPRESENTATIVES OF the Dalai Lama, including his elder brother, have met with Chinese leaders and are expected to visit their Tibetan homeland this month. Diplomatic sources confirmed the official Tibetan visit, the first since the abortive Tibetan revolt against China in 1959. The Chinese Foreign Minister has had no comment on the visit. There has been speculation about a visit by the Dalai Lama himself, but it has not been confirmed.



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CR Sasikumar

Teachers must have their day

They are not loyal soldiers, nor cogs in a bureaucratic machine.
They must be free to be wanderers. And poets and philosophers



AVIJIT PATHAK

FROM YAJNAVALKYA CONVERSING with Maitreyi in the Brihadaranyaka Upanishad to Rabindranath Tagore seeking to make a difference in a “poet’s school”, from MK Gandhi evolving with the children in Tolstoy Farm in South Africa to Paulo Freire nurturing the vision of a “dialogic” teacher: The great ideals and practices have always given a meaning to the vocation of teaching. However, ideals fall apart in the difficult times we live in.

Even though on Teachers’ Day we will repeat the usual rhetoric (“teachers are our noblest gurus”), the fact is that as teachers we have lost almost everything that is positive about the vocation. Yes, some of us are coaching centre “gurus”, or the traders of “knowledge capsules”, selling the packages of “success”. Some of us are mere “service providers”, disseminating the bundles of job-oriented technical skills, and further promoting the commodification of education that transforms young learners into mere consumers. And some of us are just “subject experts”, or routinised role-performers “covering” the syllabus, taking the exams and grading the students.

Let there be no illusion. Ours is a society that devalues the vocation of teaching; and no wonder, it also reproduces a system in which quite often wrong people join the vocation. Demotivated teachers, or teachers on election/censured duty, or tired/exhausted teachers with poor salary, continually controlled by the principal or the school management — this is the harsh reality.

There could be many reasons for this sad state of affairs. However, I wish to stress on three factors. First, the dominant culture of learning in our educational institutions

negates the possibility of an intellectually enriched and ethically sensitive relationship between the teacher and the student. The recurrence of rote learning in over-crowded classrooms, the ritualisation of non-imaginative examinations and “summer projects”, the sole emphasis on the quantification of performance, thereby negating the significance of all qualitative/non-measurable experiences — everything transforms the teacher into a mere mediator between the prescribed “texts” and the learners. Under this system, no flower can bloom, no Nachiketa can emerge, and the ideal of the teacher, as Sri Aurobindo would have imagined, as being a catalyst making the young mind aware of the possibilities implicit in him/her, would be considered as laughable.

Second, in an age that worships technocracy and market-driven solutions, teachers as philosophers, inspirers and life-transformative agents would not be appreciated. Techno-managers come with a discourse of education that privileges the cult of the “measurable outcome” (not the inexplicable ecstasy of the expansion of horizons), “efficiency” (not wonder, or the non-utilitarian quest for learning), and “relevance” as dictated by the market (not any deeper quest). It is, therefore, not surprising if the teacher is reduced to a supplier of “data” — the “outcome” of the courses taught, the identifiable “skills” learned by the student, and the “impact factor” of the papers he/she has published.

Imagine the absurdity. Is it possible to measure the “outcome” or “productivity” of a class in which a professor of literature invokes Saadat Hasan Manto, and recalls the traumatic memory of gendered violence implicit in the ideology of communalism? Is it possible to identify the “skills” a student learns in a history class in which the professor narrates the tales of Gandhi walking through the villages of Noakhali in 1946? It is sad that with the triumph of a techno-managerial orientation to education, teachers would lose the very meaning of their vocation.

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factory workers, they would wear special uniforms, get the structure of lectures approved by the “higher authority”, subject themselves to the ever-expanding machineries of surveillance, and obey the instructions and commands emanating from the castle of bureaucrats. This dystopia may not be altogether unreal.

Third, a political culture that seems to be inclined towards a totalitarian discourse would not be conducive to the growth of critical consciousness, creative ideas, dissenting voices and self-reflexive journeys. There is an inherent anti-intellectualism in such politics. With “nationalism”, “patriotism” and “cultural pride”, we may be asked to be “loyal”. Hence, as the message would be conveyed, it is not a good idea if a teacher encourages what Freire would have regarded as a “problem posing education”, or if, for instance, she asks her students to write a paper on the social construction of a macho “saviour” through the 24x7 “patriotic” television news channels and instantaneity of Facebook and Twitter. Think of it. The vice-chancellor of a leading central university has already expressed his desire to install a military tank on campus to induce “patriotism” among students. Yet another vice-cancellor has argued in the Science Congress that “Kauravas were test-tube babies”. As teachers, we work under the shadow of such “educationists”. Who can stop our fall?

Yet, I believe, we have to resist, and with our rebellion as prayer, we have to strive for life-affirming education. We ought to renew faith in the very meaning of the vocation of teaching. No, we are not “loyal soldiers”; nor are we cogs in a bureaucratic machine. We are wanderers. We are explorers. We are poets, philosophers, thinkers, visionaries. And unless we begin to trust ourselves, none can save us, and heal the wound caused by an unholy alliance of techno-managers and practitioners of what Herbert Marcuse would have regarded as “one-dimensional” thought.

Can it be our pledge on Teachers’ Day?

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“The prime minister (Boris Johnson) intuitively understands that hard-Brexit chaos will sustain his premiership. He must be stopped.”
— THE GUARDIAN

Escaping the Kashmir trap

India’s abrogation of Article 370 is an opportunity for Pakistan to redefine its nationalism



TILAK DEVASHER

COUNTER-INTUITIVE AND strange it may seem, but the events of August 5, 2019, when the Narendra Modi government revoked the special status of Jammu and Kashmir provided by Article 370, could be a game changer for Pakistan. Whatever Pakistan may continue to claim, the fact is that the Indian Jammu and Kashmir is no longer a bilateral issue. As Pakistan gets used to the new reality, it could have a huge opportunity.

Kashmir has been the bedrock of Pak nationalism for decades with slogans such as “Kashmir banega Pakistan”, “unfinished project of Partition”, “Pakistan’s jugular”, “core issue with India”, reminding Pakistanis of its centrality. Kashmir acquired greater salience after the creation of Bangladesh shredded the two-nation theory. Pakistan needed another crutch and that crutch became the “nazaria-i-Pakistan” (Ideology of Pakistan) of which Kashmir was an integral part. As L Ziring puts it: “All of Pakistan was made hostage to the Kashmir conundrum.” The Kashmir card became, and continues to be, an industry in Pakistan and many have thrived on it, developing a vested interest in its continuation. It enabled the Pakistan army to dominate the polity, it allowed the politicians to burnish their nationalistic credentials, the religious lobby could fan anti-Hindu sentiments, and the hapless Pakistani got a break on the various “Kashmir Solidarity Days”.

Perhaps the best explanation for Pakistan’s obsession with Kashmir was provided by Z A Bhutto in his ‘The Myth of Independence’ (1969) when he wrote: “If a Muslim majority area can remain a part of India, the ‘raison d’etre of Pakistan collapses. For the same reasons, Pakistan must continue unrelentingly her struggle for the rights of self-determination.” Though hanged by the army, Bhutto’s enunciation became the foundation of Pakistan’s Kashmir policy. Not surprisingly, Pakistan has spent the last seven decades in revanchist schemes like the “raiders” in 1947, “infiltrators” in 1965, and “freedom fighters” since 1989 and especially in Kargil, in 1999. All of these have borne no fruit except to inject a jihadi culture and radicalise society.

With its nationalist narrative built over decades having been shattered, Pakistan is hitting out in every direction using overt and covert means. Prime Minister Imran Khan’s threatening speeches, his article in The New York Times, warning to explore all possible options, moves in the Security Council, re-activating terrorists are just samples.

However, once the dust settles and Pakistan realises that the events of August 5 are a fait accompli and not going to be reversed, it would have a considerable open-

ing to assess the implications of what has happened and reconsider its policies.

For one, its existence will no longer be hostage to the Kashmir issue. For another, there would be no justification for the army to dominate the security and foreign policy architecture or claim such a major chunk of scarce resources. Third, Pakistan would no longer need the jihadi terrorists and their support infrastructures and so eliminate the possibility of being blacklisted by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) or be known internationally as a terrorist hub. Gradually, Pakistani society could even reclaim the moderate space that it has surrendered to jihadi elements.

Due to the centrality of the Kashmir issue in Pakistan for decades, the nature of the state itself has changed. From being a “development state” till the mid-1970s, Pakistan has become a “security state” subsequently. As a result, economic development ceased to be the primary agenda of the state. Thus, during the 1970s, the real rate of growth of development expenditure was 21 per cent per annum and the rate of growth of defence expenditure was 2 per cent. During the 1980s, the rate of growth of development expenditure crashed seven-fold to 3 per cent and the rate of growth of defence expenditure escalated almost five-fold to 9 per cent. As a percentage of GDP, development expenditure has been falling from 9 per cent in the 1970s to 7.3 per cent in the 1980s to 4.7 per cent in the 1990s and to 3.5 per cent in the first decade of the millennium to 1.8 per cent in 2018-19. Expenditure on education and health was a paltry 0.25 and 0.5 per cent of GDP respectively in 2018-19 and has further declined to 0.17 and 0.02 per cent for 2019-20.

That Pakistan’s economy is on a slippery slope is well-known and documented. Just by freeing itself of the Kashmir obsession and the resultant financial commitments, Pakistan would be in a position to divert scarce resources to long-term critical development activities. One example would suffice. According to Pakistani experts, the country could become an absolute water scarce country by 2025 (six years from now) when the per capita availability of water will drop to below 500 m³ per annum. To tackle this looming catastrophe, Pakistan needs to provide at least 10 per cent of the federal Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) to the water sector, gradually increasing it to 20 per cent by 2030. The reality is, however, that due to lack of funds only 3.29 per cent of PSDP was provided for in 2018-19 for the water sector.

There is no doubt that for the Pakistani leadership, and especially the army, to reduce the salience of, let alone jettison, the Kashmir cause would be extremely difficult, unpopular and politically dangerous. It would require extraordinary courage, determination and leadership, qualities in short supply at present. Yet, the choice is stark. Without doing so, Pakistan would accelerate its march towards the abyss.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MHA SPOKESPERSON RESPONDS

APROPOS THE article, ‘On a Shaky Foundation’ (IE, September 4) by Gopal Sankaranarayanan — a lawyer for one of the petitions challenging the dilution of Article 370, *Soayib Querishi vs Union of India* — the spokesperson, Ministry of Home Affairs, says: President’s rule was applied under Article 356 on 19/12/18. Original provisions under Article 356 allow it to exist for six months from the date of the second of the resolutions approving the proclamation. The subsequent changes to Article 356 (4) through the 42nd and 44th Constitutional amendments were not made applicable to Jammu and Kashmir. Therefore, the original provision of Article 356 (4) was applicable to Jammu and Kashmir. The proclamation dated 19th December 2019 was approved by Lok Sabha on 28th December 2018 and Rajya Sabha on 3rd January 2019. Therefore, the proclamation of the President’s rule was due to expire on 3 July 2019, ie six months from 3rd July 2019. Lok Sabha on 28/6/19 and Rajya Sabha on 1/7/19 approved the continuance of the proclamation of the President’s Rule for a further period of six more months beyond 3rd July 2019. Thus this proclamation was within the provisions of Article 356 as applicable to Jammu and Kashmir.

ONE-SIDED BILL

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘The healing touch’ (IE, September 4). The draft bill put in the public domain by the Ministry of Health addresses the problem from the standpoint of the doctor.

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

But cases of medical negligence are not infrequent. Doctors often prescribe unnecessary tests.

Ajinkya Pawar, New Delhi

WHAT ABOUT NAVY?

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘The world’s most happening place’, (IE, September 4). The Indian Ocean is the theatre of a changed geopolitical situation. But is India ready to take advantage of this? A powerful navy is must to defend our borders and marine trade routes. Unfortunately the navy’s budget this year was slashed by about 5 per cent.

Vasant Nalawade, Satara



SURAJIT NUNDY

ON AUGUST 1, the Rajya Sabha passed the National Medical Commission Bill which seeks to replace the Medical Council of India Act, 1956. This Bill seeks to replace the selection process of the governors of the MCI — currently, by and large, medical practitioners elected by state-level peers — with governors who will mostly be medical practitioners nominated by the Central Government. In its opposition to this bill, the Indian Medical Association has said that “the autonomy of the medical profession and the watch-dog role it should play, will be lost. It will only lead to autocracy in these institutions.” Many doctors have also risen up in protest against this Bill because a clause allows work by health professionals. But that is misguided opposition borne of the sense that doctors do special work and, therefore, should regulate themselves autonomously.

I am a doctor licensed and trained at US educational institutions like the Harvard Medical School who, returned to India in 2009 to contribute to his home country. I had started medical practice by volunteering amongst the underserved in rural Chhatisgarh and in Delhi and needed a licence, so I approached the Medical Council of India (MCI). The MCI was then embroiled in a scandal — a massive corruption had been unearthed at its very highest level and a new, temporary board of governors had been installed. I tried as best as I could and, even though I was lucky to be liv-

ing in Delhi, it took me four years and nearly 50 spirit-deadening visits to the MCI office to finally get my licence.

This physician self-regulation harms Indians. Starting with training, being a doctor in the US involved me having to stay up all night ensuring that everything relevant was done for the patient and documenting those activities. The reason was a system of accountability — I could easily get sued for not providing the best care. And crucially, this also ensured that my providing good care was the responsibility of other people. Medical errors are estimated to kill 250,000 people every year in the US, the third largest cause of death in the country. While there is no comparable data in India, it is likely that many more people die here because of the absence of accountability. When errors happen in the US, patients are empowered to seek redress from doctors. But in India, medical services are not under the Consumer Protection Act. This ensures that the patient and their kin can’t have their say and the incentive to hold someone accountable dies away. As a result, while nearly 5,000 US doctors have a disciplinary procedure in different state boards every year, in India the centralised MCI reports that only 96 have been blacklisted in the last 60 years (none since 2014). This system of unaccountability has ensured that while there are some extremely good, dedicated doctors in India, most of those I come across act in a manner

more accountable to their own pockets than to the well-being of their patients.

Since Independence, goal-setting by a few at the Centre has hurt us by restricting the number of providers at the periphery. From the Bhoré Committee of 1946 to the “High Level Expert Group” of 2010, goals like a 75-bedded hospital per 20,000 people, or increasing spending for universal health coverage have seemed worthy but never implemented. After more than 70 years of Independence, we are still in a position where we have only 1 doctor per 1,700 Indians, far less than the WHO standard of 1 per 1,000 people. Even those doctors aren’t where the diseases are (in some rural areas the ratio is less than 1 doctor per 80,000 people) and the vast majority of Indians therefore do not have adequate coverage. Many successive committees at the Centre have set other worthy goals while bemoaning the state of Indian health system but have not been held accountable to the implementation and achievement of those goals while people continue to suffer and die. In developed countries, many of the health regulators are not medical practitioners — health is not something special that only experts understand, power and accountability in health need to be devolved.

Healthcare in India is mostly practiced by non-physicians because we will never have enough physicians. Like other developing democracies, we have a shortfall of certified

providers. There is a clause in the NMC bill, strongly opposed by the IMA, that seeks to allow upto 3.5 lakh “community health providers” to carry out some “mid-level” healthcare functions but that number is too small since some surveys estimate that we have as many as 50 lakh uncertified providers, four to five times as many as doctors, that fill the need unmet by certified providers. Accepting this reality, we work to improve the quality of many of these “Bangali doctors” (it helps because I am Bengali and, technically, one too) and have found them to be dedicated to their patients, eager to improve their skills and, importantly, answerable to their patients and local elected representatives.

Ever since Independence, centralised self-regulation of health has resulted in power and the practice of medicine being concentrated in the hands of a certified few. The NMC Bill continues that unfortunate centralisation but has allowed a token few uncertified providers to practice. Some doctors are protesting against even this in misguided self-interest but there are many others who believe that in order to make healthcare work for us all, we must devolve health practice and its regulation to us all.

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TOPOF THE WORLD



The Stena Impero

WEST ASIA

Iran to release 7 crew members of detained British tanker

Dubai, London: Iran will free seven crew members of the detained British-flagged tanker *Stena Impero*, Iranian state television reported on Wednesday, although the vessel's owner said it had yet to receive any official confirmation of the release date. The Swedish-owned *Stena Impero* was detained by Iran's Revolutionary Guards on July 19 in the Strait of Hormuz waterway for alleged marine violations, two weeks after Britain detained an Iranian tanker off the territory of Gibraltar. That vessel was released in August. Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi told the TV that the seven, who include Indian citizens, were allowed to leave the tanker on humanitarian grounds and could leave Iran soon.

PAKISTAN

Issue of Pak Sikh girl resolved, says governor

Lahore: Pakistan's Punjab Governor Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar says that the alleged abduction and conversion of a teenage Sikh girl who was married to a Muslim man has been "amicably" resolved. Jagjit Kaur's conversion and her marriage to Mohammad Hassan snowballed into a controversy after her family issued a video message alleging that she was abducted and forcibly converted to Islam. In a video tweet on Tuesday, Sarwar, along with the fathers of both Kaur and Hassan, said that the issue has been "amicably resolved" to the satisfaction of the families concerned.

FRANCE

Hitler bust found in cellar of French Senate

Paris: The French Senate said Wednesday that it was investigating the discovery of a bust of Hitler, left over from the Nazi occupation of Paris, in the cellar of the upper house of parliament. *Le Monde* newspaper revealed that the 35-centimetre-high bust had been found along with a Nazi flag measuring two by three metres in the vault of the Senate, in the 6th Arrondissement of Paris. "I was not aware of the presence of this bust," Senate president Gerard Larcher told reporters.

BANGLADESH

Rohingya killed in suspected landmine blast

Dhaka: A man believed to be a Rohingya refugee has been killed in a suspected landmine explosion along the Bangladesh-Myanmar border, officials said Wednesday. Nearly a million of the Rohingya Muslim minority live in camps in southeast Bangladesh after fleeing military violence in Myanmar and typically use the porous border to travel back to Rakhine state. Bangladesh officials have accused Myanmar security forces of planting mines along border areas.

Hong Kong leader withdraws Bill that sparked huge protests

Chief Executive says govt won't accept protesters' other demands, including release of those detained

KATIE TAM

HONG KONG, SEPTEMBER 4

HONG KONG Chief Executive Carrie Lam announced Wednesday the government will formally withdraw an extradition Bill that sparked months of demonstrations, bowing to one of the protesters' demands in the hope of ending the increasingly violent unrest.

But lawmakers warned that the Bill's withdrawal was not enough to end the turmoil, which has increasingly focused on alleged police brutality against protesters and democratic reforms.

The Bill would have allowed Hong Kong residents to be sent to mainland China for trials. It has prompted massive protests since June that disrupted transport links and caused the airport to shut down earlier this month.

Lam said the government would not accept other demands including an independent inquiry into alleged police misconduct and the unconditional release of those detained. Instead, she named two new members to a police watchdog agency investigating the matter.

"The government will formally withdraw the Bill in order to fully allay public concerns," she said in a recorded television



Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam makes a TV announcement on the extradition Bill. AP

message.

She said the persistent violence is damaging the rule of law and that moves to vandalize the national flag and emblem were a direct challenge to the "one country, two systems" policy and had put Hong Kong in a "highly vulnerable and dangerous situation."

"Our foremost priority now is to end violence, to safeguard the rule of law and to restore order and safety in society," she added, vowing to "strictly en-

“ Our foremost priority now is to end violence, to safeguard the rule of law and to restore order and safety in society.” — CARRIE LAM, HONG KONG CHIEF EXECUTIVE

force the law against all violent and illegal acts."

Lam said it was clear that public frustration has gone far beyond the bill and that her government will seek a dialogue with aggrieved groups to "address the discontent in society and to look for solutions."

She said she will also invite community leaders, professionals and academics to examine deep-seated problems in the society and advise the government on solutions.

"Let's replace conflicts with conversations, and let's look for solutions," she said. **AP**

Dorian wrecks havoc in Bahamas, heads to Florida



An aerial view shows devastation after Hurricane Dorian hit the Abaco Islands in the Bahamas on Tuesday. Reuters

■ Hurricane Dorian smashed parts of the Bahamas to ruins, killing at least seven people and leaving relief officials scrambling to battle an unfolding humanitarian crisis as the scale of the catastrophe begins to emerge.

■ Aerial video of the Bahamas' Great Abaco Island revealed kilometres of flooded neighbourhoods, pulverised buildings, upturned boats and shipping containers scattered like Lego toys.

■ While Dorian's winds had diminished to a Category 2 storm, the hurricane widened in size and picked up speed.

■ Forecasters said it would come dangerously close in the next 36 hours to Florida's east coast, where more than a million people have been ordered evacuated.

Chinese adopt facial payments in cashless drive

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

BEIJING, SEPTEMBER 4

NO CASH, no cards, no wallet, and no smartphones: China's shoppers are increasingly purchasing goods with just a turn of their heads as the country embraces facial payment technology.

China's mobile payment infrastructure is one of the most advanced in the world, but the new systems — which require

Customers simply make a purchase by posing in front of point-of-sale machines equipped with cameras, after linking an image of their face to a digital payment system or bank account

only face recognition — being rolled out nationwide could make even QR codes seem old-fashioned.

Customers simply make a purchase by posing in front of point-of-sale (POS) machines

equipped with cameras, after linking an image of their face to a digital payment system or bank account.

"I don't even have to bring a mobile phone with me. I can go out and do shopping without

taking anything," says Bo Hu, chief information officer of Wedome bakery, which uses facial payment machines across hundreds of stores.

The software is already widely used, often to monitor citizens — it has been credited with nabbing jaywalkers and catching criminals.

But authorities have come under fire for using it to crack down and monitor dissent, particularly in China's surveillance-heavy region of Xinjiang.



The Chinese media has remained silent about her death. NYT

torment by radical Red Guards. Nie died Wednesday at 98. Her death was confirmed by her son Yu Xiaodong, who said the

cause was respiratory failure. She was cremated Friday in a brief ceremony that brought together about 10 relatives, Yu said.

CALIFORNIA BOAT FIRE

33 BODIES RECOVERED, 1 STILL MISSING

Thirty three bodies of victims from a scuba diving boat fire off Southern California have been recovered and one was still missing on Wednesday, authorities said. The new count of confirmed deaths came after officials recovered 13 bodies on Tuesday, according to a Coast Guard spokesperson.

UK MPs VOTE TO BLOCK NO-DEAL BREXIT



Boris Johnson speaks during Prime Minister's Questions in the House of Commons on Wednesday. AP

Johnson demands Oct 15 election after Parliament defeat

ELIZABETH PIPER, WILLIAM JAMES & KYLIE MACLELLAN

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 4

THE BRITISH Parliament on Wednesday voted to prevent Prime Minister Boris Johnson taking Britain out of the European Union without a deal, but he sought an election just weeks before Brexit to free its hands.

After wresting control of the parliamentary agenda from Johnson six weeks into his premiership, lawmakers voted 329-300 in the second, most important, reading of a Bill that would force the government to request a three-month Brexit delay rather than leave without a divorce agreement.

Johnson cast the legislative move in the House of Commons as an attempt to surrender to the EU over Brexit and demanded an October 15 snap election, a step that could free him of any constraints if he won a majority.

The second most powerful man in the Labour Party, John McDonnell, said the no-deal blocking legislation had to get assent from Queen Elizabeth, putting the law onto the statute book, before the party would agree to an election. This could, in theory, happen next Monday.

"We're... not going to be tricked or conned by Johnson so we're looking at every way in which, having secured the legislation, he can't wriggle out of abiding by the law and implementing it," McDonnell said.

Parliament's bid to tie Johnson's hands leaves Brexit up in the air, with possible outcomes ranging from a turbulent no-deal EU exit to abandoning the whole endeavour — both outcomes that would be unacceptable to large swathes of voters in the United Kingdom. **REUTERS**



SIKH MP DEMANDS BORIS APOLOGY FOR 'RACIST' REMARKS

London: Britain's first turbaned Sikh MP, Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi, on Wednesday demanded that Prime Minister Boris Johnson apologise for "racist" remarks against Muslim women in the past. "For those of us who, from a young age, have had to endure and face up to being called names such as towelhead or Taliban, or to people saying we come from bongo, bongo land, we can appreciate full well the hurt and pain felt by already vulnerable Muslim women when they are described as looking like bank robbers and letterboxes," said Dhesi, in reference to Johnson's column in *The Daily Telegraph* newspaper last year.



REES-MOGG COMES UNDER FIRE FOR PARLIAMENT POSE

JACOB REES-MOGG has come under fire, especially on social media, after images of him reclining in his seat in Parliament during the emergency debate on Tuesday went viral. Cries of "sit-up, man" came from Opposition benches during the incident.

EXPLAINED Why Opp is likely to block Johnson's bid for early election

ALTHOUGH BORIS Johnson has called for an election on Oct 15, he will need the Opposition's backing for the polls to take place. This is because early elections have to be approved by a two-thirds majority in Parliament. Many Labour leaders have said they only want an election after Brexit has been delayed. Labour's shadow Brexit secretary said the party wouldn't sacrifice control of Parliament for an election before Oct 31 — the day Johnson intends to take the UK out of the EU with or without a deal. With Johnson's government in a minority in Parliament, the Opposition feel they can thwart the threat of a no-deal Brexit through legislation. An election right away is likely to derail that plan.

FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE AFTER MAKING THE POSTER, SHE WRESTLED WITH FAME AND INFAMY

Nie Yuanzi, whose poster fanned China's Cultural Revolution, dies at 98

CHRIS BUCKLEY

SEPTEMBER 4

WHEN NIE Yuanzi put up a vitriolic wall poster one day in 1966, she plunged into the political maelstrom of Mao Zedong's Cultural Revolution. For the rest of her life, Nie wrestled with the fame, and the infamy, that her act of rebellion would bring.

The poster brazenly denounced the Communist Party secretary of Peking University, where Nie worked, as well as two other Beijing officials. After Mao praised the poster, Nie vaulted to the front of the Red Guard movement, which Mao was stoking to attack his foes.

For a couple of heady years, Nie touched the peaks of power, meeting Mao, consorting with his aides and urging Red Guards to pillory fallen officials and scholars.

Yet even before Mao died in 1976, Nie (pronounced n'yeh) fell from favour, a casualty of the ruthless politics of that time. When Mao's successors turned on the Cultural Revolution, a decade of upheaval, persecution and purges, they also turned on Nie.

She was imprisoned and made a political pariah, accused of persecuting innocent officials, scholars and students, including Deng Xiaoping's son, Deng Pufang, who became disabled after jumping from a building at Peking University to try to escape

The Chinese news media has remained silent about her death, a sign of how sensitive the traumas of the Cultural Revolution remain. Next month, the country will mark the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, and any reflection on the dark times of the republic is unwelcome.

Chinese scholars who interviewed Nie said that she exemplified how the Cultural Revolution could turn on its own loyalists. The persecutors often became persecuted themselves.

"At the early stage of the Cultural Revolution, she became an important card played by Mao Zedong," said Bu Weihua, a historian of the Cultural

Revolution. "She experienced the Cultural Revolution as a high point for the first two months, only to be followed by tragedy."

In her later decades, Nie tried to rescue her reputation. She denied some of the worst accusations against her, including that she played any role in abusing Deng's son. But she never offered the full penitence that her critics called for. She instead dwelled on the notorious poster — a public denunciation called a "big-character poster" in China's political argot — that she and six other activists put up outside a restaurant on the Peking University campus.

"I accomplished just one thing in the Cultural Revolution: taking the lead in writing that big-char-

acter poster," she said in a profile published in 2016 by the Chinese website of *The New York Times*. "That poster brought me tremendous fame and prominence, yet it also brought endless pain and torment for the rest of my life."

Nie was born April 5, 1921, in rural Henan province, the youngest of seven children. Her father belonged to a long family line of well-off landowners. She joined the Communist Party in 1938, in the early years of China's war against the invading Japanese. After the Communist Party came to power in 1949, Nie climbed the political apparatus in northeast China. Her big chance came in 1960, when she was transferred to Peking University. **NYT**

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CONSUMER CATEGORY / SUB-CATEGORY		Approved Tariff FY 2019-20
LMV-1	DOMESTIC LIGHT, FAN & POWER:	
(a)	Consumers getting supply as per "Rural Schedule" :	
(i)	Life Line Consumers: With contracted load of 1 kW, Energy consumption upto 100 kWh/ Month	
	Fixed Charge	Rs. 50 / kW / month
	Energy Charge (0-100 Units)	Rs. 3.00 / kWh
(ii)	Un-Metered:	
	Fixed Charge:	
	All Load	Rs. 500 / kW / month
(iii)	Metered:	
	Fixed Charge:	Rs. 90 / kW / month
	Energy Charge:	
	For first 100 kWh / Month	Rs. 3.35 / kWh
	For next 101-150 kWh / Month	Rs. 3.85 / kWh
	For next 151-300 kWh / Month	Rs. 5.00 / kWh
	For next 301-500 kWh / Month	Rs. 5.50 / kWh
	For above 500 kWh / Month (Starting from 501 st unit)	Rs.6.00 / kWh
(b)	Supply at single point for bulk loads: 50kW and above, Supplied at any voltage	
	Fixed Charge	Rs. 110 / kW / month
	Energy Charge	Rs. 7.00 / kWh
(c)	Other Metered Domestic Consumers:	
(i)	Life Line Consumers: With contracted load of 1 kW, Energy consumption upto 100 kWh/ Month	
	Fixed Charge	Rs. 50 / kW / month
	Energy Charge (0-100 Units)	Rs. 3.00 / kWh
(ii)	Other Metered Domestic Consumers: (For All loads)	
	Fixed Charge	Rs.110 / kW / month
	Energy Charge	
	For first 150 kWh / Month	Rs. 5.50 / kWh
	For next 151-300 kWh / Month	Rs. 6.00 / kWh
	For next 301-500 kWh / Month	Rs. 6.50 / kWh
	For above 500 kWh / Month (Starting from 501 st unit)	Rs. 7.00 / kWh
LMV-2	NON-DOMESTIC LIGHT, FAN & POWER:	
(a)	Consumers getting supply as per "Rural Schedule"	
(i)	Un-Metered	
	Fixed Charge	Rs. 1000 / KW / month
(ii)	Metered	
	Fixed Charge	Rs. 110 / kW / month
	Energy Charge	Rs. 5.50 / kWh
(b)	Private Advertising/Sign Post/Sign Board/Glow Signs/Flex	
	Metered	
	Fixed Charge	-
	Energy Charge	Rs. 18.00 / kWh
	Minimum Charges	Rs. 1800 / kW / month
(c)	Other Metered Consumers:	
	Fixed Charge	
	Load upto 2 kW	Rs. 330 / kW / month
	Above 2 kW to 4 kW	Rs. 390 / kW / month
	above 4 kW	Rs. 450 / kW / month
	Energy Charge	
	For First 300 kWh / Month	Rs. 7.50 / kWh
	For next 301 – 1000 kWh / month	Rs. 8.40 / kWh
	For above 1000 kWh / month (Starting from 1001 st unit)	Rs. 8.75 / kWh
	Minimum Charge	Rs. 600/kW/Month (Apr to Sept) Rs. 475/kW/Month (Oct to March)
LMV-3	PUBLIC LAMPS:	
	Un-Metered Supply:	
	Gram Panchayat	Rs. 2100 / kW or part thereof / month
	Nagar Palika and Nagar Panchayat	Rs. 3200 / kW or part thereof / month
	Nagar Nigam	Rs. 4200 / kW or part thereof / month
	Metered Supply:	
	Fixed Charge	
	Gram Pachayat	Rs. 200 / kW / month
	Nagar Palika and Nagar Panchayat	Rs. 250 / kW / month
	Nagar Nigam	Rs. 250 / kW / month
	Energy Charge	
	Gram Pachayat	Rs. 7.50 / kWh
	Nagar Palika and Nagar Panchayat	Rs. 8.00 / kWh
	Nagar Nigam	Rs. 8.50 / kWh
	TOD Rates % Energy Charge	18:00 Hrs - 6:00 Hrs @ 0%
	TOD Rates % Energy Charge	6:00 Hrs - 18:00 Hrs @ +20%
LMV-4	LIGHT, FAN & POWER FOR PUBLIC & PRIVATE INSTITUTION:	
4 (A)	For Public Institutions:	
	Fixed Charge	Rs. 300 / kW / Month
	Energy Charge	
	For first 1000 kWh / month	Rs. 8.25 / kWh
	For next 1001 – 2000 kWh / month	Rs. 8.50 / kWh
	For above 2000 kWh / month (Starting from 2001 st unit)	Rs. 8.75 / kWh
4 (B)	For Private Institutions:	
	Fixed Charge	
	Up to 3 kW	Rs. 350 / kW / month
	Above 3 kW	Rs. 400 / kW / month
	Energy Charge	
	For first 1000 kWh / month	Rs. 9.00 / kWh
	For above 1000 kWh / month (Starting from 1001 st unit)	Rs. 9.30 / kWh
LMV-5	SMALL POWER FOR PRIVATE TUBE WELL/ PUMPING SETS FOR IRRIGATION PURPOSES:	
(A)	Consumers getting supply as per "Rural Schedule"	
(i)	Un-Metered Supply	
	Fixed Charge	Rs.170 / BHP / Month
(ii)	Metered Supply	
	Fixed Charge	Rs. 70 / BHP / Month
	Energy Charge	Rs. 2.00 / kWh
	Minimum Charge	Rs. 160 / BHP / Month
(iii)	Energy Efficient Pumps	
	Fixed Charge	Rs. 70 / BHP / Month
	Energy Charge	Rs. 1.65 / kWh
	Minimum Charge	Rs. 140 / BHP / Month
(B)	Consumers getting supply as per "Urban Schedule (Metered Supply)"	
(i)	Metered Supply	
	Fixed Charge	Rs. 130 / BHP / Month

	Energy Charge	Rs. 6.00 / kWh
	Minimum Charge	Rs. 215 / BHP / Month
	For PTW consumers of Bundelkhand Area located in Gram Sabha, the minimum amount payable by a consumer shall be Rs. 170 per BHP per month, till the installation of the meter. Regulatory Surcharge, Duty, Taxes etc. will be payable extra.	
LMV-6	SMALL AND MEDIUM POWER:	
(A)	Consumers getting supply other than "Rural Schedule"	
	Fixed Charge	Rs. 290 / kW / Month
	Energy Charge	
	Upto 1000 kWh/month	Rs. 7.30/kWh consumption on entire
	Upto 2000 kWh/month	Rs. 7.40/kWh consumption on entire
	Above 2000 kWh/ month	Rs. 7.90/kWh consumption on entire
	TOD Structure	
	Summer Months (April to September)	
	05:00 hrs-11:00 hrs	(-) 15%
	11:00 hrs-17:00 hrs	0%
	17:00 hrs-23:00 hrs	(+)15%
	23:00 hrs-05:00 hrs	0%
	Winter Months (October to March)	
	05:00 hrs-11:00 hrs	0%
	11:00 hrs-17:00 hrs	0%
	17:00 hrs-23:00 hrs	(+)15%
	23:00 hrs-05:00 hrs	(-)15%
(B)	Consumers getting supply as per "Rural Schedule"	
	The consumers under this category shall be entitled to a rebate of 7.5% on RATE (Excluding the TOD rates as applicable to the hour of operation)' as given for 'Consumers getting supply other than Rural Schedule'. Further, no "TOD RATE" shall be applicable for this category.	
LMV-7	PUBLIC WATER WORKS:	
(a)	Consumers getting supply other than "Rural Schedule"	
	Fixed Charge	Rs. 375 / kW / Month
	Energy Charge	Rs. 8.60 / kWh
(b)	Consumers getting supply as per "Rural Schedule"	
	The consumers under this category shall be entitled to a Rebate of 7.5% on RATE as given for 'Consumer getting supply other than rural schedule'.	
LMV-8	STW, PANCHAYTI RAJ TUBE WELL & PUMPED CANALS:	
(i)	Metered	
	Fixed Charge	Rs. 330 / BHP / Month
	Energy Charge	Rs. 8.50 / kWh
(ii)	Un-Metered	
	Fixed Charge	Rs. 3300 / BHP / Month
LMV-9	TEMPORARY SUPPLY:	
	(i) Un-Metered	
(a)	Fixed Charges for Illumination / Public Address / ceremonies for loads upto 20 kW / connection plus Rs.100/ kW / day for each additional kW	Rs. 4750 per day
	Fixed charges for temporary shops set-up during festivals / melas or otherwise and having load up to 2 KW	Rs. 560 per day / shop
	PTW consumers of Bundelkhand Area having requirement of electricity only for the Rabi Crop i.e. period between November to February in any year.	Rs. 500/BHP/month
	(i) Metered	
(B)	(i) Individual Residential Construction	
	Fixed Charge	Rs 200/kW/Month
	Energy Charge	Rs. 8.00/kWh From 3rd year onwards: Base Tariff applicable for current year plus additional 10% of the applicable Energy Charge.
	(ii) Others	
	Fixed Charge	Rs 300/kW/Month
	Energy Charge	Rs 9.00/kWh From 3rd year onwards: Base Tariff applicable for current year plus additional 10% of the applicable Energy Charge.
	Minimum Charge:	Rs. 450 / kW /week
LMV-10	DEPARTMENTAL EMPLOYEES AND PENSIONERS	
	For all such consumers LMV-1 rate schedule will be applicable.	
LMV-11	ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING	
1. Domestic Consumers		
	All the metered domestic consumers covered under the LMV-1 category will be allowed to charge their Electric Vehicle at their residence, provided the load of Electric Vehicle does not exceed the connected / contracted load.	
2.Multi Storey Buildings (covered under LMV-1b & HV-1b of the Rate Schedule)		
	LMV-1b	Demand charge - Nil, Energy charge- Rs 6.20/ kWh
	HV-1b	Demand charge - Nil, Energy charge- Rs 5.90/ kWh
3. Public Charging Stations		
	Public charging station (LT)	Demand charge - Nil, Energy charge- Rs 7.70/ kWh with TOD
	Public charging station (HT)	Demand charge - Nil, Energy charge- Rs 7.30/ kWh with TOD
4. Other Consumers		
	The consumers of other categories (any metered consumers of LMV-2(a), LMV2(c), LMV-4, LMV-6, LMV-7, LMV-8 (Metered), LMV-9 (Metered), HV-1 (excluding Multi Storey Buildings covered under LMV-1b & HV-1b of the Rate Schedule), HV-2, HV-3 and HV-4), will be charged as per the Tariff applicable for their respective category, provided the load of EV does not exceed the connected / contracted load.	
HV-1	NON-INDUSTRIAL BULK LOAD	
(a)	Commercial Loads / Private Institutions / Non-Domestic Bulk Power with contracted Load 75 kW & above and getting supply at single point on 11 kV & above voltage level.	
	Demand Charges for Supply at 11 Kv	Rs. 430 / kVA / month
	Energy Charge for Supply at 11 Kv	
	First 2500 kVAh/month	Rs.8.32 / kVAh
	Above 2500 kVAh/month	Rs. 8.68 / kVAh
	Demand Charges for Supply above 11 Kv	Rs. 400 / kVA / month
	Energy Charge for Supply above 11 Kv	

	First 2500 kVAh/month	Rs. 8.12 / kVAh
	Above 2500 kVAh/month	Rs. 8.48 / kVAh
(b)	Public Institutions, Registered Societies, Residential Colonies / Townships, Residential Multi-Storied Buildings including Residential Multi-Storied Buildings with contracted load 75 kW & above and getting supply at Single Point on 11 kV & above voltage levels	
	Demand Charges for Supply at 11 Kv	Rs. 380 / kVA / month
	Energy Charge for Supply at 11 kV	
	First 2500 kVAh/month	Rs. 7.70 / kVAh
	Above 2500 kVAh/month	Rs. 7.90 / kVAh
	Demand Charges for Supply above 11 Kv	Rs. 360 / kVA / month
	Energy Charge for Supply above 11 Kv	
	First 2500 kVAh/month	Rs. 7.50 / kVAh
	Above 2500 kVAh/month	Rs. 7.70 / kVAh
HV-2	LARGE AND HEAVY POWER	
(A)	Urban Schedule	
	1. For supply up to 11 kV	
	Demand Charges	Rs. 300 / kVA / month
	Energy Charge	Rs. 7.10/ kVAh
	2. For supply above 11 kV and upto 66 kV	
	BASE RATE:	
	Demand Charges	Rs. 290 / kVA / month
	Energy Charge	Rs. 6.80 / kVAh
	3. For supply above 66 kV and upto 132 kV	
	RATE:	
	Demand Charges	Rs.270 / kVA / month
	Energy Charge	Rs. 6.40/ kVAh
	4. For supply above 132 kV	
	RATE:	
	Demand Charges	Rs. 270 / kVA / month
	Energy Charge	Rs. 6.10 / kVAh
	ToD Structure	
	Summer Months (April to September)	
	05:00 hrs-11:00 hrs	(-) 15%
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	11:00 hrs-17:00 hrs	0%
	17:00 hrs-23:00 hrs	(+)15%
	23:00 hrs-05:00 hrs	(-)15%
(B)	Rural Schedule:	
	This Schedule shall be applicable only to consumers getting supply upto 11 kV as per "Rural Schedule". The consumers under this category shall be entitled to a rebate of 7.5% on Base Rate as given for 11kV consumers under urban schedule. Further, no "TOD RATE" shall be applicable for this category.	
HV-3	RAILWAY TRACTION & METRO RAIL	
	RAILWAY TRACTION	
(a)	Demand Charges	
	Demand Charges for Supply at, below and above 132 kV	Rs. 400 / kVA / month
(b)	Energy Charge	
	Supply at & above 132 kV	Rs. 8.50 / kVAh
	Supply below 132 kV	Rs. 8.80/ kVAh
(c)	Minimum Charge	
	Rs. 950/ kVA / month	
	METRO RAIL	
(a)	Demand Charges	Rs. 300 / kVA / month
(b)	Energy Charge	Rs. 7.30 / kVAh
(c)	Minimum Charge	Rs. 900 / kVA / month
	Penalty @ Rs. 540/kVA/month will be charged on excess demand, if maximum demand exceeds contracted load.	
HV-4	LIFT IRRIGATION WORKS	
(a)	Demand Charges	
	For Supply at 11 kV	Rs. 350 / kVA / month
	For Supply above 11 kV upto 66 kV	Rs. 340 / kVA / month
	For Supply above 66 kV upto 132 kV	Rs. 330 / kVA / month
(b)	Energy Charge	
	For Supply at 11 kV	Rs. 8.50 / kVAh
	For Supply above 11 kV upto 66 kV	Rs. 8.40/ kVAh
	For Supply above 66 kV upto 132 kV	Rs. 8.25 / kVAh
(c)	Minimum Charge	
	Rs. 1125/ kVA / month	

The Above Rate and Charges as approved by U.P. Electricity Regulatory Commission shall be in force after 7 days from this publication in all four Discoms and Kesco. The approved Tariff/Rate Schedule are also available at the website of all Discoms (www.mvvnل.in, www.dvvnل. org, www.puvvnل.up.nic.in, www.pvvnل.org & www.kesco.co.in), U.P. Power Corporation Ltd. & U.P. Electricity Regulatory Commission at www.uppcl.org & www.uperc.org respectively.

Chairman

(MVVNL, PVVNL, DVVNL, PuVVNL, KESCO)

“ Save electricity in the interest of Nation”

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION
Electrical Department

E.D.P.C.No./27/867/2019

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-tenders are invited for the following work by S.E (Electrical) in Two Cover System as per details furnished below

Tender for Selection of agency for Social media management, Community response management, Content creation & Promotion for Greater Chennai Corporation for three years period.

Value of work in Rs.8,53,14,000/-	E.M.D. Amount in Rs.8,53,140/-
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Bid document will be available in website <https://tntenders.gov.in>

Last date and time to submit the filled in tender document : **09.10.2019 upto 11.00 A.M.**

Tender opening Date and Time : **10.10.2019 at 11.15 A.M.**

Pre-bid Meeting Date & Time : **20.09.2019 at 3.30 P.M.** in EDP Cell, Amma Maaligai 1st Floor 'B' Block, Ripon Building, Greater Chennai Corporation, Chennai - 600 003.

DIPR/3026/Tender/2019 **Superintending Engineer (Electrical)**

पश्चिमांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि. विक्टोरिया पार्क, मेरठ

ई-निविदा सूचना

विशिष्टीकरण संख्या: पविनि/लि/ मेरठ/ मे./ तक./ 07/ 19-20 के अन्तर्गत प.वि.वि.नि.लि., मेरठ के मेरठ सहारनपुर एवं मुरादाबाद नगर निगम शहरों में 25 केवीए एवं उससे अधिक की क्षमता के वितरण परिवर्तकों के वार्षिक अनुरक्षण का कार्य ई-टेन्डरिंग माध्यम से आमंत्रित निविदा अपरिहार्य एवं तकनीकी कारणों से दिनांक 23.09.2019 तक विस्तारित की जाती है। हस्ता./- अधीक्षण अभियंता (तक.) कृते प्रबंध निदेशक, “बिजली चोरी की सूचना हेल्पलाइन नम्बर पर दें: 1800-180-3002 (मेरठ), 1800-180-8752 (लखनऊ)” राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचायें।

C.G. RAJYA BEEJ EVAM KRISHI VIKAS NIGAM LTD.,
Telibandha, G.E. Road, Raipur (C.G.)
Phone No.-0771-4212203/15/12/24 Website <http://agripportal.cg.nic.in/beenigam>

NOTICE FOR INVITING SHORT TERM TENDER (ONLINE) 2nd invitation

S.NO./HO./BKVN/MS-1B/2019-20/5758 Date-03/09/19

Online Tender are invited from manufacturer/Distributors for supply of following items for the year 2019-20 and onwards as per terms & condition mentioned in Tender document.

S. N.	Name of Item	EMD	Last date for Submission	Schedule of pre Bid Meeting
1	Tender-52-HDPE Bottles	2,00,000	25.09.19	09.09.19
2	Tender-80-CORRUGATED BOX	1,00,000	26.09.19	

The document Price Rs. 1,500 and Earnest Money is to be deposited online on or before due date kindly read the documents carefully before tender submission.

RCO documents and other details can be seen and downloaded from Website <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in/> and should be submitted online before the due date as per scheduled time mentioned in tender document.

Managing Director

GUJARAT MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Gujarat Undertaking)
Regd. Office : Block No. 14/1, Dr Jivraj Mehta Bhavan, Sector-10, Gandhinagar
☎ 079-23250767, 23250766, 23257698

TENDER NOTICE: D-07/2019-2020

Tenders are invited online from reputed Manufacturers/ formulators /direct importers for Purchase of **Tablets & Capsules, Injections, Miscellaneous and Surgical items** on rate contract basis. Interested bidders are requested to submit the tender through e-tender process. All tender documents can be downloaded free on the website: <https://gmscl.nprocure.co> & Tender Notice is available on, <https://gmscl.gujarat.gov.in> and this office notice board.

Duration of downloading of tender document (online) :- 04/09/2019 to 26/09/2019 up to 15.55 Hrs.

Last date for Submission (online): **26/09/2019** up to 16-00 HRS.

Last date for Submission of Physical document : **27/09/2019** up to 16-00 HRS

Opening of Technical Bid Date (online): **30/09/2019** At 15-00 HRS.

INF/1026/19-20 MANAGING DIRECTOR

Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board
Govt. of NCT of Delhi
Office of the Executive Engineer: E-04
Rana Pratap Bagh, Delhi-110007
Email ID : eee4.dusib@gmail.com
Cell No. 9717999347

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

Executive Engineer, E-4, DUSIB, Rana Pratap Bagh, Delhi-110007 invites, on behalf of Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board, item rate bid (Online) on two bid systems for the following work:

NIT No.12/EE/E-4/DUSIB/2019-20 Tender No. 2019_DUSIB_179261_1

Name of work : Construction and Management of Night Shelter.

Sub Head : S/I/T/C of Fire Fighting wet riser system in Night Shelters falling under the jurisdiction of E-4 division.

Estimated cost : Rs. 77,80,102/-

Earnest Money : Rs. 1,60,000/-

Tender Cost : Rs. 1000.00

Period of completion : Part A- 180 Days Part B- 1095 Days

Last Date & Time of submission of e-Bids: 23.09.2019 upto 17:00 Hours

Date of Opening: 24.09.2019 after 15:30 Hours

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

*All bidders are advised to visit above mentioned site regularly for any update/corrigendum related to the tenders. The corrigendum, if any, shall not be advertised in press.

Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
E-4, D.U.S.I.B

DIP/Shabdarth/0610/19-20

NMDC Limited
(A Government of India Enterprise)
Kumaraswamy Iron Ore Mine, P.O: Donimalai Township, Taluk: Sandur, District: Ballari Karnataka, Pin code:583118

OPEN TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sealed tenders in two bid system are inviting from the competent and experienced bidder for the following works:

Tender No. & Name of Work	Estimated Cost & EMD (₹)	Sale/Download period From To
CE/W/13/584/2019 vide Date of notification 05.09.2019 "Annual Repair and Maintenance of Sewerage System in DTS for the year 2019-20" with Completion period 12 (Twelve) Months	70.42 Lakhs ----- 70,420/-	09.09.2019 To 08.10.2019
CE/W/6(40)/2019 vide Date of notification 05.09.2019 "Maintenance of Railway Loading Lines (Road No.5 & 6) belonging to NMDC Ltd at DIOM RNPJ Railway Yard for the year 2020" with Completion period 12 (Twelve) Months (Including Monsoon period)	25.94 Lakhs ----- 25,950/-	11.09.2019 To 10.10.2019
CE/W/15(89)/2019 vide Date of notification 05.09.2019 "Civil works for Water Harvesting Pond at B-Block of KIOM" with Completion period 04 (Four) Months (Excluding Rainy Season from July to October)	41.36 Lakhs ----- 41,362/-	12.09.2019 To 11.10.2019

For accessing the tender document or download from NMDC Limited website <https://www.nmdc.co.in/nmcdtender/default.aspx>. For any clarification bidders may contact DGM (Civil), by mailing to diomcivil@nmdc.co.in or by fax message to 08395-27444

Date: 05.09.2019 For and on behalf of NMDC Limited DGM(Civil)

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of President of India, Sr. Divisional Security Commissioner (Cord) / RPF/Northern Railway, Delhi Division, New Delhi invites 'E-Tender' in prescribed tender form for the following work. **Name of the work with its location:** Hiring of one multi utility road vehicle Non AC (Bolero, Tata Sumo or Scorpio or equivalent) along with vehicle driver for movement of day & night (24 hrs.) Under jurisdiction of ASC/RPF/NZM Delhi Division on monthly basis for a period of Two year.

Office Address: Sr.DSC (Co-ordination)/RPF, P.K.Road, New Delhi **Approx. Cost of work (Tender value) (Rs):** Rs.13,53,600/- (With GST as applicable) **E.M.D (Rs):** Rs.27,100/- **Date and time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender:** 15.00 hrs on 11.10.2019 **Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen:** www.ireps.gov.in **Cost of tender documents :** Rs. 2000/- + 360 GST 18% Total Rs. 2360/- payment of tender. document Fee in respect of e-tendering should be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. **Tender Notice No. 7-S.DSC-RPF-H.V.ASC-NZM Dt. 12.09.2019 2844/19**

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UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Undertaking)
Victoria Cross Vijaya Odhar Singh Urja Bhawan Kanwali Road, Dehradun
Corporate Identity No.- UA4010UP 2005GSC0298672358
Tel. No. 0135-2763672-75, Fax No. 0135-2760289, Websites www.uktenders.gov.in

CORRIGENDUM TO E-TENDER NOTICE

Following e-tenders invited by this office are hereby extended due to unavoidable reasons as under :-

Sl No.	Tender Specification No.	Name of Item	Last Date & time of online request for Tender and submission of tender in online & off line mode	Date of opening of Part-I of tender in online & off line mode
1.	CCP-II/2/2019-20	11KV Tri Vector Meter	11.09.2019 upto 17:00 hrs	12.09.2019 at 15:30 hrs.
2.	CCP-II/9/2019-20	33 KV Vacuum Circuit Breaker	11.09.2019 upto 17:00 hrs	12.09.2019 at 15:45 hrs.

For further details, please visit our website www.uktenders.gov.in.

Superintending Engineer
Corporate (Contract & Procurement-II)

No:- 458/EE(CM)/UPCLA-2 Date :- 03.09.2019

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Government of Maharashtra

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION No. 2, BEED

e-Tender Notice No. Beed 06 of 2019-20

e-Tenders for (20) Works in B-1 form is invited by the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division No. 2, Beed (Phone No. 02442-224723) from the Registered Contractors in appropriate class of Public Works Department of Government of Maharashtra for the Roads/ Repairs of Buildings/ Construction of New Buildings in Tal. Ashti/ Patoda/ Shirur, Dist. Beed.

The details can be viewed and downloaded from following website

(1) www.mahapwd.com (2) <https://maharashtra.etenders.in>

Sd/-
- Executive Engineer,
Public Works Division No. 2, Beed

(dgjpr/2019-2020/2583)

RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION, AMBALA CANTT
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No: RE/ROK/EL/Gr. 285/AT CLS/Advt. Dated: 31.08.2019

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer, Railway Electrification, Rohtak, for & on behalf of the President of India invites **OPEN E-TENDER** on web site www.ireps.gov.in for the following works. Tenderer may submit their original/revised offer up to prescribed closing time & date. No tender will be accepted manually.

Tender No. & Tender Title	Approx. Cost (In ₹)	Earnest Money (In ₹)	Completion Period (In months)	Cost of Tender document (In ₹)	Date of closing
1. RE-ROK-EL-Gr.285-Veh. Hiring: Hiring of Non AC vehicle (01 No.) (Innova, Tavera Safari, Scorpio or similar of 2017 model or latest) on monthly basis at Gohana in (Gr. 285) Sonapat (Excl.)-Jind (Excl.) section of Northern Railway for 12 months.	₹ 7.28 lakh	₹ 14600/-	12 (Months)	₹ 2000/-	04.10.2019 at 15.00 hrs.

Tender documents are available on Railway website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in and the same can be downloaded from there. Earnest Money deposit (EMD) and Tender document cost (TDC) in respect of e-tendering will only be accepted through net banking and payment gateway only. Details of bank account number and technical details have been provided for in the software (IREPS) to which prospective registered tenderers will have access at the time of tendering. All other terms & conditions may be seen and downloaded from Railway website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

(Pradeep Kumar)
Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer Railway Electrification / Rohtak
For & on behalf of the President of India

No. PR/31/19 (FA)

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Delhi Agricultural Marketing Board
(Govt. of NCT of Delhi)

9, Institutional Area, Pankha Road, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058

Tel:- 28524421, Fax: 011-28521871

NOTICE of E-TENDER

The item rates tenders are invited through e- tendering for the following works:

S. No.	Name of Works	Estimated Cost & Earnest Money (Rs.)	Last date & time for receipt of tender through e-procurement	Tender ID No
1.	Supplying of genuine & approved ISI marked electrical material for the lighting fixtures, Pumps, DG Sets, Panels, feeder pillars & cable network at Fruit & Vegetable market Gazipur.	6,56,405/- 13,130/-	13.09.19 at 14.30 Hrs.	2019_DAMB_179174_1

The Term-Conditions and other details of the tender may please be seen on the website <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

Sd/-
Executive Engineer(E)
DAMB

DIP/Shabdarth/0607/19-20

verka
Pankha Road, Janakpuri

THE PUNJAB STATE COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION LTD.
SCO 153-155, SECTOR 34-A, CHANDIGARH-160022. EPABX No. 0172-5041812-13 www.verka.co

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e Tenders are hereby invited for the purchase and supply of following items -

Sr No	Name of the Item	Qty/ Contract Period	Consignee/ Place of Tender Opening	Tender Cost (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Date & Time for Sale/ Downloading of on-e-tenders online	Last Date & Time of Submission of on-e-tenders	Date & Time of opening of e-tenders
1.	Bopp Tape	Annual Rate Contract	Verka Head Office SCO No. 153-155, Sector-34A, Chandigarh 0172-5041836-37	200/-	70,000/-	06.09.2019 from 1:00 PM	24.09.2019 upto 10:00 AM	Technical Bid 24.09.2019 at 1:00 PM
2.	Choco Chip, Choco Dip & Choco Feast	-do-	-do-	200/-	45,000/-	06.09.2019 from 1:00 PM	24.09.2019 upto 10:00 AM	Technical Bid 24.09.2019 at 1:00 PM
3.	GDL	-do-	-do-	200/-	2,00,000/-	06.09.2019 from 1:00 PM	24.09.2019 upto 10:00 AM	Technical Bid 24.09.2019 at 1:00 PM
4.	Lids for Ice Cream Cones i) 50 ml. ii) 125 ml	-do-	-do-	200/-	10,000/-	09.09.2019 from 1:00 PM	25.09.2019 upto 10:00 AM	Technical Bid 25.09.2019 at 1:00 PM
5.	Paper Gallon	-do-	-do-	200/-	15,000/-	09.09.2019 from 1:00 PM	25.09.2019 upto 10:00 AM	Technical Bid 25.09.2019 at 1:00 PM
6.	Shrink Film	-do-	-do-	200/-	70,000/-	09.09.2019 from 1:00 PM	25.09.2019 upto 10:00 AM	Technical Bid 25.09.2019 at 1:00 PM
7.	Hologram	-do-	-do-	200/-	45,000/-	09.09.2019 from 1:00 PM	25.09.2019 upto 10:00 AM	Technical Bid 25.09.2019 at 1:00 PM

Bidders shall have to pay required Tender Processing fee through online mode only i.e. through debit/credit card for getting registered for e-tendering system. EMD should be made only through online mode i.e. Credit/Debit card, NEFT/RTGS, Internet Banking. For participating in the above e-tender, the parties shall have to get themselves registered with our e-Tendering portal i.e. eproc.punjab.gov.in and get USER ID and Password well in time. For downloading tender through e-tendering, process flow, please contact e-Procurement help desk on given Nos. 0172-2970263, 2970284 immediately so that process of timely registration and downloading the tender is completed in time by the date of tender opening. For additional details regarding e- tendering please visit website eproc.punjab.gov.in

Note: Tender processing Fee is Non- Refundable.

General Manager (QA&E)

NORTHERN RAILWAY
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Name of work and its location	30-ELECT-37-T-2019-20-E3 Electrical work in connection with 'rewiring of railway quarters under SSE/PS/JHL, JHL, KKDE, & PNP section.
Approx. cost of the works in	Rs. 90.37 lacs
Address of the office	Sr. Divil. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.
Earnest Money	Rs. 180800.00
Date & time of submission of tender	26.09.2019, 15.00 Hrs.
Opening of tender	26.09.2019, 15.15 Hrs.
Website & notice board	www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/ General, New Delhi.

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H.O. : "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephone: 0135-2763808, Fax No.: 0135-2763508
CIN No. UA40101UR2001SG025866, Website: www.uttarakhandjalvidyut.com

TENDER NOTICE

Office of Executive Engineer, Project Distribution Division, Dakpathar (D.Dun), invites tenders for following work.

Tender No. PDD-04/2019-20: Annual maintenance works on 33KV lines under PDD, Dakpathar.

Tender No. PDD-05/2019-20: Rewiring of residential building at Dakpathar colonies under PDD, Dakpathar.

Approx. Value of Tender- Rs. 14,74,854/- and Rs. 24,02,398/- + GST Extra respectively.

Earnest Money- Rs. 44,500/- and Rs. 72,500/- respectively.

Tender Cost- Rs. 1,180/- and Rs. 1,180/- respectively.

Last date for downloading of tender- 25.09.2019 (Upto 16.00 Hrs.)

Last Date for submission of tender- 26.09.2019 (Upto 16.00 Hrs.)

Date of Tender opening bid (Part-I)- 28.09.2019 (at 11:30 Hrs.)

For eligibility criteria and full & further details, kindly visit our website. Tenders can only be downloaded from our website "www.uttarakhandjalvidyut.com". Their cost has to be paid at the time of submission of the tender.

487/ILUVN/IA(Adv.) Dated 04-09-2019

Executive Engineer

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRONICS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED
I.T. Bhawan, Mehli, Shimla-171 013
Tel. No. 0177-2623259, 2623043, FAX: 0177-2626320, Website: www.hpsedc.in

TENDER NOTICE

Tender No.: HPSEDC/CC/Digitisation/2019-3309 Date: 03.09.2019

HPSEDC invites RFES for Selection of Agency For Digitization of Records of (Scanning, Indexing, Meta Data Entry, Data Entry) and management of Digitized records through computerised Document Management System i.e. Digital Store System, Retrieval system and Integration with Document Management System (DMS) of Various Department(s) in Himachal Pradesh. Pre-RFE Conference will be held on 13-09-2019 (03:00PM) at HPSEDC, Mehli, Shimla. Last date for submission of RFE is 03/10/2019 (upto 01:00PM). Detailed Tender Document is available on HPSEDC website www.hpsedc.in.

Sd/-
GENERAL MANAGER (TECHNICAL)

0329/HP

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY ई-निविदा सूचना

मुख्य रेल प्रबंधक (वाणिज्य), उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे, जयपुर द्वारा भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से नीचे दिये कार्यों के लिये दो नयी तिथि को 15.00 बजे तक ई-निविदाये आमंत्रित की जाती है। कोई भी मैन्युअल टेण्डर स्वीकार नहीं किया जायेगा और यदि कोई मैन्युअल टेण्डर प्राप्त होता है तो उस पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा। No. G-11/JPNV/M.EXP Trains/2019 दिनांक 04.09.2019 कार्य का नाम : Open E-Tender for letting out advertisement space on exterior surface through vinyl wrapping on the coaches of three rakes of Train No. 19708/19707 (JP-BDTS-JP) and one rake of Train No. 12968/12967 (JP-MAS-JP) of Jaipur Division for a period of 05 years with sole advertising rights thereon.

S. No.	Train No.	Tender No.	Reserve Price for the work for first year	Tender Document cost	EMD
1.	19708/19707 (Rake-1)	G-11-JP-ME-VW-19708-07-19-R-1	Rs. 10,66,577/-	Rs. 5000/-	Rs. 1,13,300/-
2.	19708/19707 (Rake-2)	G-11-JP-ME-VW-19708-07-19-R-2	Rs. 10,66,577/-	Rs. 5000/-	Rs. 1,13,300/-
3.	19708/19707 (Rake-3)	G-11-JP-ME-VW-19708-07-19-R-3	Rs. 10,66,577/-	Rs. 5000/-	Rs. 1,13,300/-
4.	12968/12967	G-11-JP-ME-VW-12968-67-19	Rs. 10,71,501/-	Rs. 5000/-	Rs. 1,13,800/-

निविदा प्रस्तुत करने एवं निविदा खोलने की अंतिम तिथि व समय : निविदा प्रस्तुत करवाने की अंतिम तिथि : दिनांक 27.09.2019 को 15.00 बजे तक। निविदा खोलने की तिथि व समय : दिनांक 27.09.2019 को 15.05 बजे। वेबसाइट पर निविदा का पूर्ण विवरण उपलब्ध है : www.ireps.gov.in टेण्डर कॉमन मूल्य तथा ब्याना राशि का भुगतान उपरोक्त वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध पेमेंट मेटेड द्वारा ऑनलाइन किया जाना है। मैन्युअल भुगतान स्वीकार्य नहीं है।

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
ENGAGEMENT OF SENIOR RESIDENTS

File No.: E/Med/SR/74/CH/19 Advt. No. NRCH/SR/2019/002

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for engagement to the post of Senior Resident under Senior Residency Scheme at Northern Railway Central Hospital, New Delhi.

Detailed advertisement with VACANCY STATUS, Terms & Conditions, Format of Application form is available on Northern Railway website www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in under head News & Recruitment info)

The Date and Time of the Walk in interview is specified against each Specialty. Any request for a change in dates will not be entertained.

Candidates should report along with Application form duly filled in & signed along with self attested copies of all the requisite documents in Auditorium, 1st Floor, Academic Block, Northern Railway Central Hospital, New Delhi on the date of walk in interview (17.09.2019 to 19.09.2019). They must carry with them all the Documents in ORIGINAL & produce the same for verification. **2852/2019**

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Bharat Nirman through Rural Roads
Chief Engineer (Kangra Zone) HPPWD Dharanishala H.P., 176215
BHARAT NIRMAN
UNDER PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY)
e-Procurement Notice

The Government of India has received a loan/credit number F1724639 under PMGSY (Rural Roads Project). Rural Roads Additional Financing towards the cost of Rural Roads Project (Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana) and intends to apply a part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contracts for construction of works. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the bidding document.

The Chief Engineer (Kangra Zone) HPPWD Dharanishala-176215 on behalf of Governor Himachal Pradesh invites the item rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the district of Kangra as detailed in the Table below from the eligible contractors registered with HPPWD/CPWD/P&T, Railways/other state govts./Central Govt agencies. Non-registered bidders may submit bids, however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.

Division No.	Package No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Cost (Rs. Lacs)		Total Cost (Rs. Lacs)	Period of Completion (months)	Bid Security (Lacs)
			construction	maintenance			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Dehra	HP-04-242	Upgradation of Pragpur to Dangra Road Km 0/0 to 2/200	90.73	13.25	103.98	9	2.07
Dehra	HP-04-245	Upgradation of Chirpinoli to Samnoli Road Km 0/0 to 2/200	103.10	13.25	116.35	12	2.35

Last Date Time and place for receipt of Bids through e-procurement:- Bids can be submitted online from Date 09 Month 09 Year 2019 to Date 03 Month 10 Year 2019 upto 1700 Hours and will be opened on Date 04 Month 10 Year 2019 at 1130 Hours in the office of Superintending Engineer, 9th Circle, HPPWD, Nurpur.

For further details please log on to <https://pmgsytendershp.gov.in>

The undersigned has right to extend or cancel the bids without declaring any reasons there-of.

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“NOTICE INVITING TENDER-CORRIGENDUM THEREOF”

The Superintending Engineer, 1st Circle, HPPWD., Mandi on behalf of Governor of H.P. the Item Rate Bids were invited in 1st Call vide Letter No. PW-SE-I-Tender-107-PMGSY-MDI-B-II-18-19-1st Call/Publication/19-4456-4505 dated 11.06.2019 & Corrigendum No. PW-SE-I-Tender-107-PMGSY-MDI-B-II-18-19-1st Call-Corri./ Publication/ 19-10091-10140 dated 30.07.2019 and Technical Bids were Opened Online on 23.08.2019 and Two Bids were received. The Technical Evaluation of Technical Bids were held on 29.08.2019 and the Technical Evaluation Committee found One Bidder responsive and One Bidder Non-responsive and Committee was also decided to Re-invite/Recall the Tender. Now the Item Rate Bids for this work are Re-invited in 2nd Call and may be read as under:-

Sr. No.	District
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WEAK DEMAND

After production curbs, Maruti to shut Gurgaon, Manesar operations for 2 days

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI/PUNE, SEPT 4

AFTER RESORTING to production cuts to align output to weakened consumer demand, Maruti Suzuki India on Wednesday said it will shut down operations at its Gurgaon and Manesar plants for two days – September 7 and 9.

Separately, Tata Motors said it will continue with its block closure at its passenger vehicle plant in Pune in September first week to clear inventory. Block closure is different from a plant shutdown. Here, one or more assembly line is closed rather than a complete shutdown of production. Tata Motors had conducted block closure at its passenger car and commercial vehicle plant from August 28 to 31. While the block closure

EXPLAINED

Muted expectation of rise in sales; inventory level remains high

MARUTI SUZUKI India has already cut production over the last 7 months. As sales continued to dip and the company witnessed a 36 per cent drop YoY in domestic passenger vehicle sales in August, the move reflects the company's dip in future expectation of sales and pressures on account of existing high levels of inventory.

at the commercial vehicle plant was lifted from September 1, the closure at passenger car plant will continue till the first week of the current month.

Retail sales continue to move in the slow lane leaving the dealers saddled with high inventory.

This has reduced their ability to take further despatches from the manufacturers. In such a scenario the manufacturers have no option but to go for production cuts and plant shutdowns.

The shutdown of Maruti's plants comes after the company's

domestic sales (despatches to dealers) plummeted 36 per cent year-on-year in August, which was the tenth consecutive month of such decline. This was after the company had cut production by 34 per cent YoY during the month — its 7th consecutive month of trimming output.

Usually automakers shut down their plants twice in a year for maintenance purposes. However, most manufacturers including Maruti, Tata Motors and Mahindra & Mahindra had shut down plants in the last six months for anywhere between 2-10 days.

To align wholesales with re-tails, car manufacturers have been temporarily halting production and laying off workers. Mahindra & Mahindra had shut production across plants for up to 13 days in the April-June quarter and recently

said it would shut production for 8-14 days in the July-September quarter. Others including Tata Motors, Honda Cars India and Renault-Nissan alliance have shut down their plants for anywhere between four and ten days in May-June. Toyota and Hyundai India had recently decided to halt production at plants for two days to combat slumping sales. As per Siam estimates, manufacturers would lay off 15,000 temporary workers since April 2019.

Barring October last year, when sales went up 1.55 per cent, passenger vehicle offtake has been in the negative zone in 13 of the last 14 months. The industry has sought immediate steps from the government, including reduction in GST rates and initiation of scrappage policy to boost demand. **FE**



FM, INFRA SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES MEET

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant during a meeting with infrastructure and construction sector representatives in New Delhi. *PTI*

■ This is part of series of sectoral meeting, which began last month. The representatives of the infrastructure sector expressed their issues and concern to the Finance Minister during the meeting.

■ In his Independence Day speech Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Centre will invest a massive Rs 100 lakh crore on developing infrastructure that will aid in doubling the size of economy to \$5 trillion in five years.

■ Emerging out of the meeting NHAI Chairman N N Sinha said, the construction expenditure is more than last year. HCC CMD Ajit Gulabchand said there is a need to make the sector more investor friendly. **PTI**

SECTOR WATCHINSURANCE

Ratings of three PSU insurers downgraded

GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 4

AFTER PUBLIC sector banks, now it's the turn of PSU insurers for bailout. Global rating agency AM Best, which focuses on insurance sector, has downgraded 3 public sector companies — National Insurance, United India Insurance and Oriental Insurance — reflecting a deterioration in their operating performance and underwriting losses.

These companies — two of them reported an erosion in their capital and reserves — may require around Rs 5,000 crore recapitalisation to meet the regulatory standards, experts said. "Having decided to merge the three insurers, will it not be in the owner's (the government) interest to capitalise the three and keep them solvent till the merger takes place? The capital infusion required may be just some Rs 5,000 crore which is indeed small compared to the Rs 70,000 crore reportedly given to PSU banks," said former IRDA Member KK Srinivasan.

The downgrade has come after Budget 2019-20 in July proposed the enabling provision for merger of non-life insurance firms by seeking to amend the General Insurance Business Nationalisation Act.

AM Best downgraded the financial strength rating of National Insurance to C (weak) from C++ (marginal) and the Long-Term Issuer Credit Rating to CCC from B. The company's risk-adjusted capitalisation, as measured by Best's Capital Adequacy Ratio (BCAR), deteriorated to a very weak level at fiscal year-end 2019 due to a combination of significant reserve strengthening for motor third-party liability business and continued large underwriting losses from several other product lines, AM Best said.

"Capital and surplus de-

National Insurance, United India Insurance and Oriental Insurance downgraded by AM Best

clined significantly by 51 per cent to Rs 2800 crore as of March 31, 2019, from Rs 5,700 crore in the same prior-year period," it said. Furthermore, the company's net underwriting leverage and equity investment leverage has surged to a very unhealthy level at 1,091 per cent and 385 per cent, respectively.

In the case of United India, AM Best has downgraded the Financial Strength Rating (FSR) to C++ (Marginal) from B (Fair) and the Long-Term Issuer Credit Rating to 'B+' from 'BB+' for United India Insurance Company Ltd. The credit rating reflects the company's balance sheet strength, which AM Best categorises as adequate, marginal operating performance, neutral business profile and marginal enterprise risk management. The rating downgrades reflect a deterioration in AM Best's view of United's balance sheet strength and operating performance fundamentals.

Capital and surplus declined significantly by 29.1 per cent to Rs 6,400 crore as of March 31, 2019, from Rs 9010 crore in the same prior-year period. The company repeatedly has fallen short of local minimum regulatory solvency requirements in recent years, AM Best said.

The rating firm has downgraded the FSR to B+ (Good) from B++ (Good) and the Long-Term Issuer Credit Rating to BBB- from BBB+ of Oriental Insurance Company. The credit ratings reflect Oriental's balance sheet strength, which AM Best categorises as very strong, marginal operating performance, neutral business profile and marginal enterprise risk management (ERM).

'Liveability ranking: Delhi slips 6 notches'

New Delhi has dropped 6 places to 118th on a list of world's most liveable cities on rise in petty crimes and poor air quality: Economist Intelligence Unit survey



NEW DELHI registered the biggest decline in Asia

MUMBAI also fell two places since last year to rank 119th

VIENNA (Austria) topped the list for second year

WHILE NEW Delhi has been given a score of 56.3, Mumbai has got 56.2. Vienna has scored 99.1 and least-ranked Damascus (Syria) has got 30.7 points

DECLINE IN Mumbai's ranking was mainly due to a downgrade in culture score, while Delhi fell because of downgrades to its culture & environment score as well as fall in stability score owing to rising crime rates

TOP 10 ASIAN CITIES BY LIVEABILITY

City	Country	Score (out of 100)	Rank
Melbourne	Australia	98.4	2
Sydney	Australia	98.1	3
Osaka	Japan	97.7	4
Tokyo	Japan	97.2	7
Adelaide	Australia	96.6	10

A SCORE between 50-60 points, which is the case for India, indicates constrained liveability conditions

THREE ASIAN CITIES

■ Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea (135th)
■ Pakistan's Karachi (136th)
■ Bangladesh's Dhaka (138th) are among the ten least liveable globally

THE 2018 update to the WHO Global Ambient Air Quality Database shows that New Delhi has the sixth highest annual mean concentration of fine particulate matter among cities around the world

LONDON and New York ranked 48th and 58th out of the 140 cities in the survey

HC stays NCLT proceedings against IL&FS auditors on ban

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 4

THE BOMBAY High Court on Wednesday stayed the proceedings against Deloitte Haskins & Sells and BSR & Associates, former auditors of IL&FS Financial Services, before the National Company Law Tribunal on the issue of banning them for five years.

NCLT had earlier dismissed the plea by former auditors of IL&FS arm, challenging the tribunal's jurisdiction to decide on the government's demand for a five-year ban on them from practicing audit work under the Companies Act, 2013. A bench of Justice Ranjit More and Justice NJ Jamadar also stayed proceedings against BSR Associates in the criminal complaint filed before the special court in Mumbai. The bench has

granted stay for two weeks.

On June 8, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) had filed a petition with the NCLT seeking to ban Deloitte and BSR for five years under Section 140(5) of the Companies Act. The petition followed a criminal complaint filed by the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) based on its investigation into financial affairs of debt-ridden IL&FS Group. In its plea to the NCLT, the MCA stated that investigation by the SFIO revealed that "the auditors knowingly did not report the true state of affairs of the company".

Following MCA's petition, legal counsel for Deloitte and BSR filed pleas challenging tribunal's jurisdiction to ban the auditors under Section 140(5). IL&FS Financial Services is among 348 subsidiaries of IL&FS group, which owes over Rs 95,000 crore to lenders.

Sebi seeks IndiGo response on fresh Gangwal letter

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

IN THE backdrop of InterGlobe Aviation Ltd's co-promoter Rakesh Gangwal's counsel writing a fresh letter to the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), the markets regulator has sought a response from the company regarding corporate governance issues. Gangwal's letter was sent to Sebi on August 30, days after the firm's annual general meeting on August 27, where the resolutions were voted in favour of by both the sparring promoters.

Gangwal and co-promoter Rahul Bhatia have differences over certain corporate governance matters at InterGlobe Aviation, the parent of the country's largest airline IndiGo. In a filing to the stock exchanges on

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE ISSUES

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■ Firm will provide response, InterGlobe Aviation said in a stock exchange filing

Wednesday, InterGlobe Aviation said Sebi has sought comments on a letter written by Gangwal on August 30. "The company will provide its response to the Sebi," the filing said.

On September 3, Sebi sought comments from the company on a letter received by the regulator from legal counsel of Gangwal. According to the filing, the letter reiterates certain issues that

Gangwal had previously raised with Sebi and seeks certain directions from the regulator against the company and the IGE Group.

The issues are related to amendment to the company's Articles of Association (AoA) to remove the rights of the IGE Group, past related party transactions, non-independence of the current Chairman, refusal to

hold the extraordinary general meeting when requisitioned by Gangwal and certain public statements made by the CEO, it said. The company also said at the annual general meeting held on August 27, both promoter groups have voted in favour of all the resolutions, including those to amend the AoA to expand the size of the board to 10 members and to appoint the Chairman as an independent director.

"Further, as on date, the company has in place a revised Related Party Transaction (RPT) Policy as approved by the company's Audit Committee and the Board of Directors," the filing said.

Sebi is already looking into alleged corporate governance lapses at InterGlobe Aviation after Gangwal, in July, wrote to the watchdog seeking its intervention to address certain issues.

AUSTRALIA'S AMBASSADOR FOR CYBER AFFAIRS TOBIAS FEAKIN

'5G is background architecture for future, needs to be looked at with national security mindset'

NANDAGOPAL RAJAN
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

AUSTRALIA'S AMBASSADOR for Cyber Affairs Tobias Feakin said since 5G was going to be the "background architecture" for a lot of future technologies, "it is very sensible that you look at it with not only an economic security mindset, but a national security mindset" as well. Australia has banned Chinese tech major Huawei from being part of the 5G rollout in the country.

Feakin, who is in New Delhi for

his this round of official conversations with the Indian government on shared problems and opportunities in the cyber space, however, did not comment on how India was tackling the 5G issue. Feakin leads his country's international engagement "to advance and protect Australia's national security, foreign policy, economic and trade, and development interests in the internet and in cyberspace".

Feakin said the Australian position on 5G was "vendor agnostic, and country agnostic". "It is about setting common sense principles around the way in which

you absorb a reshaping piece of infrastructure. And that's essentially the way we view 5G, which is not just an additional number on your phone screens which will increase the speed of the way in which you interact with social media, your friends. It reshapes the way in which we interact with our digital environment," Feakin explained.

He said Australia's decision (to ban Huawei) was based on the thinking that "could you allow a high risk vendor into the backbone architecture of your 5G network" especially if you feel the "degree of transparency around particular



vendor isn't high enough" or "you can't understand the architecture of that company?" There were other concerns too. "If that company has to answer to its country

of origin and all the legislative names that come with that, then that's a concern for us," he said, adding that the feeling that "there's the potential intent and capability to do the various things within that network once is developed" also added up to the final decision.

"If you can't get us assurances around those particular issues, then we have every right to say that, you know, you can't provide us with that infrastructure."

Feakin, who was a member of the Independent Panel of Experts that supported the Australian Cyber Security Review to produce

Australia's 2016 Cyber Security Strategy, explained that while with 4G networks you can section off different parts of the architecture, with 5G "there is no such thing as a core periphery, you've got high functioning activity across the entirety of that network". "Therefore, you can't begin to mitigate different parts of that network. So for us, it's a very different security decision than what would have existed around a 4G or 3G network in the past."

Feakin said India was a "large, respected global player" and Australia looks at some of the

"more economically prosperous areas" for combined work. "Where do we have good understanding of particular startup communities, we would love to learn more from India in terms of some of what's going on inside your cyber ecosystem. You clearly have some pretty exciting offerings now," he told *indianexpress.com*.

He said policy considerations around new and emerging technologies was also an integral part of the conversations with India. "5G is the issue we're talking about now, and but is this tip of the technology iceberg. There's

going to be a whole series of other technology, policy decisions that will have to be taken over the coming years, whether it be around quantum computing, already supercomputing, AI, machine learning... these are issues that are going to face us all. And the more we are talking about them now and understanding how we are going to approach those, not just from a domestic point of view, but from the global shaping of standards and how that technology develops, we are going to be much better equipped to the future."

PMI: Services sector activity eases in Aug

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

THE COUNTRY'S services sector activity growth eased in August as new business inflows rose at a slower pace following which job creation and output expansion moderated, a monthly survey showed on Wednesday.

The IHS Markit India Services Business Activity Index declined from 53.8 in July to 52.4 in August, pointing to a slower rate of increase in output.

In PMI parlance, a print above 50 means expansion, while a score below that denotes contraction. "The weaker PMI readings for India's service sector match the trend noted in the manufacturing industry, bringing unwelcome news of a cooling economy halfway through the second quarter of fiscal year 2019-20," said Pollyanna de Lima, Principal Economist at IHS Markit.

The IHS Markit India Composite PMI Output Index, that maps both the manufacturing and services industry, fell from 53.9 in July to 52.6 in August.

Notwithstanding the decline, the composite PMI Output Index was in expansion territory for the 18th month in a row.

NHAI in sound fiscal health, says Chairman

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

THE CHAIRMAN of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has said that the agency is in "very sound" financial health with a strong pipeline of projects, allaying apprehensions that the organisation is facing financial troubles in funding its projects.

"There have been reports in the sections of media that contingent liabilities of NHAI are something of Rs 3 lakh crore. Either people do not understand what contingent liability is or the numbers are misreported. Contingent liability is uncertain in nature," NN Sinha, Chairman NHAI said on Wednesday at a Clevelent. "Our assessment and depending on the payout ratio that we have, we do not see that much number happening ... We see the total amount of claim on NHAI on account of arbitration is about Rs 70,000 crore."

He said the numbers projected (Rs 3 lakh crore) were clearly "way off".

"The commentary is clearly ill-informed and probably designed to add to the gloom ... We should take objective fact ... NHAI books

Allays apprehensions that the organisation is facing financial troubles in funding its projects

are in the open if anybody wants to see...just because you have a commentary and you want to add to the kind of picture you want to portray...that is being very unkind and not fair for the sector," he said. Sinha said, currently NHAI has arbitral claims worth Rs 70,000 crore and there are multiple sources of revenue. Despite model code of conduct during elections, he said NHAI is on way to construct 1,000 km of more highway projects than last year and "spending was going to be more rather than less. There should be no concerns".

"There are concerns being raised whether the Authority will be able to take up projects other than on the BOT toll mode... I should allay your concerns that NHAI does appraise the projects on the basis of viability and there are projects which fit across the viability spectrum," he said.

Sinha said about 4,140 km projects meet 9 per cent or more

level of returns and this does not include greenfield projects as the traffic numbers are uncertain.

On BOT (build, operate, transfer) toll mode, he said all projects will not fit into BOT and there are variety of instrumentation approaches, adding that under Bharatmala programme itself about 60 per cent of the projects will be funded under HAM (hybrid annuity mode), about 30 per cent on EPC (engineering, procurement and construction) mode and about 10 per cent on BOT toll mode.

"Obviously when you have greenfield projects like Vadodara Mumbai Expressway, some of it may be executed under EPC and some on HAM, but BOT toll like approach cannot be viable," he said.

On funds, he said the Authority will request the government for more budgetary resources and it is also mobilising resources from the market besides revenue stream from highways construction.

He also said NHAI is likely to float InVit (Infrastructure investment trust) by the end of the year and was awaiting the Cabinet approval.

NCLAT asks Jet RP to cooperate with Dutch court administrator

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

THE NATIONAL Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) on Wednesday directed the resolution professional (RP) of Jet Airways to cooperate with the Dutch court administrator, which is also conducting insolvency proceedings against the debt-ridden carrier.

The appellate court has asked the RP to submit within two weeks a draft agreement between him and the administrator on claims from Jet Airways.

The next hearing in the case is scheduled for September 20.

During the proceedings, the Committee of Creditors (CoC) in-

The Committee of Creditors informed NCLAT that it was ready to cooperate with Dutch Court Administrator

formed the NCLAT that it was ready to cooperate with the administrator.

However, the counsel for the administrator said the CoC has put certain conditions which could prevent the RP from acknowledging their claims.

"There are 14 conditions put forward by the CoC. Some of these conditions can affect the RP's flexibility and tie down his hands. But we are hopeful that

the CoC will cooperate," advocate Sumant Batra said.

A three-member NCLAT Bench observed that the CoC can only advise the RP on offshore claims. "In the present case, the CoC has no role to play and it can only advise or the RP can consult it. Any decision of the CoC will not be binding on the RP," the Bench observed.

On August 21, the NCLAT had asked the CoC of Jet Airways whether it would cooperate with the administrator.

The administrator had challenged the order of the Mumbai Bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), which had declared overseas bankruptcy proceedings null and void in the Jet Airways insolvency case. **FE**

Crisil cuts FY20 GDP forecast to 6.3% from 6.9%

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 4

DESCRIBING The slowdown as "deeper and more broad-based than suspected", domestic rating agency Crisil on Wednesday slashed its GDP forecast for FY20 to 6.3 percent from 6.9 percent earlier. The downward review comes days after GDP growth slowed down to a 25-quarter low of 5 per cent in the June quarter.

The expected growth is based on assumption of a pick-up from Q2 on low base effect and more importantly, if the economy can maintain the same speed through the rest of the year, the note said.

Lupin inks \$700-mn licence agreement with Boehringer

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 4

LUPIN ON Wednesday announced it has entered into a licensing agreement with Boehringer Ingelheim to develop its MEK inhibitor compound as a potential targeted therapy for patients with difficult-to-treat cancers.

The partnership aims to develop Lupin's lead MEK inhibitor compound in combination with one of Boehringer's innovative KRAS inhibitors for patients with gastrointestinal and lung cancers harbouring a broad range of oncogenic KRAS mutations.

According to a company state-

ment, the total value of the deal is more than \$700 million, which includes an upfront payment of \$20 million to Lupin and potential additional payments for successful achievement of defined clinical, regulatory and commercial milestones. Additionally, Lupin is entitled to receive double-digit royalties on sales of the product.

The collaboration has a strategic goal to focus on patients with gastrointestinal or lung cancers defined by KRAS mutations and sub-populations that currently need more effective therapeutic options. KRAS mutations occur in one in seven of all human metastatic cancers, making it the most frequently mutated cancer-causing gene. **FE**

PALM OIL IMPORTS FROM MALAYSIA 5% safeguard duty slapped

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 4

THE REVENUE Department on Wednesday imposed 5 per cent safeguard duty on imports of refined palm oil from Malaysia, taking the customs levy to 50 per cent for six months, a move aimed at

BRIEFLY Moody's upgrades PNB' outlook

New Delhi: Moody's has upgraded outlook on Punjab National Bank, which will merge OBC and United Bank of India with itself, to 'positive' from 'stable'. It also affirmed local, foreign currency deposit ratings of Canara, OBC, Syndicate Bank and Union Bank at Baa3/P-3.

CBDT signs 26 APAs in FY20 so far

New Delhi: The CBDT has entered into 26 advance pricing agreements in the first 5 months of FY20.

Swiggy's new pick up and drop service

New Delhi: Swiggy has launched pick-up and drop service 'Swiggy Go' in Bengaluru, and plans to expand it to 300 cities by 2020.

Sterling Biotech: NCLAT sets aside liquidation

New Delhi: The NCLAT has set aside NCLT order to liquidate Sterling Biotech, and directed that the management should be handed over to its promoters if the dues of creditors are settled. **PTI**

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CIN : U75302RJ2016SGO056429 e-mail : asclajmercity@gmail.com, Tel : 0145-2970922
No. ASCL/ NIT No 32/ 2019-20/1218 Date: 27.08.2019

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Ajmer Smart City Limited (ASCL), Ajmer invites online bids for the following works under Smart City Mission, from reputed firms who have experience in following.
1. Supply of truck mounted sweeper machine with water jet for dust suppression. Ajmer. UBN No ASM1920GLOB00004
2. Supply of Auto tipper covered box type with twin compartment for dry and wet waste. Ajmer. UBN No ASM1920GLOB00005
This notice and bid documents are available at: www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in & <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in>
Chief Engineer
Ajmer Smart City Limited, Ajmer
Raj. Samvad/C/2019-20/2278

BHARAT DYNAMICS LIMITED
(A Government of India Enterprise)
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
GACHIBOWLI, HYDERABAD-500 032.

Ref : BDL/CC/OT/GT/015/2019-20 Dt : 05.09.2019
e-PROCUREMENT ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE
Inviting Indigenous Competitive Bidding

Sl. No.	Tender ID	Description	Estimated Amount ₹
1	61451	Annual civil Maintenance of Buildings, Roads & other facilities at BDL, Bhanur in following zones: 1) Zone A- plant Area 2) Zone B- Plant Area 3) Zone A- Township Area 4) Zone B- Township Area	18.00 Lakhs 18.00 Lakhs 18.00 Lakhs 18.00 Lakhs
2	61456	Environmental & Hygiene Control in Plant & Township at BDL, Bhanur	403.29 Lakhs
3	61485	Construction of School Building at BDL, Bhanur	242.53 Lakhs
4	61468	Construction of Fire Fighting facilities with Hydrant & Pumps at BDL-IBRAHIMPATNAM, Ranga Reddy Dist.	503.13 Lakhs

Please visit website <https://bdltenders.abcpocure.com> for further details. Bids should be submitted online only.
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)
Sealed Bid(s) / offer(s) are invited in two part system for Supply and Delivery of the following items in connection with "Durgapur Barrage Project site at Durgapur, Paschim Bardhaman, W.B."

Sl. No.	Item Description	Qty.	NIT No. & Date of Hosting	Last Date of submission of Offer
1.	Hot rolled U - type M.S Sheet Piles conforming to IS : 2314 -1986 of Latest Revision or EN - 10248 as per Specification & drawing		MAT(P) / Civil / 61008 / Press / Sheet Pile / 840 Dated: 05. 09. 2019.	16.09.2019 within 5-00 P.M.
a)	11.80 Mtr. Length	5,716.00 Sq.m.		
b)	10.87 Mtr. Length	1,456.00 Sq.m.		
c)	Corner Pile Matching with above Sheet Pile (Length – 11.80 Mtr.)	06 Nos.		

Interested Bidder(s) have to log on to Company's website www.bridgeroof.co.in
Corrigendum / Addendum, if any shall be hosted in Company's Website <http://www.bridgeroof.co.in> only.

Office of the Chief Construction Engineer
Upper Kolab Project, Bariniput, Dist. Koraput, ODISHA-764006.
email id: ccekolab@yahoo.com, Phone/FAX: 06854-242035.
e – PROCUREMENT NOTICE No- CCEUKP-02/2019-20
No. 2968 / Dated 31.08.2019

1. No of work :- 02 (Two) no
2. Value of work :- Rs. 697.96 Lakh & Rs. 695.02 Lakh (Excluding GST)
3. Bid Security/EMD :- Rs. 6,98,000/- & Rs 6,95,100/-
4. Class of contractor :- 'Special' & 'Super Class'
5. Period of completion :- 6 (six) Calendar months (Including rainy season) Percentage Rate
6. Type of contract :- Percentage Rate
7. Cost of Tender paper :- Rs. 10,000/- (Non refundable)
8. Availability of Tender online for bidding :- From 10.00 Hrs on 07.09.2019 to 17.30 Hrs on 24.09.2019
9. Date & time of on line bid submission :- From 10.00 Hrs on 07.09.2019 to 17.30 Hrs on 24.09.2019
10. Date & time of opening of technical bid :- 11.30Hrs on 25.09.2019, in Office of the Chief Construction Engineer, Upper Kolab Project, Bariniput.
11. Date & time of opening of Financial Bid :- to be intimated to the qualified Bidder(s) after approval of Technical Bid(s).
Further details can be seen from the Govt. website www.tendersorissa.gov.in & www.dowrodisha.gov.in. Addendum/ Corrigendum/ Cancellation if any required will be published in Govt. website only.


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SHORT-TERM e-TENDER NOTIFICATION
The Director, Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board, hereby invites short-term e-tenders from eligible bidders for the printing and supply of “S.S.L.C. Examination Management Manual” and “Deevige'-Hand book on subject wise literature and question paper framework based on 2019-20 S.S.L.C. revised question paper” along with minor DTP work through e-procurement portal only. Tender document may be downloaded from www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in or www.kseeb.kar.nic.in Tender commences on 05.09.2019 and the last date for submission 16.09.2019 at 4.00 PM. Pre-bid meeting on 11.09.2019 at 12.30 PM. Date of opening technical bid is 18.09.2019 at 12.30 PM. Tentative date of opening financial bid is 20.09.2019 at 4.00 PM. The tender EMD is Rs.72,447/-. For other details, visit websites aforesaid.

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**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
P.H. DIVISION, BALASORE
Phone: 9437086137, e-mail-eepbhbs@gmail.com
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement (Online Mode)
Invitation for Bids (IFB) dt. 31.08.2019

The Executive Engineer, P.H. Division, Balasore on behalf of Governor of Odisha, invites Percentage Rate bids in Double cover system in ONLINE mode only.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Bid- Identification No.	Value of Work (Rs. Lakh)	Period of Completion	Availability of bid documents for online bidding		Last date and time of seeking clarification	Date & Time of opening of technical bid
					From	To		
1	Providing water supply Service Connection to Households of Basudevpur Municipality for Universal water supply coverage.	EEPHBLS-08 dt.31.08.2019	164.68	03 (Three) calendar months	11:00 Hrs of dt. 07.09.19	17:00 Hrs. of dt. 23.09.19	17:00 Hrs Of 18.09.19	11:00 Hrs of 26.09.19
2	Providing water supply Service Connection to Households of Dhamagar N.A.C for Universal water supply coverage	EEPHBLS-09 dt.31.08.2019	147.54	03 (Three) calendar months	11:00 Hrs of dt. 07.09.19	17:00 Hrs. of dt. 23.09.19	17:00 Hrs Of 18.09.19	11:00 Hrs of 26.09.19
3	Providing water supply Service Connection to Households of Soro Municipality for Universal water supply coverage.	EEPHBLS-10 dt.31.08.2019	180.96	03 (Three) calendar months	11:00 Hrs of dt. 07.09.19	17:00 Hrs. of dt. 23.09.19	17:00 Hrs Of 18.09.19	11:00 Hrs of 26.09.19

The bidders shall have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from from the website: <http://tendersodisha.gov.in>. Any addendum/corrigendum/cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.

Name and Address of the officer inviting bid :- The Executive Engineer, P.H., Division, Balasore-756056, Odisha, Phone : 9437086137
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**GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU**
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Tirupur Construction and Maintenance Circle
Tender Notice
Tender Notice No.5/2019–20/HDO, Dated: 30.08.2019
For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamilnadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 09.10.2019 - 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer, (H) C&M, Tirupur Circle for CRIDP 2019-20 Works, (Package No.31 to 46) pertaining Tirupur (H) (C&M) Division.
Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 06.09.2019 onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in>. If any Changes/Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H) C&M Circle, Tirupur.
DIPR/3013/Tender/2019

**GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU**
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
(CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE, VILLUPURAM
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.12/2019-20/HDO/Dated:26.08.2019
For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 09.10.2019 - 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H) C&M, Villupuram Circle for CRIDP-2019-20 Works, (Package No.39 to 55) pertaining to Kallakurichi (H) C&M Division.
Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 06.09.2019 onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in> If any changes / corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H) C&M CIRCLE, VILLUPURAM
DIPR/3011/TENDER/2019

**GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU**
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
(CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE, VILLUPURAM
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.11/2019-20/HDO/Dated:22.08.2019
For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu percentage tender through online only will be received upto 09.10.2019 - 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H) C&M, Villupuram Circle for CRIDP-2019-20 Works, (Package N0.23 to 38) pertaining to Villupuram (H) C&M Division
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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H) C&M CIRCLE, VILLUPURAM
DIPR/3010/TENDER/2019

**GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU**
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
TRICHY (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.07/2019-20/HDO/Dated:30.08.2019
For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 09.10.2019 - 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H) C&M Trichy Circle, TVS Tollgate, Pudukkottai Road, Trichy-20 for CRIDP 2019-20 works (Package No.32 to 38) pertaining Thanjavur (H) C&M Division.
Details of Works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 06.09.2019 onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in>. If any changes / corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H) C&M CIRCLE, TRICHY-20
DIPR/3012/TENDER/2019

**GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU**
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Tirupur (Construction and Maintenance) Circle
Tender Notice
Tender Notice No.6/2019-20/HDO, Dated: 03.09.2019
For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamilnadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 09.10.2019 - 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer, (H) C&M, Tirupur Circle for CRIDP 2019-20 Works, (Package No.47) pertaining Tirupur (H) (C&M) Division.
Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 06.09.2019 onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in>. If any Changes/Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H) C&M Circle, Tirupur.
DIPR/3007/Tender/2019

US trade deficit shrinks; shortfall with China large

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 4

THE US trade deficit narrowed slightly in July, but the gap with China, a focus of the Trump administration's "America First" agenda, surged to a six-month high. The report from the Commerce Department on Wednesday came against the backdrop of an escalation in the trade war between the United States and China. The two economic giants slapped fresh tariffs on each other on Sunday, fanning fears of a global recession. President Donald Trump on Tuesday warned he would be "tougher" on Beijing in a second term if trade talks dragged on.

"Investors and the markets are unlikely to see any reprieve in the trade sanctions and tariffs and the Trump administration may even redouble their efforts to tame the massive red ink," said Chris Rupkey, chief economist at MUFJ in New York. "It doesn't look like America is winning the trade war."

The trade deficit dropped 2.7 per cent to \$54.0 billion as exports rebounded and imports fell.

The politically sensitive goods trade deficit with China increased 9.4 per cent to \$32.8 billion on an unadjusted basis, the highest since January, with imports jumping 6.4 per cent. Exports to China fell 3.3 per cent in July.



HARVEST TIME UNCERTAINTY

Spinning no yarn

Cotton growers have had it good in the last one year, but US-China trade tensions could play spoiler

ANJU AGNIHOTRICHABA
BATHINDA (PUNJAB), SEPTEMBER 4

FOR COTTON farmers, ginners and spinning mills, 2018-19 was a great year. For much of the main marketing season from October to December, *kapas* (raw unginned cotton) traded at Rs 5,200-5,500 per quintal in Bathinda's wholesale *mandi*, more than the government's minimum support price (MSP) of Rs 5,150 for medium-staple varieties/hybrids. Farmers who had stocked and sold their crop in April realised Rs 6,000-plus rates. Ginners — those who separate the lint (white fibre) and seed from the picked crop — also made money. India's cotton (lint) exports rose to \$2,104.41 million (Rs 14,627.55 crore) in 2018-19 (April-March), from \$1,894.25 million (Rs 12,200.05 crore) in the previous fiscal. So did exports of cotton yarn manufactured by spinning mills: From \$3,424.92 million (Rs 22,084 crore) to \$3,895.52 million (Rs 27,190.25 crore). But the current fiscal has been a disaster. Commerce Ministry data for April-July 2019 over April-July 2018 shows a collapse in both cotton and yarn shipments: the former from \$813.96 million (Rs 5,474.15 crore) to \$173.72 million (Rs 1,205.94 crore) and the latter from \$1,395.23 million (Rs 9,407.15 crore) to \$881.24 million (Rs 6,115.30 crore). "All this is a result of the US-China trade war. Things were relatively fine till February-end. But matters have really escalated since then," says Suresh Kumar Gupta, managing director of Punjab Spintex Ltd, a Bathinda-based mill with 25,000-spindles spinning capacity. The 59-year-old has so far not cut production or laid off any of his 1,200-odd workers — 900 regular and 300 on contract — in his mill and towel manufacturing-cum-export concern Alaska Fabtech Pvt. Ltd, which is at Dera Bassi in Mohali district. He isn't sure, though, if this situation can continue. The Oswal Group-owned Vardhman Polytext Ltd, on the other hand, has already sent home more than half of the 1,200 workers at its 1.05 lakh spindles unit at



(Top) Suresh Kumar Gupta, owner of Punjab Spintex Ltd, at the cotton lint cleaning yard of his mill in Bathinda; women workers inside a textile spinning unit in Punjab. Anju Agnihotri Chaba

Bathinda in the last couple of months. "The fall in international yarn prices and raw material (lint) cost not coming down commensurately has left us with no option. There's no point waiting and continuing to make losses," states Vijay Arora, vice president of the company whose mill, set up in 1984, is Bathinda's oldest. According to Sanjay Garg, president of the Chandigarh-headquartered Northern India Textile Mills' Association (NITMA), most yarn-making units in Punjab have reduced production by 20-50%. "My own mill (Longowalia Yarns Ltd at Ludhiana, with 65,000 spindles), is running for only five days of the week. Previously, we shut only for three days of the year during Holi, Diwali and Vishwakarma Jayanti (when machines and tools are traditionally worshipped)," he points out. Last year, mills were selling combed yarn, for exports as well as the domestic market, at an average of Rs 230-235 per kg at this time, while lint prices ruled in the Rs 130/kg range. Currently, yarn is fetching only Rs 185-190/kg, with some mills even disposing off at Rs 170. Lint prices haven't declined as much and are now at roughly Rs

115. Only 85% of the lint that mills buy gets used after cleaning to produce basic "carded" yarn, with the ratio at 70% in the case of "combed" yarn. At Rs 115/kg, the cost of lint in the combed yarn, thus, translates into nearly Rs 165. Adding power, labour, packing, interest and other charges takes the total to Rs 205 or so. "We are today losing Rs 15-20 on every kg of yarn that is spun from lint," claims Garg. Lower yarn realisations have to ultimately be reflected in lint and *kapas* prices as well. That hasn't happened as yet. The new *kapas* crop that has barely started arriving in Punjab's *mandis* such as Abohar is quoting just above Rs 5,600 per quintal, higher than this year's MSP of Rs 5,255 fixed for medium staple varieties/hybrids. Bhagwan Bansal, owner of S.S. Cotgin Pvt. Ltd, a ginning unit at Bathinda that can produce 150 bales of lint (one bale equals 170 kg) per day, attributes the firm *kapas* prices to better realisations from cottonseed. For every quintal (100 kg) of *kapas* processed, gins recover 33-36 kg of lint and 63-66 kg of seed. The lint is sold to mills, while the seeds are crushed in expeller and

solvent extraction plants for production of oil and de-oiled cake/meal. Cottonseed oil is used in cooking and the protein-rich meal goes as animal feed ingredient. "In the past, cottonseed prices were Rs 2,500-2,600 per quintal at the season's start in September-October and would reach Rs 3,000 towards the end. But last year, they began at Rs 3,200-3,300 and are now at record Rs 3,700-3,800 levels. Demand for oilcake from feed manufacturers (due to last year's lower crop of soyabean and maize, in addition to cotton) is the only thing holding up *kapas*," explains Bansal, who is also past president of the Punjab Cotton Factories and Ginners Association. He, however, admits that *kapas* rates cannot sustain if there is no demand for lint from exporters and mills. In the event, growers' realisations may not really exceed MSP, unlike last year. Worse, prices could fall as crop arrivals from the main producing states of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Telangana, Haryana, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh pick up in November-December. In 2017-18 and 2018-19 (October-September), India produced 370 lakh bales and 361 lakh bales of lint, while exporting 67.83 lakh bales and 65 lakh bales (projected), respectively. For the current year, total acreage under the crop has risen from 117,661 lakh hectares to 124,905 lakh hectares. With benchmark global 'Cotlook A Index' prices at about \$70 cents per pound, compared to over 92 cents a year ago, the outlook for exports isn't all too good. The US-China trade tensions and growing risk to world trade and economic growth are adding to the uncertainties. NITMA's Garg wants the Narendra Modi government to clamp import duties on synthetic yarns, especially from Indonesia and Vietnam. "Duty-free polyester yarn imports alone from these two countries have shot up from 31,651 tonnes in 2015-16 (July-June) to 50,137 tonnes in 2018-19. The government should further have a uniform goods and services rate on fibre and yarn (as opposed to 18% and 12%, respectively) and extend the scheme for rebate of Central and state taxes/levies for garments and made-ups to yarn as well. If the industry is to be saved, we have to export at any cost," he adds.

A straw that is worth clutching at

Boosting farm incomes is the best way to combat the Indian economy's woes today

HARISH DAMODARAN

THE CURRENT economic slowdown began with Bharat. It has to also end with Bharat. According to the National Statistical Office's GDP estimates for April-June 2019 released on Friday, India's agriculture sector — which includes forestry and fishing — grew 2.04% year-on-year during the quarter. But what is significant isn't the "real" growth (i.e. at constant prices) in gross value added or GVA. More relevant is GVA — the value of output of a good, less the cost of all inputs and raw material used in its production — rising by 7.90% in "nominal" terms or at current prices. It means farm prices going up by 5.74% in April-June 2019 over April-June 2018. This is, in fact, the highest increase in agricultural produce prices since July-September 2016, the quarter that preceded the demonetisation announcement of November 8, 2016. Since that overnight scrapping of all outstanding high-value currency notes by the Narendra Modi government, there have been some quarters where farm GVA growth has actually been lower in nominal than in real terms. Those quarters (April-June 2017, July-September 2018 and October-December 2018) had, in other words, registered negative inflation or deflation. The last quarter's data suggests that farm prices are showing signs of recovery. Many commodities — from maize, *bajra* (pearl-millet), *jowar* (sorghum) and cotton, to onion and milk — are fetching good or better rates today compared to a year ago. If sustained in the coming quarters, it can help reignite growth in the broader economy through a revival in rural consumption that comes with higher incomes. The all-round slowdown we are seeing, after all, started with agriculture. Till the first half of 2014-15, agricultural GVA at current prices — a reasonable proxy for income or "take home" of farmers — was growing annually in double digits quarter after quarter. But a crash in global commodity prices brought this down to single digits. A temporary price recovery took place from 2016-17, partly enabled by the back-to-back droughts of the preceding two years. However, it was cut short by the "domestic" shock of demonetisation, followed by the goods and services tax.

The accompanying table shows that nominal farm sector GVA growth has been in single digits for nine straight quarters now. Remember, doubling of incomes in five years requires annual growth of 14.4%; it's 12% even for the six-year doubling target from 2016 to 2022 set by the Modi government. There is a ray of hope, though, from the latest farm produce inflation figure of 5.74% based on the GVA deflator. This straw is definitely worth clutching at, especially in a scenario of decent monsoon rains. After a poor June that recorded 32.8% deficiency, the country as a whole received 4.6% above-average rainfall in July and a surplus of 15.3% in August. As a result, the sowing area deficit in the kharif season, which was 26.7% relative to last year's coverage till July 5, had reduced to just 1.7% by August-end. That raises the possibility of a bumper kharif crop, due for harvesting from October. With water levels in India's 107 major reservoirs reaching 76.2% of their full capacity as on August 29 — against the corresponding level of 68.4% for 2018 and the last 10-years' average of 61.1% for this date — the prospects are even better for the coming rabi season. There's, indeed, no better time than now to take two big steps that can truly turn things around in the agriculture sector.

FARM SECTOR GROWTH (% YEAR-ON-YEAR)		
	Constant Prices	Current Prices
Apr-Jun 14	2.31	13.06
Jul-Sep 14	3.5	15.25
Oct-Dec 14	-3.05	2.81
Jan-Mar 15	-1.26	8.37
Apr-Jun 15	2.38	8.33
Jul-Sep 15	2.78	4.92
Oct-Dec 15	-2.17	4.67
Jan-Mar 16	1.15	8.06
Apr-Jun 16	4.58	13.91
Jul-Sep 16	6.01	13.85
Oct-Dec 16	6.73	10.03
Jan-Mar 17	7.37	11.71
Apr-Jun 17	4.16	2.78
Jul-Sep 17	4.48	7.3
Oct-Dec 17	4.58	9.12
Jan-Mar 18	6.53	7.74
Apr-Jun 18	5.05	6.78
Jul-Sep 18	4.93	4.17
Oct-Dec 18	2.79	2.07
Jan-Mar 19	-0.13	3.78
Apr-Jun 19	2.04	7.9

Note: Farm sector includes agriculture, forestry & fishing. Source: National Statistical Office.

The first is doing away with all provisions in the Essential Commodities Act and state-level Agriculture Produce Market Committee (APMC) laws that enable governments to impose restrictions on sale, stocking, domestic movement or export of farm produce. This can be done through an omnibus legislation conferring farmers the right to sell any quantity of their produce to anybody, anywhere and at any time, while extending similar freedom to agri-processors, traders and retailers to buy, stock up or export. A simple announcement of intent on the government's part in this regard is enough. Second, exempt traders dealing in farm produce from the 2% TDS (tax deducted at source) levy on cash withdrawals exceeding Rs 1 crore a year, imposed in the 2019-20 Union Budget. Like it or not, produce trading has always been predominantly cash-based. Farmers, too, like to be paid in cash. Demonetisation and assorted curbs discouraging cash payments above Rs 10,000 to any person in a single day — the 2% TDS comes on top of this — have severely impacted both liquidity and sentiment in *mandis*. The ultimate sufferer has been the farmer, whose time is better spent in the field than in the bank waiting for payment. In today's conditions, where digital is still some distance away in rural areas, there is a case to allow full payment in cash for produce sold by farmers in *mandis*. The 2% TDS can also be made non-leviable, if the excess cash withdrawn is used solely for transactions in APMC *mandis*, backed by appropriate gate/entry pass and *bhugtan patra* (payment slip) records. The above two measures can do much to bring back price sentiment and liquidity in agricultural markets, just when farmers are set to harvest a bumper crop. The most effective and immediate solution to the economy's woes as well is to boost the incomes of those who will spend it best.

LIVESTOCK CONSERVATION

This Punjab farmer rakes in Rs 2.1 lakh from sale of Sahiwal cow

Breeding indigenous cattle is becoming serious business thanks to the Narendra Modi government's Rashtriya Gokul Mission

RAAKHI JAGGA
MUKTSAR (PUNJAB), SEPTEMBER 4

FOR GURBACHAN Singh Hayer, Lakshmi has truly delivered a fortune. She fetched him Rs 2.10 lakh — the price that the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) paid for this four-year-old Sahiwal cow early this week. "I feel sad about her going, but happy at the rate. The maximum that they (NDDB) had given for this breed here before was Rs 1.50 lakh," says Hayer, a 72-acre farmer from Rahurianwali village of Punjab's Muktsar district and tehsil. The 70-year-old had, about 10 years back, bought a Sahiwal cow for Rs 4,000 and she gave birth to a female calf that was named Rani. Rani — her mother died soon after from a severe mastitis infection causing udder inflammation — went on to deliver four female calves, the eldest of them being Lakshmi. The seven-year-old Rani is now pregnant for the fifth time, while Lakshmi had produced one male calf (who has been kept in Hayer's farm) and was expecting again when she was sold to NDDB. "From a single cow bought 10 years ago, I

have bred six animals, all of them through artificial insemination. They are all Sahiwal cattle. The good price that I have received for Lakshmi is prompting me to take up breeding in a more aggressive and focused way. I used to breed horses at one time, but this is something more satisfying and worthwhile," notes Hayer, who grows cotton, paddy and wheat on 62 acres and eucalyptus trees (for supplying to plywood units) on his remaining 10 acres. The Sahiwal breed, which originated in the Montgomery region of undivided India, is mainly native to southwest Punjab and the adjoining Sri Ganganagar district of north Rajasthan. Like all indigenous cows, its age at first calving is 3-3.5 years, compared to 2-2.5 years for exotic/crossbred animals. But Sahiwal is a relatively good milker, with average yields of 2,300-2,500 litres per lactation cycle, compared to 1,600-1,800 litres for other *desi* breeds such as Gir and Red Sindhi, 4,000-4,500 litres for crossbreds, and 6,000-7,000 litres for exotic Holstein-Friesian cows.

The Narendra Modi government, in December 2014, launched a Rs 2,025-crore Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM) for development and conservation of indigenous cattle breeds. The programme envisages selective breeding and creation of a super-elite population of pure animals, employing techniques such as artificial insemination and progeny testing (PT) where bulls are evaluated on the basis of their daughters' performance. "Punjab has an estimated 50,000 Sahiwal cows, of which 20,000 or so are in Fazilka and another 10,000 in Muktsar alone. The PT or pedigree selection project for Sahiwal focused on the two districts, as they are a natural breeding tract for these animals," explains Anil Pathak, project coordinator (PT) with the Punjab Livestock Development Board (PLDB). Under the project, run jointly by NDDB and PLDB, over 50 high genetic merit male calves were bought from farmers at Rs 25,000-30,000 each and sent to the lat-

Sahiwal cows are better milkers compared to other indigenous cattle breeds, making them more viable to rear



Farmer Gurbachan Singh with his Rs 2.1-lakh 'Lakshmi' Sahiwal cow. Raakhi Jagga

ter's semen stations at Nabha and Patiala. "We do semen testing of all bulls in our research farms. The ones giving desired results are marked as proven and their semen doses further distributed to farmers," adds Pathak, who clarifies that NDDB's purchase of Lakshmi wasn't part of this project.

In Lakshmi's case, PLDB acted merely as a facilitator. "Hayer had registered his cow with us. Under our project, we do the milk recordings of all registered animals, apart from testing them for tuberculosis, bovine viral diarrhoea, brucellosis and Johne's disease. We also do karyotyping (examining chromo-

somes to determine abnormalities, including whether any of them are missing or damaged) and study of the bull that was used to artificially inseminate the mother. Lakshmi was identified on this basis," states Munish Goyal, veterinary doctor and district coordinator (PT) for the Sahiwal project at Muktsar. NDDB has taken Lakshmi to its Sabarmati Ashram Gausshala bull mother farm at Bidaji in Gujarat's Kheda district. She will be an elite bull mother, who will be used for breed preservation and propagation through embryo transfer technology. This involves production of embryos of high-yielding cattle that can be transplanted in other cows via in vitro fertilisation. "We chose Lakshmi because she was disease-free and her genotype matched the set parameters of our genotyping chip. There was 90% purity in terms of Sahiwal breed characters. Also, the milk yield from her first lactation was recorded at 3,000 litres, more than the standard of 2,400 litres for this breed. Our purchases are based on the prices quoted by farmers and after factoring in all the set parameters," an NDDB official who did not wish to be identified, tells *The Indian Express*. For farmers like Hayer, the emergence of a market for indigenous cattle breeds through RGM has certainly opened a new road to riches.

POPULISM

Democracy’s enemy within

Cynicism is gnawing at Western democracies

DEMOCRACIES ARE GENERALLY thought to die at the barrel of a gun, in coups and revolutions. These days, however, they are more likely to be strangled slowly in the name of the people.

Take Hungary, where Fidesz, the ruling party, has used its parliamentary majority to capture regulators, dominate business, control the courts, buy the media and manipulate the rules for elections. As our briefing explains, the prime minister, Viktor Orban, does not have to break the law, because he can get parliament to change it instead. He does not need secret police to take his enemies away in the night. They can be cut down to size without violence, by the tame press or the taxman. In form, Hungary is a thriving democracy; in spirit, it is a one-party state.

The forces at work in Hungary are eating away at other 21st-century polities, too. This is happening not just in young democracies like Poland, where the Law and Justice party has set out to mimic Fidesz, but even the longest-standing ones like Britain and the United States. These old-established polities are not about to become one-party states, but they are already showing signs of decay. Once the rot sets in, it is formidably hard to stop.

At the heart of the degradation of Hungarian democracy is cynicism. After the head of a socialist government popularly seen as corrupt admitted that he had lied to the electorate in 2006, voters learned to assume the worst of their politicians. Mr Orban has enthusiastically exploited this tendency. Rather than appeal to his compatriots’ better nature, he sows division, stokes resentment and exploits their prejudices, especially over immigration. This political theatre is designed to be a distraction from his real purpose, the artful manipulation of obscure rules and institutions to guarantee his hold on power.

Over the past decade, albeit to a lesser degree, the same story has unfolded elsewhere. The financial crisis persuaded voters that they were governed by aloof, incompetent, self-serving elites. Wall Street and the City of London were bailed out while ordinary people lost their jobs, their houses and their sons and daughters on the battlefield in Iraq and Afghanistan. Britain erupted in a scandal over MPs’ expenses. America has choked on the lobbying that funnels corporate cash into politics.

In a survey last year, over half of voters from eight countries in Europe and North America told the Pew Research Centre that they were dissatisfied with how democracy is working. Almost 70% of Americans and French people say that their politicians are corrupt.

Populists have tapped into this pool of resentment. They sneer at elites, even if they themselves are rich and powerful; they thrive on, and nurture, anger and division. In America President Donald Trump told four progressive congresswomen to “go back...to the broken and crime-infested places from which they came”. In Israel Binyamin Netanyahu, a consummate insider, portrays official inquiries into his alleged corruption as part of an establishment conspiracy against his premiership. In Britain Boris Johnson, lacking support among MPs for a no-deal Brexit, has outraged his opponents by manipulating procedure to suspend Parliament for five crucial weeks.

What, you might ask, is the harm of a lit-



Russians protest against the government’s plan to introduce tighter restrictions on the internet, in Moscow in March this year. The bravery of young people who have been protesting on the streets of Hong Kong and Moscow is a powerful demonstration of what many in the West seem to have forgotten. *AP*

tle cynicism? Politics has always been an ugly business. The citizens of vibrant democracies have long had a healthy disrespect for their rulers.

Yet too much cynicism undermines legitimacy. Mr Trump endorses his voters’ contempt for Washington by treating opponents as fools or, if they dare stand on honour or principle, as lying hypocrites—an attitude increasingly mirrored on the left. Britain’s Brexiters and Remainers denigrate each other as immoral, driving politics to the extremes because compromising with the enemy is treachery. Matteo Salvini, leader of Italy’s Northern League, responds to complaints about immigration by cutting space in shelters, in the knowledge that migrants living on the streets will aggravate discontent. Mr Orban has less than half the vote but all the power—and behaves that way. By

ensuring that his opponents have no stake in democracy, he encourages them to express their anger by non-democratic means.

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courts become, the more the appointment of judges is contested. In Britain Mr Johnson’s parliamentary chicanery is doing the constitution permanent damage. He is preparing to frame the next election as a struggle between Parliament and the people.

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again. Now it looks more like a helter-skelter. Cynicism drags democracy down. Parties fracture and head for the extremes. Populists persuade voters that the system is serving them ill, and undermine it further. Bad turns to worse.

Fortunately, there is a lot of ruin in a democracy. Neither London nor Washington is about to become Budapest. Power is more diffuse and institutions have a longer history—which will make them harder to capture than new ones in a country of 10m people. Moreover, democracies can renew themselves. American politics was coming apart in the era of the Weathermen and Watergate, but returned to health in the 1980s.

Scraping Diogenes’ barrel

The riposte to cynicism starts with politi-

cians who forsake outrage for hope. Turkey’s strongman, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, suffered a landmark defeat in the race for the may-oralty in Istanbul to a tirelessly upbeat campaign by Ekrem Imamoglu. Anti-populists from all sides should unite behind rule-enforcers like Zuzana Caputova, the new president of Slovakia. In Romania, Moldova and the Czech Republic voters have risen up against leaders who had set off down Mr Orban’s path.

The bravery of young people who have been protesting on the streets of Hong Kong and Moscow is a powerful demonstration of what many in the West seem to have forgotten. Democracy is precious, and those who are lucky enough to have inherited one must strive to protect it.

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ALGERIA

Democracy delayed

The army and the people face off in Algeria

A COUNTRY THAT could not get rid of its ruler for 20 years seems unable to pick a new one. By now, many Algerians thought they would have a new president. After months of protests brought down President Abdelaziz Bouteflika in April, an election was set for July. That deadline came and went, though, with no replacement in sight. Demonstrators, angry about both stalled politics and a stalling economy, still take to the streets each week. The army, which holds de facto power, tolerates them. But nothing else has changed: the status quo has prevailed through a long, languid summer.

After giving Mr Bouteflika a final push, the army set out to dismantle the power base he built over the previous two decades. Wealthy businessmen like Ali Haddad, who made a fortune from state contracts, were carted off to jail. So were the president’s brother, two former spy chiefs and other powerful behind-the-scenes figures known as le pouvoir.

That was a good start. But the transition to democracy has not gone much further. The opposition feared that the election that was supposed to have happened in July would be rigged by the army. Almost no one bothered to register, save for two unknown candidates, one of them a veterinarian. A six-member

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panel of academics and politicians was then set up by the interim president, Abdelkader Bensalah (whose term expired in July). Tasked with writing a new transition plan, they started by asking for the release of jailed protesters, an end to police violence and greater freedom for the press and dissenters. The army chief, Ahmed Gaid Salah, rejected their terms.

The Arab world is littered with failed revolutions. Even where the army did side with protesters, as in Egypt, it later turned on them and violently restored autocratic rule. That has not happened yet in Algeria—a modest success, in the eyes of opposition activists. But the army is slowly ratcheting up the pressure on its critics. It continues to round them

up on spurious charges. Dozens have been arrested for waving the Amazigh (or Berber) flag at demonstrations. Independent news websites often find themselves blocked. The government briefly shut down YouTube in August after a former defence minister released a video on the site urging soldiers to oust General Salah.

One of the main complaints about Mr Bouteflika’s long rule was a sluggish economy. Algeria is one of Africa’s largest oil and gas producers, but corruption and inefficient subsidies have squandered much of its wealth. Endless bureaucracy deterred foreign investment. Young people make up most of the population. One in four are jobless. Low oil prices have pinched the budget. Foreign reserves, though still a sizeable \$65bn, are barely a third of what they were five years ago.

The current political turmoil is not helping. The economy, which grew by a modest 2.3% in 2018, will probably slow down this year. Rounding up Mr Bouteflika’s corrupt allies was the right thing to do, but it also brought short-term pain. Fertial, a fertiliser company linked to Mr Haddad, is struggling to pay wages. Sonatrach, a state energy giant, had been in talks with foreign oil majors to attract new investment. With the govern-



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ment unable to pass a necessary energy law, though, those talks are on hold.

Algeria has not seen the kind of violence that followed Sudan’s recent uprising, to say nothing of the horrors in Libya or Syria. But it looks stuck at a difficult impasse. The opposition wants a freely elected government that

does not include the army. The army, which long feared that Mr Bouteflika was trying to sideline it, has power again and does not wish to relinquish it.

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ing the state. The latter part is true: Algerians want to tear down a repressive state that failed to govern well for decades. The general can either go along with them, or go the way of other strongmen.

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FULL HOUSE

The Tutankhamun exhibition in Paris that features the largest number of the Pharaoh's treasures ever to leave Egypt beats a 50-year-old record with nearly 1.3 million visitors. It is one of the most-visited exhibition in French history. The exhibition in the late '60s too was on Tutankhamun.

AROUND TOWN



Food Fare

THE RESTAURANT Tamra, in Delhi's Shangri-La's - Eros Hotel, is hosting a week-long Macanese Food Festival till September 6. The menu has been curated by Executive Chef Neeraj Tyagi, who had travelled to Macao last year. On the table are the iconic Egg custard tarts, Minchi, made with beef but the restaurant offers a soya version for vegetarians, Pork chop buns, which are a street favourite, along with Cantonese-styled dimsums and steaks. "As a UNESCO designated Creative City of Gastronomy, our aim is to bring together the food cultures of east and west. We are excited to present our unique culinary legacy," says Arzan Khambatta, who heads the Macao Government Tourism Office in India.



South of Centre

AT THE festival 'South Side Story' that brings the music, culture and food from Kerala to Delhi in a contemporary yet authentic way, two of the most popular regional indie bands — Agam and Thaikuddam Bridge — will showcase the best of Carnatic progressive rock, along with Onam delicacies. On September 7, 12 noon, at Zorba, MG Road, Ghitorni. Tickets on Bookmyshow.



Finding Oneself

PHOTOGRAPHER ABHISHEK Basu amalgamates two series of works in the show 'Lucid' in which he explores his journey of self. With *Labyrinth*, he presents the intricacies of his mind from a state of being curious, hopelessly lost and fearful to finding meaning, while in *The Rum Diary*, he adopts the tone of a scrapbook. Till September 30, at Art Explore Gallery, 23, Lakeside, Hauz Khas Village.

The Wheelchair as an Actor

Divya Arora plays the titular role in Mahesh Dattani's *Tara* and draws attention to the discrimination against women and specially-abled individuals

DIPANITA NATH

SHE CAN kill with a smile, she can wound with her eyes," croons Billy Joel in the ring-tone of Mumbai-based theatre actor Divya Arora. "I have always liked this song because it helped me become the woman I am. On stage or in life, I always do the main role. I don't like to accept the second place," she says.

For more than 25 years, Arora has played strong-willed women from the wheelchair to which she has been confined since childhood. "No art form should discriminate on the basis of physical ability," she says. This weekend, she takes up one of the iconic protagonists of the stage, Mahesh Dattani's *Tara*, who is also battling physical challenges. Titled, *Tara*, the play has been directed by Sohaila Kapur and will run at the India Habitat Centre in Delhi on September 7 and 8 before travelling to the Royal Opera House in Mumbai in December.

"I feel I have been preparing for Tara all my life," says Arora. The story revolves around conjoined twins, Tara and Chandan, who are separated by surgery as well as patriarchal norms in their family. "Tara is the one who bears the brunt of gender discrimina-

tion. We have a number of funny moments on stage but the play is a deep and disturbing representation of society," says Arora. Dattani, who wrote the story in 1990, says that seeing Arora "was like meeting my creation". "She has the same indomitable spirit, pride and absence of self-pity as Tara," he says.

Arora was two-and-a-half-years-old when she was diagnosed with cerebral palsy but she was a "very, very stubborn girl". "I have a very supportive family and there were no biases," she says. Nobody in her family was in the arts but her father's work ensured that Arora grew up in various countries and was exposed to world culture. In school, Spastic Society of India, she was shy and suffered from microphone phobia. When Arora was first cast in a play, Helen of Troy, she developed high fever out of nervousness. At Lady Shri Ram College, New Delhi, where Arora studied sociology, eminent theatre director Anamika Haksar cast her as Maurya, the matriarch of JM Synge's stark play, *Riders to the Sea*. Arora has worked in a number of



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SOHAILA KAPUR

street and proscenium plays before finding her niche in English-language drama.

"For me, everything is purposeful and so is theatre. Theatre is a resonance of real life. What we see on stage mirrors the world be-



Divya Arora during rehearsals Praveen Khanna; Sohaila Kapur (left)

yond it," she says. She has played diehard romantics in two of her most important productions — *Barefoot in the Park* (2005) and *The Melody of Love* (2010). In *Dr Khanna* (2014), Arora starred opposite Tom Alter as a cheerful psychiatrist who talks of happiness with his rich-and-miserable character. "It does not matter that I am not fully mobile. I make my mind jump around. Everything is about the mind," she says.

Working with Arora challenges directors and co-stars to reimagine the craft of theatre. Kapur mainly worked with Arora's extreme enthusiasm on stage and the fact that she is living for theatre. "This is her biggest passion. She has defied many critical moments in her life. When people thought she was going to slip away, she came through only because of

her love for life and theatre. Hats off to her. It is a psychology of someone who has suffered from birth but has great enthusiasm and talent," says the director. This made up for the fact that Arora lacks the energy required of an actor to add volume to their voice. Or that Tara has a Jaipur foot but can move around unlike Arora.

Kapur, who has known Arora for 13 years, began the play by having long, heart-to-heart conversations about Arora's experiences and emotions. "I explained to her, 'Tara is you, the only difference is that you are a mature woman and Tara is only 16. You have to transpose all that into this young girl's body'. It has to be Divya in Tara. What you see on stage is a mixture of two, the youth is Tara but the character is actually Divya. The resemblance

between the two is uncanny, such as both are suffering from kidney problems and have to undergo repeated surgeries," she says. In the play, the wheelchair becomes an actor. Arora uses it like a body — twists and turns it around at ease and, when angry, moves it away.

Arora's high spirits run through the play as Tara faces lack of awareness in society about specially-abled individuals. "Society can change a name, from *viklang* to *divyang*, but ground realities remain the same. I want to travel with Tara because we want a change in how society views us. I wish there were more Taras in the world," she says.

Tara will be staged at Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre, on September 7 and 8, 7.30 pm. Tickets on Bookmyshow

Be Very Afraid

Actor Rohit Roy on playing a cop, a sleaze and a shrink in the horror play, *Ovee*

DIPANITA NATH

I AM an actor by accident. My foray into films was when I was 21. Theatre is a more recent phenomenon," says Rohit Roy. A famous face on the big and small screens, Roy first acted on stage around 10 years ago in *Unfaithful* with Cyrus Broacha and Perizad Zorabian. This weekend, he leads a star cast in the play, *Ovee*, a horror play, directed by Aniket Patil, about a teenage girl, who has been sent to an orphanage by her paternal uncle after her parents die. Soon, paranormal activities start taking place and she must confront her fears. Excerpts from an interview with Roy:

Why did this play appeal to you?

It is a fabulous story in which every



minute is an edge-of-the seat kind of scene.

Who do you play in the story?

I play three characters — a sleazy uncle, a police officer and a psychiatrist. I have to make sure that the voice modulation, dialogue delivery and body language are different for each.

What are the challenges of working on a horror on stage?

To coordinate with the other actors in tandem with the live special effects on stage is the biggest challenge. It is critical because the lighting has been done keeping in mind the position of actors and the lines are cues to the special effects. Unlike other plays, where one has freedom to move around, *Ovee* requires us to stick to the script.

How do you respond to a live audience?

The actor has to be on his toes throughout because the audience in every region is different. The stage is the final and ultimate validation for an actor.

The play will be staged at Kamani auditorium, Delhi, on September 7 and 8

SNAPSHOT



Words Worth

TEN AUTHORS feature on the longlist of the second edition of the richest award for Indian writing — JCB Prize for Literature — that was announced yesterday in Mumbai. While the inaugural year had five established writers, this year the longlist is dominated by debuts with Roshan Ali for *1b's Endless Search for Satisfaction*, Amrita Mahale for *Milk Teeth*, Mukta Sathe for *A Patchwork Family*, and Madhuri Vijay for *The Far Field*.

In an unusual move, the jury — which was chaired by filmmaker and environmentalist Pradip Krishen — considered Perumal Murugan's twin sequels to *One Part Woman* — *Trial by Silence* and *Lonely Harvest* — translated from Tamil by Aniruddhan Vasudevan, as one on the list. Another translation that accompanies it is Bengali writer Manoranjan Byapari's *There's Gunpowder in the Air*, translated by Arunava Sinha.

It also includes Chief Editor, *The Indian Express*, Raj Kamal Jha's latest novel *The City and the Sea* that cleaves open India's tragedy of violence against women, along with Hansda Sowvendra Shekhar's *My Father's Garden* that tells the story of a young doctor negotiating love and sexuality. Malayalam writer Paul Zacharia and Sharanya Manivannan have also made the cut for their first

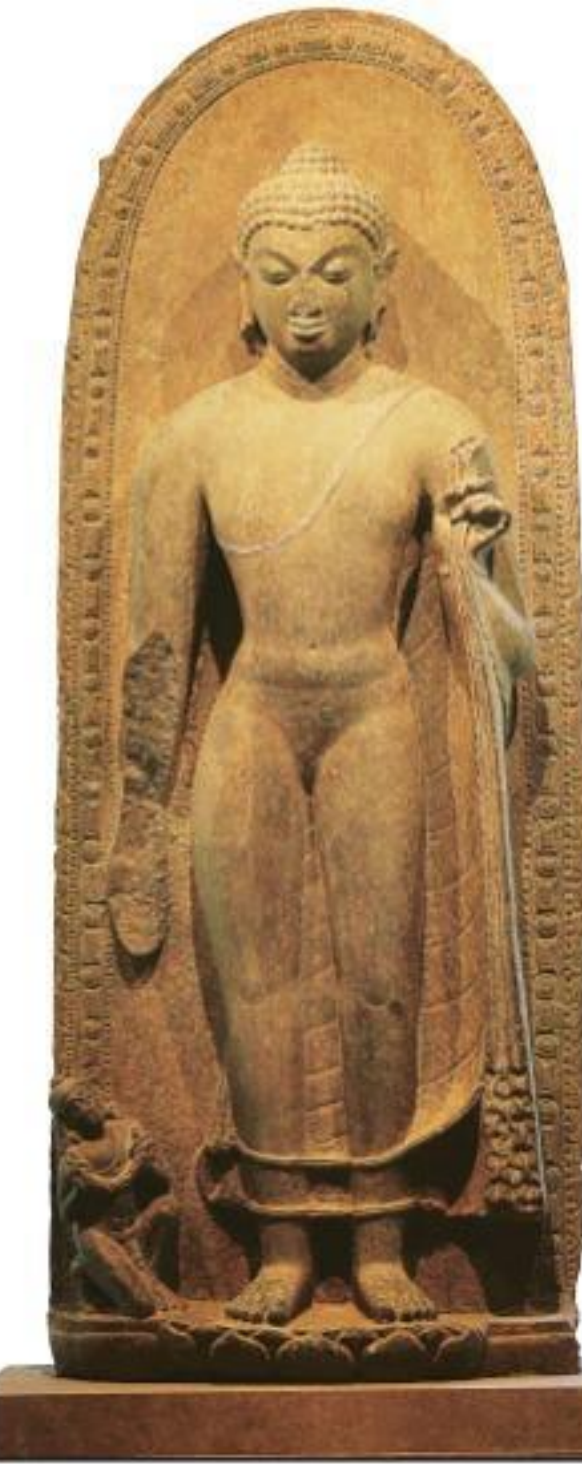
English novels — *A Secret History of Compassion* and *The Queen of Jasmine Country*, respectively.

"The longlist we have chosen is varied, but all these books do what great fiction should: they take risks, they make arguments — and they touch a magic chord, one that keeps thrumming in your head and heart long after you've put the book away. It's impossible to generalise about these ten books. Indian fiction today is a richly bewildering category, and this longlist is correspondingly varied and complex. These are novels about working-class struggles and upper-class unease, historical evocations and contemporary conflicts, each written in an absolutely distinctive voice," says Krishen, who along with authors Anjum Hasan, KR Meera, Parvati Sharma, and economist Arvind Subramanian, made the jury.

The shortlist for the prize, which is funded by the construction manufacturing group JCB, will be announced on October 4 and the final winner on November 2, in Delhi. A prize money of Rs 25 lakh is awarded to the winner, with an additional Rs 10 lakh for the translator. Last year, Benyamin won the prize for *Jasmine Days* that was translated from Malayalam by Shahnaz Habib.

The Secret Lives of Antiquities

Exhibits at a new gallery in Delhi's Purana Qila tell stories of their solitary journeys



DIVYAA

LAST WEEK, Gallery of Confiscated and Retrieved Antiquities at Delhi's Purana Qila opened its doors to visitors. Curated by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), the gallery is located in one of the arched cells at the fort and displays as many as 190 antiques that were stolen from India and have now been recovered. The exhibit also sensitises visitors about the illegal trade of precious heritage artefacts and the process of receiving them. The gallery has two parallel narratives — one, establishing the importance of these artworks, laws governing heritage and the theft and trafficking of these items, and the other is the display, which ranges from 2nd century to 19th century stone and metal sculptures, coins, paintings, terracotta, ivory and copper artefacts, and architectural panels. A look at some of the iconic exhibits, how we lost them, and how we brought them home:

STANDING BUDDHA 6TH-7TH CENTURY — EAST INDIA

The Buddha is seen holding a garment (*snaghati*) in his raised left hand while the other hand is probably in *varadamudra*. *Standing Buddha*, originally from Bodhi Gaya Math Compound in Bihar, was reported missing by former ASI Director-General Debala Mitra. It was later found displayed at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. After an inquiry, the Met Museum returned the work in March 1999.

SRIDEVI 12TH-13TH CENTURY — TAMIL NADU

The Chola bronze image of *Sridevi* is in a *tribhanga* pose holding probably a lotus stem in her raised left hand. She wears a high crown,



bangles, earrings, necklace, anklets and a breast band. The sculpture, smuggled out of India by notorious antiquity dealer Subhash Kapoor, was seized by the US Homeland Securities in New York and returned to India in June 2016.

BRAHMA-BRAHMANI 14TH-15TH CENTURY — WEST INDIA

The marble sculpture was stolen from an open air museum at Rani Ki Vav in Patan, Gujarat, in November 2001. The discovery of the theft came to light in 2012 when a strikingly similar image of the sculpture appeared on an illustrated advertisement by London-based antique dealer Jeremy Knowles. The issue was examined by the ASI, which concluded that the *Brahma-Brahmani* stolen from Patan and the image on the advertisement was the same. India got back the work after 15 years, when the then UK High



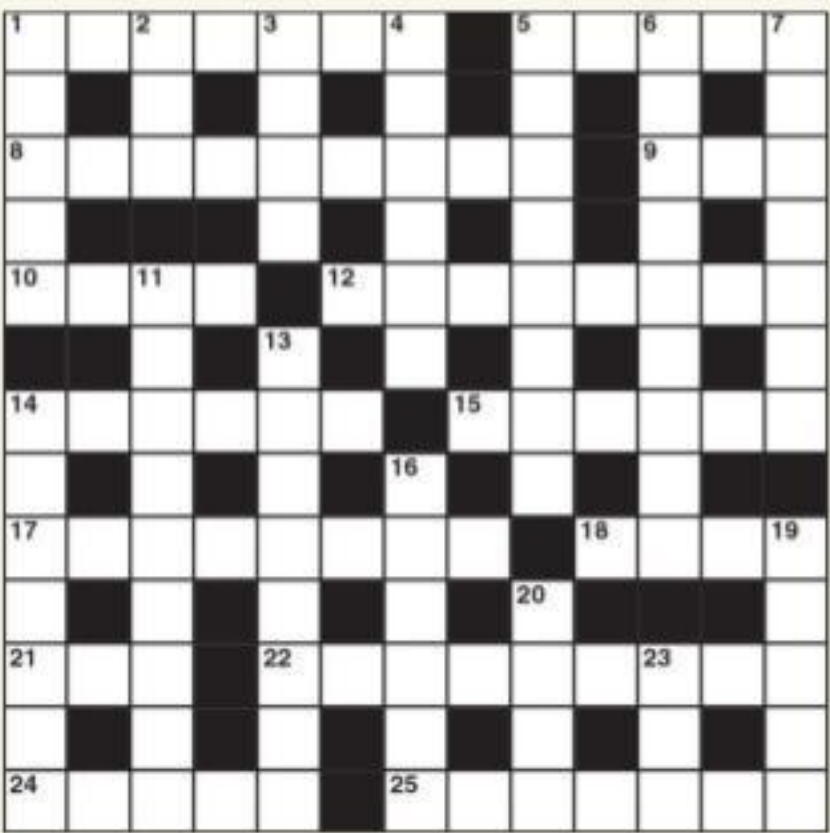
(From far right) A retrieved sculpture at the gallery in Purana Qila; the Chola bronze, *Sridevi*; the *Standing Buddha* statue Praveen Khanna

Commissioner Navtej Sarna took its possession from London-based Art Loss Register.

MITHUNAS 1ST CENTURY — RAJASTHAN

The two amorous *Mithuna* sculptures from Atru, near Kota in Rajasthan, were stolen from the ruins of a Vishnu temple built in 965-70 BC. One of these sculptures was found to be illustrated through an advertisement in the Hong Kong-based journal, *Arts of Asia* (March-April 2010). A French national, Michel Postel, on seeing the advertisement, met Indian Ambassador to France, Rajan Mathai, and requested him to follow up with the officials in the UK. Interpol then issued an alert when the sculpture was supposed to move from London to New York. Homeland Securities seized the work in April 2010, while the second sculpture was seized in July the same year.

CROSSWORD 3902



- ACROSS**
- Party bill put out - it's about time (7)
 - The capital gets poor return in this company (5)
 - Indication of what's to come of a street riot (9)
 - Look at the middle of a cyclone (3)
 - Pulls leg round chest (4)
 - Hands and feet, for example (8)
 - Traces wrongly directed supplies (6)
 - Make a mistake and run for it (6)
 - Activity that makes oxen tire (8)
 - Have little hesitation leaving the angel fish (4)
 - Sign of nerves in critical situation (3)
 - They ask questions of pitmen after cut-back (9)
 - They may be raised if he's taking in work (5)
 - The paper shows I done it ungrammatically! (7)
- DOWN**
- He's unable to serve any longer (5)
 - A prohibition for the legal profession (3)
 - Go off with a list (4)
 - Groups of pupils with no head girls (6)
 - Silver went after gold in this island (8)
 - Go too far across a stretch of water (9)
 - How the iron was put into service? (7)
 - Two articles from a picnic basket found in the meadow (9)
 - Things one eats or wastes (8)
 - The ache so placed is naturally spotted (7)
 - The vessel takes a long time to make soup (6)
 - North America's biggest meat producer (5)
 - Female wear that wasn't long in fashion (4)
 - Old priest among the Israelites (3)

Solutions Crossword 3901: Across: 1 Employed, 5 Over, 9 Greed, 10 Myrtles, 11 Desert island, 13 Astute, 14 Head-on, 17 No time to lose, 20 Hairnet, 21 Nobel, 22 Pole, 23 Chastens. Down: 1 Edgy, 2 Present, 3 Old Testament, 4 Ennity, 6 Villa, 7 Resident, 8 Crossed lines, 12 Pawnshop, 15 Disable, 16 Stitch, 18 Trail, 19 Alas.

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. The poetry of the ___ is never ___ - John Keats (5,...4)

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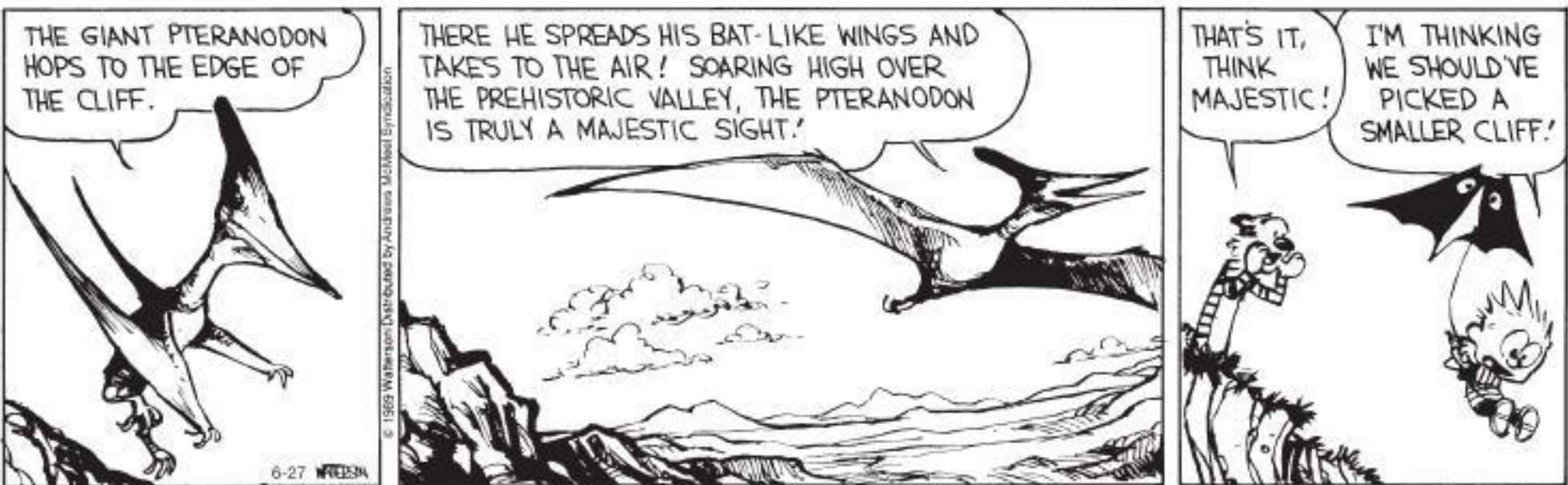
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SOLUTION: EVADE, CHARD, EMOTED, SHODDY
Answer: The poetry of the earth is never dead - John Keats

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



SUDOKU 3960

Difficulty Level 5s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

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	4				3			
1	6			8				
		7				5		
				4			7	6
			1				2	
			9	6			4	5
						7	3	

SOLUTION SUDOKU 3959

7	8	2	3	4	9	5	1	6
6	5	4	8	2	1	9	7	3
3	9	1	5	6	7	8	2	4
1	4	8	6	5	3	2	9	7
2	7	9	1	8	4	6	3	5
5	6	3	7	9	2	4	8	1
9	1	6	4	3	8	7	5	2
4	2	7	9	1	5	3	6	8
8	3	5	2	7	6	1	4	9

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

- ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**
The atmosphere remains businesslike, if anything even more so than yesterday, just as long as you don't get confused over matters of principle. You will have little choice but to accept that authority must be respected and tradition observed. Within this conservative context you may still maintain adventurous goals.
- TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)**
You still seem to be caught up in conflicting circumstances. A financial irritation refuses to go away but, if you can possibly focus on higher things, you will achieve deep satisfaction and realise that ultimately spiritual growth is more important than money.
- GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)**
Your deeply-held personal beliefs are about to be challenged, but you probably know that it takes a lot to make you change your mind. However, if you decide to be more flexible than usual, you could succeed where last time you failed and attract people who once ignored you.
- CANCER (June 22 - July 23)**
You're raring to go, convinced that you've got it right, and if you haven't already got the bit between your teeth, you soon will. The trouble is, though, that while there are pressures driving you to be busier than usual, you find it hard to pin down exactly what needs doing.
- LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)**
How far can you go? That is the question of the moment. Perhaps another way to put it might be - how big a risk are you prepared to take? You're in a gambling mood and this, combined with a note of realism, suggests that you could come out on top.
- VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)**
Time marches on, and family and domestic affairs are now dominant. The entire web of relationships with everyone you've known since birth will begin to impinge on your consciousness, colouring the way you express your emotions and arrange your private affairs.
- LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)**
You're broadening your horizons, which is definitely a good thing. But just a word to those of you planning adventurous activities such as overseas journeys and explorations: delays are due to continue for another six weeks but are not insurmountable. All of you should take it slowly and give yourselves plenty of time.
- SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)**
You've got to get your proper priorities sorted out. Extravagant commitments are one thing, businesslike discussions another. Family members, people you live with and anyone with whom you're emotionally involved, will need to know your intentions.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)**
You may have been caught up short, perhaps by realising just how much you have taken on. Actually, about a third of the members of your sign have a deep and highly impressive practical streak which most astrologers ignore. So, you should now be on safe ground.
- CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)**
Try not to take major decisions on the basis of too hopeful a picture of things to come. Instinctively you're on the right track but, as soon as you stop to think, you may lose the thread. There is every chance of a major offer, but it could have a surprising twist in its tail.
- AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)**
You won't be prepared to give anything away today, no doubt for your own very good reasons. The one central problem seems to be an uncharacteristic lack of confidence, but it should pass quite quickly. Major material pressures will likewise be temporary.
- PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**
Difficult personal or romantic issues are your bread and butter. Where would you be without emotional excitement? However, you must avoid dumping your feelings on colleagues or relatives, otherwise you'll get the wrong end of the stick and they'll get the hump.

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E-Tenders are invited for & on behalf of the President of India for the supply of following items:- S.No.: 1, Tender No.: 09191113, Due Date: 09.10.2019, Description: Brush Assembly Movable contact Drg No. 9536539 Alt-Nil, (PL No. 18420126), Quantity: 101 No., S.No.: 2, Tender No.: 09191126, Due Date: 09.10.2019, Description: Circuit Breaker-15A, Drawing no. 40087301 Alt-Ba, (Part No. 18310618), Quantity: 126 No., S.No.: 3, Tender No.: 09191131, Due Date: 09.10.2019, Description: Circuit Breaker with Aux. Switch-90 Amp, Ref. Chart Drg no. 40073928 Alt-Bb, Drg. no. 40072354 Alt-B, (PL No. 18310217), Quantity: 73 No., S.No.: 4, Tender No.: 09191129, Due Date: 10.10.2019, Description: CKT. Breaker-15 AMP Cab Fan Micro AIR B, Drawing no. 8458739 Alt-Ca, (PL No. 18310333), Quantity: 132 No., S.No.: 5, Tender No.: 09191133, Due Date: 10.10.2019, Description: Circuit Breaker Comp. Control 15 Amps, Drawing no. 40050140 Alt-a, (PL No. 18310096), Quantity: 66 No., S.No.: 6, Tender No.: 09191130, Due Date: 11.10.2019, Description: CKT. Breaker Fuel Pump Turbo Light 30 A, Drawing no. 8458724 Alt-Ca, (PL No. 18310229), Quantity: 154 No., S.No.: 7, Tender No.: 09191025, Due Date: 11.10.2019, Description: Circuit Breaker with Aux. Switch-30 Amp, Ref. Chart Drg no. 40073928 Alt-Bb, Drawing no. 40083994, (PL No. 18310679), Quantity: 69 No., S.No.: 8, Tender No.: 09191015, Due Date: 11.10.2019, Description: Ckt. Breaker Control 40 Amps, drawing no. 40037995 Alt-Aa, (Part No. 18310254), Quantity: 137 No., S.No.: 9, Tender No.: 09191016, Due Date: 14.10.2019, Description: CKT. Breaker TCC1, TCC2 10 AMPS, Drawing no. 40054194 Alt-a, (PL No. 18310266), Quantity: 138 No., S.No.: 10, Tender No.: 09191017A, Due Date: 14.10.2019, Description: CKT Breaker 15 Amps, Drawing no. 40054796 Alt-a, (PL No. 18310278), Quantity: 56 No., S.No.: 11, Tender No.: 09191008, Due Date: 14.10.2019, Description: CKT Breaker Local control 30 AMPS, Drawing no. 40037997 Alt-Aa, (Part No. 18310242), Quantity: 85 No., S.No.: 12, Tender No.: 09191014, Due Date: 15.10.2019, Description: Circuit Breaker Head Light 35 Amp, Drawing no. 8458726 Alt-Aa, (PL No. 18310230), Quantity: 102 No., S.No.: 13, Tender No.: 09191020, Due Date: 15.10.2019, Description: CKT Breaker Aux. Generator FB 10 Amp, Drawing no. 9322826 Alt-Aa, (PL No. 18310308), Quantity: 71 No., S.No.: 14, Tender No.: 09191021, Due Date: 15.10.2019, Description: Circuit Breaker-3A R/C SN. 1983 Drawing no. 8458735 Alt-Aa, (PL No. 18310301), Quantity: 102 No. No.GT/T/NOTICE/IREPS/2019-20/43, Date: 03.09.2019, S.No.: 1, Tender No.: 10191207, Due Date: 09.10.2019, Items and Part No.: Gasket to PL No. 16170234, Quantity: 611 Nos., S.No.: 2, Tender No.: 10191171, Due Date: 09.10.2019, Items and Part No.: Seal Ring to PL No. 16170362, Quantity: 562 Nos., S.No.: 3, Tender No.: 10191223, Due Date: 09.10.2019, Items and Part No.: Spring to PL No. 16160241, Quantity: 88 Nos., S.No.: 4, Tender No.: 10191205, Due Date: 09.10.2019, Items and Part No.: Gasket to PL No. 16171070, Quantity: 148 Nos., S.No.: 5, Tender No.: 10191079, Due Date: 09.10.2019, Items and Part No.: Gasket to PL No. 16170520, Quantity: 233 Nos. Note: For complete details of EMD and downloading of Tender Documents, please visit Website: www.ireps.gov.in. PRO/DLW/S-67 Controller of Stores

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SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that one female namely Bimla Halder, W/o Sh. Panchanand Halder, R/o: G-843, Jahangir Puri, Delhi, Age: 95 years, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Thin, Wearing: Light Blue Blouse and Light Print White Saree, has been missing since 14.08.2019. In this regard a case vides

DD No. 129A, dated 15.08.2019 has been registered at P.S. Jahangir Puri, New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the female but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

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(2) NIT No. RITES/BLR/OT/44/2019 Date 03.09.2019, Construction of Hostel building for Government Polytechnic College at Harohalli under SCP/TSP and Workshop block for Government Polytechnic College at Harohalli in Ramanagara District and Sira in Karnataka under NABARAD RIDF-23 for DTE . Est. Cost is Rs.512.13 Lakhs (Approx.). EMD Rs. 5.12 Lakhs, Period of completion 18 months, Last date and time of submission of bid 24.09.2019 upto 11.00 hrs.

(3) NIT No. RITES/BLR/OT/45/2019 Date 03.09.2019, Construction of Workshop block for Government Polytechnic College at Honnali and Chennagiri in Davanagere District in Karnataka under NABARAD RIDF-23 for DTE, Est. Cost is Rs.454.18 Lakhs (Approx.). EMD Rs. 4.54 Lakhs, Period of completion 18 months, Last date and time of submission of bid 25.09.2019 upto 11.00 hrs.

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://etenders.gov.in>/eprocure/app. Addendum / Corrigendum, if any, shall be hosted online only.

Sd/- General Manager (C)
RITES Ltd.
For and on behalf of DTE, Bengaluru.

North Eastern Railway

Tender Notice

Works Manager/Plant for Chief Workshop Manager, N.E. Railway, Mechanical Workshop, Gorakhpur for and on behalf of President of India invites open tenders through on line (E-Tendering) for the following work.

S.No.: 1, E-Tender Notice No & Name of the work : IREPS Tender No. 03-MWS-GKP-2019-20, Over Head Horizontal Liffeline system with Accessories in Paint Shop for Line No. 1 & 2 in Mechanical Workshop Gorakhpur. Estimated cost (in ₹) : 1121384/-, Earnest Money (in ₹) : 22400/-, Last date of tender submission : Upto 15.15 hrs, Date 03.10.2019, Cost of the Tender forms : ₹ 2000/-, Period of Contract : 04 Months.

The details of above tender are also available on Indian Railway website www.ireps.gov.in.

Works Manager/Plant/ Chief Workshop Manager/Gorakhpur
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Selection of Third Party Auditor (TPA) Agency under Jharkhand State Wide Area Network 2.0 (JharNet 2.0)

Tender Reference No.: JAP IT/JharNet 2.0/RFP-TPA/01/2019.

Jharkhand Agency for Promotion of Information Technology (JAP IT), on behalf of Department of Information Technology and e-Governance, Government of Jharkhand invites responses from reputed and experienced firms/companies on the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the purpose of "Selection of Third Party Auditor (TPA) Agency under Jharkhand State Wide Area Network 2.0 (JharNet 2.0)" in the State of Jharkhand.

Interested participants may download the RFP document from the Portal www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in from 05/09/2019.

Key events for this tender are as under:

Event	Description
Date of publishing of the Tender	05-09-2019
Last Date & Time to send queries for Clarifications on the tender document	19-09-2019 till 01.00 PM
Date and Time for Pre- Bid Meeting	23-09-2019 at 03.30 PM
Last Date and Time for submission of bids	03-10-2019 at 03.00 PM
Opening of Technical bids	04-10-2019 at 04.00 PM
Date of Presentation	To be notified later to the qualified bidders
Opening of Commercial bids	To be notified later to the qualified bidders
Issue of Letter of Intent	To be intimated to the successful bidder

The address for correspondence for the purpose of this RFP is:
Chief Executive Officer,
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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE
No. 324/2019/Coml./BKN
The Divisional Rail Manager (Coml.), North Western Railway, DRM Office, Bikaner for and on behalf of the President of India, invites tenders on 10.10.2019 from the REGISTERED LEASE HOLDERS OF BIKANER DIVISION for leasing of 3.9 tonne in (LHB rake) space of FSLR-Is compartment in train no. 12556 ex HSR-GKP for a period of five years from the date of commencement of contract work. There will be no escalation in first three years in lumpsum leased freight. An annual escalation of lumpsum leased freight at the rate of 10% per annum on the lumpsum leased freight of the immediate preceding year shall be applicable from the fourth year onwards. 1. Name of the work with its location : Leasing of (LHB rake) 3.9 tonne space in train no. 12556 ex HSR-GKP over Bikaner Division 2. Approximate cost of the work : Rs. 15,690/- per trip. 3. Earnest money to be deposited : Rs. 1,00,000/- 4. Date and Time for submission of tender and opening of tender : 1. Submission of tender on 10.10.2019 upto 15:00 hrs 2. Opening of tender on 10.10.2019 at 15:30 hrs 5. Website particulars, notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.: 1. From railway website www.nwr.indianrailways.gov.in 2. From DRM Office, Commercial Branch, Bikaner. In case on date of opening of tender is declared as holiday, the tender will be opened on the next working day at the same time.

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DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN, CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY
DC OFFICE, LATEHAR

Reverse Auction Procurement Notice

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Sl. No.	Description	
1	NAME OF THE PURCHASER	Deputy Commissioner, Latehar
2	DATE OF PUBLICATION OF NOTICE ON DISTRICT WEBSITE AND IN LEADING NEWSPAPER	04.09.2019
3	DATE OF THE PRE-BID MEETING AT THE DISTRICT COLLECTORATE, LATEHAR	07.09.2019- 12:00 PM
4	LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF HARD COPY OF THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL IN A SEALED ENVELOPE BY SPEED POST/COURIER AT NEML OFFICE, RANCHI	16.09.2019- 02:00 PM
5	2 SAMPLE BLANKET SUBMISSION AT DISTRICT COLLECTORATE, SOCIAL SECURITY CELL, LATEHAR	16.09.2019- 02:00 PM
6	MEETING OF THE LOCAL PURCHASE COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, LATEHAR AT ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, SOCIAL SECURITY CELL, LATEHAR	19.09.2019- 12:00 PM
5	LAST DATE FOR REGISTRATION OF THE TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED SUPPLIERS/BIDDERS BY NCDEX e-MARKETS LIMITED (NEML)	19.09.2019-06:00 PM
6	LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF EMD IN NeML ESCROW BANK ACCOUNT	23.09.2019- 06:00 PM
7	REVERSE E-AUCTION BIDDING ON NEML PLATFORM	24.09.2019
8	QUANTITY (UNITS)	25000
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Deputy Commissioner
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Spot India’s biggest match-winner (it isn’t Kohli)

In Tests, no matter how many runs batsmen accumulate, it boils down to bowlers’ ability to take 20 wickets. India have that attack now, with Bumrah in their arsenal



EXPRESS IN WEST INDIES

SANDEEP D

KINGSTON, SEPTEMBER 4

THERE’S AN inter-island duel of the late 1970s that’s etched in Caribbean folklore. A Shield encounter between Leeward Islands and Barbados in 1978, wherein half of the West Indies pace quartet, plus a robust young quick, faced off against Viv Richards at his swaggering peak. Richards made 12 and 3, and noted commentator Joseph ‘Reds’ Perreira recounts that the bowlers were so “ruthless that the great batsman struggled to put the bat on the ball”.

“He tried to counter-attack but simply couldn’t. It was one of the most hostile bowling performances I have seen in Caribbean domestic cricket,” Perreira, 80, says.

Two of the bowlers he faced were teammates — Joel Garner and Colin Croft. The third would join them soon, the most cunning and deadliest of them all, Malcolm Marshall. When all of them were not playing, they still had fearsome bowlers like Sylvester Clarke and Wayne Daniel. Proof of their menace was Richards’s aggregate of 20.38 against the bitter rivals.

Richards struggles to recollect the aforementioned match but admits he struggled more against some of his own bowlers than against adversaries in international cricket. “You know these guys, when they were bowling at full tilt, were incredibly difficult to face. I sometimes felt sorry for the opposition batsmen, and have thanked my stars that I don’t have to face them,” he says.

It’s with similar awe of the bowler and pity for batsmen that Virat Kohli speaks of Jasprit Bumrah, the sparkling jewel in his crown. “As a batsman standing in slips, you can feel for the batsman who’s playing him. We are lucky to have him in our team, and not the opposition,” he says.

Then clearing his throat, Kohli proclaims: “He’s the most complete bowler in the world.”

While it’s debatable, most batsmen who have faced Bumrah would concur. The debates and discussions, henceforth, are no longer about whether or not he is currently the best bowler in the world; they are about whether he might even be the best fast bowler India has ever produced, whether we are watching the grand narrative of India’s biggest match-winner in Tests unfold.

The qualifier ‘in Tests’ in the statement above is primarily because the shorter versions are intrinsically batsmen’s games. You have to outscore the opponents than out-bowl them. Undoubtedly, Bumrah is skilled at limited-over games — it’s through his IPL impact that he sprung into national consciousness — but in the shorter versions, he has to work within the framework of the format.

In Tests, then, one and a half years after his debut in South Africa, he seems on his way to eclipse the compilation of legendary batsmen, the ceaseless production line of masterful spinners, or the great all-rounder Kapil Dev. Bumrah, obviously, doesn’t have the body of work. Comparisons, thus, will be skewed and hazy. The sample size is too small, but greatness doesn’t require the certification of time to shower itself on rare sporting talents. Like Sachin Tendulkar, Roger Federer or Lionel Messi.

The sheer skill-set is incredible — he bowls at rapid pace, can hurl bouncers with as much felicity as yorkers, depending on mood and conditions, can bowl in-swingers and out-swingers, rip in cross-seam cutters, slower balls, and is by his admission working on “a lot of deliveries”. He transcends climes — heat and humidity, chill and breeze — pitch conditions — green-tops, shirtfronts or turners — is skilled at harnessing deviation with the hand-stitched Duke and machine-wound Kookaburra. He straddles formats — he’s a beast in each.

In 12 Tests, he has already set the world afire, nabbed five-fors in every country he has toured, taken important wickets, logged in long shifts under the scorching sun and operated in small bursts. He is already appreciated by legendary fast bowlers and feared by contemporary batsmen. He has made himself an object of not just curiosity but inquisition for scientists.

So much so that it’s hard to believe that Bumrah is just 12 matches into his Test ca-



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reer. His record-setting sequences are quantum leaps, in the truest sense of the term: a shift from one state to another, without passing through the conventional intermediate stages. The more he’s playing the more involved he’s getting, controlling the game as well as killing it, enticing then withdrawing, probing before striking, each delivery a mini-battle. Every time there is a question raised, a challenge presented, he answers it resoundingly. The company and control of Mohammed Shami and Ishant Sharma is vital but it is also, in part, owed to him. Then there are the intangible sensations: the control, the speed, the vision, the simplicity, the sheer, jaw-dropping ridiculousness of it. The relentlessness of his brilliance; he has made the incredible routine.

Capricious as sport is, there are no guarantees that he will fulfil his potential — injuries and loss of form could kick in as his career progresses, he will get older too. But for now, the promise and potential Bumrah exudes is as intoxicating as it’s exhilarating. Kohli would vouch.



It must have been a bowler who declared that “bowlers win matches; batsmen save them” in an attempt to attach a bit more glam to a sweat-soaked vocation. There is, of course, more than a grain of truth there. At Test level, there is no victory without the capture of 20 wickets.

Andy Roberts corrects it: “It’s fast bowlers who win matches.” All great sides in the history of the game had terrific fast bowlers. Donald Bradman had Ray Lindwall, Keith Miller and Bill Johnston. Steve Waugh had Glenn McGrath, Jason Gillespie and Brett Lee. The edifice of world-beating sides is constructed on the sweat and skill of their fast bowlers. Chalk off any of these names from the team list and the invulnerability diminishes instantly.

For instance, when did West Indies start winning matches? Not merely when they had Richards, Alvin Kallicharran and Clive Lloyd amidst the ranks, but when they assembled the pace-bowling quartet. They had different avatars, but the endeavour was the same, raze the adversaries with spine-chilling pace and aggressive bowling. The inflection point is the record India conjured in Port of Spain, where the visiting batsmen had put runs on the board and the team was stacked with three spinners to defend 403 in the fourth innings.

In his book, *Cricket Revolution*, Bob Willis explains that the loss in Trinidad was when

had listened to.

His sombre voice suddenly bursts into raving excitement as he re-enacts his 15-year-old day-dreaming self. “It’s Puskas with the ball on the left flank, he has Koscis to his right, Lorant overlaps. Puskas to Koscis, who zips a curler to the far post. But the German keeper Turek fists it away. Oh what a chance!”

Now, as then, it’s as if he can see all that action unfold right in front of his eyes.

“No, I have never seen that match live. Just listened to the commentary once. My memory was God’s way of redressing the disability he gave me,” he says. The disability Perreira is referring to is stammering. How he overcame it and became one of the most distinguished sports commentators — the second Test be-

Gun bowler

Jasprit Bumrah is yet to play a Test at home but has excelled in his nascent career overseas by providing vital breakthroughs.



IN SOUTH AFRICA

M	Wkts	BBi	BBM	Ave	Eco	SR	SWI
3	14	5/54	7/111	25.21	3.14	48	1

Stunning the Proteas

On a minefield of a pitch in Johannesburg, India were bowled for 187, but Bumrah prevented the hosts from taking a significant first innings lead by scalping Faf du Plessis, Quinton de Kock and the resolute Hashim Amla. In the fourth innings of the Test, Bumrah intervened with the key wickets of AB de Villiers and de Kock to give India a consolation win.

IN ENGLAND

M	Wkts	BBi	BBM	Ave	Eco	SR	SWI
3	14	5/85	7/122	25.9	2.72	57.1	1

Back with a bang

India missed Bumrah’s services as he was injured when they went 0-2 down. But he bowled the team to victory in the third Test Nottingham with a five-for haul in the fourth innings as he ran through the England middle order.

Overall Test record							
M	Wkts	BBi	BBM	Ave	Eco	SR	SWI
12	62	6/27	9/86	19.24	2.64	43.7	5

IN AUSTRALIA

M	Wkts	BBi	BBM	Ave	Eco	SR	SWI
4	21	6/33	9/86	17.00	2.27	44.9	1

Slower ball to die for

The slower ball to nail Shaun Marsh in front of his stumps in the first innings of the third Test in Melbourne was a thing of beauty. The bouncer to induce a top-edged hook from Marcus Harris and the fast one that homed in on Travis Head’s stumps from around the wicket were testament to the immense variety in Bumrah’s bowling as he collected a six-wicket haul.

IN WEST INDIES

M	Wkts	BBi	BBM	Ave	Eco	SR	SWI
2	13	6/27	7/58	9.23	2.44	22.6	2

Four bowled, one caught

Bumrah took 5/7 in 8 overs in the fourth innings in Antigua. All but one of those dismissals were bowled. Some of the balls went through the gap between bat and pad while others beat the willow on the outside to hit off-stump.



Lloyd’s ‘nuclear warheads’ were launched. “When the West Indies were humiliated in Trinidad, Clive Lloyd went to Clyde Walcott and hatched this plan. He said that on any surface anywhere in the world, he was better off with four fast bowlers. I have always thought that that was when his nuclear warheads were launched.” For decades, they waged cricket’s equivalent of a nuclear war.

Explains Roberts: “West Indies didn’t always have good batsmen, but the bowlers compensated for it. Even when we had Lloyd and Richards, it’s we who won the games, taking 20 wickets.”

Similarly, no matter how many runs Kohli and Cheteshwar Pujara could accumulate, it boils down to the bowlers’ ability to blast out 20 wickets. In essence, bowlers are the centre of Test cricket’s universe. In India’s case, Bumrah. Not that batsmen are peripheral, you need them to pile totals, but it’s the bowlers who deliver the knockout punch. While Kohli could be the Richards of this team, Bumrah could be the Marshall with the rest rallying around him.

Mohammad Azharuddin and Sachin Tendulkar never tasted wins outside Asia as captains. The tally improved during the reign of Sourav Ganguly, Rahul Dravid, Anil Kumble and MS Dhoni because they began producing fast bowlers; they had Zaheer Khan plus a brigade of pacers that checked in and checked out. Armed with this ammo, Kohli has already become India’s most successful away skipper — his record in SENA countries (South Africa, England, New Zealand and Australia) with Bumrah in the XI is a competitive 4-5. To tweak the old aphorism, a captain is not as good as the team, but as good as his bowlers. And we know how good Bumrah is.

In a way, this is a cricket’s version of the Great Man Theory, the concept that human history is changed by individuals doing things, not by wider structural forces. And Bumrah is on his way to changing not just history but the trajectory too. From a batsmen-obsessed country, India could wake up to the thrills of fast bowling. They already have.



Bumrah is too polite and self-effacing for a speedster, as far as archetypes go. “I’m still new to the game, learning new stuff from everyone. They are all more experienced than I’m,” he says, a day after notching up a hat-trick to cap off a fiery spell.

Only that some of his colleagues would disagree. Late last year, Ishant had said in

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VIRAT KOHLI

ON JASPRIT BUMRAH

Melbourne: “Bumrah came fully formed. He has nothing more to learn.”

What Ishant implied was that Bumrah’s more evolved than most other wet-behind-the-ears seamers of his age. Ishant could relate to himself — as he laboured for years to become the bowler he is. When he burst forth, he couldn’t make the ball move off the seam or make it hold the line as he does now. There was full-length reluctance like Javagal Srinath.

Shami took time to banish his scattergun reputation, Umesh Yadav is still striving. Zaheer realigned his action, Srinath took ages to develop the out-swing.

The last bowler who resembled the real deal was S Sreesanth, whose temperament neutered his talent. Kapil never had Bumrah’s unnerving pace while Bumrah could swing the ball both ways.

Still, Bumrah is so fully devoted to his craft that he believes he has more to learn. Test cricket requires such dedication to fitness and a craving for perfection. In England, he was keenly observing Stuart Broad and James Anderson go about the business. There’s clarity in what he wants and how he can achieve that. He is as level-headed as he’s clear-headed.

“In England, when I was not playing, I was bowling in the nets, I was keeping an eye on what was happening. So try to copy that in the nets. I always try to learn, I always try to ask questions. I try and keep an eye on the opposition as well, what is working for them, maybe try and learn from them. Do your research, do your homework, keep an eye on the lengths of the different grounds and different players, what they do,” he outlined the essence of his approach during a press conference in Adelaide.

These are qualities that have convinced Kohli his gun bowler is en route to scaling greatness. And in him, ingrained with the potential to be India’s biggest match-winner in Tests, Kohli sees the shimmering crown of the World Test Championship. Finally, Indian cricket has its nuclear warhead.

Reds Perreira: Commentator who overcame stammering to become voice of WI cricket

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KINGSTON, SEPTEMBER 4

LYING ON his mother’s lap at his ancestral home in Georgetown, a depressed Joseph “Reds” Perreira would drift into a world of fantasies. He would imagine himself at the Wankdorf Stadium in Bern commenting on the Miracle of Bern — the 1954 World Cup final between West Germany and Hungary — reproducing the exact words of the commentary he



REDS PERREIRA



Spoiler alert: Qatar 2022 a bridge too far

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FOR SOME, it is the beginning of a cycle brimming with aspiration and excitement. For India, it is a brutal and ritualistic reminder of the hopelessness they are mired in. A Nolan-esque take on lucid dreaming.

Starting Thursday, 40 Asian teams will compete for the four direct, and one playoff, spots for the 2022 World Cup. India are one of them. Beginning with a clean slate, as equals — even if it's just for a day — with a new-look team, under a coach with World Cup pedigree.

But Qatar 2022, it's safe to concede, remains a goal way beyond India's reach. The more realistic target would be the 2023 Asian Cup as these qualifiers also provide an opportunity to seal a spot for the continental championship.

The next nine months, though, will be a throwback to the same shortcomings that have defined India's previous campaigns — a frustrating reminder of the country's refusal to learn. In that sense, India's qualifying campaign seems doomed even before it gets going. Yet, there is a lot to look forward to as well, if qualifying for the Asian Cup is the realistic target. And Oman, India's first opponents, will be a good reference point.

Four years ago, India's failed attempt to qualify for the 2018 World Cup began against the same team. That match, played on a pleasant Bangalore evening, was an exhibition in bravado by a stubborn, but under-skilled, India who fielded five debutants. Sunil Chhetri's left-foot curler to beat Ali al-Habsi was the highlight in the 2-1 defeat to a more technical and physical opponent.

That — the goal and the match — remained a high point of a campaign that was one of the worst even by the country's woeful standards. India have done well to recover from those forgetful 18-odd months. As the two sides meet again in Guwahati, in the same competition and at the same stage, the hosts will feel a little more confident than ever before of stealing a point at least against their much-fancied opponents, if not all three.

Semblance of style

One of the most noticeable changes in the team since then is that there is a semblance of style now in the manner in which they play. For a long time, India - and Indians - have had futile debates over how the national team should play. To borrow the words of former Bulgarian international Dimitar Berbatov, who was describing David James's philosophy at Kerala Blasters, India just 'chipped the ball to the striker's chest and took it from there.'

Of late, however, they have developed a distinct style. At the Asian Cup and a couple of tournaments since then - the King's Cup in Thailand and the Intercontinental Cup - India have troubled teams when they managed to exploit the pace on the wings, been swift during turnovers and quick in the inter-play between wingers and forwards.

That style, enforced by Stephen Constantine, came as a revelation to many during the Asian Cup, where they stunned

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- Forty teams are divided into eight groups of five.
- The eight group winners and the four best runners-up will advance to the third round. Matches in the third round will double up as part of the 2023 AFC Asian Cup qualifying campaign.
- If Qatar, the World Cup hosts, win their group or finish as one of the four best second-placed teams, their spot in the third round will be given to the fifth best second-placed team.
- The next best 24 will have to go through another tedious round of qualifiers for the remaining 12 slots in the 24-team Asian Cup.

Thailand and handed continental heavy-weights UAE a massive scare. Constantine's perseverance with youth has given his successor Igor Stimac a sweet selection headache - at least in midfield. The challenge for Stimac in his first competitive match will be to identify a playing 11, which can play in the same fashion.

In his four months, and five matches, as India coach, Stimac has tried 27 different players. His idea was to test as many players as possible before settling on his preferred line-up. What he has is one of the most exciting Indian midfielders in recent times. Young and quick. Creative and cunning.

On the wings are Udanta Singh (23) and Lallianzuala Chhangte (22), both of whom can fly; in the centre are the brainy 21-year-olds - Anirudh Thapa and Vinit Rai; slotted in front of them, and just behind Chhetri, is 22-year-old Sahal Abdul Samad, the UAE-born midfielder who has got everyone in Indian football excited with his flamboyance.

These players have the ability to beat defenders and play with the ball, attributes one doesn't often see in Indians. Stimac has the gifted Brandon Fernandes and gritty Ashique Kuruniyan as back-ups in case Plan A doesn't work. Or will he be tempted to go with a more physical Rowlin Borges to counter the likes of Ahmed Mubarak 'Kano', the strong 34-year-old midfielder who has been the team's go-to man for almost a decade? Kano is symbolic of the West Asian giants' style, which is typical to the region: physical and technical.

For India's young midfield, the task will not just be to find creative ways to generate goal-scoring chances but also to withstand the pressure in midfield and shield a fragile-looking defence.

Oman have made some eye-catching progress in the last four years; winning the 2017 Gulf Cup and reaching the knockout stages of this year's Asian Cup is evidence. They are on a hot streak as well, winning four out of their last five matches heading into Thursday's qualifier. For them, and the rest of the continent, the Asian qualifiers will be a path to the World Cup. For India, on the other hand, the World Cup qualifiers will be a path to the Asian Cup.

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The Indian football team warms up on the eve of their first game of the 2022 World Cup qualifier against Oman in Guwahati on Thursday. AIFF

Seeing it like a beachball

On return after recovering from concussion, Steve Smith begins from where he left off

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MANCHESTER, SEPTEMBER 4

STEVE SMITH continued his outstanding Ashes form, striking an unbeaten 60 as Australia recovered from another failure by their openers to reach 170-3 at the close of the rain-affected first day of the fourth Test against England at Old Trafford on Wednesday. Rain caused a delay of over two hours after lunch but plans to extend play to regain that lost time were abandoned after rain came in again during the break for tea.

The afternoon delay did little to disrupt Smith, though, who returning from missing the last Test due to concussion, made his eighth straight Ashes half-century.

The series is tied a 1-1 with two tests remaining and victory for the Australians would ensure they retain the urn.

Smith and Marnus Labuschagne put on 116 for the third wicket before the latter was bowled by a beautiful delivery from Craig Overton for 67.

It was a much-needed stand after England, on a high after their remarkable comeback win at Headingley, made a great start, bringing their supporters to their feet with just the fourth ball of the day.

Stuart Broad claimed the wicket of David Warner for the fifth time in this series with the left-hander caught behind as he made a belated decision to leave the ball but gave a thin outside edge to Jonny Bairstow.

Australia found themselves at 28-2 when Broad rapped the pads of Marcus Harris and, after some consideration, umpire Kumar Dharmasena raised his finger and his verdict was upheld by video review.

Australia's openers have averaged 15.14 - not since 1888 have their top two contributed less during an Ashes series.

The departure of Harris brought the returning Smith to the crease after 38 minutes of play, the world's number one-ranked batsman having missed the previous test due to concussion as a result of a bouncer from Jofra Archer. To the delight of the crowd, Archer had the ball in hand and it took him three deliveries to attempt another bouncer.

But with England sensing a chance to eat into the Aussie middle order before lunch, Smith and Labuschagne quickly settled and set about upping the run-rate.

Labuschagne, retained in the side after replacing Smith as a substitute for the second innings at Lord's and at Headingley, went on to make his fourth straight half century.

Ominously for England, Smith, who has two centuries and a 92 to his name in the series, looked as if he had never been away as he calmly dealt with Joe Root's attack.

He brought up his fifty, lavishly driving



Steve Smith's scores in the Ashes are 144, 142, 92 and 60 batting. Reuters

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Ben Stokes for four through cover but the Manchester weather prospect of a third ton in this series will have to wait until Thursday.

Travis Head was unbeaten on 18 at the close. Australia captain Tim Paine had won the toss and chose to bat with fast bowler Mitchell Starc given his first appearance in the series after replacing Peter Siddle.

Fast bowler Mitchell Starc will make his first appearance in the series after replacing Peter Siddle. "It's a huge boost to have the

best player in the world coming back into the side," Paine added.

"Mitchell Starc has come in - we think this wicket will have a bit more pace and potentially some reverse swing at the back end of the game."

Heavy winds brought some farce to proceedings as trash from the crowd repeatedly blew across the outfield, forcing numerous pauses in play. Smith swept a beach ball to the boundary when it skipped on to the pitch and the balls blew off often enough to persuade the umpires to remove them entirely for a brief period.

Cheeky poster

Australia were taunted ahead of the fourth Ashes test against England with a giant billboard of Ben Stokes saying 'Welcome to Manchester' outside the team hotel on Wednesday. The poster featured Stokes' celebration after he finished with an unbeaten

135 to help England level the series in remarkable fashion at Headingley last month, recovering from a paltry 67 in the first innings to win by one wicket.

Bookmakers Ladbrokes were the creators of the cheeky poster, which is inspired from a famous Carlos Tevez poster erected when English soccer side Manchester City signed the Argentine striker after his two trophy-laden seasons at rivals Manchester United.

"Ben Stokes' final innings at Headingley was the stuff of legend, so we thought it was only right to honour it ahead of the fourth test," Jessica O'Reilly of Ladbrokes said.

"Thankfully we found a spot just yards away from the Australian team's hotel to give them a timely reminder. "Hopefully our little sledge will help get England over the line and on the road to victory."

BRIEF SCORES: Australia 1st innings 170/3 (Labuschagne 67, Smith 60 batting; Broad 2/35) vs England

Misbah is Pakistan coach and chief selector

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THE DRESSING room culture needs a complete overhaul and the revamp of cricket structure in the country will take some time, emphasised the newly-appointed Pakistan head coach Misbah-ul-Haq. Misbah, the most successful Pakistan Test captain, was also handed the role of chief selector.

"As a coach, or a leader, what one wants is to have such a great team that they instantly dominate the match and put pressure on the opposition. But that is the ideal situation. In real life one has to use strategy based on the kind of players available, I will be doing the same," Misbah said. "Of course, the ultimate goal is to have a very strong team at the end but we have to begin with what we have. The revamping of the cricket structure will take some time," Misbah added.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has appointed Misbah and former pacer Waqar Younis as bowling coach for a three-year period. The Board has also asked Misbah to



Misbah-ul-Haq speaks to reporters in Lahore after being appointed as coach of the national team. AP

work as coach during the coming edition of the Pakistan Super League and he will be paid the same salary what outgoing coach Mickey Arthur drew. "I want our cricketers to play

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MISBAH-UL-HAQ

intelligently, smartly and fearlessly. I am aware this will require a change in the dressing room culture but if we have to compete consistently at the highest level, we have to embrace these modern day requirements," said Misbah, who is expected to be paid \$18,000 per month.

The selection committee will have six other members — the head coaches of provincial cricket associations in the new domestic structure. The six coaches are former Test players, Arshad Khan, Azam Khan, Ijaz Ahmed junior, Kabir Khan, Muhammad Wasim and Abdul Rehman who has not played international cricket but is one of the most successful coaches at domestic level and in PSL.

Misbah felt this new system of selection

would create a strong connection between the domestic and international cricket — which has been missing for the past many years. The former Test captain said he was aware that expectations would be high from new management but he was confident he could work well with some of the most talented and exciting cricketers in Pakistan. "If I was not ready for this challenge I would not have thrown my name in the ring for one of the most challenging and coveted roles in Pakistan cricket."

Misbah and Waqar have worked together in the past when the former was the Pakistan captain and the latter was the head coach. "I am excited to once again have someone as experienced and knowledgeable as Waqar Younis in my corner as a bowling coach. We have exciting young fast bowlers in our ranks and there is no better person than Waqar to transform them into modern day stars," said Misbah. The Misbah-Waqar duo's first Test will be the upcoming One-day International and Twenty20 home series against Sri Lanka, which will be played from September 27 to October 9.

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Dhawan keeps India A in contention

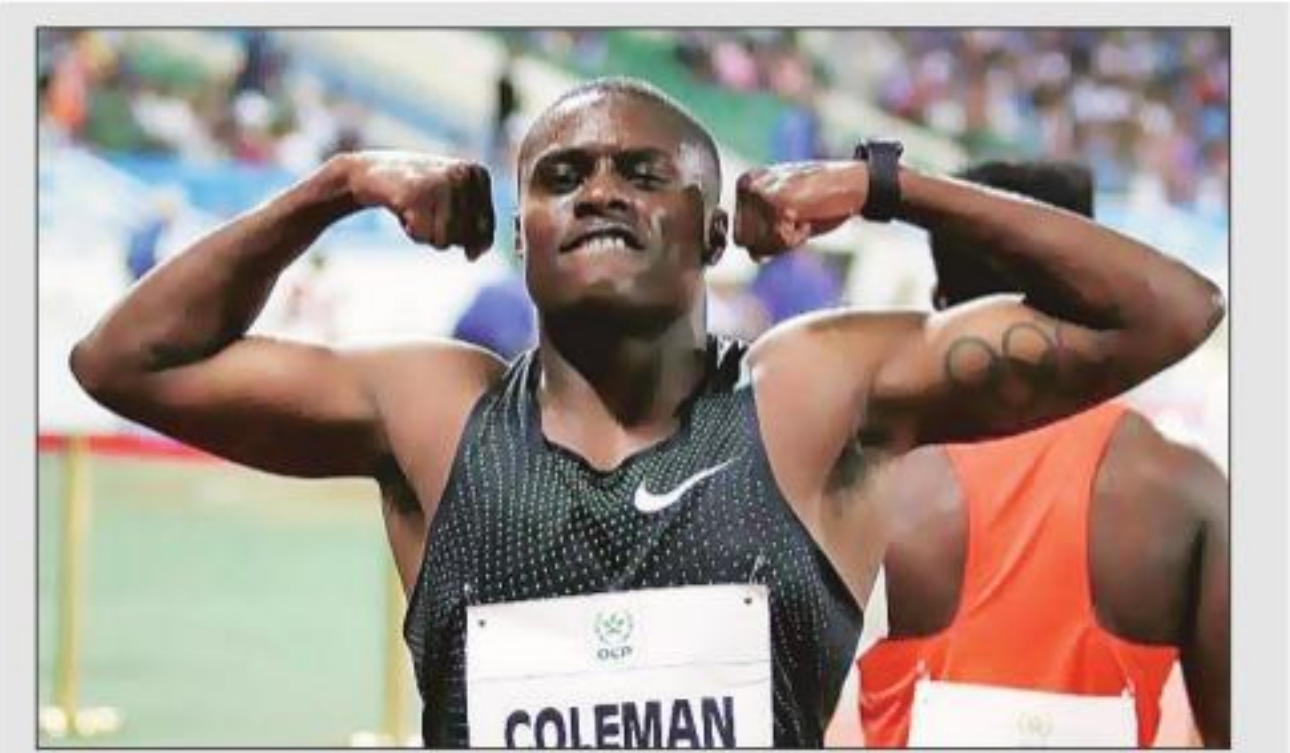
Shikhar Dhawan's fluency stood out before rain pushed the fourth unofficial ODI between India 'A' and South Africa 'A' to Thursday. With nine wickets in hand, the hosts will look to knock off the 137 runs required in 17.2 overs for their fourth successive win. India 'A' were 56 for 1 in 7.4 overs with Dhawan (34) and Prashant Chopra (6) at the crease when the skies opened up. The India opener struck six boundaries during his 21-ball unbeaten knock. After a stuttering start, Dhawan found his touch and hit some superb shots through the off-side. **BRIEF SCORES:** South Africa 'A' 137 for 1 in 25 overs (Reeza Hendricks 60, Matthew Breetzke 25, Heinrich Klaasen 21 not out, Rahul Chahar 1/18) vs India 'A' 56 for 1 in 7.4 overs (S Dhawan 34 batting).

Verma in RD 2 of Chinese Taipei Open

Former champion Sourabh Verma made a positive start at the USD 500,000 Chinese Taipei Open, progressing to the second round with a straight-game win over Japan's Kazumasa Sakai in men's singles here on Wednesday. The reigning national champion, overcame world number 44 Sakai 22-20 21-13 in 38 minutes to set up a likely clash with top seed and local favourite Chou Tien Chen in the second round. Sourabh, who won the Hyderabad Open last month, emerged as the only surviving Indian in the World Tour Super 300 tournament following the loss of women's singles player Riya Mookerjee and women's doubles pair of Aparna Balan and Prajakta Sawant in the opening round.

Srihari continues record-breaking spree

Srihari Nataraj and Kenisha Gupta ended their campaign in style, claiming gold medals in men's 100m backstroke and women's 100m freestyle events respectively on the final day of the 73rd Glenmark Senior National Aquatic Championship here on Wednesday. Srihari created a national record in the men's 100m backstroke, his last individual event of this meet. He finished with a time of 55.63s. He broke his own record of 56.53, which set last year.



USADA had charged Coleman with 3 failures to file whereabouts information in a 12-month period, but withdrew it on Monday. Reuters

Doping watchdog won't appeal Coleman ruling

The Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) said on Wednesday it would not appeal the decision by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) to withdraw a whereabouts charge against American sprinter Christian Coleman. USADA had charged Coleman with three failures to properly file whereabouts information in a 12-month period, but withdrew it on Monday after receiving guidance from the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) on how to calculate the window. The AIU had the right to appeal but said they would not exercise that option. "Based on the facts of the case and clear advice about the interpretation of the current International Standard for Testing and Investigations (ISTI) received from WADA, the AIU has decided not to appeal the USADA decision regarding Coleman," AIU chairman David Howman said in a statement. Coleman had been charged because athletes are required to notify anti-doping officials where they can be reached for a certain period daily.

Unadkad takes four to put India Red in control

Experienced pacer Jaydev Unadkad returned with a four-wicket haul as India Red reduced India Green to 147 for 8 at stumps on the opening day of the rain-hit Duleep Trophy final here on Wednesday. Left-arm pacer Unadkad and the other India Red bowlers kept things tight and picked up wickets at regular intervals after India Green captain Faiz Fazal opted to bat after winning the toss at the M Chinnaswamy stadium. With India Green batsmen struggling, No. 8 Mayank Markande emerged as the top-scorer with an unbeaten 32 runs off 51 balls which comprised two fours. **BRIEF SCORES** (at end of day 1): India Green: 147 for 8 in 49 overs (Mayank Markande 32 not out, Akshdeep Nath 29, Jaydev Unadkad 4/58) vs India Red.

Metzelder investigated over child pornography

Former Germany and Real Madrid footballer Christoph Metzelder, 38, is under investigation for allegedly sharing child pornography via the messaging service WhatsApp, German prosecutors confirmed Wednesday. "We can confirm an investigation against Christoph Metzelder on suspicion of sharing child pornography, including digital images," a spokeswoman for the Hamburg prosecutor's office, Liddy Oechtering, told AFP.



Rijiju seeks UK sports secretary's intervention

Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju has written a letter to UK Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) Nicky Morgan, seeking her intervention for the inclusion of shooting in 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games. For the first time since 1974, shooting has been excluded from the Games roster due to logistical issues. However, CGF president Louise Martin maintained that shooting has never been a compulsory sport in the Games. Shooting has been India's strong points in the Commonwealth Games and the sport's exclusion didn't go down well with the Indian Olympic Association, which has threatened to boycott the quadrennial event if the decision is not considered.



Federer's diminishing returns

Loss to Grigor Dimitrov in the quarters means the Swiss great has failed to win the US Open since 2008

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WIMBLEDON HANGOVER?
It was hard not to wonder after watching Roger Federer leave the court for back treatment before losing for the first time to Grigor Dimitrov on Tuesday night.

That unexpected scene in Arthur Ashe Stadium came 48 hours after Novak Djokovic winced and retired from his fourth-round match while trailing Stan Wawrinka because of a left shoulder problem. Federer received an extended round of applause in defeat; Djokovic regrettably was treated to quite a few boos for cutting the evening's entertainment short by fans who ought to have remembered all the grit he has shown in recent years. But the thread running through both their setbacks was the great Wimbledon final in July. It was the match of the year and one of the matches of this golden era: a grass-court test of concentration that bordered on meditative before developing into a thriller as Djokovic saved - or Federer blew - two match points, and Djokovic then prevailed in a newfangled fifth-set tiebreaker at 12 games all.

But there will be no rematch in New York, which now has a tough act to follow without the same cast. Sustaining excellence and health through an entire tennis season remains quite a challenge, and though Federer is now 38 and playing for gravy, the reality is that he has fallen short in New York for more than a decade now.

Clay might be his weakest surface, but he won his lone French Open title more recently (in 2009) than he won the United States Open, where all five of his victories came between 2004 and 2008. He has reached two finals here since then: losing in five sets to Juan Martin del Potro in 2009 and in four sets to Djokovic in 2015, another occasion when the Ashe Stadium crowd got nasty with Djokovic.

Since then, Federer has not made it past the quarterfinals at Flushing Meadows despite all his success on hardcourts in Melbourne, Cincinnati and other parts of the world. It is as if he runs out of steam and inspiration here even if the public is doing its best to be his muse. "I think hardcourts are more difficult for him the further you get into the year," said Paul Annacone, Federer's former coach, in an interview last week. "It's hard to be fresh because of the cumulative effect. It's age and the fact that it's three out of five sets, and you are nine months into the season. All that stuff plays into it. "I also think the courts have not been very quick the last few years, so that makes it more work for him. They speed up during the tournament, but they are gritty and take spin. The slicker they are the better they are for Roger."

But they were speedy enough for Federer to blow past No.15 seed David Goffin, a player who can usually handle a torrid pace, with the loss of just four games in the fourth round. Federer seemed to be gathering momentum for the stretch run, but the US Open has long had nasty surprises in store for him. There was Djokovic's brilliant, caution-to-the-wind forehand return winner to save match point in the 2011 semifinals.

"To lose against someone like that, it's very disappointing because you feel like he was mentally out of it already," Federer said in what was not one of his finest post-match moments. "Just gets the lucky shot at the end, and off you go." There were the humid, unexpectedly still conditions in Ashe Stadium last year that changed his image as the man who doesn't sweat in a fourth-round meltdown against the 55th-ranked Australian veteran John Millman. "He comes from maybe one of the most humid places on earth, Brisbane," Federer said then of Millman. "I knew I was in for a tough



Roger Federer left the court for a medical timeout to treat his upper back before the final set but refused to blame the injury for his exit. AP



Grigor Dimitrov exults after defeating Roger Federer. AP

78 Grigor Dimitrov would be the lowest-ranked Slam semi-finalist since 94th-ranked Rainer Schuettler at Wimbledon in 2008 and the lowest-ranked US Open semi-finalist since 174th-placed Connors in 1991.

one. I was just happy the match was over."

On Tuesday, it was the back: a recurring weak point that Federer has had to manage for more than a decade. Federer acknowledged that something went wrong in his upper back as he prepared to face Dimitrov. But Federer was still functional enough to win two of the first three sets and threaten to close out the victory in the fourth while maintaining service speeds close to his tournament averages. But Dimitrov was intent on extending the rallies

and the games to push Federer physically. He succeeded, and Federer faded for good after going off court for treatment, losing the first four games of the fifth set and then the match, 3-6, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

"I tried lots of things, but whether I was hurt or not hurt or in pain or not in pain, I would have done the same things," Federer said, emphasizing that he was sometimes playing too far behind the baseline. "This is Grigor's moment, not my body's moment," he said.

If you can fault Djokovic, it is that his decision to retire midmatch here ensured that it was going to be his body's moment more than Wawrinka's moment. But Djokovic, 32 and back at No. 1, played through elbow pain for too long earlier in his career: It contributed to the slump that knocked him off the summit of the game in 2016 and 2017 before he finally chose to have surgery in early 2018.

Federer has not retired from a match in his professional career: one of the more remarkable statistics in sports. His last retirement was in his junior days. But he has withdrawn during pro tournaments, most recently at the Italian Open this season. He, too, understands how important it is to think long term, and nobody in the men's game has been as successful for so long since Ken Rosewall was winning titles in his late 30s back in the early 1970s.

Federer intends to push on. He said he will stick with his scheduling plans for the rest of 2019, including the Laver Cup in Geneva later this month, and then head to Australia again in January. **NYT**

Serena sweeps into semis, chucks up 100th US Open win

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SERENA WILLIAMS earned her 100th win at the US Open with a brutal 44-minute demolition of Wang Qiang, firing an ominous warning to rivals in her pursuit of a record-tying 24th Grand Slam title.

Six-time US Open champion Williams on Tuesday dismantled Chinese 18th seed Wang 6-1 6-0 in a complete mismatch that was the quickest at this year's tournament to set up a semi-final clash with Ukrainian trailblazer Elina Svitolina.

Williams brought up a century of US Open wins to move to within one of the all-time leader Chris Evert.

"It's really unbelievable, literally. From when I first started here, I think I was 16, I didn't think I would ever get to 100. I didn't think I would still be out here," Williams said.

The 37-year-old American is seeking a 24th major title to match Margaret Court's longstanding record, and smacked 25 winners against first-time Slam quarter-finalist Wang, who failed to hit a single one.

The 27-year-old Wang had not lost a set

during her best Slam run that included a defeat of reigning French Open champion Ashleigh Barty in the last 16, but she was powerless to stop a Williams onslaught at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

"When I play someone who is playing really well, I know I have to either step it up or go home and I wasn't ready to go home. I had to come out here and play really well," said Williams, suffering no ill effects from the ankle she rolled in her previous match.

"Physically I'm feeling great. More than anything I'm just having fun every time I come out here," Wang, trying to become just the fourth Chinese player to reach the last four of a Slam, won just four points in the second set and 15 in total. "It's not easy to play against her," Wang said. "The power, like, I cannot handle it. Just too much for me." Williams captured her last Slam title at the 2017 Australian Open. She added that tennis had "come a really long way" as she moved to within a victory of a 10th US Open final, 20 years after winning her first Grand Slam title in New York. "I think the sport has come a really long way. It's been really satisfying to see sport for women, the premier sport for women," Williams added.

TRAMLINES



Love-all an advantage for Svitolina

Elina Svitolina's blossoming romance with Gael Monfils is propelling the couple's deep runs at the US Open, and the Ukrainian urged the French star to keep pace after his quarter-final victory. Svitolina, who broke the psychological barrier of reaching a Grand Slam semi-final at Wimbledon in July, became the first Ukrainian to make the last four of the US Open with a 6-4 6-4 win over Britain's Johanna Konta on Tuesday. Boyfriend Monfils, the 13th seed in the men's draw, is through to a fourth quarter-final at Flushing Meadows and will look to equal his best Slam run when he meets Italian Matteo Berrettini on Wednesday. "We are pushing each other and we are now trying to join each other in the semi-finals," Svitolina said. "Now it's time for him to step up his game!"

The pair set up a joint Instagram account, which currently attracts close to 100,000 followers, after going public with their relationship at this year's Australian Open. Svitolina, 24, credits Monfils with helping raise her game as she looks to translate last year's WTA Finals success in Singapore into a maiden Grand Slam singles triumph for Ukraine. She is attempting to go one step further than compatriot Andrei Medvedev, who lost the men's 1999 French Open final in five sets to Andre Agassi. "I think hitting with him, it has definitely helped me to improve my reaction and my footwork, move really quickly," Svitolina said of the impact Monfils has had. "I think (I'm) more calm, if you want to describe it in few words. It's more calm and I talk more now with my coach. I'm more open with my coach and also with you know, with Gael about the tennis and my feelings. This changed, I think, for the past, I don't know, nine, 10 months." **AFP**

MEN'S SINGLES:

Quarterfinals: Daniil Medvedev (5), Russia, def. Stan Wawrinka (23), Switzerland, 7-6(6), 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, def. Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, 3-6, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

WOMEN'S SINGLES:

Quarterfinals: Elina Svitolina (5), Ukraine, def. Johanna Konta (16), Britain, 6-4, 6-4. Serena Williams (8), United States, def. Wang Qiang (18), China, 6-1, 6-0;

MEN'S DOUBLES:

Quarterfinals: Kevin Krawietz and Andreas Mies (12), Germany, def. Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, and Joao So United States, Portugal, 7-6 (4), 6-4. Marcel Granollers, Spain, and Horacio Zeballos (8), Argentina, def. Jurgen Melzer and Oliver Marach (16), Austria, 7-6(4), 6-4.



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Modi visit to boost Indo-Russia relations

While the two countries have been partners in the field for more than half a century, recent years have seen a host of deals being signed for production of military equipment under the Make-in-India programme

THE invitation was extended to the Indian side during the 20th Annual Summit which Indian PM Narendra Modi was visiting in Vladivostok.

"We will meet in Brazil at the BRICS summit, and we also expect to see you next May at the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the victory in World War II, the victory over Nazism," Russian President Vladimir Putin told Modi on Wednesday on the sidelines of the Eastern Economic Forum (EEF).

The Modi government has been extending their full support to the Victory Day celebrations since they began; unlike the Congress party, which has had a cautious approach towards Russia since India gained independence in 1947.



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Former Indian President Pranab Mukherjee had participated during the 70th anniversary of Victory Day in May 2015, as the Modi government wanted to ensure India's participation.

Mukherjee, in his memoir, mentioned that the British government had banned the Congress party and put their leaders in jail for their protests against World War II. "Knowing all this, how could our government celebrate victory in the Second World War as a Victory Day?" Mukherjee asked the then Prime Minister P.V. Narsimha Rao, who had been invited by the Russian government to be a part of the Victory Day Parade in 1995.

Sputnik News Agency and Radio

At least 12 nuclear power units of Russian project to be constructed in India: Putin

THE first two units of the Russian-Indian Kudankulam NPP are in operation, the Russian president has said.

Russia is ready to develop cooperation with India in the field of nuclear energy; in 20 years it is planned to build at least 12 nuclear power units, Russian President Vladimir Putin said at a press conference following talks with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"We consider Rosatom's cooperation with Indian partners as a flagship joint project, including that [cooperation] for the construction of a modern Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant. The first two units are in operation," Putin said.

He noted that construction of the third and fourth power units of this nuclear power plant is underway. "Under the existing agreements, at least 12 Russian-designed power units will be built over the course of 20 years," Putin stated.

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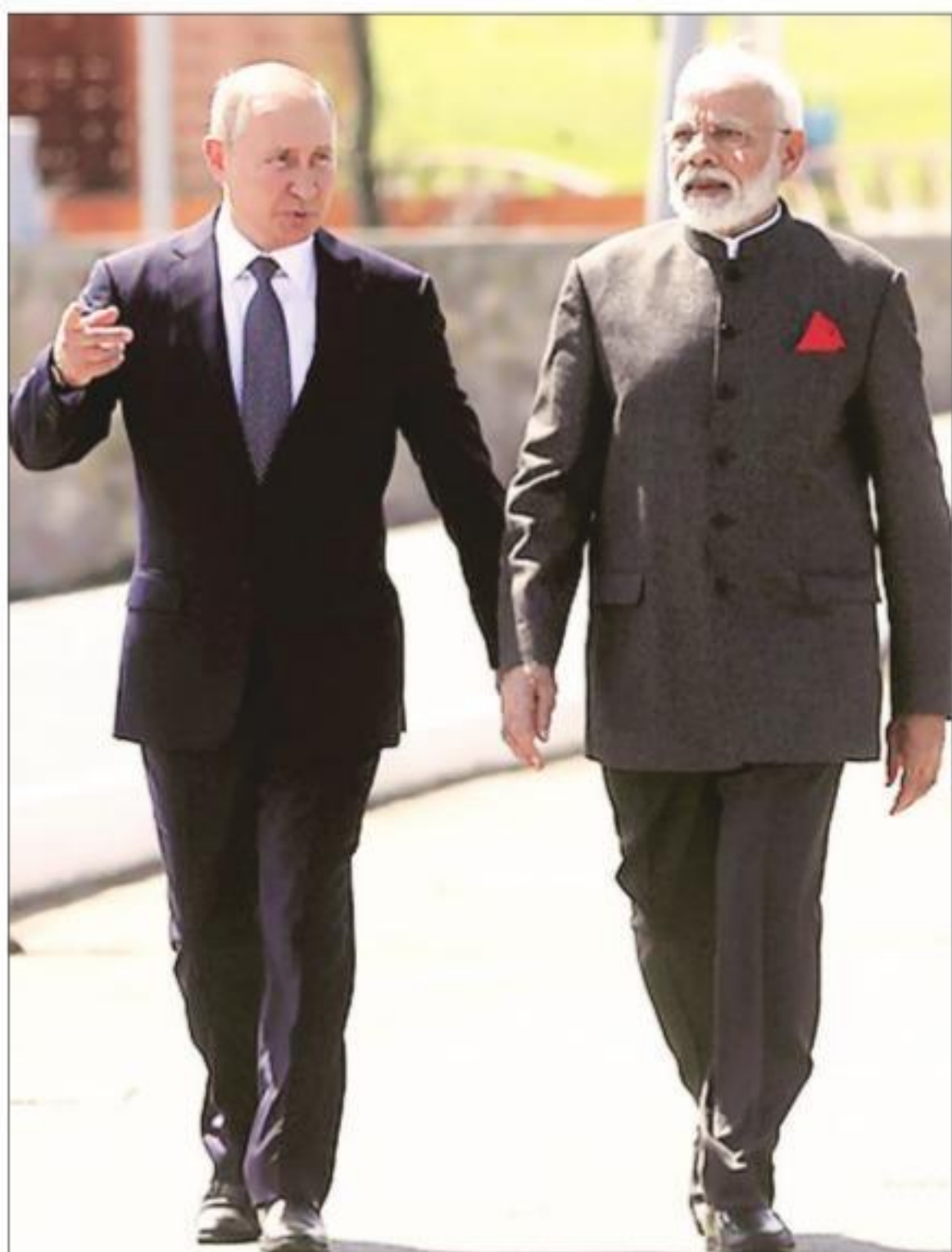


Easing visa travel

RUSSIA AND India intend to continue the work to ease visa travel between the countries, according to the statement. The leaders of the two states welcomed "the positive development of the process of easing visa formalities," in particular the extension to one year of the validity period for e-visas for Russian citizens who go to India on business and tourism purposes, as well as the introduction of free e-visas for Indian citizens visiting the Kaliningrad Region and Vladivostok. "The sides expressed the intention to continue to carry out work to ease visa travel," the statement read.

The document highlighted the dynamic development of the Russian-Indian ties in the sphere of tourism. "The sides agreed to continue work to develop cooperation in this sphere," the statement said. The leaders also highly valued the implementation of the bilateral programme of cultural exchanges "which directly contributes to the rapprochement of the two countries' peoples," and decided "to continue the successful practice of carrying out festivals of Russian culture in India and Indian culture in Russia, as well as Russian film festivals in India and Indian film festivals in Russia." "The sides reached mutual understanding on the necessity to extend the geography of cultural exchanges, involve the youth and folk art teams more, as well as continue the comprehensive popularisation of the Russian language in India and the Hindi language in Russia, in particular through the development of contacts between relevant educational organizations of the two countries," the document stated.

The sides also welcomed the development of cooperation in the sphere of education and agreed to galvanise the preparation of intergovernmental agreements on the mutual acceptance



With Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi. Photo: Mikhail Metzel, TASS

of documents on academic qualifications. Putin and Modi's statement also included the development of cooperation between certain regions of India and Russia. In particular, the document stipulated the intention to organise an interregional forum of the two countries and the agreement to develop the system of twin cities of Russia and India.

The two state leaders noted in their joint statement that overall "Russian-

Indian relations successfully sustained the turbulence of the modern world and neither depend nor will ever depend on external influence." The state leaders agreed to offer comprehensive support for unleashing the powerful potential of strategic partnership, noting its highly privileged character which served as the basis for stability in the difficult international situation," the document said.

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Putin invites India to participate in implementation of LNG projects in Russia



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin has invited Indian energy companies to participate in the implementation of LNG projects in Russia – Far Eastern LNG and Arctic LNG 2.

"Indian partners hold 20% in Sakhalin 1 project. Indian energy concerns are also invited to participate in other promising projects, such as Far Eastern LNG and Arctic LNG 2," Putin told a press conference following talks with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday.

The Far Eastern LNG project is being implemented under the pro-

duction sharing agreement of the Sakhalin 1 project for the purpose of monetisation of reserves and natural gas resources of Rosneft on the Sakhalin shelf and Sakhalin 1 partners (Rosneft with a 20% share, the US' ExxonMobil with a 30% share, Japan's SODECO with 30% share, and India's ONGC with 20% share).

Arctic LNG 2 with the capacity of about 19.8 mln tonnes of LNG per year is Novatek's second LNG plant after Yamal LNG. The launch of the plant based on the Gydan fields is scheduled for 2022-2023.

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Russia, India plan to co-produce military equipment

A joint statement was adopted by the two countries' leaders at the Eastern Economic Forum

RUSSIA and INDIA plan to launch joint development and production of military equipment, spare parts and components, according to the statement. "Through trust and partnership to new heights of cooperation" signed by Russian President Vladimir Putin and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the outcome of their talks in Vladivostok on the sidelines of the Eastern Economic Forum (EEF).

"The sides have declared their commitment to boosting cooperation in the defence sphere, including establishing joint development and production of military equipment, spare parts and components as well as improving the system of after-sales services, and continuing regular joint drills between the two countries' military," the document read.

Close cooperation between Russia and India in military and military-technical areas is a key pillar of the bilateral and especially privileged strategic partnership, the two leaders said.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Russian President Vladimir Putin at the Zvezda Shipyard

ument also stated that Moscow and New Delhi confirmed the need to institutionalise mutual provision of logistical support and services for the two countries' armed forces. A decision was made to draw up a legal framework for

cooperation on mutual material and technical support, the statement said.

Besides, Russia and India welcomed boosting of cooperation between Russia's state space corporation Roscosmos and the Indian Space Research Or-

NARENDRA MODI HAS INVITED VLADIMIR PUTIN TO VISIT INDIA IN 2020, SAID STATEMENT

ganisation (ISRO), including on manned cosmonautics and satellite navigation. The sides agreed that there is need to fully employ the potential of Russia and India in the sphere of rocket production, creation and utilisation of various spacecraft and also exploration and use of outer space for peaceful goals, including for research on planets.

Putin invited to India

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has invited Russian President Vladimir Putin to visit India in 2020, the joint statement said. "Prime Minister of the Republic of India Narendra Modi has thanked President of the Russian Fed-

eration Vladimir Putin for his kind hospitality shown to him and his delegation in Vladivostok, inviting the President of the Russian Federation to visit India next year to participate in the 21th India-Russia Annual Summit," the document noted.

In his statement to the press on the talks, Putin informed that the Indian PM had agreed to visit Russia in 2020 to attend the celebratory events timed to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Russia's victory in the Second World War.

"The sides were pleased to note that their approaches to foreign policy largely coincide, stressing the importance of further development of Russian-Indian special and privileged strategic partnership both in the context of current bilateral relations and regarding the issues on the regional and international agenda," the statement continued. "The sides have reaffirmed their mutual commitment to strengthen and expand cooperation for the benefit of the Russian and Indian people." **TASS**

Rosgeo plans to explore India's offshore zone

RUSSIA'S geological holding Rosgeo planned to sign an agreement with India's Srei Group later on Wednesday on the exploration of offshore fields in India and the export of seismic equipment from Russia, head of Rosgeo Sergey Gorkov told TASS. Creation of joint ventures for leasing Russian equipment is also being discussed, he added.

"We are signing an agreement with the Srei group on a wide range of activities — from deliveries of Russian-made equipment, seismic equipment to work in the Indian offshore zone and the transit zone. We are also considering the possibility of setting up companies to lease Russian equipment in India. This is important, because it is the export of Russian equipment," he said.

The fifth Eastern Economic Forum is being held in Russia's Vladivostok from September 4-6. Roscongress Foundation is organising the event. TASS news agency is the event's general information partner, the official photo hosting agency and moderator of the presentation zone focusing on the Russian Far East's innovation opportunities.

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