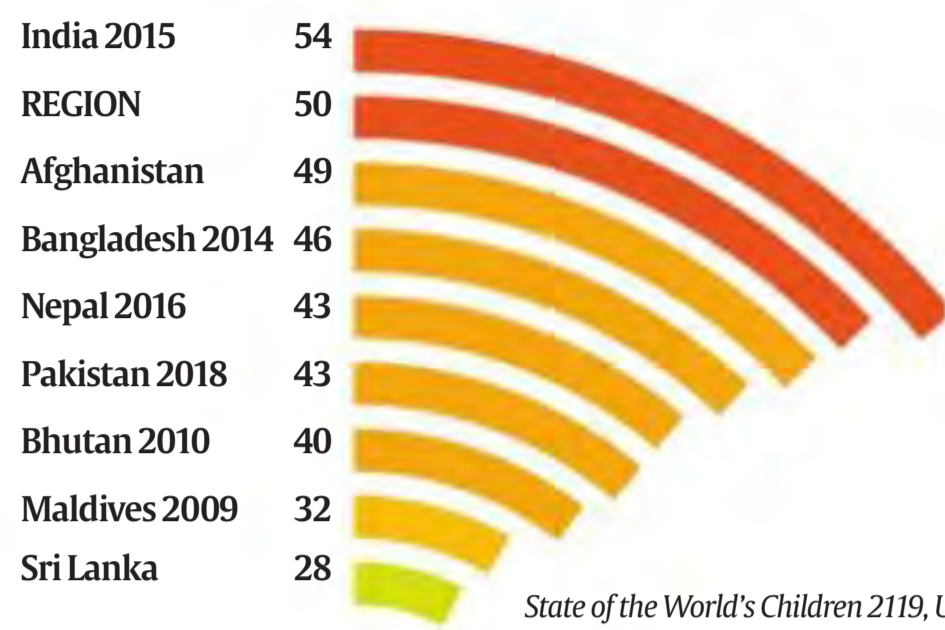


TELLING NUMBERS

Half of India's children suffer from malnutrition: UNICEF

STUNTED, WASTED OR UNDERWEIGHT, U-5s (%)



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ON TUESDAY, UNICEF released its State of the World's Children report for 2019. The first UNICEF report in 20 years on child nutrition, it comes on the heels of the Global Hunger Index report released by the organisation Welthungerhilfe. The UNICEF report found that one in three children under the age of five years — around 200 million children worldwide — are either undernourished or overweight. And in India, every second child is affected by some form of malnutrition.

The report said 35% of Indian children suffer from stunting due to lack of nutrition, 17% suffer from wasting, 33% are underweight and 2% are overweight. According to government figures, stunting and wasting among children in the country has reduced by 3.7 per cent and the number of underweight children have reduced by 2.3 per cent from 2016 to 2018.

Among countries in South Asia, India fares the worst (54%) on prevalence of children under five who are either stunted, wasted or overweight. Afghanistan and Bangladesh follow at 49% and 46%, respectively. Sri Lanka and the Maldives are the better performing countries in the region, at 28% and 32%, respectively.

India also has the highest burden of deaths among children under five per year, with over 8 lakh deaths in 2018. It is followed by Nigeria, Pakistan and the Democratic Republic of Congo, at 8.6 lakh, 4.09 lakh and 2.96 lakh deaths per year, respectively.

The report said "an alarmingly high number of children" are suffering the consequences of poor diets and a "food system that is failing them". "Almost two in three children between six months and two years are not fed food that supports their rapidly growing bodies and brains. This puts them at risk of poor brain development, weak learning, low immunity, increased infections and in many cases, death," it said.

UN officials said in India, poverty, urbanisation as well as climate change are some of the factors that are driving poor diet. Only 61% Indian children, adolescents and mothers consume dairy products at least once a week, and only 40% of them consume fruit once a week. One in five children under age

HIGHEST BURDEN OF DEATH AMONG CHILDREN (IN 1000s) UNDER AGE 5, 2018

India	882
Nigeria	866
Pakistan	409
DR Congo	296
Ethiopia	191
China	146
Indonesia	121
Tanzania	107
Angola	94
Bangladesh	89

5 has vitamin A deficiency, which is a severe health problem in 20 states. Every second woman in the country is anaemic, as are 40.5% children. One in ten children are pre-diabetic. Indian children are being diagnosed with adult diseases such as hypertension, chronic kidney disease and diabetes.

"In recent decades, our diet has dramatically changed because of both globalisation and urbanisation. India moved away from seasonal food as well as traditional food one hand and consumption of processed food has increased on the other. Obesity is spiralling out of control, not just in the developed nations but also in developing countries," said Shariqua Yunus, Chief of Nutrition, World Food Programme.

Chief, Nutrition, UNICEF India, Arjan de Wagt said although poverty has not been eradicated entirely, India has progressed from extreme poverty, but access to nutrition is still a major challenge in the country. "Last week I visited Gujarat. At one of the schools I was visiting in a village, right next to this small school was a kiosk selling chips and sodas. I asked where fruit was sold, and they told me that at least 5-6 km away. So this is obviously a problem where unhealthy cheap processed food is so easily available. Many governments are now considering taxing products like sodas. On the other hand, I have never seen the mobilisation of such large numbers for any programme such as that being done for Poshan Abhiyan (National Nutrition Mission) launched by the government, or such financial commitment being made to such a programme. What the government needs to do is to ensure it is sustained," de Wagt said.

INPUTS BY MEHR GILL

SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

Hunger index: Why India trails

In Global Hunger Index report, India has the highest percentage of children who suffer from acute undernutrition. On other parameters, where India has improved, the pace has been relatively slow

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THE LATEST Global Hunger Index (GHI) has ranked India a lowly 102 among the 117 countries it has mapped. In 2018, India was pegged at 103 but last year 119 countries were mapped. So while the rank is one better this year, in reality, India is not better off in comparison to the other countries. The GHI slots countries on a scale ranging from "low" hunger to "moderate", "serious", "alarming", and "extremely alarming". India is one of the 47 countries that have "serious" levels of hunger.

On the whole, the 2019 GHI report has found that the number of hungry people has risen from 785 million in 2015 to 822 million. It further states that "multiple countries have higher hunger levels now than in 2010, and approximately 45 countries are set to fail to achieve 'low' levels of hunger by 2030".

What is the Global Hunger Index?

The GHI has been brought out almost every year by Welthungerhilfe (lately in partnerships with Concern Worldwide) since 2000; this year's report is the 14th one. A low score gets a country a higher ranking and implies a better performance.

The reason for mapping hunger is to ensure that the world achieves "Zero Hunger by 2030" — one of the Sustainable Development Goals laid out by the United Nations. It is for this reason that GHI scores are not calculated for certain high-income countries.

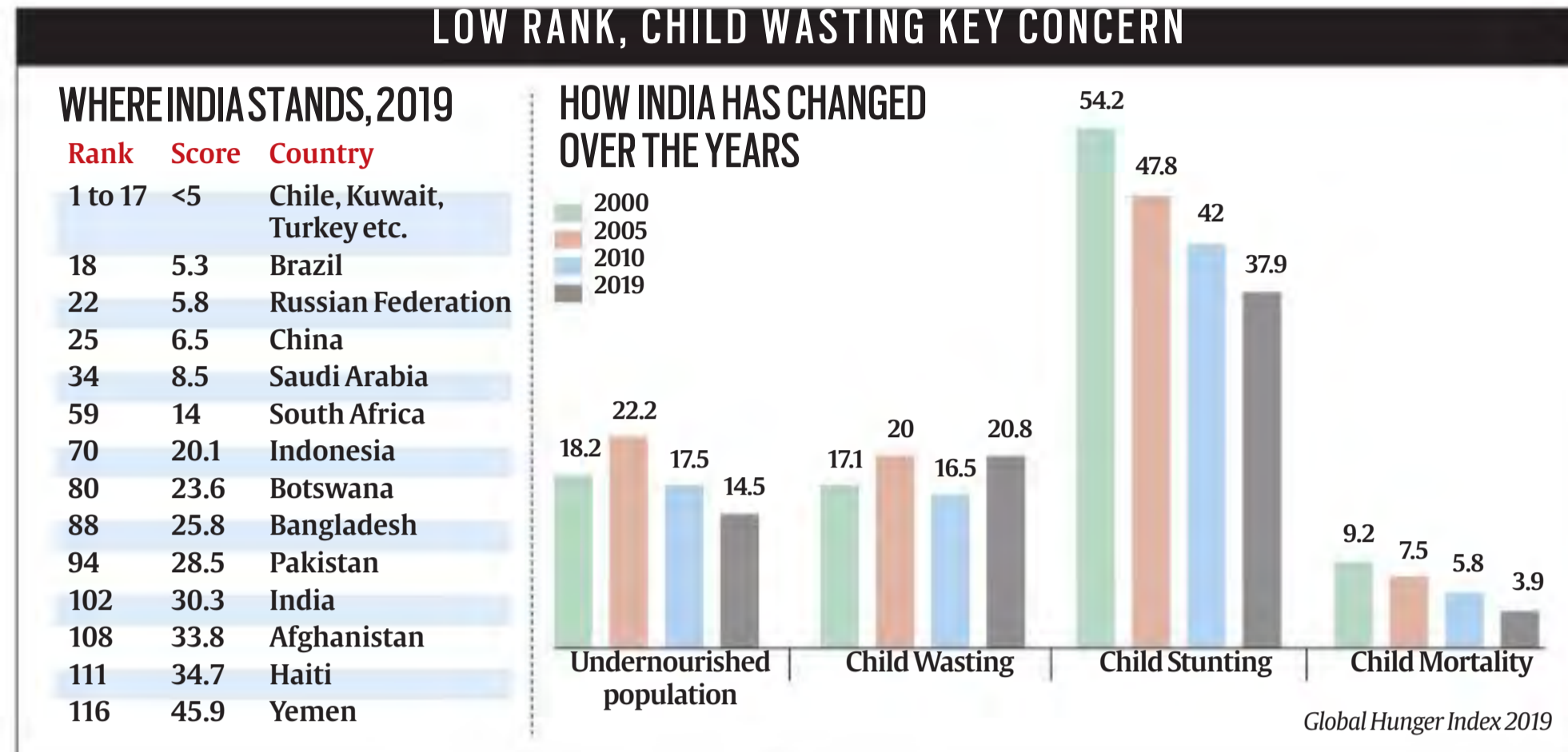
While in common parlance hunger is understood in terms of food deprivation, in a formal sense it is calculated by mapping the level of calorie intake.

But the GHI does not limit itself to this narrow definition of hunger. Instead, it tracks the performance of different countries on four key parameters because, taken together, these parameters capture multiple dimensions — such a deficiency of micronutrients — of hunger, thus providing a far more comprehensive measure of hunger.

How does GHI measure hunger?

For each country in the list, the GHI looks at four indicators:

Undernourishment (which reflects inadequate food availability): calculated by the share of the population that is undernourished (that is, whose caloric intake is insufficient);



Child Wasting (which reflects acute undernutrition): calculated by the share of children under the age of five who are wasted (that is, those who have low weight for their height);

Child Stunting (which reflects chronic undernutrition): calculated by the share of children under the age of five who are stunted (that is, those who have low height for their age);

Child Mortality (which reflects both inadequate nutrition and unhealthy environment): calculated by the mortality rate of children under the age of five (in part, a reflection of the fatal mix of inadequate nutrition.

Each country's data are standardised on a 100-point scale and a final score is calculated after giving 33.33% weight each to components 1 and 4, and giving 16.66% weight each to components 2 and 3.

Countries scoring less than or equal to 9.9 are slotted in the "low" category of hunger, while those scoring between 20 and 34.9 are in the "serious" category and those scoring above 50 are in the "extremely alarming" category.

What is India's score relative to those of the others?

Among the BRICS grouping, India is ranked the worst, with China at 25 and a score of just 6.5. Within South Asia, too, India is behind every other country. Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh and Pakistan (in that or-

der) are all ahead of India.

Some of the other countries ahead of India are Saudi Arabia (rank 34), Venezuela (rank 65, even as its score has doubled from just over 8 to over 16, because of the socio-economic and political crisis), Lesotho (rank 79), Burkina Faso (rank 88), and North Korea (rank 92).

In stark contrast to India, which has the world's largest democracy and one of the biggest economies, most of the countries below India on the GHI — Afghanistan, Haiti or Yemen etc — are either poorly governed or war-torn or ravaged by natural calamities.

Why is India ranked so low on GHI?

With an overall score of 30.3, India finds itself sandwiched between Niger (score 30.2, rank 101) and Sierra Leone (score 30.4, rank 103). In 2000, India's score was 38.8 and its hunger level was in the "alarming" category. Since then, India has steadily improved on most counts to reduce its score and is now slotted in the "serious" category.

But the pace of India's improvement has been relatively slow. Nothing illustrates this better than the trajectory of Niger and Sierra Leone, which in 2000 had scores of 52.1 and 53.6, respectively, and found themselves in the "extremely alarming" category of hunger — and were much worse off than India.

So, even though India has improved its score, many others have done more and that explains why despite achieving relatively fast

economic growth since 2000, India has not been able to make commensurate strides in reducing hunger.

What are the reasons for which India's improvements have been slow?

For one, notwithstanding the broader improvements, there is one category — Child Wasting, that is, children with low weight for their age — where India has worsened. In other words, the percentage of children under the age of 5 years suffering from wasting has gone up from 16.5 in 2010 to 20.8 now. Wasting is indicative of acute undernutrition and India is the worst among all countries on this parameter.

"India's child wasting rate is extremely high at 20.8 percent — the highest wasting rate of any country in this report for which data or estimates were available. Its child stunting rate, 37.9 percent, is also categorized as very high in terms of its public health significance... In India, just 9.6 percent of all children between 6 and 23 months of age are fed a minimum acceptable diet," states the report.

"In 2014 the prime minister instituted the 'Clean India' campaign to end open defecation and ensure that all households had latrines. Even with new latrine construction, however, population's health and consequently children's growth and development as their ability to absorb nutrients is compromised," it said.

What is keeping the Pixel 4 out of India?

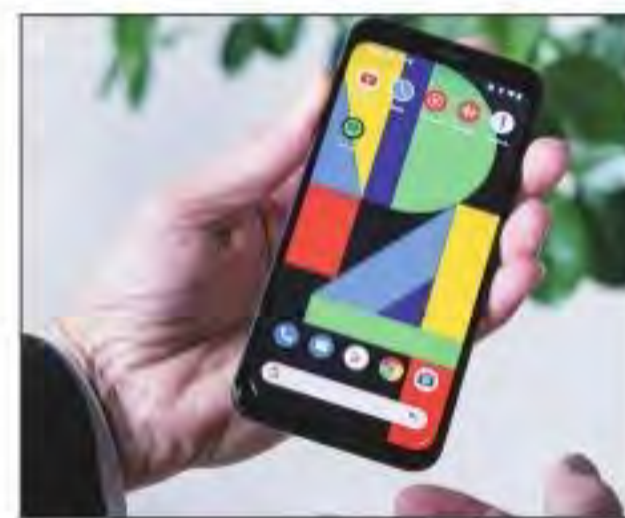
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IMAGINE BEING able to control your smartphone without touching it. Or dismissing a notification or snoozing an alarm with just a wave of your hand. The idea, then called 'Air Gestures', was first propagated by Samsung with the Galaxy S4 and more recently with the Galaxy Note 10 series.

Now, Google Pixel 4 will use a radar-based Soli chip to introduce Motion Sense, a feature that provides similar touchless, gesture-based controls. Soli also enables a Face Unlock feature on the Pixel 4. But the Soli chipset is also the reason why the Pixel 4 phones are not making their way to India. A look at the reasons:

What Project Soli is about

Project Soli, driven by Google's Advanced Technology and Projects (ATAP) team, was first showcased in 2015. The idea is that a radar chip can be used to detect hand movements and gestures to interpret what they could mean. It's only recently that Google figured out how to reduce the size of this radar chip and fit it on



A Google Pixel 4 is displayed at a launch event in New York on Tuesday. AP

the front of the smartphone, still ensuring accuracy. That's why it is coming to Pixel 4.

Soli is a dedicated radar chip on the front of the Pixel to collect and interpret raw data from hand gestures. Google says the miniature radar understands human motions at various scales, from the tap of finger to the movements of the body. It is always sensing for movement while maintaining a low foot-

print — keep in mind Soli is not a camera and doesn't capture images.

Soli relies on a custom-built machine learning (ML) model. Google says these models run on the device and data is never sent to their servers. The radar chip emits electromagnetic waves in a broad beam and when a human hand interacts with this, some of these waves are reflected back to the antenna. The ML model quickly interprets properties of the reflected signal to carry out the required command.

This Motion Sense technology allows Pixel 4 users to wave their hands to snooze an alarm or skip songs or go back to the last song without touching the screen. Users will have the option of turning Motion Sense on or off.

Why not India

Motion Sense will only work in countries where this radar tech has been approved for consumer use. The list includes "US, Canada, Singapore, Australia, Taiwan, and most European countries". India has not yet given the go-ahead for this technology.

A Google spokesperson said the company has a wide range of products they make

available in regions around the world. "We determine availability based on a variety of factors, including local trends, and product features. We decided not to make Pixel 4 available in India. We remain committed to our current Pixel phones and look forward to bringing future Pixel devices to India."

The Soli radar chip works on the 60 GHz spectrum frequency as has the least interference for the kind of minute movements Google wants to track. However, the 60 GHz spectrum is not commercially usable in India.

In a consultation paper titled 'Proliferation of Broadband through Public Wi-Fi Networks', the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India wrote that "most countries have already delicensed the 60 GHz band and this band has a good device ecosystem. The 60 GHz band is also known as V-band or WiGig band (Wi-Fi at 60 GHz) using IEEE 802.11ad protocol." The TRAI also recommended that the "...V-band (57-64 GHz) may be explored for allocation to the telecom service providers." But that is yet to happen.

Without this available, it would not have made sense for Google to bring the pricey Pixel 4 to India.

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How a waqf is created, and the laws that govern such properties

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AS THE arguments in the Ayodhya-Ram Janmabhoomi case concluded on Wednesday, the Supreme Court-appointed mediation panel submitted a fresh report offering a "consensual settlement" between parties. In any settlement, the role of the Sunni Waqf Board, a key party to the case, would be significant as the administration of a waqf property is legally determined.

What is a waqf?

Waqf is the property given in the name of God for religious and charitable purposes. In legal terms, permanent dedication by a person professing Islam, of any movable or immovable property for any purpose recognised by the Muslim law as pious, religious or charitable. A waqf can be formed through a deed or instrument, or a property can be

deemed waqf if it has been used for religious or charitable purposes for a long period of time. The proceeds are typically used to finance educational institutions, graveyards, mosques and shelter homes.

A person creating the waqf cannot take back the property and the waqf would be a continuing entity. A non-Muslim can also create a waqf but the individual must profess Islam and the objective of creating the waqf has to be Islamic.

How is a waqf governed?

Waqfs in India are governed by the Waqf Act, 1995. A survey commissioner under the Act lists all properties declared as waqf by making local investigation, summoning witnesses and requisitioning public documents. The waqf is managed by a mutawali, who acts as a supervisor. It is similar to a trust established under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882, but trusts can be set up for a broader purpose than religious and chari-



Zafaryab Jilani, advocate for the UP Sunni Waqf Board, at the Supreme Court on Wednesday. Tashi Tobgyal

table uses. A trust established can also be dissolved by the board unlike a waqf.

What is a Waqf Board?

A Waqf Board is a juristic person with power to acquire and hold property and to transfer any such property. The board can

sue and be sued in a court as it is recognised as a legal entity or juristic person.

Each state has a Waqf Board headed by a chairperson, one or two nominees from the state government, Muslim legislators and parliamentarians, Muslim members of the state Bar Council, recognised scholars of

Islamic theology and mutawalis of the waqfs with an annual income of Rs 1 lakh and above.

The Waqf Board has powers under the law to administer the property and take measures for the recovery of lost properties of any waqf, to sanction any transfer of immovable property of a waqf by way of sale, gift, mortgage, exchange or lease. However, the sanction shall not be given unless at least two thirds of the members of the Waqf Board vote in favour of such transaction.

What is the connection between the disputed Ayodhya site and the UP Sunni Waqf Board?

According to the Waqf Act, the Uttar Pradesh Sunni Waqf Board has the power to administer the disputed site. In 1945, in a suit before a Faizabad judge between the Sunni and Shia Waqf Boards, it was held that the Babri Masjid is a Sunni Waqf. The Sunni Central Waqf Board of Uttar Pradesh became a defendant in 1989.

Can a Waqf Board give up its claim to any disputed site?

Since waqf cannot be alienated unilaterally, any unilateral claims by the chairperson of the waqf will have no legal value or bind the Muslim community. Alienating waqf property without prior approval of state waqf boards is an offence and special tribunals established under the Waqf Act have jurisdiction to deal with such disputes.

In the Ayodhya case, seven claimants, including six individual litigants and the Sunni Waqf Board, have filed suits as representatives of the Muslim community. With the arguments concluded and the judgment reserved, it would be too late for the Sunni Waqf Board to withdraw the suits. Even if the Sunni Waqf Board were to withdraw the suit, it would need the vote of two-thirds of the Board which would include members of the Muslim community. The other plaintiffs are still entitled to fight the suit on behalf of their community.



MEANWHILE NASA UNVEILS NEW SPACESUITS

When US astronauts next touch down on the Moon, expect them to walk almost as they do on Earth, thanks to a new generation of spacesuits. Prototypes of the Orion Crew Survival Suit that will be worn on the journey was unveiled at NASA's Washington headquarters Tuesday ahead of the agency's planned return to the Moon by 2024.

TOPOF THE WORLD



HONG KONG Lam abandons speech as lawmakers jeer

Hong Kong: Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam had to abandon her policy speech in the legislature on Wednesday because of jeering lawmakers but later offered no direct olive branch to protesters, hoping instead to ease resentment by building public housing. Lam, who had to broadcast the annual address via a video link after the rowdy scenes in the assembly, hoped to restore confidence in her administration and address discontent after four months of often violent anti-government protests. She had to halt her initial attempts to deliver the address after lawmakers called out for "five demands, not one less" and projected the protest rallying cry onto a backdrop behind her.

Turkey will never declare ceasefire in northern Syria, says Erdogan

US officials rush to Ankara; Turkey leader threatens to cancel US trip; Trump 'fine' with Russia role

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ANKARA, OCTOBER 16

THE TRUMP administration dispatched its top officials to Turkey on Wednesday for emergency talks to try to persuade Ankara to halt an assault on northern Syria, while Russian troops swept into territory abandoned by Washington in a sudden retreat. Robert O'Brien, White House national security adviser since last month, arrived in Turkey aiming to meet Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu on Wednesday. Vice President Mike Pence and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo are expecting to meet the following day with President Tayyip Erdogan.

The administration is trying to contain the fallout from Erdogan's decision to send forces last week to attack Syrian Kurdish militia that were Washington's allies. Erdogan has insisted there will



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan addresses his ruling party legislators in Parliament in Ankara on Wednesday. AP

be no ceasefire, and said he might call off a visit to the US next month because of the "very big disrespect" shown by US politicians.

"They say 'declare a ceasefire'. We will never declare a ceasefire," Erdogan said. "They are pressuring us to stop the operation. They are announcing sanctions. Our goal is clear. We are not worried about any sanctions," he said.

Syrian government troops ac-

panied by Russian forces meanwhile entered the city of Kobani, a strategically important border city and a potential flashpoint for a wider conflict, the UK-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which monitors the Syrian war, reported.

Their reported arrival follows a deal cut between the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces militia, which has controlled the city, and Damascus to deploy the Syrian

army in border areas to help fend off the Turkish offensive.

Trump played down the crisis on Wednesday, saying the conflict was between Turkey and Syria and that it was "fine" for Russia to help its ally Damascus. Sanctioning Turkey would be better than fighting in the region, he said.

Washington announced sanctions to punish Turkey on Monday, but Trump's critics said the steps were too feeble. **REUTERS**



TURKEY'S SYRIA OFFENSIVE

EXPLAINED E.

As Russia takes advantage, US bids to control damage

THE US has sent its top officials, including the vice president, to Turkey in a bid to get some control back in a situation it created after it allowed Ankara to push into northern Syria and target Kurdish fighters. The Kurds have sought the help of Russia to defend their territory, and Moscow has accepted, increasing its clout in the region. Russia could also use the situation to help ally Assad recapture the large tracts of land held by the rebel Kurdish militias.

Brexit deal at hand in Brussels, UK PM Johnson struggles to win support at home

GABRIELA BACZYNSKA & ALAN CHARLISH
BRUSSELS, WARSAW, OCTOBER 16

BRITISH AND EU officials were on the verge of a last-minute Brexit deal on Wednesday but Prime Minister Boris Johnson still has work to do at home to ensure parliament approves the plan.

"The basic foundations of this agreement are ready and theoretically we could accept a deal tomorrow," said European Council President Donald Tusk, who will chair a summit of leaders, including Johnson, on Thursday and Friday.

However, Tusk said in comments broadcast by Polish broadcaster TVN 24 that "certain doubts have appeared from the British side", apparently a reference to Johnson's need to win over politicians who fear he may have conceded too much.

French President Emmanuel Macron said an agreement was being finalised and he hoped it could be approved by the summit on Thursday.

"I want to believe an agreement is being finalised and that we will be able to endorse it tomorrow," Macron said at a news conference with German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Merkel said she believed slightly more that a deal was possible, based on what she had heard in the recent days.

The EU leaders are likely to sign off a deal at their summit but their approval would be conditional on the British House of Commons backing it at a special sitting on Saturday, EU diplomats said.

If Johnson fails to nail down the terms of Britain's exit from the European Union he will almost certainly have to seek an extension of the October 31 departure deadline, more than three years after the country voted in a referendum to leave. **REUTERS**



ON SACRED PEAK, KIM VOWS TO FIGHT SANCTIONS

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un rides a horse at Mount Paektu. Pyongyang released a series of photos Wednesday showing Kim riding a white horse to the sacred mountain he has often climbed before making key decisions. Near the mountain, Kim reportedly vowed to overcome US-led sanctions that he said had both pained and infuriated his people.

DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

With focus on Warren, race enters new phase

ALEXANDER BURNS & JONATHAN MARTIN
WESTERVILLE (OHIO), OCTOBER 16

SENATOR Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts faced a sustained barrage of criticism from her Democratic rivals at a presidential debate in Ohio on Tuesday, tangling with a group of underdog moderates who assailed her liberal economic proposals, while former Vice President Joe Biden appeared to fade from the fray after parrying President Donald Trump's attacks on his family.

The debate confirmed that the primary race had entered a new phase, defined by Warren's apparent strength and the increasing willingness of other Democrats to challenge her. She



Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden and Elizabeth Warren debate in Westerville, Ohio, on Tuesday. Reuters

has risen toward the top of the polls while confronting limited resistance from her opponents, and in past debates she attracted a fraction of the hostility that Democrats trained on Biden.

Warren sought to dispense

with her critics by casting them as lacking ambition.

Foreign policy played a greater role Tuesday than in any other debate, pushed to the foreground by the renewed outbreak of war in Syria. **NYT**

BERNIE SANDERS GETS ENDORSEMENTS FROM STAR PROGRESSIVES

Washington: High-profile progressives Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Ilhan Omar threw their support behind Bernie Sanders' campaign for president as the US Senator held his own during a three-hour debate just weeks after suffering a heart attack. The endorsements suggested Sanders remained the left's favoured nominee. "Bernie is leading a working class movement to defeat Donald Trump that transcends generation, ethnicity and geography," said Omar in a statement.

Ocasio-Cortez would endorse Sanders at his rally in New York Saturday, campaign spokesman Mike Casca confirmed. **REUTERS**

EUROPE 'Air pollution caused 400K premature deaths in 2016'

Brussels: Poor air quality caused about 400,000 premature deaths in Europe in 2016, the most recent year data is available, and almost every city-dwelling European is exposed to pollution levels that exceed healthy levels, according to a report on Wednesday. "Air pollution is currently the most important environmental risk to human health," the European Environment Agency, the EU's health agency, said in the report. The report's author said that while the level of dangerous particles in European cities was dropping, it was not dropping fast enough.

AFGHANISTAN Three killed, 20 children injured in truck blast

Jalalabad: At least three people were killed and about 20 children wounded when a Taliban truck bomb detonated near a police station and partially destroyed a religious school, Afghan officials said. The early morning attack happened in Alishing district in eastern Laghman province, said interior ministry spokesman Nasrat Rahimi. "Three people including two security forces were killed and 27 were wounded," he added. According to the provincial government, the bomb exploded outside a police station and severely damaged a nearby madrassa.

IRAN Rouhani's brother starts 5-year jail term: report

Tehran: Iranian President Hassan Rouhani's brother entered prison Wednesday to begin a five-year sentence after he was convicted of corruption, the ISNA news agency reported. Hossein Fereydoon, who served as an aide to the President, was arrested in July 2017 and put on trial in February this year on allegations of financial violations. In a final ruling, his sentence was reduced to five years from seven and he was ordered to pay a fine.

TULAGI, PART OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS, LEASED OUT TO BEIJING-BASED FIRM FOR 75 YEARS, WITH OPTION TO RENEW

China is leasing a Pacific island, leaving its residents shocked

DAMIEN CAVE
SYDNEY, OCTOBER 16

THE ISLAND of Tulagi served as a South Pacific headquarters for Britain, then Japan, and during World War II, its natural deep-water harbour across from Guadalcanal made it a military gem soldiers fought and died for.

Now, Tulagi is about to move into Chinese hands.

Under a secretive deal signed last month with a provincial government in the South Pacific nation, a Beijing-based company with close ties to the Chinese Communist Party has secured exclusive development rights for

the entire island and its surroundings.

The lease agreement has shocked Tulagi residents and alarmed US officials who see the island chains of the South Pacific as crucial to keeping China in check and protecting important sea routes. It is the latest example of China using promises of prosperity to pursue its global aspirations — often by funneling money to governments and investing in local infrastructure projects that critics call debt traps for developing nations.

"The geography tells you that this is a good location," said Anne-Marie Brady, a China scholar at the University of Canterbury in



Tulagi was the scene of bloody battles between Allied forces and Japan during World War II

Christchurch, New Zealand. "China is expanding its military assets into the South Pacific and is

looking for friendly ports and friendly airfields just like other rising powers before them."

Beijing's ambitions in the South Pacific have economic, political and military ramifications.

The region is rich in natural resources, and China's investments have provoked worries in the United States and Australia that the projects could give Beijing an opening to establish a military foothold for everything from ships and planes to its own version of the Global Positioning System.

China is also pushing to end the region's status as a diplomatic stronghold for Taiwan. The Solomons cut ties to Taipei and allied with Beijing just a few days before the Tulagi deal. A second Pacific nation, Kiribati, followed suit the same week.

Even compared to previous Chinese development deals in nearby countries — including a wharf in Vanuatu, whose terms were not publicly released for years — the Tulagi agreement is remarkable for both its scope and lack of public input.

The renewable 75-year lease was granted to the China Sam Enterprise Group, a conglomerate founded in 1985 as a state-owned enterprise, according to corporate records.

A copy of the "strategic cooperation agreement," obtained by *The New York Times* and verified by two people with knowledge of the deal, reveals both the immediate ambitions of China Sam and

the potential — just as in Vanuatu — for infrastructure that could share civilian and military uses.

The provincial governor who signed the deal, Stanley Maniteva, could not be reached for comment.

Many residents of Tulagi, an island of a little over 1,000 people, are outraged at the deal. "They cannot come in and lease the whole island like that," said Michael Salini, 46, a business owner on Tulagi who is helping organise a petition to oppose the China Sam agreement.

"Everyone is really scared about the possibility of China turning the island into a military base," he added. **NYT**

IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY

Pompeo's former adviser testifies, says diplomats hit by Trump politics: report

Another arrest in campaign financing case involving Giuliani's associates

AGENCIES
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 16

A FORMER adviser to US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo who abruptly resigned last week, on Wednesday spoke to an impeachment inquiry into allegations US President Donald Trump pursued political interests in his dealings with Ukraine.

The latest senior administration to give closed-door testimony to the Democratic-led inquiry testified as Republicans in Congress stepped up their attacks on a process that the White House has vowed to stonewall.

Lawmakers are examining whether Trump improperly pressured Ukraine to launch an investigation of Democratic former Vice President Joe Biden, a top political rival and a leading candidate for the Democratic 2020 presidential nomination.

McKinley, a veteran diplomat who had served as ambassador to Brazil and Afghanistan, was expected to tell investigators that some career diplomats had their careers derailed for political reasons while he served as adviser to Pompeo from May 2018 until last Friday, according to a report in the *Washington Post*.

The newspaper said he resigned over State Department leadership's unwillingness to de-

fend former US Ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch against an effort to intervene in the country for Trump's political benefit. Yovanovitch, who was withdrawn earlier this year, told investigators last week that the President ousted her on "unfounded and false claims".

Meanwhile, a Florida man wanted in a campaign finance case involving associates of Rudy Giuliani is in federal custody after flying Wednesday to Kennedy Airport in New York City to turn himself in, federal authorities said.

David Correia, 44, was named in an indictment with two Giuliani associates and another man arrested last week on charges they made illegal contributions to politicians and a political action committee supporting Trump. Giuliani, a former New York City mayor, is Trump's personal lawyer.



Shankar Nagappa Hangud

Sacramento Bee reported.

"This incident has touched the lives of many in the area," Simon told reporters at a news conference on Tuesday, adding that such a killing had not occurred in the Placer County city of 130,000 in his recent memory.

"The suspect himself drove to the Mt. Shasta Police Department with one of the victims in his car and made a confession to them to start off this investigation," Simon said. Mt. Shasta Police chief Parish Cross said he went to the car to verify what the man had said. "These are things that just don't happen everyday, and when they do, it is upsetting," said Cross.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
SAN FRANCISCO, OCTOBER 16

A 53-YEAR-OLD Indian-origin IT professional has been arrested after he walked into a Northern California police station, with a dead body in his car, and confessed to have killed three others at his apartment over 350 kilometres away, according to US media reports.

All four victims are related to the suspect, Shankar Nagappa Hangud, Roseville Police Department Captain Joshua Simon said on Tuesday.

Hangud arrived at the police station in the city of Mt. Shasta shortly after noon and told officers that he had killed people at his apartment in the Placer County city of Roseville, police said.

Simon said Hangud, a Roseville resident, was in custody at the South Placer Jail after city detectives brought him back from Siskiyou County Monday and would face four charges of murder.

Hangud was a data specialist and had worked for several companies in the Sacramento area, according to his LinkedIn profile.

He is being held without bail and refused any interviews, the

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Tel:- 28524421, Fax:-011-28521871

NOTICE of INVITING 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 / NIT 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/-	21.10.19 at 14.30 Hrs.	2019_DAMB 181829_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)
DIP/Shabdarth/0854/19-20

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Sher-I-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences
Department of Materials Management (Imports Section)
Soura, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir-190011
E-mail: ammolimports@skims.ac.in, Fax No: 0194-2403404

e-NIT No: SIMS-324-NIT 17 (Imports) of 2019

Dated: 12.10.2019

Subject: Abbreviated Notice Inviting Tenders for supply, installation, testing & commissioning of various Bio-Medical equipments for SKIMS.

On behalf of the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir State through Director, Sher-I-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Soura, Srinagar, e-tenders are invited from the original manufacturers/their Indian subsidiaries/Indian Agents on the authorization of principal manufacturers/Indian Subsidiary if 100% subsidiary of foreign principals (for imported equipment) and manufacturers/their authorized dealers for the J&K State (for indigenous equipment) for supply, installation, testing & commissioning of following Bio-Medical equipments:

Group	Name of the item	Qty.	Tender fee	EMD
Department of Immunology:				
A	Automatic electro phoresis system	01 Unit	Rs. 1500	Rs. 60,000
B	Elisa Reader & Washer	01 Unit	Rs. 1000	Rs. 18,000
C	Heavy duty non refrigerated centrifuge	02 Unit	Rs. 1000	Rs. 6000
D	Spiro meter	01 Unit	Rs. 500	Rs. 2000
Department of Internal & Pulmonary Medicine:				
E	Electro-cautery.	01 Unit	Rs. 2000	Rs. 60,000
F	APC (Argon Plasma coagulation)	01 Unit	Rs. 2000	Rs. 60,000
G	Cryo unit	01 Unit	Rs. 2000	Rs. 60,000
H	Rigid Medical Thoracoscopy (Adult)	01 Unit	Rs. 2000	Rs. 40,000
I	Rigid Bronchoscope (Adult)	01 Unit	Rs. 2000	Rs. 50,000
J	Non-Invasive Ventilators	10 Unit	Rs. 2000	Rs. 50,000
K	Ambulatory Type-III Sleep Screening/Testing Devices	04 Unit	Rs. 500	Rs. 8,000
Department of Cl. Hematology:				
L	ESR Machine	01 Unit	Rs. 1000	Rs. 20,000

The detailed tender document is available on www.jktenders.gov.in & on SKIMS website www.skims.ac.in The NIT schedule is as per following:-

Last date for submission of online bids	11.11.2019 upto 4.00 PM
Opening of Technical bids	16.11.2019 at 12.30 PM

Complete bidding process will be online on e-tendering portal www.jktenders.gov.in & the tenders should be submitted strictly in accordance with the provision of the detailed NIT.

Sd/-
Asstt. Materials Management Officer (Imports)
For & on behalf of Chief of Materials Management

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

DIRECTORATE OF TOURISM KASHMIR
TRC, Srinagar, Kashmir-190011
Tel/Fax: 0194-2502281-83, E-mail: dydirectorpub@gmail.com
e-Tender Notice No. Pub/04 of 2019-20
Dated: 14.10.2019

Content Generation (Images and Text), Designing, Printing and Supply of Coffee Table Book on Kashmir.

For and on behalf of the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir State e-Tender is invited in Two Cover System from the Registered Publishers/ Reputed Firms for Content Generation (Images and Text), Designing, Printing and Supply of Coffee Table Book on Kashmir as indicated in the detailed BOQ.

Sr. No.	Name of Job	Value of CDR/FDR	Cost of tender document
1.	Content Generation (Images and Text), Designing, Printing and Supply of Coffee Table Book on Kashmir.	Rs. 50,000/- pledged in favour of Accounts Officer, Directorate of Tourism, Kashmir	Rs. 500/- in favour of Accounts Officer, Directorate of Tourism Kashmir (Non Refundable)

The bidding document(s) consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specification, terms and conditions and other details can be seen/downloaded from the website: www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of date given below:-

1. Date of Publishing	15.10.2019
2. Period of downloading of bidding document	16.10.2019 (10.00 A.M.) to 02.11.2019 (4.00 P.M.)
3. Bid submission Start Date	16.10.2019 (10.00 A.M.)
4. Bid Submission End Date	02.11.2019 (4.00 P.M.)
5. Date and Time of Opening of Technical Bids (Online)	05.11.2019 at 11.00 A.M. at Directorate of Tourism, Tourist Reception Centre, Srinagar
6. Date and Time of PPT Presentation by the bidders (Offline)	06.11.2019 at 11.30 A.M. at Directorate of Tourism, Tourist Reception Centre, Srinagar
7. Deadline for receiving the Hard Copy (Original DD & EMD) with all relevant documents	04.11.2019 (upto 3.00 P.M.)
8. Date and Opening of Financial Bids (Online)	Financial Bids opening date shall be declared online on the same portal after Technical evaluation is completed

In case of any eventuality, the online tenders opening date will be considered on any other convenient working date.

Sd/- **Director Tourism, Kashmir.**
No. DTK/Pub/52-III/306
DIPK-NB: 0646/M
Dated: 14.10.2019

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

SHER-I-KASHMIR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, SOURA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL
Tel. E-mail: mechanicalskims@gmail.com

Re-02

Short Term Notice Inviting E-Tenders

Gist of e-NIT No. 28 of 2019-20 Dated 12.10.2019

For and on behalf of Governor of Jammu & Kashmir State, Executive Engineer, Mechanical, SKIMS, Soura, Srinagar, invites Online e-bids in Two (02) cover system from **Manufacturers/Authorized Dealers/ Registered/ Reputed and Experienced Firms** having expertise as detailed in the tender document for the following works:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lacs)
1.	Renovation/Repair and Installation of Venturi Scrubber & allied jobs to 150 Kg./hr. capacity Alpha Therm Make Incinerator Plant at SKIMS Soura.	

The complete tender document is available at website: <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested Bidders/Tenderers may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarifications and submit their bids online upto the date and time mentioned in the table below. Tender Document contains qualifying criteria for bidders. Specifications, Bills of Quantities & Terms and Conditions of the contract and other relevant details.

i. Date and Time of downloading/ Sale of Tender documents (Starting Date)	15.10.2019 from 11.00 hours
ii. Date & Time of Bidding Queries/ clarification/Pre-Bid meet	19.10.2019 at 11.00 hours
iii. Last Date & Time of Bid uploading	25.10.2019 upto 16.00 hours
iv. Date of Submission of hard copies (Only Original EMD/DD for Document Fee)	28.10.2019 upto 14.00 hours
v. Date & Time of Commercial/ Technical Bid (Cover-I) opening	29.10.2019 11.00 hours (or next convenient day)
vi. Date & Time of Financial Bid (Cover-II) opening of the qualifying Bidders	Shall be intimated separately
vii. Cost of e-Bid Document	Rs. 1,500/- (Rupees One Thousand & Five Hundred only)
viii. Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (CDR/FDR)	Rs. 47,100/- (Rupees Forty Seven Thousand & One Hundred only)
ix. Completion Time	Thirty (30) days
x. Budget Head	M&R (Non-Plan) for the Year 2019-20

Sd/- **Executive Engineer**
Mechanical, SKIMS.
No. SIMS 139 EX.460/19-1440-50-3678-81
Dated: 12.10.2019

DELHI JAL BOARD

(GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (NE) III
G.T. ROAD SHAHDARA, DELHI-110032
E-mail eeneiii.eg@gmail.com Ph No. 22596645
NIT NO. 29 (19-20)

S.No	Name of Work	Amount Tender/ put tender Rs.	EMD to Fees (in Rs.)	Date of release of tender in procurement solution	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
4	Replacement of old and damaged Branch sewer line from Mata Wali Gali near Gujjar Chowk to Gutta Factory Mohanpuri, Maujpur AC-67 NE-III Tender I.D.No. 2019_DJB_182159_4	40,22,803/-	500/-	81000/-	14-10-19 02-11-19

Further details in this regard can be seen at <http://delhi.govtprocurement.gov.in>
ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)
Advt. No. J.S.V. 45/19-20

Sd/-
EX. ENGINEER (NE)-III

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system

Controller of Stores, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001 for and on behalf of the President of India. Invites tenders through e-procurement system for the supply of the following items:-

S N	Tender No.	Description	Qty.	Earnest Money (%)	Cost of tender doc in (₹)	Due Date
01	09192285A	SLIDING DOOR ARRANGEMENT COMPLETE FOR BGNHL WAGON	124 Nos.	57600/-	00	13.11.19
02	07190117	PROTECTIVE TUBE (POLYACETAL) FOR AXLE BOX	18800 Nos.	118460/-	00	14.11.19
03	09192355	% TYPE COMPOSITION BRAKE BLOCK	85678 Nos.	443930/-	00	18.11.19
04	14190014	INDUSTRIAL AND NATURAL SAFTY SKIN	19214 Kgs.	71600/-	00	18.11.19
05	07190087	SINGLE PIECE FRP LOUVER SHUTTER	9188 Nos.	194640/-	00	31.12.19
06	07191146	SILENT BLOCK FOR ANCHOR LINK	14241 Nos.	125210/-	00	06.01.20

Note: Above tenders with detailed description are uploaded on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The firm who desires to participate against e-tenders, are advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which they would require to have a class III digital certificate from certifying Agencies authorized under IT Act 2008 by Govt. of India. Manual offers against e-tenders will not be accepted. **Tender Notice No. 07/2019-2020 Dated: 16.10.2019.**
3308/19

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

e-Procurement Notice

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1. The Executive Engineer Seraj Division HPPWD Janghli Distt. Mandi on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the online bids on month, in electronic tendering system, in 2 Cover System for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD Department.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD	Cost of Tender	Eligible class of Contractor
1	Improvement and strengthening of Thalot Panjain Thachi Narain Gallu Sheeta Dhar Chet Chini Lamba Thach road Km. 0/00 to 75/000 (Section Thachi to Lambathach Km.25/000 to 67/500 under CRF Job No. HP-2018-19-169	63,74,91,700/-	1,27,49,900/-	12000/-	Class A

2. **Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission:** The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

3. **Key Dates:**

1. Date of Online Publication	23.10.2019 - 1100 HRS
2. Document Download Start and End Date	23.10.2019 1130 HRS upto 07.11.2019 05.00 HRS
3. Bid Submission Start and End Date	23.10.2019 1130 HRS upto 07.11.2019 05.00 HRS
4. Date of pre bid meeting in the office of Chief Engineer HP PWD Mandi	02.11.2019 11.30 HRS
5. Physical Submission of EMD/ Cost of Tender Document and original technical document	08.11.2019, 1030 HRS
6. Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of Technical Bid followed by Opening of Financial Bid.	08.11.2019 1100 HRS

4. **TENDER DETAILS:**
The Tender Documents shall be uploaded online in 2 Cover:
i) Cover 1: shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/ Eligibility Information".
ii) Cover 2: shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bid", where contractor will quote his offer for each item.

5. **SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS:** The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and other Technical Documents in O/o Chief Engineer MZ HP PWD Mandi as specified in Key dates Sr. No. 4 on Tender Opening Date, falling which the bids will be declared non-responsive.

6. **BID OPENING DETAILS:** The bids shall be opened on 08.11.2019 at 1100 HRS in the office Chief Engineer MZ HP PWD Mandi H.P by the authorized officer. In their interest the tenderer is advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

7. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 120 days after the deadline date for bid submission.

8. The Bidder are advised to quote rates inclusive of GST as applicable. GST shall not be paid extra

9. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender

Executive Engineer
Seraj Division HPPWD
Janghli Distt Mandi H.P

2466/HP

Office of EXECUTIVE ENGINEER B&R DIVISION HP.PWD. JOGINDER NAGAR

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MANDI-175015
Phone & Fax No. 01908-222033 E-Mail:- ee-jog-hp@nic.in

e-Procurement Notice

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer, B&R Division, HPPWD, Joginder Nagar on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invited the online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system, in 2 cover system for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/firms registered with HPPWD department:-

Sr No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD	Cost of Tender	Eligible Class of Contractors	Time Limit
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	M/T on Draman Kun Ka Tar road Km. 0/0 to 7/225 under NABARD Project RIDF-XXV (Sub Head- Removal of formation deficiencies, C.D. works, construction of retaining walls, including metalling tarring, construction of V-shape drain and parapets).	₹ 2,48,89,532/-	₹ 2,81,400/-	₹ 5,000/-	Class "A"	Eighteen Months

2. **Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission:-** The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted online on website <http://hptenders.gov.in>. The bidder would be required to register in the website which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA) "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: <http://hptenders.gov.in>. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

3. **Key Dates:-**

- Date of online Publication: 16.10.2019 10.00 Hrs.
- Document Download Start and end date: 16.10.2019 10.00 Hrs. upto 06.11.2019 17.00 Hrs.
- Bid Submission start and end date: 16.10.2019 10.00 Hrs. upto 06.11.2019 17.00 Hrs.
- Physical submission of EMD and cost of tender document on or before the time and date of submission of bids: 07.11.2019 upto 11.00 A.M.
- Date of Technical Bid opening will be 07.11.2019 11.30 A.M., Evaluation of technical bid opening and financial bid opening will follow on accordingly.

4. **Tender Details:** The tender documents shall be uploaded online in 2 cover.

- Cover 1: Shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/Eligibility information".
- Cover 2: Shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bids" where contractor will quote his offer for each item.

5. **Submission of Original Documents:** The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) Original bid security/ Earnest Money Deposited (EMD) and other technical Documents in O/O the Executive Engineer, B&R Division HPPWD, Joginder Nagar District Mandi (H.P) on or before the time and date of submission of bids failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive. No physical documents will be accepted after the closing date & time of submission of bids.

6. **Bid Opening Detail:** The bids shall be opened on 07.11.2019 11.30 Hrs. in the office of Executive Engineer B&R Division HPPWD, Joginder Nagar District Mandi (H.P) by the authorized officer in their interest the tenderer are advised to be present along with original documents as the specified in Key dates at Sr. No. 4. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

7. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 120 days after the deadline date for bid submission.

8. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delay due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidder's responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

9. In addition to instructions for use of standard form in bidding documents the bidder should upload the following information also.

- Total annual volume of Civil Engineering construction work executed and payment received in the last five year proceeding this year duly verified by the Chartered Accountant

On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh
Sd/- **Executive Engineer,**
B&R Division HP PWD, Joginder Nagar
District Mandi (HP).
Ph. 01908-222033.

2465/HP

NATIONAL SCHOOL OF DRAMA

(An autonomous Institution of The Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

National School of Drama invites tenders in sealed covers from experienced contractors / agencies / firms for hiring of Prop. Material etc. for Bal Sangam Festival, 2019 to be held in New Delhi from 9th to 12th Nov '2019 in two bid systems, technical and financial bids. Separate sealed envelopes should be used for technical and financial bid and put them in another bigger envelope separately.

Interested and experienced contractors / agencies/ service providers fulfilling necessary eligibility criteria are requested to submit their bid for Prop. Material in separate envelopes on the relevant tender documents to be downloaded from NSD Website (www.nsd.nic.in). Full details are available on NSD Website.

Director, NSD reserves the right to accept/reject any or all the tenders at any stage without assigning any reason.

Registrar
National School of Drama,
Bahawalpur House, Bhagwandas Road,
New Delhi-110001
Tel No 011-2303 1124, 2338 6732.
E-mail: nsd.nasic@gmail.com; registrar@nsd.gov.in

E - TENDERING PRESS NOTICE

The Executive Engineer, Civil Division No.V, Irrigation and Flood Control Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi. Near Paryavaran Complex, Saidulajab New Delhi 110030 invites on behalf of President of India, on line percentage rate tender from approved and eligible contractors registered with Irrigation and Flood Control Department up to 3:00 P.M on dates mentioned as below

- NIT 100/2019-20/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2019_IFC_181900_1 (Percentage rate). H.O.A:- 8443 Deposit under MLALAD Fund. N.O.W.-: Demolition and reconstruction of streets/roads at Baghat Mohalla in Khanpur village Ambedkar Nagar. E.C.Rs. 83,52,838/- Earnest Money Rs 1,67,057/- Period of Completion 120 Days. (Date of opening 18.10.2019)
- NIT 101/2019-20/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2019_IFC_181902_1 (Percentage rate). H.O.A:- 8443 Deposit under MLALAD Fund. N.O.W.-: Development and reconstruction of Main road from Gurjar Chaupal(Transformer) to Shiv Mandir and Adjoining streets in Khanpur village Ambedkar Nagar. E.C.Rs. 85,77,432/- Earnest Money Rs 1,71,549/- Period of Completion 120 Days. (Date of opening 18.10.2019)
- NIT 102/2019-20/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2019_IFC_181905_1 (Percentage rate). H.O.A:- 8443 Deposit under MLALAD Fund. N.O.W.-: Providing and fixing of 150 Nos of security gates block-K Pahari, K-I, G-Block and F-2 at different location in Sangam Vihar Assembly Constituency(AC-49). E.C.Rs. 83,71,408/- Earnest Money Rs 1,67,428/- Period of Completion 120 Days. (Date of opening 18.10.2019)
- NIT 103/2019-20/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2019_IFC_181906_1 (Percentage rate). H.O.A:- 8443 Deposit under MLALAD Fund. N.O.W.-: Providing and fixing security gates at Munirka village, Vasant Gaon, Mot Bagh village, Mohammadpur village of the RK Puram Assembly Constituency (AC-44). E.C.Rs. 25,35,406/- Earnest Money Rs 50,708/- Period of Completion 120 Days. (Date of opening 18.10.2019)
- NIT 104/2019-20/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2019_IFC_181910_1 (Percentage rate). H.O.A:- 8443 Deposit under MLALAD Fund. N.O.W.-: Demolition and reconstruction of Shutter Wali Main Road and adjoining streets in Khanpur village Ambedkar Nagar. E.C.Rs. 80,50,514/- Earnest Money Rs 1,61,010/- period of Completion 120 Days. (Date of opening 18.10.2019)
- NIT 105/2019-20/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2019_IFC_181914_1 (Percentage rate). H.O.A:- 8443 Deposit under MLALAD Fund. N.O.W.-: Providing and fixing gate including construction of footpath in Ashtal mandli in Devli Assembly Constituency AC-47. E.C.Rs. 17,28,857/- Earnest Money Rs 34,577/- Period of Completion 150 Days. (Date of opening 18.10.2019)
- NIT 106/2019-20/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2019_IFC_181921_1 (Percentage rate). H.O.A:- 8443 Deposit under MLALAD Fund. N.O.W.-: Providing and fixing Modern Jhula in park located near G-Block Malviya Nagar Malviya Nagar Assembly Constituency (AC-43). E.C.Rs. 9,57,118/- Earnest Money Rs 19,142/- Period of Completion 60 Days. (Date of opening 18.10.2019)
- NIT 107/2019-20/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2019_IFC_181923_1 (Percentage rate). H.O.A:- 8443 Deposit under MLALAD Fund. N.O.W.-: Providing and fixing RCC Manhole covers and Gully Traps along with frame and precast RCC slabs for different drains in Okhla Constituency AC-54. E.C.Rs. 50,86,543/- Earnest Money Rs 1,01,731/- Period of Completion 120 Days. (Date of opening 18.10.2019)
- NIT 108/2019-20/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2019_IFC_181924_1 (Percentage rate). H.O.A:- 8443 Deposit under MLALAD Fund. N.O.W.-: Construction of Tiraha near by Jamia Nagar metro Station in Okhla Constituency AC-54. E.C.Rs. 25,40,322/- Earnest Money Rs 50,806/- Period of Completion 90 Days. (Date of opening 18.10.2019)
- NIT 109/2019-20/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2019_IFC_181927_1 (Percentage rate). H.O.A:- 8443 Deposit under MLALAD Fund. N.O.W.-: Construction of Road and laying of pipeline in various locations of Jogabai Extn. in Okhla Constituency AC-54. E.C.Rs. 90,04,422/- Earnest Money Rs 1,80,088/- Period of Completion 120 Days. (Date of opening 18.10.2019)
- NIT 110/2019-20/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2019_IFC_181929_1 (Percentage rate). H.O.A:- 8443 Deposit under MLALAD Fund. N.O.W.-: Construction of road at Hazi Colony (Main road) and Okhla Vihar Pocket 11 to Iqra masjid in Okhla Constituency AC-54. E.C.Rs. 88,29,223/- Earnest Money Rs 1,76,584/- Period of Completion 90 Days. (Date of opening 18.10.2019)
- NIT 111/2019-20/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2019_IFC_181931_1 (Percentage rate). H.O.A:- 8443 Deposit under MLALAD Fund. N.O.W.-: Construction of road and slab at Hazi colony, in Okhla Constituency AC-54. E.C.Rs. 91,27,758/- Earnest Money Rs 1,82,555/- Period of Completion 120 Days. (Date of opening 18.10.2019)
- NIT 112/2019-20/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2019_IFC_181938_1 (Percentage rate). H.O.A:- 8443 Deposit under MLALAD Fund. N.O.W.-: Construction of Road and laying of pipeline in various locations of Okhla vihar in Okhla Constituency AC-54. E.C.Rs. 90,65,010/- Earnest Money Rs 1,81,300/- Period of Completion 120 Days. (Date of opening 18.10.2019)
- NIT 123/2019-20/EE/CD-V/Acs/(ID No. 2019_IFC_181980_1 (Percentage rate). H.O.A:- 8443 Deposit under MLALAD Fund. N.O.W.-: Repair and Maintenance of kabristan at Nizamuddin in Kasturba Nagar Constituency AC 42. E.C.Rs. 64,04,146/- Earnest Money Rs 1,28,083/- Period of Completion 180 Days. (Date of opening 18.10.2019).

Note:- 1). The enlistment of the contractors should be valid on the last date of opening of tenders. In case the last date of opening of tender is extended the enlistment of contractor should be valid on the original date of opening of tenders.

- Earnest Money in physical form i.e. deposited in FDR/Banker cheque /Demand Draft of schedule bank issued in favour of EE CD V I&FC Deptt should be deposited in the office of EE CD V I&FC Deptt. Govt. of NCT of Delhi Saidulajab near Paryavaran complex New Delhi 30. On or before the last date and time.
- Details of above mentioned work can be seen and downloaded from website <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>
- Tender submitted through e-procurement portal shall be accepted only.
- Corrigendum, if any will be published on e-procurement web site only.

PRESS NOTICE

The Executive Engineer, Civil Division No.V, Irrigation and Flood Control Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi. Near Paryavaran Complex, Saidulajab New Delhi 110030 request for Proposal (RFP) is invited on behalf of President of India, from Consultant/ Joint Venture/ Multi-disciplinary Consortia, Government Organization, Public Sector undertaking, Government Educational Institute and I&FC Empanelled agencies up to 3:00 P.M on 21/10/2019 as per details below:

- NIT EE/CD-V/RFP/2019 (ID No. 2019_IFC_181992_1). HOA-4702 Rejuvenation & Preservation of Water Bodies. NOW- RFP for project management consultancy services for development of three water bodies with ecological sensitive and sustainable technology. E.C.Rs. 0/- Earnest Money Rs 2,00,000/- (Date of opening 21.10.2019).

Note:- 1). The Consultant/ Joint Venture/ Multi-disciplinary Consortia Government Organization, Public Sector undertaking, Government Educational Institute and I&FC Empanelled agencies should submit Technical bid in Appendix-I & Financial Bid in Appendix-II with Appendix III & IV and should be valid on the original date of opening of tenders.

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19 ECONOMY

GOLD	RUPEE	OIL	SILVER
₹39,030	₹71.43	\$59.74	₹46,809

*Indian basket as on October 15, 2019

SENSEX: 38,598.99 ▲ 92.90 NIFTY: 11,471.55 ▲ 43.25 NIKKEI: 22,472.92 ▲ 265.71 HANG SENG: 26,664.28 ▲ 160.35 FTSE: 7,201.67 ▼ 9.97 DAX: 12,664.60 ▲ 34.81

International market data till 1900 GMT

SECTOR WATCH BANKING

‘Despite rate cuts & govt push, MSME credit growth slides’

GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 16

MIRRORING THE deepening slowdown in the economy, commercial lending exposure in the country has declined 2.6 per cent, or Rs 1,70,000 crore, to Rs 63.8 lakh crore in the June quarter of 2019-20 from Rs 65.5 lakh crore in March 2019, said a TransUnion CIBIL-SIDBI study.

Despite several rate cuts by the RBI, micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) have recorded a slide in credit exposure. “Entities having less than Rs 25 crore credit exposure have reported a lower credit growth rate of 12 per cent in the year ended June 2019 as against a growth rate of 23.1 per cent last year. Very small segment (less than Rs 10 lakh exposure) have registered a credit growth of only 11.3 per cent in June as against a growth rate of 26.2 per cent last year,” says the study.

Of the Rs 63.8-lakh crore commercial lending exposure, micro and SME segments account for Rs 15.7 lakh crore exposure (24.5 per cent of commercial credit outstanding). While mid-industry segment (Rs 25 crore to Rs 100 crore) has grown just by 3.6 per cent, large industry (Rs 100 crore plus) segment has shown a reasonable growth of 10.8 per cent. According to the study, a marginal deterioration in asset quality was also observed with the non-performing asset (NPA) rate surging to 16.1 per cent in June 2019 from 15.5 per cent in March 2019.

“There is no gainsaying the fact that credit to the commercial sector and MSMEs, in particular, has been impacted over the past nine months,” the Cibil-Sidbi study said. Even though some of the slowdown is attributable to the ongoing economic slowdown, there is no denying the fact that the issues in the NBFC sector regarding funding and liquidity challenges have had a significant deleterious impact on the over flow of funding, it said.

“We would expect the situation to improve gradually on the back of the various policy announcements by the RBI and the government as well as the expected cyclical pickup in economic growth,” the Cibil-Sidbi study said. Last week, a

Of the ₹63.8-lakh crore commercial lending exposure, micro and SME segments account for ₹15.7-lakh crore exposure

Reserve Bank data showed the non-food credit growth in the fortnight ended September 27, 2019 slowed to as low as 8.7 per cent year-on-year to Rs 97.11 lakh crore. During the comparable fortnight a year ago, non-food credit — or loans to individuals and companies — was up 12.6 per cent to Rs 89.3 lakh crore.

Within the MSME segment, the NPA rates are higher for larger size exposures. The exception to this trend is the very small segment which has a higher NPA rate of 11.6 per cent in June 2019. The larger SME segment also showed a higher NPA rate of 14.4 per cent. With the financial sector reeling under liquidity crunch and defaults, credit outstandings of NBFCs which contribute over 10 per cent of the total commercial credit in India, have declined during the six-month period ended June 2019. NBFC NPAs have surged from 4.7 per cent to 5.9 per cent of advances for all commercial entities in the last 6 months, it said.

After an explosive growth in the last two years, NBFC credit outstanding has dropped one per cent in the six-month period ended June 2019, the study said. “In the earlier year, credit growth between December 2017 and June 2018 was 17.9 per cent for the 6-months period,” it said. NBFCs reported credit growth of 20.4 per cent in December 2018. NBFCs’ market share also declined from 13.7 per cent to 12.6 per cent in the six months ended June 2019.

“The last 6 months comparison of credit and gross NPA trends for NBFCs show that NBFC loan growth is in negative zone, while gross NPA continue to grow in similar ratio. This is leading to a surge in NPA rate in the last 6 months from 4.7 per cent to 5.9 per cent for all commercial entities,” the CIBIL-SIDBI study said.

DECLINE LED BY INDUSTRIAL AND SERVICES SEGMENTS

Bank credit outstanding shrinks in first five months of 2019-20

SANDEEP SINGH
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

IN LINE with the slowdown in the economy on both the investment and the consumption fronts, the credit outstanding of scheduled commercial banks contracted by 0.9 per cent over the last five months, from Rs 86.74 lakh crore in March 2019 to Rs 85.94 lakh crore in August 2019.

According to the data released by the Reserve Bank of India, the decline has been led by contraction in credit outstanding for industrial segment (-4.2 per cent) and services segment (-2.7 per cent) in the five-month period. Even the personal loan segment has expanded by only 3.7 per cent since March 2019.

However, in the financial year ended March 2019, the credit outstanding for banks expanded by 12.2 per cent from Rs 77.3 lakh crore at the end of March 2018 to Rs 86.7 lakh crore in March 2019.

On the other hand, a look into the year-on-year credit growth data for banks show that the gross bank credit growth fell to 9.9 per cent in August 2019 — the lowest in 17 months, since it rose 8.2 per cent in March 2018. This, too, has been impacted by a sharp decline in credit demand from the industrial sector and relatively lower demand by services and personal loan segment.

While bank credit growth had

EXPLAINED Another sign of slowdown, weak credit demand

CONTRACTION IN credit outstanding of banks reflects weakness in credit demand from both the industry and individuals and it is reflective of the slowdown in the market.

While individuals are not borrowing for consumption purposes, companies are deferring their investment for lack of adequate demand in the economy.

SHRINKING BANK CREDIT OUTSTANDING

	March 2019	August 2019	Change %
Gross Bank Credit O/S	86,74,892	85,94,549	-0.9
Industry	28,85,778	27,65,215	-4.2
Services	24,15,609	23,50,198	-2.7
Personal Loan	22,20,732	23,03,930	3.7

Figures in Rs crore; Source: RBI

hit a low of 3 per cent in February 2017, following demonetisation in November 2016, it witnessed a slow but steady revival over the next two years to hit a 55-month high of 13.6 per cent in November 2018 (the highest since Narendra Modi-led NDA came to power in May 2014).

However, as the financial sector came under pressure following the IL&FS crisis in the last quarter of calendar 2018 and demand in the economy weakened

both from industry and consumers, the credit growth for banks started to soften and fell below 10 per cent in August 2019. It had grown by 11.5 per cent in July 2019.

In August, the year-on-year credit outstanding for the industrial sector rose by 3.9 per cent, a sharp fall over 6.1 per cent it witnessed in the previous month. Within the industrial sector the Micro and small enterprises saw their credit out-

standing contract by 2.1 per cent and it is the biggest decline since February 2017 when it contracted by 4.9 per cent. The medium sized enterprises saw the credit outstanding shrink by 0.8 per cent while the large companies saw their y-o-y credit growth in August soften to 5.1 per cent, down from 7.2 per cent in July 2019.

Analysts say that the decline in credit demand by the industrial sector is on account of slowdown in consumption in the economy. “A decline in consumer demand is not only deferring fresh investment, but is now leading to decline in existing capacity utilisations and hurting medium and small companies much more,” said the head of research with a leading brokerage firm.

Among the sectors, the infrastructure segment, which was the primary driver for industrial credit demand in this calendar year, saw a sharp dip in credit growth in August.

While the credit outstanding rose by 14 per cent in July 2019, in August the growth slipped to 8.8 per cent.

Besides, the services and the personal loan segments have also seen softening in credit demand. If the services sector witnessed a high growth of 28.1 per cent in November 2018, it has now come down to 13.3 per cent in August. Similarly, the personal loan segment that saw its credit outstanding expand by 15.6 per cent in August, the lowest in 11 months.

India’s fuel demand dips to lowest in over 2 years

The country’s fuel demand slipped to its lowest in over two years in September, after a fall in diesel and industrial fuel consumption, according to the data from the Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell

16.01 MILLION TONNES was the petroleum product consumption in September, which has dropped since July 2017, from 16.06 mt in the year-ago month

3.2% drop in the demand for diesel to 5.8 million tonnes

7.3% fall in consumption of bitumen, used in road construction

3.8% fall in fuel oil sales in September to 525,000 tonnes



THESE DOWNWARD trends negated the rise in LPG and petrol demand, noted the report

6.2% rise in the sale of petrol to 2.37 million tonnes

38% decline in demand for kerosene, which is fast being replaced by LPG and natural gas as a cooking medium

THE FORECAST is that demand growth to average 3.8 per cent y-o-y over the three years to 2021, down from 4.6 per cent previously, the Cell said, adding softening of Indian fuel demand adds to an increasingly bearish outlook for fuel demand globally

JET FUEL’S sale fell 1.6 per cent to 666,000 tonnes

LPG CONSUMPTION surged 6 per cent to 2.18 mt on the back of government’s push for the use of cleaner fuel in household kitchens in rural areas

US FDA issues warning letters to Glenmark, Torrent

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

THE US Food and Drug Administration’s (US FDA), in a warning letter to Glenmark Pharmaceuticals earlier this month, said that the generic drug maker failed to thoroughly investigate issues related to the quality of some of its products.

In a separate warning letter, the US regulator also held Ahmedabad-headquartered Torrent’s executive management responsible for “repeated” quality-related failures. The Indian Express has reviewed copies of both the letters. Warning letters are issued when the US drug regulator finds a manufacturer has “significantly” violated FDA regulations.

According to the letter issued to Glenmark, the company “failed to adequately investigate more than 70 consumer complaints associated with punctures, cracks, and holes” in some of the topical creams and ointments manufactured at its Baddi facility.

Glenmark’s investigations did not adequately address the scope and cause of these “serious” defects and evaluate other products with similar “manufacturing quality signals” or the same supplier, the FDA found.

“In your response, you stated that the root cause for the complaints was improper handling by folding and refolding of the (redacted)” by consumers. In addition, you stated that because the complaint rate is insignificant, there is no risk to marketed

batches,” it stated, adding over 50 complaints were closed “without” a plan to prevent these issues in the future. “Your quality system for investigations is inadequate and does not ensure consistent production of safe and effective products,” it told the firm.

Glenmark’s investigation of and response to “multiple” complaints of “grittiness” of one of its topical creams was also “inadequate”. In July, the firm recalled an undisclosed number of batches of its mometasone furoate cream (used to treat various skin conditions) from the US over their grittiness — an “ongoing formulation issue since 2010” also flagged in previous inspections.

“In your response to the most recent inspection, you stated that

the product grittiness issue was remediated during product reformulation in November 2018. Your response is inadequate. You did not provide sufficient data to demonstrate the robustness of the new formulation,” stated the warning letter.

In a separate warning letter on October 8, the US regulator told Torrent to “immediately and comprehensively” assess its global manufacturing operations to ensure it conformed to FDA requirements. “Repeated failures at multiple sites demonstrate that executive management oversight and control over the manufacture of drugs is inadequate,” it told Torrent. The firm had failed to “thoroughly” investigate unexplained discrepancies or failures of products made at its Indradra-

city, including its high blood pressure drug losartan potassium and hydrochlorothiazide tablets. It had closed “multiple” out-of-specification (OOS) investigations “without assignable root cause” or “adequate scientific justification” of these causes. “Despite the inadequate OOS investigations, your firm disregarded initial failing OOS results and released batches based on retested results,” the FDA told the company.

Issues were also raised for Torrent’s Dabeh facility during an inspection in March, the regulator said. Glenmark and Torrent had notified the BSE earlier this month of the warning letters they had received. Both firms said that the letters would not have an impact on their operations, and they were working to resolve the issues.

#LOGOUT CAMPAIGN

Top hotel body joins NRAI in protest against deep discounts by aggregators

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

THE #LOGOUT campaign started by the National Restaurants Association of India (NRAI) has gained momentum, with the Federation of Hotel & Restaurant Association of India (FHRAI), the apex body of the hotel industry in India, joining the NRAI’s initiative against deep discounting offered by online food ordering and aggregator companies such as Gurgaon-based Zomato.

“NRAI and FHRAI are two national representative bodies of the industry and their coming together as a group is a very significant development meant to send out a strong message to the FSAs (food service aggregators) about their highly-detrimental and predatory trade practices. Several city-based and affiliated bodies joining the campaign strongly indicate that the pain is being felt across the entire industry and everyone is aligned together in this movement,” said Anurag Katriar, president, NRAI.

Some of the core grievances identified by the associations are deep discounting, “oppressive contracts”, “unreasonable and arbitrary rules of engagement”, among others.

“This group also unanimously agreed that the Zomato Gold is



CHETAK BACK IN E-AVATAR

Union Road Transport and Highway Minister Nitin Gadkari, MD of Bajaj Auto Rajiv Bajaj, and NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant unveil the Bajaj Chetak Electric Vehicle, in New Delhi. PTI

■ While unveiling the Chetak e-scooter, the company did not disclose the price but said it would not be more than Rs 1.5 lakh. ■ The vehicle gives a driving range of 95 km on eco mode and 85 km on sports mode on a single charge of around five hours. PTI

Cannot sacrifice economic strength to comply with US sanctions, says FM

REUTERS
NEW YORK, OCTOBER 16

INDIA WANTS to comply with global sanctions, including US sanctions on Venezuela and Russia, but also needs to maintain its own strength and strategic interests, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in an interview on Tuesday.

The United States in January imposed the toughest sanctions yet on Venezuela’s oil industry. The move has scared away some global customers, but with few alternative suppliers of heavy oil, Indian refiner Reliance Industries Ltd has been buying Venezuelan crude from Russian major Rosneft. The company is set to resume direct oil loadings in the South American nation after a four-month pause.

Sitharaman said the Indian government has expressed its view to the United States.

“In specific issues which are critical for India’s strategic interests, we have explained to the United States that India is a strategic partner for the United States of America and you want a strategic partner to be strong and not weakened,” she said.

“We value the strong partnership with the USA, but we should equally be allowed to be a strong economy.”

The International Monetary Fund earlier on Tuesday lowered its outlook for Indian growth in 2019, citing weaker-than-expected domestic demand. The US-

‘Trade talks with US to conclude soon’

New York: Trade negotiations between India and the US are going well and will conclude sooner than expected, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said.

Last month, India and the US failed to announce a limited trade deal in New York during the meeting of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Donald Trump, due to still prevailing differences over the package. PTI

China trade war will cut 2019 global growth to its slowest pace since the 2008/09 financial crisis, the IMF said.

India’s gross domestic product grew at its weakest pace since 2013 between April and June, stoking expectations of further stimulus.

“Global headwinds ... are getting stronger by the day,” Sitharaman said. Asked about further fiscal stimulus, she said: “I have not closed the door” on that.

New Delhi has been trying to boost domestic growth through an infrastructure package and a new loan program organized with the banking sector that has doled out loans worth over 80,000 crore (\$11.1 billion), she said.

RECORD 1.54 MILLION PATENT APPLICATIONS IN 2018

China accounts for nearly half of global patent filings: UN’s WIPO

REUTERS
GENEVA, OCTOBER 16

CHINA ACCOUNTED for nearly half of global patent filings last year, with a record 1.54 million applications, led by telecom and computer technology, the UN’s World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) said on Wednesday.

China’s share in 2018, up 11.6 per cent from 2017, included requests received by China’s intellectual property office from foreign innovators and

companies seeking patent protection there, representing one in 10 filings, it said.

The United States ranked a distant second, with nearly 600,000 patent applications, down 1.6 per cent on the previous year and the first drop in a decade, WIPO said in a report.

In all, innovators worldwide filed 3.3 million patent applications, 14.3 million trademark applications, and 1.3 million industrial design applications, with Asia accounting for more than two-thirds.

USA DISTANT 2ND

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China ranked first in all three categories and had as many

patent filings as the next 10 places combined, including Japan (3rd), South Korea (4th) and the European Patent Office (5th).

Asia is “increasingly the global hub for intellectual property applications”, WIPO director-general Francis Gurry said, noting “impressive increases” in India.

“China has been a major driving force and the volume of applications coming out of China or going into China, the volume of applications in the Chinese office is really quite extraordinary,” he told a news conference.

China and the US are locked in a trade war over US demands that Beijing improve protections of American intellectual property, end cyber theft and the forced transfer of technology to Chinese firms, curb industrial subsidies and increase US companies’ access to largely closed Chinese markets.

US-based applicants filed some 230,000 patent filings overseas last year, signaling a push to expand markets, against 66,400 applications from China filed abroad, he said.

ONGC Videsh makes 2 new oil discoveries in Colombia and Brazil

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 16

ONGC VIDESH Ltd, the overseas arm of state-owned ONGC and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC), on Wednesday said it has made two new oil and gas discoveries in Colombia and Brazil, strengthening its reserves in Latin America.

OVL made an oil find in Colombia's onshore exploration block CPO-5 in the Llanos basin and major natural gas discovery in the deep offshore exploration block BM-SEAL-4 in Brazil's Sergipe Alagoas Basin, the company said in a statement.

"Well Sol-1, in the block CPO-5 encountered the oil-bearing sands of 8 meters at a depth of 2,852 meters. Oil discovery in Sol-1 confirms the extent of oil pay further south of the block," it said.

OVL had previously discovered commercial oil in the same pay in wells Mariposa-1 and Indico-1 in 2017 and 2018, respectively. Both the wells are under production now.

ED seizes four flats of former PMC chairman, identifies land with links to HDIL promoters

KHUSHBOONARAYAN
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 16

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) has seized four flats belonging to Waryam Singh, former chairman of Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank, located in Andheri, in suburban Mumbai, and also identified for seizure—a 1,770-acre land belonging to a firm linked to the promoters of Housing Development & Infrastructure Ltd (HDIL), said sources.

According to sources, the 1,770-acre land in Sindhudurg in Maharashtra belongs to Vijaydurg Ports Pvt Ltd. Privilege Hitech Pvt Ltd, a firm owned by Rakesh Wadhawan and his son Sarang Wadhawan holds 63 per cent stake in Vijaydurg Ports Pvt Ltd, a special purpose company formed to develop and operate the Vijaydurg port.

Earlier this week, ED identified 160 acres of land worth Rs 125 crore, owned by Vijaydurg Ports.

So far the agency has identified assets worth over Rs 3830

BANK ADMINISTRATOR MEETS RBI TOP BRASS

PMC Bank: Recasting balance sheet to present true picture

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 16

CRISIS-RIDDEN PUNJAB and Maharashtra Co-operative (PMC) Bank on Wednesday said it would expedite the processes of assessment of the realisability of the securities available with the bank, forensic audit and recasting of the balance sheet at the earliest.

PMC Bank's administrator JB Bhoria and members of the advisory committee of the bank met RBI top brass including Governor Shaktikanta Das, Deputy Governor and other officials on Wednesday to discuss the progress of the resolution. "It was assured that the bank will make all efforts to safeguard the interests of depositors and other stakeholders," said Bhoria, who was appointed as the administrator by the RBI last month.

The bank, which has a deposit base of Rs over Rs 11,000 crore, said it is in the process of recasting its balance sheet to present a "true and fair picture," according to Bhoria. The bank management

Wadhawans request probe agencies to sell attached assets to repay bank

Mumbai: HDIL directors Rakesh and Sarang Wadhawan, through a letter dated October 16, 2019, have requested the ED, EOW, Finance Ministry, RBI Governor and Deputy Governor to sell off their attached assets at fair market value, monetise them and start the process of repaying loans to PMC Bank, sources said.

In their letter to the agencies, the promoters said, "...we request you to immediately

take steps to sell the assets mentioned below at fair market value and adjust it towards the Principal of the loans taken by the Respective Companies which owns the respective assets... Such action for monetization of these depreciable assets is required to protect the value of the assets to fetch a fair market value for the assets and to make available immediate liquidity to start the process of repaying loans to PMC Bank." ENS

led by Bhoria apprised Governor Das of the position of the bank after relaxation of the withdrawal limits to Rs 40,000. "It was informed that the bank would expedite the processes of assessment of the realisability of the securities available with the bank and the forensic audit presently underway," PMC Bank said in a statement.

Jet Airways in April, died over the last 24 hours in Mumbai. Two of the deaths have been attributed to heart attacks with families and friends claiming that they were under "severe stress". The third death was that of a 39-year-old doctor, who was "suffering from depression" and committed suicide.

The bank, which is reported to have given over Rs 6,200 crore in loans to realty firm HDIL of the total loan assets of over Rs 8,300 crore, will be recasting the balance sheet "at the earliest so as to arrive at the true and fair picture of its accounts," it said.

The RBI on Monday increased the cash withdrawal limit to Rs 40,000 per account from Rs 25,000 earlier. "With the above relaxation, about 77 per cent of the depositors of the bank will be able to withdraw their entire account balance," the RBI said.

While the HDIL exposure — which is almost 73 per cent of the bank's advances — turned into NPA, the bank management shielded this huge exposure from the RBI's scrutiny.

BRIEFLY

Rupee settles 11p up at 71.43 against USD

New Delhi: The rupee recovered from initial losses to settle 11 paise higher at 71.43 against the US currency on Wednesday, tracking gains in domestic equity markets and softening crude oil prices. Foreign fund inflows also supported the local currency, forex trader said. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 71.60 against the US dollar. During the day, the domestic unit fluctuated between a high of 71.36 and a low of 71.71.

Gadkari wants fund for buying MSME shares

New Delhi: Union Minister Nitin Gadkari on Wednesday said the MSME Ministry has sought a fund of Rs 10,000 crore to buy equity in small businesses wanting to list on the bourses. "We have requested the Finance Ministry to sanction us Rs 10,000 crore and whichever MSE wants to list their equity on the stock exchanges, we will buy 10 per cent in them".

AITUC backs strike against PSBs' merger

New Delhi: The All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC) on Wednesday said it has extended support to the all-India bank strike on October 22, to protest against the government's decision to merge public sector banks. The AITUC termed the government's decision as most unfortunate and totally unwarranted.

PNB Housing to raise ₹10K cr via bonds

New Delhi: PNB Housing Finance will raise up to Rs 10,000 crore by issuing bonds in tranches, the company said on Wednesday. The company's board will meet on October 24 to declare quarterly earnings for the second quarter of this fiscal and will also consider proposal to raise fund, the bank said in a regulatory filing.

Federal Bank standalone profit rises 56%

New Delhi: Federal Bank on Wednesday reported a 56.63 per cent jump in its standalone net profit to Rs 416.70 crore for the second quarter ended September 2019. PTI

EU moves against Broadcom

Brussels: The EU's powerful anti-trust authority on Wednesday ordered US chipmaker Broadcom to immediately halt uncompetitive sales practices, using an unprecedented weapon against US big tech. The European Commission took the decision while a EU investigation is under way, citing "irreparable" threats to competition. REUTERS

Trump says, may not sign trade deal until meeting Xi

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 16

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump on Wednesday said he likely would not sign any trade deal with China until he meets with Chinese President Xi Jinping at the upcoming APEC Forum in Chile.

Trump, speaking to reporters at the White House, said the partial trade deal announced last week was in the process of being formalized.

"It's being papered," he said. Trump, Xi and other heads of state are expected to participate in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum being held in Santiago from November 11 to November 17. Last week, Trump and

Donald Trump, Xi Jinping and other heads of state are expected to participate in the APEC Forum in Santiago from November 11-17

Chinese Vice Premier Liu He announced the first phase of a deal to end the trade war between Beijing and Washington but did not offer many details.

China wants more talks as soon as the end of October to hammer out the details of the "phase one" pact, according to a Bloomberg report on Monday that cited people familiar with the matter.

Italy latest to slap Internet majors with 'digital tax'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MILAN, OCTOBER 16

ITALY IS to slap internet giants such as Amazon and Google with a three-percent tax, according to the proposed budget it submitted to the European Commission on Wednesday.

The tax would be applied to companies with sales of over 750 million euros (\$830 million), of which at least 5.5 million euros

come from services provided in Italy, according to Italian media reports. The move would bring around 600 million euros into state coffers annually from 2020, according to Italian finance ministry calculations made last year.

The tax is similar to one launched in France, which has generated friction with the United States. That tax prompted US President Donald Trump to threaten to retaliate with tariffs on French wines.

Amazon India to sell e-scooters on e-comm marketplace platform

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU
CHENNAI, OCTOBER 16

AMPERE VEHICLES, a Coimbatore-based electric mobility subsidiary of Greaves Cotton, on Wednesday announced the availability of its scooters on the Amazon e-commerce marketplace platform.

The partnership allows customers across select cities to buy a range of electric scooters at their convenience, in addition to availing festive offers ahead of Diwali. An Amazon India spokesperson said that it is for the first time that the e-tailer is selling scooters on its platform.

Recent policy measures by the government, along with growing eco-consciousness, have made electric two-wheelers an appealing bet to a new generation of buyers.

Ampere electric customers can buy select the models Zeal, V-48 LA, Magnus 60, Ro LA and REO Li in 10 cities from Amazon.

Ampere Vehicles has tied up with Amazon India to sell its scooters. The electric scooters segment in India, though a smaller part of two-wheeler pie currently, is growing at over 200%, according to an industry body

This facility will be extended soon to other cities of India.

The electric scooters segment in India, though a smaller part of two-wheeler pie currently, is growing at over 200 per cent, according to estimates of the Society of Manufacturers of Electric Vehicles (SMEV).

Ampere Electric Vehicles provides a range of multi-speed electric scooters in the Indian market. FE

Oil rises 1.4% on hopes OPEC will extend supply cuts

REUTERS
LONDON, OCTOBER 16

OIL ROSE about 1.4 per cent on Wednesday, gaining support due to signs that OPEC and allied producers will continue to curb supplies in December, a weaker dollar and as traders covered short positions ahead of an industry report on US crude inventories.

Brent crude, the global benchmark, rose 81 cents, or 1.38 per cent, to \$59.55 a barrel by 12:25 pm CDT. (1725 GMT) US crude gained 72 cents, or 1.36 per cent, to \$53.63. The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies met on December 5-6 in Vienna to review output policy. Market participants believe OPEC+ could decide to extend production cuts "and wait until world demand catches up," said Andy Lipow, president of Lipow Oil Associates in Houston.

Important for India to keep fiscal deficit in check: Gopinath

LALIT K JHA
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 16

IT IS important for India to keep fiscal deficit in check, even though its revenue projections look optimistic, Chief Economist of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Gita Gopinath has said.

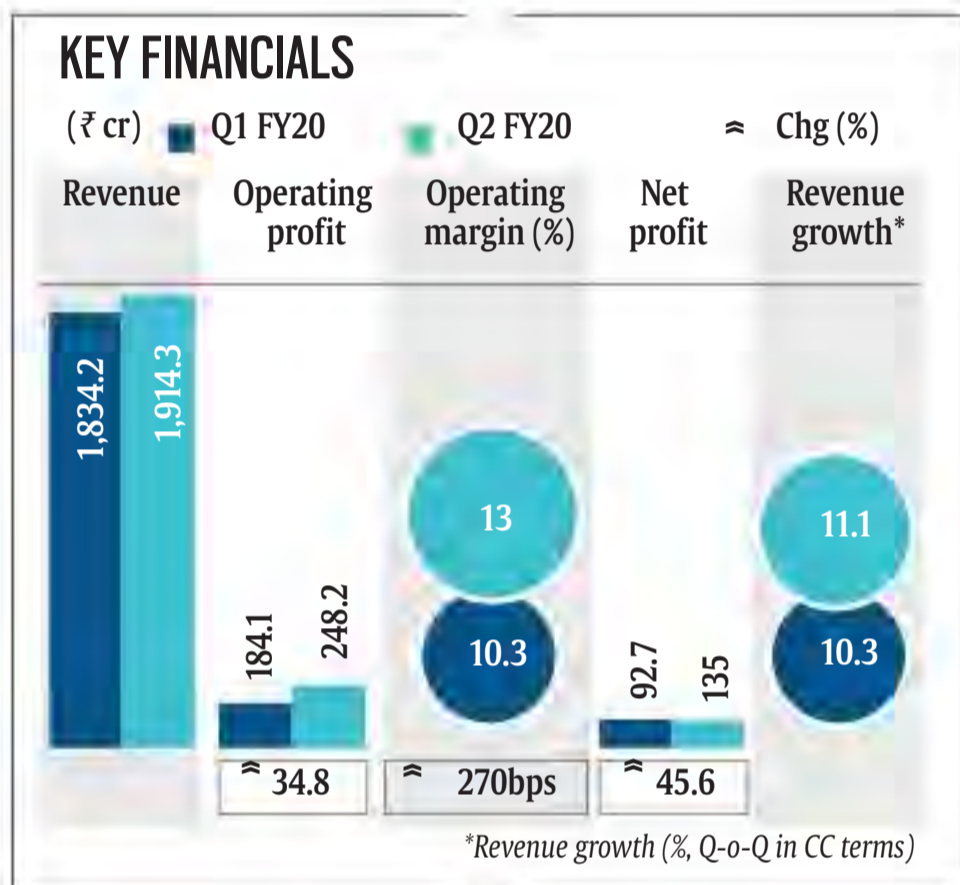
As against India's real growth rate of 6.8 per cent in 2018, the IMF in its latest World Economic Outlook released on Tuesday, projected the country's growth rate at 6.1 per cent for 2019 and noted that the Indian economy is expected to pick up at 7 per cent in 2020.

In India's case, there has been a negative impact on growth that has come from financial vulnerabilities and the non-bank financial sector, and the impact on consumer borrowing and borrowing of small and medium enterprises,

ENSE ECONOMIC BUREAU
BENGALURU, OCTOBER 16

IT FIRM Mindtree on Wednesday posted its Q2 FY20 earnings, in line with Street expectations, with 3.2 per cent sequential growth and 11 per cent y-o-y growth in constant currency terms, at \$271 million. Net profit stood at \$19.2 million, a 43.5 per cent sequential growth.

In rupees terms, the profits were down 34.6 per cent y-o-y at Rs 135 crore. "Foreign exchange, increase in remuneration year on year have affected our net profit. It will improve in the forthcoming quarters," said Debashis Chatterjee, CEO of Mindtree. The company reported an operating margin of 13 per cent for the quarter ended September 30, a 300 bps growth from the 10.3 per cent in the previous quarter. Without mentioning an exact range, the CFO of Mindtree, Pradip Menon, said that the Q3 operating margin will be better



than in Q2, and continue with a sequential growth in Q4.

Growth in digital remained flat at 38 per cent from the previous quarter, while the infrastructure management and tech support business division grew to 24.6 per cent from 23.8 per cent sequentially. However,

digital has grown 18 per cent y-o-y.

Hi-tech and media continue to be the highest growth drivers for Mindtree with 39.8 per cent revenue share, followed by retail-CPG-manufacturing and BFSI at 21.7 per cent and 21.6 per cent, respectively. FE

Women labour force participation in India quite low: IMF MD

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THE LABOUR force participation of women in India is quite low and one of the reasons was insecurity among them in workplace, International Monetary Fund Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva has said.

Speaking at an event "Women, Work, and Leadership: One-on-One Conversation" on Tuesday, she said, "women just don't feel safe to go to school or to go to work."

"(In) India labour force participation of women is quite low. There are many reasons for that one of them is insecurity. Women just don't feel safe to go to school or to go to work. It is a fixable problem. It requires commitment to make it safe," Georgieva said at the event be-



Kristalina Georgieva

ing held at its headquarters ahead of the annual meeting later this week.

The female labour force participation in India has fallen to 26 per cent in 2018 from 36.7 per cent in 2005, amid lack of access to quality education and underlying social, economic barriers limiting the opportunities for women, according to a study released in March by Deloitte. PTI

Weak US retail sales cast gloom over economy

REUTERS
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US RETAIL sales fell for the first time in seven months in September, suggesting that manufacturing-led weakness could be spreading to the broader economy, keeping the door open for the Federal Reserve to cut interest rates again later this month.

The signs of a deceleration in consumer spending reported by the Commerce Department on Wednesday came on the heels of reports this month showing a moderation in job growth and services sector activity in September. The economy is being hamstrung by a 15-month trade war between the United States and China, which has

US-China trade tension fuels downturn risks, warns IMF

Washington: Trade tensions between the US and China — the world's two largest economies — are a significant source of risk for the global economy, with "real spillover effects" for emerging markets, top IMF officials said.

Tobias Adrian, director of

the monetary and capital markets department of the International Monetary Fund, told reporters the tit-for-tat trade war between Washington and Beijing had a significant impact on financial markets over the past two years. REUTERS

building materials, hobbies and online purchases. That was the first drop since February. Data for August was revised up to show retail sales gaining 0.6 per cent instead of 0.4 per cent as previously reported. Economists

polled by Reuters had forecast retail sales would climb 0.3 per cent in September. Compared to September last year, retail sales increased 4.1 per cent.

Excluding automobiles, gasoline, building materials and food services, retail sales were unchanged last month after advancing by an unrevised 0.3 per cent in August. These so-called core retail sales correspond most closely with the consumer spending component of gross domestic product. Last month's drop and August's unrevised gain in core retail sales likely suggest a much more significant slowdown in consumer spending in the third quarter than economists had been anticipating after a surge in the prior quarter.

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DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY

Challenges on web highway

While Phase I of the BharatNet project is over, Phase II, which is currently underway, aims to provide connectivity to remote locations such as J&K, Northeast, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand

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THE NARENDRA MODI government calls it the "world's largest connectivity project". But BharatNet — which envisages laying of about 8 lakh kilometre of incremental optical fibre cable (OFC) to all the 2,50,000-plus Gram Panchayats (GP) in the country at an estimated cost of Rs 42,068 crore (\$6.2 billion) — will be unable to meet its March 2020 deadline. What's more, there aren't many private players utilising the already-laid fibre to provide services from the GPs onwards, even as rural internet penetration is growing independently through private telecom players.

Initiated by the UPA government in October 2011, BharatNet was originally named National Optical Fibre Network or NOFN. It's being financed by the Universal Service Obligation Fund of the Department of Telecommunications, through a 5 per cent levy on the revenues of private telecom service providers. The project's primary objective is to extend fibre connectivity — available at the state capital, district headquarters and blocks — to every GP, thereby providing access to broadband internet services to 69 per cent of India's rural population.

According to the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) data, out of the country's 1,186.63 million telephone subscribers (mobile phones plus landlines) as on June 30, 2019, the rural share is 511.05 million or 43.1 per cent. For broadband internet, rural India's share in the total subscriber base of 594.59 million is only 202.85 million or 34.1 per cent. The overall rural broadband penetration, too, was just 22.6%, as against 93.2% in urban India.

To bridge the rural-urban digital divide, Bharat Broadband Network Ltd (BBNL) — the government-owned organisation incorporated in February 2012 to oversee the NOFN/BharatNet project — has sought to utilise the 12 lakh km of existing OFC network extended to the block level and owned by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL). From each block, where BSNL has a point of presence with a power plant, air-conditioning, security and other necessary infrastructure, BBNL taps their fibre and extends it further to the GPs of that block/sub-district.

Phase I of BharatNet, which commenced in June 2014 after the Narendra Modi-led government took over, was completed in December 2017. It, in fact, over-achieved the 1 lakh target for this phase by covering 1,22,908 GPs with an investment of around \$1.64 billion (Rs 11,200 crore). In the first phase, three lakh km of BSNL's 7-8 lakh km existing fibre was used and an average of 2.7 km of new underground OFC was laid per GP. In all, over three lakh km of incremental fibre was rolled out, with the work distributed among BSNL (70%), RailTel (15%) and Power Grid Corporation of India (15%).

In the second phase, the remaining 1,29,827 GPs are to be covered through 5 km



of new fibre per GP. This phase incorporates a mix of both underground and aerial fibre as well as radio and satellite connectivity to reach more inaccessible locations such as Jammu and Kashmir, Northeast, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

"No single project in the world is trying to handle something of this capacity," said a top BBNL official. In comparison to the eight lakh km or so fibre being laid at the cost of \$6.2 billion over six years, Australia undertook a similar two lakh km project over 10

BharatNet aims to extend fibre connectivity to every gram panchayat, thereby providing broadband access to 69 per cent of India's rural population. BBNL

years at \$34.7 billion. While Indonesia's project was 67,000 km over six years for \$1.5 billion, Brazil spent \$3.3 billion over five years for 30,000 km.

However, despite laying such a huge network, its utilisation is far from satisfactory. BBNL's latest data as on October 3 show the total OFC length laid under BharatNet at 3,70,730 km and reaching 1,38,063 GPs, with 1,25,468 of them also recording connectivity and installation of equipment. At the same time, while Wi-Fi installation has taken place only in 44,046 GPs, it is operational in just 14,843 GPs. The Wi-Fi user numbers, too, are a mere 11.92 lakh, with monthly data usage at 69,409 gigabytes.

BBNL initially considered setting up its own internet service. But in 2015, it decided only to build the OFC infrastructure and make bandwidth available to all service providers. The annual pricing was Rs 7,000 for 10 megabits per second (Mbps) and Rs 2 lakh for 1 gigabit per second data transfer rates, besides Rs 2,250 for one kilometre of dark fibre. Of the revenue collected, BBNL keeps 30 per cent and the rest goes to BSNL.

"It hasn't worked as cable operators or small internet service providers using BBNL's fibre infrastructure also have to pay for leasing the BSNL bandwidth to get to the block level. That charge, at around Rs 3.3 lakh per 10 Mbps, is too high for providing services in any village/GP area," admitted the BBNL official. BSNL has now given Common Service Centers a 50 per cent discount to connect to the block level and utilise BBNL's laid fibre.

Further, the quality of BSNL's existing fi-

bres is subpar. "We couldn't even find OFC in some of the locations where they supposedly existed. In some other places, the fibre was cut and they were not repairing it. In the current phase, we are laying new fibre from the optical line terminal at the block headquarters itself, rather than the fibre point of interconnect. Right now, end-to-end connectivity is dependent on BSNL fibre," the official pointed out.

In the second phase, implementation is also being done through state governments and public-private partnership (PPP). But only 71,292 km of the five lakh km plan has been completed. "The advances that we had given to BSNL was, in many cases, used to pay salaries instead of the contractors who had done the job," disclosed the official. Interestingly, in 2012, BBNL had asked private operators also to provide details of their fibre network, which could be leveraged for NOFN. "They did not share the details. The private players usually swap fibre with one other rather than sell bandwidth that attracts tax," said the official.

However, the BBNL official wasn't sure whether the PPP model, which the Modi government has opted for to take over the remaining work in BharatNet, would be successful. The large telecom service providers are the ones most likely to join. Thus, a government project to provide rural internet connectivity has eventually submitted to private party implementation. And even though the model for utilisation has gone under many iterations, the challenges of power supply, land acquisition and maintenance of equipment at the GPs are yet to disappear.

FERTILISER SUBSIDY

Why farmers don't like direct cash transfers



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MORE THAN three-fourths of Indian farmers like the new system of fertiliser subsidy linked to sales made to them by retailers being registered on point-of-sale (PoS) machines. This so-called direct benefit transfer (DBT) system, wherein the subsidy to fertiliser companies is also released only after actual retail sales take place, is preferred by 76.5% of farmers, as per the findings of a nationwide study commissioned by NITI Aayog.

The reasons for farmers' approval of DBT — over the earlier system of manual distribution, where subsidy was paid to companies once their dispatched material had reached the rail-head point or approved godown of a district — include its being able to track the real buyer, curb diversion to non-farmers, and reduce overcharging by retailers.

The 18.7% farmers who preferred the manual distribution system (the rest 4.8% expressed indifference) cited issues relating to fingerprint mismatch, longer transaction/waiting time and server connectivity. Under DBT, a farmer buying subsidised fertilisers has to provide his/her Aadhaar, voter identification or Kisan credit card (KCC) number. The quantity of each nutrient purchased, along with the farmer's name and biometric or other authentication, have to be captured on the POS device linked to the Department of Fertilisers' central server. Only upon the farmer getting a printed receipt, and the sale transaction being recorded on the system, is the company eligible to receive the subsidy.

The NITI Aayog study covering 11,281 farmers and 1,182 retailers in 54 districts across 18 states — undertaken by MicroSave Consulting during the July-September 2018 kharif season — has found 79.8% of fertiliser sale transactions happening through Aadhaar authentication and another 6.4% based on furnishing of voter ID or KCC number.

Only in the remaining 13.8% transactions, in which farmers couldn't provide their Aadhaar details or the PoS machines were non-functional due to connectivity problems, did the retailers resort to manual transactions. However, even in so-called non-manual transactions, there were many instances of sales made to multiple farmers using a single Aadhaar authentication. Such "adjustments" were done especially during the peak season, where retailers had to service several cus-

tomers at any given time. They, then, "managed" sales through multiple PoS transactions against one Aadhaar number or by asking farmers to purchase manually and do the biometric authentication later. The average transaction time, from the farmer giving his Aadhaar/election ID/KCC number to getting a printed receipt, was 3-4 minutes.

But the overall satisfaction with DBT notwithstanding, only 36.4% of farmers covered in the study favoured direct cash transfers (DCT) — in other words, buying fertiliser at market rates and then receiving money from the government in their bank accounts. The balance 63.6% farmers wanted the existing mechanism, of fertiliser being retailed at below-market price and the government paying subsidy to companies, to continue. This was despite 95.5% of the surveyed farmers having individual accounts.

The main reason for rejecting the DCT (as opposed to DBT) option was the belief that paying market price for fertilisers upfront would result in additional financial burden.

A one-acre farmer buying, say, four bags of urea, two bags of di-ammonium phosphate and one bag of muriate of potash for two crops annually has to now pay Rs 4,466 at their respective subsidised retail prices of around Rs 266.5, Rs 1,250 and Rs 900 per bag. But if the same fertilisers were purchased at their unsubsidised rates of roughly Rs 1,100, Rs 1,770 and 1,234 per bag, respectively, he would have to shell out Rs 9,174. And this, without including the interest on the increased amount, which the farmer would typically have to borrow from informal lenders.

Farmers are suspicious about DCT following their experience with subsidy on liquefied petroleum gas cylinders paid into their bank accounts. On many occasions, the cash subsidy was received late or even not at all. According to the survey, "farmers believed that they would face similar issues in DCT in fertilisers".

The Indian Express had earlier reported that the Narendra Modi government is working on a proposal to pay fertiliser subsidy directly to farmers by giving this in advance, thereby saving them the burden of paying the unsubsidised rates upfront. One idea currently being discussed is to create an e-wallet account for every farmer and transfer money to that before the kharif or rabi sowing season. "The e-wallet may be used only for purchase of fertiliser through PoS machines. The money transferred would be non-lapsable; the unspent amounts can be taken forward to the next season," a top official said.

PROTESTS AGAINST IMPORTING GIR BULL SEMEN

Locking horns: Brazilian Gir vs Indian varieties

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WITH THE Centre deciding to import the semen of Gir bulls from Brazil in its attempt to promote indigenous varieties of cows in the country, cattle breeders Shivraj Khachar and Ghanshyamji Vyas, who are known for preserving the Gir breed of cows in the state, have led the protests against the government's move.

Earlier this year, the government had floated tenders to import one lakh doses of frozen semen of progeny tested Gir bull from Brazil for artificial insemination. With farmers in India preferring high milk-yielding breeds such as the Jersey, over time, indigenous varieties of cattle have witnessed a steady decline.

The government zeroed in on Brazil's Gir variety since the breed has its origin in India — the bulls are believed to be the progeny of Gir cows imported from India, including Krishna, a bull gifted by the royal family of erstwhile princely state of Bhavnagar to Brazil in the 20th Century.

Khachar and Vyas claim the Brazilian Gir cows are not pure breed and say the government's decision will end up destroying the pure Gir breed native to India. They have found support from RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, who, during his Vijaydashmi address, questioned, "Why are we asking Brazil for semen for cows when India has its own cows?"

Satyajit Khachar, 58

The patriarch of the royal family of erstwhile princely state of Jasdhan in present-day Rajkot district, Khachar says his family has been rearing Gir cows since the 17th Century. Khachar, who owns 160 acres of agricultural land and around 186 acres of 'vidi' or privately owned pastoral land, rears around 150 cows and four bulls of the Gir breed.



Satyajit Khachar and Ghanshyamji Vyas (right) say the Brazilian variety will end up destroying the pure Gir breed that's native to India. Gopal Kateshiya

Khachar, who holds degrees in marketing and economics, says it's important to preserve native breeds. "During my student days, the debate on cross-breeding was raging. The thrust of the White Revolution was on increasing milk production. But of late, milk productivity of cross-bred cows has stagnated and there is a renewed interest in native pure breeds," says Khachar.

Foreign exotic breeds such as Holstein Friesian and Jersey, which produce up to three times more milk compared to the indigenous breeds, were introduced in India during the White Revolution of the 1960s and 1970s.

"I have continued the family tradition of cow breeding with the twin objectives of improving the Gir breed and to develop a sus-

tainable model of dairy farming that can be replicated by dairy farmers," says Khachar, adding his cows yield an average of 3,700 kilograms of milk per lactation of around 300 days.

Going beyond traditional milk sale and selling heifers and bulls, Khachar set up a company in Brazil in 2011 and exported around 600 Gir cow embryos to that company. The same year, he set up a partnership firm called Gokripa Products in Jasdhan which manufactures *panchgavya* (milk, yogurt, ghee, cow dung and cow urine) products. The firm started out by selling cow urine extract. "I realised I was not getting the true value of by-products."

Today, Kachar processes the entire quan-



city of around 400 litres of milk his herd yields daily and also procures around 3,500 litres from 10 *gaushalas* that rear Gir cows. "Gir cow products are richer compared to other varieties. Gir cows produce A2 type milk and our milk powder plant is the only one in India which manufactures A2 milk powder," he says. A2 is a protein in milk, which, activists and breeders claim, is more beneficial for human consumption.

On the proposed import of Gir bull semen doses from Brazil, he says, "My fear is that the Brazilian Gir cows, which have been cross-bred with other breeds, won't be able to survive here. They won't be able to survive the heat here. That will eventually harm our native breed," says Khachar, whose cows

have won nine national awards for highest milk production in a day.

Ghanshyamji Vyas, 77

Vyas is chief of Bhuvaneshwari Pith, a religious institute, which, besides offering ayurveda services (Vyas himself is honorary consultant to Gujarat governor. They also manufacture ayurveda products but not *panchgavya*) also breeds Gir cows. The Pith has been rearing Gir cows since 1910 and Vyas has been involved in it for the past 50 years. The Pith owns 50 acres of grazing land near Gondal town and some agricultural land in Surat.

Today, Bhuvaneshwari Pith Gaushala has a herd of 200 cattle heads, which includes

four bulls and around two dozen male calves. Vyas says his herd produces around 200 litres daily. The Pith sells this milk locally and in Rajkot city at Rs 55 per litre. His cows yield an average 3,000 kg of milk per lactation cycle, he says.

He, however, says the sale of milk does not cover the monthly maintenance cost of around Rs 4.5 lakh, spent mostly on feed and wages of employees. "Cow breeding is different from running a *gaushala* or a *panjrapol* (where diseased and disabled animals are also sheltered). Our objective is to maintain a gene pool of highly productive Gir cows, not to make profit out of dairying," says Vyas.

The Pith sells around 25 male calves every year at a price of Rs 25,000 to Rs 1.25 lakh each and around 25 cows in the price range of Rs 1 lakh to Rs 3 lakh to make for the losses.

Vyas, who is also a member of National Livestock Mission of the Central government, says the proposed import of semen doses from Brazil will impact the Indian livestock. "Our cows weigh an average of 400 to 500 kg whereas the Brazilian Gir bulls weigh around 1,200 kg each. Our cows, impregnated from the semen of the Brazilian bulls, may have trouble delivering calves. Also, what do we do with our bulls and male calves once the imported doses are here? The problem of feral cattle will worsen," says Vyas.

Vyas also says the fodder-to-milk-production ratio of Indo-Brazilian Gir cows doesn't suit Indian conditions. "In Brazil, 25 cows graze on about 500 acres whereas our Gir cows have adapted to stall-feeding. Our cows develop their bodies primarily to produce milk and can even survive droughts whereas Gir cows in Brazil were cross-bred with other breeds to primarily produce meat. How much fodder can our dairy farmers afford to offer their cows?" asks Vyas.

TECHNOLOGY

Alexa, how much is it?

Technology is making inflation statistics an unreliable guide to the economy

AMAZON IS USED to fielding accusations: that it has killed off physical retail business, that it mistreats warehouse workers, that it abuses its dominant platform in online sales. So perhaps it is not a surprise that some people also blame it for low inflation. In 2017 Janet Yellen, then chair of the Federal Reserve, wondered aloud if cut-throat online competition might be stopping goods-producers raising prices even in a world of rising demand. Alberto Cavallo of Harvard Business School has found that Amazon's prices are 6% lower than those of eight large retailers, and 5% lower than on those retailers' websites. The internet in general is no place to go in search of inflation: in America online prices have been falling fairly steadily since about 2012 and are lower than they were at the turn of the millennium.

Yet the so-called "Amazon effect" should not seem so novel. The winds of disinflation have been blowing through American retail for decades. In the 1990s and 2000s big-box retailers like Walmart and Target ruthlessly cut goods prices as they optimised their supply chains. Cheap imports from China and other emerging-market economies squeezed domestic producers. One study in 2008 found that low-wage countries capturing 1% of market share in America was associated with a 3.1% fall in producer prices. There has been barely any cumulative rise in American consumer-goods prices, excluding food and energy, for two decades. Before the financial crisis, inflation as a whole behaved normally because services inflation held up. Today, both goods and services inflation are low. The rise of online retail does not easily explain that broader shift.

Nonetheless, technological advance is a disinflationary force worth pondering. At a basic level, it allows an economy to produce more with its finite resources. If aggregate demand does not keep up, prices will fall—or at least not rise as fast. The idea that inflation has been low lately because productivity growth has been strong seems laughable everywhere except Silicon Valley because economic statistics have documented a global slowdown in productivity growth. Yet there is an argument that statisticians fail to capture some technological advances, making productivity seem lower and inflation higher than they really are.

The basic concern is a longstanding one. Because it takes a while for statisticians to notice that consumers are buying new products, they miss precipitous price falls early in a product's life. It is also hard to tell how much better new products are than what went before. In today's economy the missed value comes from smartphones, social media and online streaming. Spencer Hill, an economist at Goldman Sachs, recently calculated that the measured growth in consumption of personal electronics, communications and media was lower in the 2010s than in any of the five preceding decades. That was despite the fact that in 1990 it would have taken perhaps \$3,000 to replicate even the basic functions of a modern phone—and only by using very bulky devices. In real terms, consumption in this category is surely soaring. The statistics must be missing something.

Statisticians are constantly battling the problem. But a review of America's inflation



The shift to online sales could be making new-product bias worse. A paper by Austan Goolsbee and Peter Klenow of Stanford University found that even excluding clothing, for which tastes are fickle, 44% of online sales in a database produced by Adobe Analytics, a computing company, were of goods that did not exist in the prior year. Reuters

indices in 2018 by Brent Moulson, a former top government official, estimated that the inflation index targeted by the Fed remained upwardly biased by almost half a percentage point, primarily because of new products and quality changes. The shift to online sales could be making new-product bias worse. A paper by Austan Goolsbee and Peter Klenow of Stanford University found that even excluding clothing, for which tastes are fickle, 44% of online sales in a database produced by Adobe Analytics, a computing company, were of goods that did not exist in the prior year. With such high churn the basket of goods monitored by official statisticians would quickly go stale. Messrs Goolsbee and Klenow have, for some categories of goods, helped Adobe Analytics to construct its own "digital price index" which shows much less inflation than official measures. For example, they find that furniture and bedding fell in price by almost 12% online between January 2014 and June 2019, while the official consumer price index records a fall of only 2.1%.

A bigger problem than falling prices is prices that are zero from the start. Most consumers today carry devices in their pockets with which they can make a video-call any-

where in the world, access information on any subject and translate languages instantaneously, all for free. The explosion in the provision of free services is usually cited as a reason to doubt the accuracy of GDP. But it is as big a problem for inflation. First, free services sometimes replace ones that were previously paid for, which puts new-product bias on steroids. Second, if consumers derive a greater share of their well-being from things that come free, inflation ceases to be a good measure of the cost of living or of the purchasing power of incomes.

The value of nothing

Measuring the price of something and measuring its value to consumers are two different tasks. Erik Brynjolfsson of MIT and two co-authors have run experiments in an

attempt to do the latter. They asked 3,000 online participants what they would need to be paid to give up Facebook for a month, offering to enforce the deal for a few randomly selected participants using Facebook features that reveal to friends when somebody last logged on. The median response was \$42. About a fifth of users quoted somewhere near \$1,000. In another experiment they struck similar agreements with participants at a Dutch university, enforcing the contract by getting users to change their passwords, in effect locking them out of their accounts, or to submit to monitoring of their electronic devices. The median figure participants quoted to give up mapping services for a month was about €59 (\$64); for WhatsApp it was €536. In another paper Mr Brynjolfsson and his colleagues asked con-

sumers what they would need to be paid to forgo free online search engines for a year: the median response was over \$17,500.

These figures can mislead. People will always fear the social isolation that would come with being cut off from the predominant communications technology of the day, whether it is telephones, texts or TikTok. Inflation and GDP were never intended to measure consumer welfare. Some free services are displacing activity which has never been counted in GDP, like casual matchmaking. Free services funded by advertising are not new: radio and television have been around a long time. And advertising is only small relative to the economy. John Fernald of the San Francisco Fed argues that many of the consumer benefits from modern technology are "conceptually non-market".

Yet the line between market and non-market services is hazy. Imputed rent, the money homeowners would have to pay to rent a house equivalent to the one they own, is included in inflation and GDP, despite not representing any market transaction. In another recent paper David Byrne of the Federal Reserve and Carol Corrado of the Conference Board, a business group, argue that smart-

phones, broadband connections and Netflix subscriptions should be viewed as investments that reap variable dividends over time depending on how intensively they are used. Armed with trends in data usage and time-use surveys Mr Byrne and Ms Corrado construct a quality-adjusted price index for digital access services that shows prices falling by 21% between 2007 and 2017. The official price index for internet access, by contrast, shows prices up 4.5% over the same period.

The fact that inflation may be even lower than is reported is, in one respect, good news: it means that growth in living standards has been understated. But it is troublesome for central bankers who are already undershooting their inflation targets. Moreover, the justification for targeting inflation in the first place rests on the notion that the number is a meaningful representation of the economic experiences of the public and of firms. The more economic activity shifts into a domain where price is a slippery concept, the weaker that link will become. And there is another source of breakdown in economists' understanding of how prices are formed: globalisation.

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Undeserved détente

A thaw in EU-Russia relations is starting

MOSCOW MIGHT as well have drafted the script of Donald Trump's leaked call to Volodymyr Zelensky on July 25th. In it, Ukraine's president endorsed criticism of his European partners and seemed open to a deal by which his country would disclose information damaging to Joe Biden, a possible electoral rival to Mr Trump, in return for aid in its struggle against Russia's military incursions. The transcript reinforced Moscow's lie that Ukraine is a decadent Western satrapy.

Friends of Ukraine need not worry too much about the call. Plenty of European leaders, after all, humour Mr Trump on the phone. But Ukrainians and their allies ought to worry about something else. A partial thaw in EU-Russia relations, produced not by the ramblings of an inexperienced Ukrainian president but by long-term geopolitical shifts, is under way.

On paper, that seems improbable. Russia's annexation of Crimea, its invasion of south-eastern Ukraine and its shooting down of an airliner there in 2014 have forged a European consensus in favour of imposing and maintaining sanctions on Moscow. Brokered primarily by Angela Merkel, these measures still hold together the spectrum of countries and opinions that ranges from doves like Italy to hawks like Poland. Russian-backed forces continue to breach the ceasefire in eastern Ukraine and recently seized Ukrainian ships in the Black Sea. The incoming European Commission is uncompromising on Russia. Ursula von der Leyen, its president, is a keen transatlanticist. Josep Borrell, the EU's next foreign-policy chief, told the European Parliament only this week that in his view sanctions on Russia should con-

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tinue. Pro-Russian political forces in the EU are stumbling, and recently left the governments of Austria and Italy.

Actions speak differently, however. In June Russia was readmitted to the Council of Europe, an institution close to the EU that monitors human rights, after five years of suspension. As president, Mr Zelensky has resumed Ukrainian-Russian prisoner-swaps and has prompted protests on the streets of Kiev by moving towards a model for power-sharing in the country's east that makes hefty concessions to Russia. Such moves free western Europeans to contemplate a new détente. Emmanuel Macron, the French president, is urging a thaw in relations with Moscow, including a summit to resolve the Ukraine crisis, and told his diplomats in August that "Europe will disappear" if it fails. German firms are renewing their pressure on Mrs Merkel, and have been keen to build Nord Stream 2, a big new gas pipeline from Russia. Germany recently sent its business minister to the St Petersburg summit, Russia's main economic forum, for the first time since 2014. German authorities are

making little fuss about the killing of a Chechen exile in Berlin in August. EU diplomats are speculating about a coming relaxation of sanctions. The wheels are turning.

Politically, the EU and Russia are as unreconciled as ever. Russia has shown almost no deference to European demands. Its undeserved readmission to the Council of Europe created the dangerous precedent of rehabilitation without reform. But the two sides are converging nonetheless, because another force is at work. Big, long-term, transcontinental shifts are pushing Russia and Europe back together.

One shift is that the transatlantic relationship is faltering. Europe and America no longer feel they can rely on each other to the extent that they could in the past. Mr Trump has proved an unreliable ally, which is perhaps why more and more Europeans talk about the need for "strategic autonomy". Any such thing is a long way off. The London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies recently estimated that the EU would need to invest between \$288bn and \$357bn to be in a position to win a limited land war with a power like Russia. But now Europeans are starting to hedge their bets. Standing up to the Russians made sense in the Obama era, when America credibly underwrote a tough European line, but Mr Trump's attitude to Russia and Ukraine is unclear. At the UN last month, the president blamed Russia's military action on his predecessor and encouraged the two countries to sort out the problem between themselves. The departure of two crucial Europe-America links—Britain, which is leaving the EU, and Mrs Merkel, who is in the final phase of her German chancel-



Emmanuel Macron, the French president, is urging a thaw in relations with Moscow. Reuters

lorship—only widens the Atlantic rift.

Another driver is the rise of China. Europeans fear that China and Russia are edging towards the formation of a new bloc that will dominate Eurasia. Mr Macron's pivot to Russia is in part intended to stop it from slipping into China's grasp. It is better, he argues, to make some concessions to solve the Ukraine issue and restart relations with Moscow than to let the world's largest country by land mass fall into Beijing's orbit.

The Middle East factor

Yet some European diplomats suspect

that Mr Macron's true concerns are closer to home. He realises, they say, that Europe's security depends on stopping the likes of Islamic State and that this requires the help of Russia, whose grip on the Middle East is tightening. It is a credible argument. Russia has steered the Syrian war and co-opted Iran and Turkey in the process. America is now pulling out of Syria's north to let Turkey take charge and suppress pro-Western Kurds. A Europe that needs a stable Middle East needs Turkey. And a Europe that needs Turkey, today needs Russia.

A widening Atlantic, a rising China and crisis in the Middle East are pushing Europe and Russia together. This may be understandable, but it is also very risky. The countries wedged between western Europe and Russia—from Poland to the Caucasus—are understandably alarmed by hints of a thaw. European support for Ukraine matters as a symbol to the world that liberal democracies will always find allies in the EU. The EU is a world power. Its actions set standards.

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 1. NIT No.140/ EE/CD-IV/FC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_182117_1)
 Name of work: Making arrangement for Chhat Puja Utsav at DDA near park Rathi mil, Loni Road, Shandara in Rohtash Nagar AC-64, Estimated Cost of Rs 2,92,940/- Earnest Money Rs 5,859/- period of completion 07 days
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 2. NIT No.141/ EE/CD-IV/FC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_182116_1)
 Name of work: Making Arrangement for Chhat Pooja Utsav Kushta Ashram Seemapuri AC-63, Estimated Cost of Rs 6,79,090/- Earnest Money Rs 13,582/- period of completion 07 days
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 3. NIT No.142/ EE/CD-IV/FC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_182114_1)
 Name of work: Making Arrangement for Chhat Pooja Utsav at Khep Parishad Flatpur, Seemapuri, Janta Tahir & B-Block Nand Nagri in Seemapuri AC-63, Estimated Cost of Rs 4,18,218/- Earnest Money Rs 8,364/- period of completion 07 days
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 4. NIT No.143/ EE/CD-IV/FC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_182113_1)
 Name of work: Making Arrangement for Chhat Pooja Utsav Near Krishna Park (North Ghoda) Babarpur AC-67, Estimated Cost of Rs 3,92,267/- Earnest Money Rs 7,845/- period of completion 07days
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UAE PLAYERS SUSPENDED FOR 'CORRUPTION'

Three UAE national team players, including captain Mohammed Naveed, have been provisionally suspended on charges of corruption, the ICC said on Wednesday. Batsman Shaiman Anwar and right-arm pace bowler Qadeer Ahmed were the other national team players charged by the ICC.

Undeniable utility of the support cast

Pujara, Rahane may not have got the big scores of their teammates, but their contributions have helped erect the Indian edifice in the series

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AMONG THIS generation of Indian batsmen, Virat Kohli towers above the rest like a cloud-piercing skyscraper. He's piled more runs, hundreds and double hundreds than his colleagues — on the gloomiest of Pune evenings, he struck his seventh 200, in tune with the big-hundred theme of the series. Before Kohli, nascent opener Mayank Agarwal converted his maiden Test hundred to a double in Vizag, then added a fine century in Pune too. Rohit Sharma, in the opener-avator for the first time in Tests, reeled out back-to-back hundreds.

In this backdrop, half-centuries fade like mid-risers obscured by high-risers. Only three other Indian batsmen have managed half-centuries in the series so far — Cheteshwar Pujara's trenchant 81 and a fluent 58, Ravindra Jadeja's thrilling 91 as India hurtled to the declaration in Pune, and Ajinkya Rahane's typically fighting 59. These knocks might not linger in the mind for any longer than the completion of the match (if one is a cricket academic) or the day or a session. They might not have recall value like the hundreds, nor aesthetic value, given the more business-like approaches of Pujara and Rahane, or even standalone value in the retelling of the game. But these knocks, nonetheless, have contextual value, which gets blurred in the bigger picture.

Take for instance Pujara's 58 — only Rohit Sharma scored fewer runs than him in India's only innings in Pune. But weave in the circumstances, the 58 assume a larger significance. For, when Kagiso Rabada nailed Rohit Sharma, India were far from secure. It was just around the time the South African speedster threatened to be the irresistible force he's touted to be. He was rectifying his lengths and extracting seam movement, just enough to confuse the batsmen.

At the other end, Agarwal was a trifle shaky, just about getting his bearings and settling into his rhythm. The opener was playing away from the body, his front foot was getting stuck, making him prone to lbws, and South Africa were sniffing an opportunity to make further dentures. By getting another wicket quickly, they could have exposed Kohli to relatively newish ball (10th over) when the surface was still offering assistance to the seamers. With the bounce available, even Keshav Maharaj could potentially have posed a threat.

This is where Pujara's resoluteness kicked in. He had rediscovered his touch after the trenchant second-innings 81 in Vizag. Deprived as he has been of big knocks since the remarkable trip to Australia, he was craving for one. He calmly negotiated an over from Rabada — had Pujara succumbed, the bowler might have got another over or two — and a testy spell from Vernon Philander. The assurance enabled Agarwal to play his natural game, as he tore into the callow Anrich Nortje, after being stung on the helmet. He soon made way for Keshav Maharaj, who Pujara unsettled with his characteristic skip-down-the-track method. The left-arm spinner was straight-away dishevelled, and didn't recover. When the recalled Rabada was tying Agarwal up, thus drying the runs up, Pujara found release from Maharaj, stroking him for a brace of fours.

Stonewallers like Pujara are like stock bowlers, the safety valve that lets the strike bowlers strive for wickets. Pujara's stability enabled Agarwal to bat uninhibitedly, just as it was for Rohit en route to his second-innings hundred in Vizag. And as the innings progressed, Pujara too accelerated, as he does once he crosses 30. He'd looked smooth enough for a hundred — which he reaches more often than not after passing fifty, but a momentary lapse of concentration undid him. That Rabada gave him an elaborate send-off before spewing verbals demonstrated how irritating his knock was in the context of the match. When he departed, India had steamed off to 163, the ball had become ragged and soft, and Kohli could bed in for a big knock.

Pujara will never be as exciting a batsman to watch as Kohli, whose instinct is to attack where Pujara's is to build a wall of safety inside which he can begin to express himself. But he has shown the same intelligence and consummate professionalism.

Rahane, accustomed to the cut and thrust



In Pune, Ajinkya Rahane accompanied Kohli through a difficult period in the last session of the first day.



A big score has been eluding Cheteshwar Pujara in the series.

of the domestic game by the time the national cap came his way, is a dissimilar batsman — he's not a skilled shredder of spin bowling, can look at times lazy and clumsy and ironically, struggles in Indian conditions, has a better average abroad (46 as compared to 35 at home) but has the remarkable gift of shepherding lower-order batsmen and adapting to different circumstances.

In Vizag, he had to keep scoring briskly as India contemplated a declaration. In Pune, he had to accompany Kohli through a difficult period in the last session of the first day, as South Africa were bent on cutting out run-scoring outlets. He had to bide his time, ensure that he did nothing silly but support Kohli, who himself was looking to block that score.

Rahane was often rickety, hassled especially against Maharaj, but clung on tenaciously, even more so as India were a batsman short. But if he does not crush attacks, he can fillet

Pujara's trenchant 81 (Vizag) and a fluent 58 (Pune), Jadeja's thrilling 91 (Pune) and Rahane's typically fighting 59 (Pune) — these knocks have contextual value, which gets blurred in the bigger picture.

them mightily effectively. It's another offshoot of the stability and resourcefulness Pujara and Rahane could provide — Kohli can afford to pack in an extra bowler, a move that paid rich dividends as the Umesh Yadav made a massive difference.

At other times, Rahane was thrust to batting with the lower order, something only VVS Laxman fully mastered among modern-day Indian batsmen. It's also a reason he hasn't as many hundreds as Pujara or Kohli, but his knocks were influential in orchestrating two of India's most memorable overseas triumphs last year — the 81 in Nottingham and 70 in Adelaide. Hence, they're a throwback to the Dravid-Laxman axis.

Not yet reaching their level, Pujara resembles Dravid in terms of stickability and unbreakable spirit (though not his pristine classicism, that inscrutable front-foot defence) and Rahane to Laxman (though not his artistry or wrist-curls). Add Kohli to the mix and you could strike a Tendulkar-Dravid-Laxman parallel of a master, builder and a utilitarian.

If Rohit and Agarwal could forge a long-term association, they could be tank-sniper combination, but the three pillars of India's contemporary batting sky-risers are Kohli, Pujara and Rahane. And even if Pujara-Rahane had missed out on big numbers, they made their value with significant contributions. Take out the 58 and 59, maybe the 108 and 254* wouldn't have come into existence.

Kumble's takeaway from coaching stints: Back off, help players relax

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ANIL KUMBLE says one of the biggest learnings from his previous coaching stints, including the controversial one with the Indian team, is to "back off and help the players relax". Kumble resigned as India head coach after the 2017 Champions Trophy final due to an "untenable relationship" with skipper Virat Kohli though the team did well under his tutelage.

The 48-year-old is back to coaching again, this time as director of cricket operations at Kings XI Punjab. He also held mentorship roles at Royal Challengers Bangalore and Mumbai Indians.

"With RCB we did not win the title but we came close a couple of times. With Mumbai, we had wonderful success those three years I was there. It is nice to have the experience of crossing the line. It certainly helps (you as a coach)," Kumble said on Wednesday.

"It is all about a game of cricket at the end of it. If you simplify like that the job becomes a lot easier. The moment you start putting importance to result, wins, trophies then it puts more pressure on the players. So the learning is just to back off and help the players relax, and when they are relaxed they tend to perform better."

Kumble, who wants to add more experience to the Punjab squad, will soon start strategising for the IPL auction in December.

"You learn from the previous experiences you have had as a player, as a coach but IPL is a rollercoaster ride. You need to be patient and then back the players you have. Generally because of certain results you tend

to start looking at other teams and that starts influencing your decision and that is the last thing you want."

Earlier this week, Kings XI Punjab co-owner Ness Wadia said that the franchise board had a rethink on Ravichandran Ashwin and it has decided to retain him. Ashwin captained the side in the previous two seasons but failed to take them to the play-offs. Kumble said it is not certain that Ashwin will captain the side again.

"We have not decided that yet. Some decisions need to be made but we don't need to decide at this moment. IPL is still five months away. There is an auction coming up, we will start to build a squad around that as well. Ashwin had a wonderful two years but of course we did not get the right results but we have not made any decision who the captain will be."

Kumble conceded that any decision will not be an easy one as he is a senior player. Ashwin has also done well for India in Tests of late, having made a comeback into the playing eleven in the ongoing home series against South Africa. Besides Ashwin, Punjab boast of Indian stars such as K L Rahul, Mayank Agarwal and Mohammad Shami. Their foreign recruits include Chris Gayle, Sam Curran, Nicholas Pooran and David Miller.

"We have a really good young squad. Needs a little bit of experience. We do have Chris, who is the most experienced player in the world. We will be settling down soon and put together a strategy for the way forward. In 12 years the only time they have got close is in 2104 when they lost in the finals. So to win a maiden trophy is the ultimate goal," added Kumble.

Ganguly says he'll discuss Dhoni's future with selectors, man himself

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THE BCCI president-designate, Sourav Ganguly, has made it clear that he would like to know the selection committee's plans with regard to Mahendra Singh Dhoni's future. Dhoni, 38, hasn't played since the World Cup 2019 and is unlikely to feature in the upcoming three-match T20 series against Bangladesh, the squad for which is set to be picked on October 24.

While Dhoni has not announced his international retirement, the selectors have repeatedly made clear that they intend to move forward keeping next year's World T20 in mind.

"I will find out from the selectors when I meet them on October 24. We will find out what the selectors are thinking and then I will put forth my opinion," Ganguly told reporters at Eden Gardens.

Ganguly also said that he would like to speak with Dhoni and know what he wants.

"We will have to see what Dhoni wants. I will also speak to him (and find out) what he wants to do and what he does not want to do."

He said that since he was not in the picture, he had no clarity on Dhoni's future.

"Since I was not in the picture, it may be a case that it's not clear with me as of now. Now I will be in a position to find out and then will decide on the way forward."

The former India captain made it clear that he will speak to the selectors and the captain Virat Kohli once he has formally taken charge at the Annual General Meeting on October 23. Earlier the selection meeting was scheduled for October 21 but now it will be held on October 24.

"My first selection committee meeting will be on October 24. So I will ask the selectors and talk with the captain. Coach (Ravi Shastri) won't be there as per the new Constitution," Ganguly said.

The president will not be a part of the selection committee meeting as secretary Jay Shah is the designated convener. PTI

Avishek Dalmiya set to be next CAB president

Kolkata: Avishek Dalmiya is tipped to be the next Cricket Association of Bengal president, *The Indian Express* understands. This follows Sourav Ganguly becoming the BCCI president-elect. In all likelihood, Avishek is going to be elected unopposed. Ganguly was re-elected as CAB president at the state association's October 28 AGM. Avishek, who came into cricket administration in 2015 after his father Jagmohan Dalmiya's death, became the secretary. With Ganguly moving to the BCCI, the CAB president's post will fall vacant and Avishek is an overwhelming favourite to fill the slot, as his candidature is acceptable to all factions. Even former CAB office-bearers who fell out with Ganguly will likely support Avishek.

"Avishek gave women's cricket in Bengal a facelift. Behind the scenes, his hard work was a reason why the Bengal women's teams achieved a treble last season," a CAB functionary told this paper. The Bengal women's teams — senior, U-23 and U-19 — won the national championships last term.

If Avishek becomes CAB president, the state association will have to conduct fresh elections for two posts, as they need to have a new secretary as well. It is learnt that the elections could be held sometime in November, before India's Test against Bangladesh at Eden Gardens, starting November 22.

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CRICKETERS' ASSOCIATION

What's in a name? Ask some woman cricketers looking for ICA membership

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SUCHETA SHISHIR Sudame, a 1990s Vidarbha cricketer, played 30 first-class games. Once she got married, she settled in Hyderabad and had a new name, Mrunal Mukund Indurkar. She had never liked her original first name.

Earlier this month, when she came to know that BCCI was initiating the formation of India's first-ever official players' body, Mrunal was keen to vote for the office-bearers' election. But there was a problem. Mrunal Mukund Indurkar had to prove she was Sucheta Shishir Sudame.

She was one of several former woman cricketers with the same problem. The lack of reliable records before 2006 made it worse. While getting in touch with every male cricketer who has played a minimum of 10 first-class games was tedious, tracing women who

played five first-class fixtures was an even a more cumbersome process.

Sports lawyer Nandan Kamath, the ICA's legal advisor tasked with compiling the list of cricketer voters, calls it an unique exercise of herculean proportions that needed to be completed in 10 days. It was also a challenge for Kamath's team — as well as for electoral officer N Gopalaswami — to verify the authenticity of applicants.

Calling for applications for memberships, screening of voters, creating a draft list, finalising an electoral roll, going through objections, scrutiny of nominations and announcing the final list of candidates; everything had to be done in a three-week window.

Eventually, after several days of checking and re-checking, the election was held over three days last week, with the first players' body coming into existence on Sunday. And the turnout was impressive.

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ICA'S LEGAL ADVISOR

"Over 1,200 were eligible to vote, of whom 1,082 voted. Of these, about 450 were women which is a very high percentage. The elections were conducted using an online voting platform," Kamath says. He also explained how he dealt with case where the names of women cricketers were changed.

"Some had played 30 to 40 years ago and we did not have access to verified records of women cricketers before 2006. After 2006, the BCCI took over women's cricket in India and the records of players are available, but before that there were no central database of matches played. Moreover, some people changed their surname after marriage and some even their first name. We wrote to former secretaries of the Women's Cricket Association of India (WCAI) to furnish records but didn't get a response. So even if they had some records, it was not shared with us," Kamath said.

Those women cricketers who could not be matched with verifiable scorecards were asked to give two references, of people they had played with and also newspaper cuttings with match coverage to prove they were part of the XI. Some of the players said they had lost certificates because of natural phenomenon like floods.

"Once they gave us the two references of players who had played with them, our team followed up and verified. Scrutiny of applications for membership had to be done in about 10 days. We had to verify facts with former players and people who were given as references to ensure that all those who were eligible got the opportunity to vote," the ICA legal advisor said.

Authentic records were crucial, more so when it came to lesser known players, because only women cricketers who have played at least one international game for India at the senior level or five First-Class matches were eligible to become members and vote. What made the task tougher was that certain matches were declassified as 'international'. An example being a New Zealand tour of India, which featured Under-23 teams. The matches were given 'international' status by the WCAI but later downgraded when the BCCI took over

women's cricket.

As for Mrunal, she got to vote, after a bit of paperwork. "I furnished the 'name-change affidavit' to prove that Sucheta and Mrunal was the same person. It was an important vote because now cricketers, including women, have a voice in the BCCI. If any further confirmation is needed about my records and name change, I have all the authentic documents," she says.

With regard to the election result, Anushuman Gaekwad (471 votes) defeated Kirti Azad (381 votes) to be the male representative of the ICA at the BCCI's Apex Council, while Shantha Rangaswamy was elected unopposed as the female representative.

"Never ever in my dreams I imagined that I would be sitting on the board. I did not even imagine a male cricketer on the board, let alone us. It is because of the Lodha reforms that we finally have a voice. It is like storming a male bastion," Rangaswamy said.

BRIEFLY

India beat Australia 5-1, qualify for final of Sultan of Johor Cup

New Delhi: The Indian junior men's hockey team thrashed Australia 5-1 to qualify for the final of the 9th Sultan of Johor Cup here on Wednesday. India's clinical performance at the Taman Daya Hockey Stadium saw goals from Shilanshankar (26', 29'), Dilpreet Singh (44'), Gursahibjit Singh (48') and Mandeep Mor (50'). India had first sight of goal in the opening minute because of an Australian mistake. A misjudgement off an aerial ball meant Gursahibjit was clear on goal in the circle, but Robert MacLennan was quick to come off his line and block the angles before clearing the ball to safety.

For the rest of the quarter, both teams looked for control in midfield with the Aussies earning the first penalty corner of the game in the eight minute. Early in the second quarter, Prashant Chauhan was called into action. Off a swift attack, Michael Francis' shot was deflected by Sam McCulloch towards goal. Chauhan was alive to the anger though, pulling off a reflex save to keep the scores level. India earned their first penalty corner of the game minutes later, but Gursahibjit dragged his attempt wide. PTI

Saina, Srikanth crash out of Denmark Open



Odense: Top Indian shuttlers Saina Nehwal and Kidambi Srikanth on Wednesday suffered first round losses in the Denmark Open women's and men's singles competitions here on Wednesday. Saina continued with her struggling form, losing to Japan's Sayaka Takahashi 15-21 21-23 in the match that lasted 37 minutes to crash out of the USD 775,000 tournament.

The 29-year-old London Olympics bronze medalist was the runner-up last year. World number 8 Saina has been going through a tough phase with fitness issues since claiming the Indonesia Masters in January. She had also made first-round exits at the China Open and Korea Open earlier this year. World number 12 Takahashi had defeated Saina the last time they met at the Thailand Open in August. PTI

New rules to govern transgender athletes

Lausanne: Female transgender athletes must lower their testosterone levels by half under new regulations introduced by the IAAF, bringing the rules into line with those for hyperandrogenous competitors such as Caster Semenya. Under the new eligibility rules announced this week, transgender athletes are no longer required to be recognised by law in their new gender but only need to provide a "signed declaration" that they identify as female. The International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) Council, which met in Doha, approved rules that require the concentration of testosterone in a female transgender athlete to be less than five nanomoles per litre continuously for a period of at least 12 months prior to being declared eligible. AFP

India has no intention of coming for Davis Cup: Pak tennis chief

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THE PAKISTAN Tennis Federation (PTF) has come down heavily on its Indian counterpart, claiming the their Davis Cup team has 'no intention' of travelling to Islamabad to play the Group 1 Asia/Oceania tie scheduled in November.

"It's a two-day tie, and I don't think heavens are going to fall if five-six Indian players come to Islamabad," PTF President Salim Saifullah Khan told *The Indian Express*. "This was expected though. We knew that India never had any intention of coming here."

The draw for the zonal tie was made back in February, and it was originally to be held in September, at the Pakistan Sports Complex in Islamabad.

The AITA had also announced a strong team for the contest, but once the Jammu and Kashmir issue erupted in August when the Indian government abrogated Article 370

and divided the state into two union territories, leading to a breakdown in ties between the two countries, the Indian team - led by non-playing captain Mahesh Bhupathi - made it clear that they were not keen on travelling due to security concerns.

AITA subsequently wrote to the International Tennis Federation (ITF) asking for the tie to either be shifted to a neutral venue or postponed by two months. The ITF decided to postpone the fixture to November 29-30. On Monday though, the AITA wrote to the world governing body again asking for a change in venue.

"In Islamabad, there is no safety issue," Khan adds. "They are our guests here, we are the hosts. We've guaranteed, and the (Pakistan) government has guaranteed (the Indians' safety). Our high commission is ready to give them visas as well. Nothing happened in the middle of September. They could have come, played and gone by now. It's mixing politics and sports, which is unfortunate. If they are not coming, why should

"It's a two-day tie, and I don't think heavens are going to fall if five-six Indian players come to Islamabad. This was expected though. We knew that India never had any intention of coming here."

SALIM SAIFULLAH KHAN,
PTF PRESIDENT

we go to India (in the future)? Let's just put a ban on India-Pakistan ties instead of wasting the ITF's time."

Earlier this week, it was learnt that the Indian team had again written to AITA asking for the tie to be shifted to a neutral venue, citing security concerns. The PTF, though, also decided to write to the ITF.

"AITA has never been serious to honour their Davis Cup commitments. I would like to bring to your kind notice, once again, our serious reservations in respect of the manner in which the AITA is treating the visit to

Pakistan for November Davis Cup tie. Contrary to ITF advice and meeting our requests, the AITA team captain and officials have been issuing statements in respect of not wanting to visit Pakistan, unrealistically and unnecessarily pointing security as the reason," Khan wrote in a letter to the ITF, as reported by Pakistani newspaper 'The News.'

The letter went on to state that British royal couple Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, William and Kate, are currently touring Pakistan, and the Sri Lankan cricket team too had recently competed in T20 and ODI series in Karachi and Lahore.

"Besides that, over 30 players of 15 different countries are in Islamabad these days for the back-to-back ITF Junior international events," the letter added.

"Pakistan Squash Federation (PSF) has been hosting international events on regular basis for the last so many years and are ready to repeat that this season. All of these activities coerce me to point out that AITA

stance is self-conceived and premeditated. If international players and celebrities find it safe to travel to Pakistan, why not Indian team?"

In the statement the ITF had issued announcing the new dates for the tie, the world body had also mentioned that it will be conducting a fresh security review of the venue on November 4. The Indian federation, though, at the behest of its players, has written to the ITF asking for the tie to be shifted outside Pakistan before the security review has even taken place.

Incidentally, from the initial squad India had announced for the tie, the no 1 singles and no 2 doubles players, Prajesh Gunneswaran and Divij Sharan respectively, have expressed their unavailability for the tie in November due to personal commitments. The latest communication between the players, AITA and the ITF has irked the PTF. "November will also come and go, but it just leaves things in bad taste," Khan concludes.

Catalan protests hits football

La Liga wants to move 1st leg of El Clasico from Barcelona to Madrid because of political unrest

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THE ARREST of nine Catalan separatist leaders on Monday and subsequent jail terms announced by the Supreme Court, for their roles in an illegal referendum and subsequent failed independence bid, sparked protests and clashes across the region. And football isn't untouched.

Clasico to be moved?

Spain's top football division has asked that this month's El Clasico match between Barcelona and Real Madrid be moved from Barcelona to the capital amid growing protests in Catalonia. It means the reverse fixture, scheduled for March, will take place in Barcelona.

The match is due to take place on October 26 at Barca's Camp Nou stadium but La Liga has asked the Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) to reverse the fixture, citing 'exceptional circumstances beyond our control.'

Barcelona and Real Madrid are often seen through a political prism. Real has long been seen as an emblem of Spain's establishment and the Clasico in Madrid is often awash with Spain flags. When Barcelona, Catalonia's capital, play their matches at Camp Nou, fans traditionally chant for "independence" at 17 minutes, 14 seconds into the game, signifying the year "1714" when Catalonia first lost its independence following a Madrid-based court ruling.

On the day of the Clasico, more protests are expected in the city. Barcelona and Real Madrid have not been involved in La Liga's request. Both clubs will be asked by the RFEF to give their opinion, with the Federation's competitions committee to make its decision in the next few days.

Pep takes a stand, again

Manchester City's coach Pep Guardiola, under whom Barcelona enjoyed their most successful spell in recent decades, was among the first ones to speak up after the arrests took place.

He simultaneously released a short video to Catalonia's public broadcaster TV3, BBC and AFP, condemning the decision, saying it was an 'attack on human rights' and lamented Spain's "drift towards authoritarianism".

Guardiola was quoted as saying by *El Nacional*: "This non-violent struggle will not stop until the repression is over and the right to self-determination is respected, as has been done in Quebec or Scotland. We demand a political and democratic solution from the Spanish government. What we ask is, Spain: sit down and talk."

Guardiola has been a poster boy for Catalan separatism, which has led to criticism. In March last year, England's Football Association fined Guardiola £20,000 for wearing a yellow ribbon on his jacket during



Pep Guardiola has worn a yellow ribbon earlier, in support of jailed Catalan politicians.

matches. The ribbon is the symbol of solidarity with Catalonia's political prisoners

Guardiola has called for international intervention: "We ask international civil society to press their governments to intervene in this conflict and find political and democratic solutions. We call on the international community to clearly position itself through a conflict resolution based on dialogue and respect. We reiterate, in this framework, there is only one way: sit and talk. Sit and talk."

Guardiola has received flak from pro-Spain politicians, with Ines Arrimadas - one of the most prominent voices - condemning him.

"I admired Guardiola as a player and a trainer but I must condemn his lies as 'political'," she wrote on Twitter. Then, pointing at Guardiola's role as an ambassador for 2022 World Cup in Qatar, she added: "He is very brave slandering Spain but not one word about Qatar where he makes money."

Players' backing

Gerard Piqué, who has won three Uefa Champions League titles with Barca, is more nuanced than Guardiola in his support of Catalan independence. He has stressed he's in favour of a referendum, but he never specified whether he's a separatist or not.

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PEP GUARDIOLA,
MAN CITY COACH

On Monday, Piqué tweeted he was "proud to be part of this club". His former teammate Xavi was more forthright. The retired midfielder posted an Instagram story bearing the names of the imprisoned politicians, underneath the word "shame", which appears in English, Catalan and Spanish.

Sergi Roberto, a graduate of La Masia, also backed the jailed leaders, tweeting: "All my support and solidarity."

Barcelona, too, released a strongly-worded statement on its website, headlined 'prison is not the solution'. "Now more than ever, the club asks all political leaders to lead a process of dialogue and negotiation to resolve this conflict, which should also allow

for the release of convicted civic and political leaders. FC Barcelona also expresses all its support and solidarity to the families of those who are deprived of their freedom," it said.

Rakitic stranded

Amidst all this, Barcelona's Croatian midfielder Ivan Rakitic became an unintended casualty. The announcement of the jail terms triggered mass protests across the region, with chaos at Barcelona's El Prat airport leading to the cancellation of dozens of flights as well as clashes between police and protesters. Local media reported that 51 arrests were made while 125 people had been treated for injuries. Rakitic flew back to Barcelona on Monday after playing a Euro 2020 qualifier against Wales in Cardiff on Sunday.

He was unaware of the clashes at the airport between police and protestors, who had blocked road access to and from the airport.

Marooned at the airport because he couldn't get a taxi, Rakitic was flummoxed. According to El Pais, Rakitic called someone at the airport and reportedly said: "The road is blocked. What am I going to do?"

Ultimately, he set off on foot and was pictured walking along the road, dragging a bag and a small backpack strapped across his shoulders.

Bulgaria police hold six over racist abuse

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
SOFIA, OCTOBER 16

SIX BULGARIANS have been detained over racist abuse at a Euro 2020 qualifier against England that sparked a storm of protest and led to the resignation of the country's football chief, police said Wednesday. Monkey chants and apparent Nazi salutes overshadowed England's 6-0 win in Sofia on Monday, with the match halted twice during the first half due to the abuse. "Six people have been detained and another three are being actively sought," Sofia police chief commissioner Georgy Hadzhiev told journalists.

Hadzhiev added that so far 15 people have been singled out via CCTV at the Vasil Levski National Stadium as being suspected of directing abuse against England's black players. Police in the central city of Plovdiv said they were calling in for questioning 13 others, who were allegedly also part of the group of black-clad men who sparked trouble at the game, according to public BNR radio.

Penalties for the offences carry brief detentions, fines and bans from sporting events. In total, 15,000 people watched the match at a stadium already partially closed after racist incidents during games against Kosovo and the Czech Republic in June.

England manager Gareth Southgate told reporters after the game that his side had been ready to walk off the pitch if the abusive behaviour continued but players decided to complete the match. The incident sparked a storm of angry reactions from fans, media and officials in both countries.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson condemned the "vile" racism, while his Bulgarian counterpart Boyko Borisov forced the country's football federation chief Borislav Mihaylov to offer his resignation on Tuesday. In a statement late Tuesday, Bulgarian national team manager Krasimir Balakov offered his apologies to the England player. The scandal divided Bulgarians - while many apologised in posts on social media about what they said was a pervasive problem in the country, others refused to be identified with the offenders and condemned British media headlines that called all Bulgarians "racists" and "animals".

UEFA announced that it was launching a probe into the behaviour of both the Bulgaria and England fans. Its president Aleksander Ceferin stressed the commitment of European football's governing body to root out the "disease" of racism.

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SAFETY NET

IOC helping prepare young sportspersons for life after active sport

SHAHID JUDGE
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 13

SIX ROUND tables are spread across a hall, decorated by placards with names of young athletes on them. Those athletes start pouring into the room and make their way to their designated seats. A trio - two shooters and a fencer - decide to swap a few nameplates around so they can sit together. A few minutes later, Anjali Bhagwat takes to the front of the room and shuffles around everybody's seats. "Do not sit with a person from the same sport," she calls.

This was no team bonding exercise the three-time Olympian was conducting with upcoming athletes. It was part of a new initiative, the Athlete 365 Career+, that the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has devised to prepare young sportspersons for what they have not been trained for till date - life after sport.

"The IOC has done its research and come to the conclusion that at least 50-60 per cent athletes face the problem of depression because they don't know what to do post-retirement," Bhagwat says. "Athletes are not prepared or cannot digest the idea that they no longer exist in the sporting world any-

more. They're used to the fame, the sport, the life, the practice, the competition... suddenly it all stops. So for that particular situation, you have to prepare yourself right now, from the youth level.

"This is where you choose what you want to pursue after your sporting career. Then accordingly you can choose your institution, where you want to study, be it Bachelors or Masters. So once you have that knowledge you can prepare for your second career."

This was the second such programme Bhagwat - the only IOC-approved instructor for the course in India - has held after conducting a seminar in New Delhi last year, where the likes of Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhury attended. In Mumbai on Saturday, youngsters from the sports of shooting, fencing, rowing, sailing, rugby, athletics and swimming attended.

The programme involves an aptitude test to give youngsters an inkling of what their strengths are.

"There's no conscious preparation for the second life - which can be in the labour market or in your own profession and education (coaching)," Bhagwat says. "The IOC wants to educate the youth so they don't face that problem, so that they're prepared for it."

Post-Olympic, and even post-retirement



IOC-approved instructor, shooter Anjali Bhagwat, a multiple Commonwealth Games medallist, along with participants at the Athlete 365 Career+.

depression has been a severe problem for athletes. The likes of Michael Phelps, Ian Thorpe and 10-time Olympic medallist Allison Schmitt have openly spoken about the depression that fills the void left behind after a major competition. And it is something no athlete is trained for. Earlier this year,

2016 Rio Olympics silver medallist cyclist Kelly Catlin committed suicide months after suffering a concussion.

"When you are an athlete, you are focused on the now, the goal, the thing you are trying to achieve. You are dealing with everything in real time," Australia's three-time

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Olympic gold medallist Stephanie Rice told *The Indian Express* last month. "As an athlete, you don't focus on post-sport depression, but on 'the now' and how do I perform at the top level at one moment in four years, when you get to do what you need to do."

That's where the IOC has stepped in, to promote the idea to athletes that there is life beyond sport, and that they have to prepare for that as well. And Bhagwat asserts that this is the right time to start addressing the problem.

"There are so many more people trying to pursue a career in sport now than ever be-

fore," she says. "But the life of an athlete is very short. Most athletes across sports will retire at, maybe, 35. In sports like gymnastics, it's probably much earlier. But you're still so young, you have your entire life ahead. What do you do then? All you know is that you are good at sport. We want them to know where else opportunities lie for them."

During the seminar, former Commonwealth Games gold medallist Ronak Pandit was also present, and will be taking his observations from the seminar to the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI). "This is something important that has not really been touched upon enough in sport. But it needs to happen more," he says.

Incidentally, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) is planning for just that.

"We are in talks with the IOC to launch a 'Country Programme' next year in India in partnership with Adecco," says IOA secretary general Rajeev Mehta. "From 2020 onwards, IOA would be able to provide full support to our athletes in career and job placement."

By the end of the session, the placards had no meaning for the 30-odd athletes present, nor did switching the tags around to sit next to a friend. After all, it wasn't a day meant to know your peer. It was to know more about yourself.

Coaches to scorch rugby's Ashes

When Wallabies meet England in World Cup QF, it will also be a battle of wits between coaches Michael Cheika (Aus) and Eddie Jones (Eng), who both started their rugby at the same beach-side rugby club Randwick

The stuffing inside Randwick

"IF YOU cut Cheika and Jones, their blood would run myrtle green, both products of that famous Sydney club by the beach, Randwick. The coaches' enduring connection to Randwick was evident in their emotional responses to the passing of club legend and mentor Jeff Sayle last week, bringing tears to the eyes of two of the hardest men in rugby," The Guardian wrote.

Cheika was a son of Lebanese immigrants while Jones, six years apart, was half-Japanese. Both found their footing at the egalitarian club where "lawyers rubbed shoulders with labourers." Rugby in Sydney back in 1970s and 80s had been a snobbish scene with predominantly Anglo-Celtic population. But Randwick whisked their attention away from Rugby League since rugby union was more inclusive, the paper writes.

Their careers overlapped briefly with Jones, an 80kg hooker, the toughest player in the Sydney competition, while Cheika was an unusually big but hardnosed backrower. "Jones had another weapon, his sharp tongue, which eviscerated victims. A lover of cricket, Jones could certainly sledge for the Australian XI," Guardian notes. Cheika doesn't hold back either. Both played for New South Wales but not Wallabies which ignited their coaching ambitions.

Burning ambition, different paths

Jones is known for his mathematical precision. Cheika's bombast is more passion and emotion. Their coaching paths first crossed cracklingly in 2016. Then Japan coach, Jones had just pulled off "The Brighton Miracle," the Brave Blossoms' shock win against the Springboks. But Cheika was named international coach of the year for taking the Wallabies from sixth place in the world to the final of the World Cup at Twickenham, which Australia lost to the All Blacks. Australia beat the ABs two months back.

In Australia for England's three-Test tour, Jones had out-manoeuvred Cheika as England won the series 3-0, a loss that is said to still haunt the Wallabies. In subsequent years Jones coached England to another three wins against Cheika's Wallabies, establishing a psychological advantage over the men in gold. Both crave a first world title after losing



Michael Cheika (left) is the son of Lebanese immigrants while Eddie Jones is half-Japanese. AP/Reuters



finals — Cheika in 2015 with Australia and Jones in 2003 as Wallabies coach, denied by a Jonny Wilkinson field goal in extra-time. There's an edge of desperation and now or never to the this campaign for both.

Chirp and chomp

Cheika vs Jones is incomplete without sniping. When England's final pool game against France was cancelled due to Typhoon Hagibis, Jones claimed his team would benefit from the two-week break compared to the Wallabies' hard match with a physical Georgia. Cheika shot back saying England had the best prep. Jones dripped sarcasm calling Cheika best coach in the world. If England beat the Wallabies on Saturday, Jones will end Cheika's tenure as Australia coach.

"No one would appreciate the irony more than Jones, who was sacked as Wallabies coach at the end of 2005 after losing eight of nine Tests that year. Jones cried bitter tears at a media conference following his sacking. It hurt him then and it would surprise if it

still didn't. Time does not heal every wound," Guardian writes.

Rugby Australia denied Jones his complete contract through to the 2007 World Cup, which might have made him the longest-serving Wallaby coach. The scorned Jones acted as a consultant to the Springboks, who won the tournament, while the Wallabies were eliminated in the quarter-final by England. Jones would now want to eliminate Australia from this World Cup. Cheika isn't too keen to become collateral damage in this great revenge.

Aussies galore in Eng camp

Canberra Raiders coach Ricky Stuart, the club's head of physical performance Nigel Ashley-Jones and football manager Matt Ford, joined the England team at their idyllic base — mountain-ringed Beppu on Tuesday. "Their arrival took to six the number of Australians tasked with helping England knock off the Wallabies and make their first World Cup semi-final since 2007," Sydney Morning Herald reported adding, "Attack

coach and former Parramatta Eels fullback Scott Wisemantel has been in bed with the enemy since May last year, while veteran sports scientist and performance guru Neil Craig has known Jones since his Wallabies days in 2003 but joined the England set up in 2017." Cheika called this Oz-cozying with England, "weird".

It's nothing new for England to call in so many experts from all over. Their defence coach John Mitchell is a Kiwi and former All Blacks coach. "You can dress it up anyway you want to but if you look at it from a realistic point of view, the planning for him coming was done a long time ago. Australia didn't know they would have England in the quarter-final and England didn't know either. That's the way I see it," he told SMH.

Jones has a long history of inviting in top practitioners in their fields. Melbourne Storm coach Craig Bellamy spent time with the squad before the World Cup, while Irish football legend Roy Keane and Manchester United legend Sir Alex Ferguson have also made appearances. **ENS**

Tokyo Olympic marathon and walks set to move to Sapporo over heat fears

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
LAUSANNE, OCTOBER 16

THE MARATHON and race walks at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics could be moved from the Japanese capital to Sapporo where temperatures will be "significantly lower", the International Olympic Committee said on Wednesday.

The IOC is proposing the move because temperatures in Tokyo during the July 24-August 9 Games could reach into the high 30s Celsius. In Sapporo, more than 800 kilometres further north, they would be five to six degrees cooler during the day. "Athletes' health and well-being are always at the heart of our concerns," IOC President Thomas Bach said in a statement.

The plan driven by increasing summer heat cuts into a key promise of Tokyo's bidding, first for the 2016 Olympics won by Rio de Janeiro and then its successful 2020 campaign, to deliver a "compact games" with 85% of venues in an 8-kilometer (5-mile) city center cluster.

"The new far-reaching proposals to move the marathon and race walking events show how seriously we take such concerns. "The Olympic Games are the platform where athletes can give 'once-in-a-lifetime' performances, and these measures ensure they have the conditions to give their best."

The plan to change the location of the events has yet to be rubberstamped. The initiative will need the backing of all of the major stakeholders, notably the host city Tokyo, the national Olympic committees and the relevant broadcasters.

The IOC Coordination Commission for Tokyo 2020 will dedicate a special session in its meeting in Tokyo at the end of the month to measures to deal with the heat.

When Tokyo last hosted the Olympics in 1964 the marathon — won by the great Ethiopian Abebe Bikila — was run at 1:00pm but that was in the month of October, not August as will be the case next year.

Doha heat took its toll

At the recent world championships in Doha, both the men's and women's

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marathons started at midnight but the heat and humidity still presented massive problems. Ruth Chepngetich won the women's race in a sluggish 2hr 32min 43sec — 17 minutes outside Paula Radcliffe's then world record — while 28 of the 68 starters failed to finish.

The men's race was held in cooler conditions but Lelisa Desisa's winning time of 2hr 10min 40sec was over nine minutes slower than the world record.

"We have been working closely with the IOC and Tokyo 2020 on the potential weather conditions at next year's Olympic Games and will continue to work with the IOC and Tokyo 2020 on the proposal to move the road events to Sapporo," said International Amateur Athletics Federations' President Sebastian Coe.

"Giving athletes the best platform for their performances within the environment they are in is central to all major events. "We will work with the organisers to create the very best marathon and race walk courses for next year's Olympic Games."

The planned relocation of the marathon and race walks are a part of a broader scheme to lessen the effects of the weather on the athletes.

The 5,000m and longer-distance races are being scheduled for the evening athletics sessions and not in the morning sessions while all rugby sevens morning games are slated to finish before 12:00pm.

The mountain bike start time has been pushed back to start at 3:00pm.

The IOC said that the timing of other events and competitions would be "kept under review".

Rodrigo fires Spain into Euro with late leveller

REUTERS
STOCKHOLM, OCTOBER 16

ASTUTTERING Spain qualified for Euro 2020 as a stoppage-time strike by substitute Rodrigo cancelled out Marcus Berg's opener for Sweden in a 1-1 draw in Group F on Tuesday.

The result left Spain top of the standings on 20 points and guaranteed a spot in the top two, with the Swedes second on 15, and Romania a point further back in third.

Yet having drawn with both Norway and Sweden in their last two matches on their trip to Scandinavia, the Spaniards will have plenty of work to do if they want to be considered among the favourites at next year's tournament. With captain Sergio Ramos suspended following his yellow card in their last game against Norway, Spain started superbly, pinging the ball from side to side and probing for openings behind the Swedish defence.

Thiago Alcantara could have put the visitors ahead early on, but after rounding the goalkeeper he mis-controlled the ball and it rolled out for a goal kick.

Midfielder Rodri had a stinging shot saved shortly afterwards and it looked to be only a matter of time before the Spaniards made the breakthrough, but with goalkeeper Robin Olsen in superb form, the Swedes adjusted and began to grow into the game.

Fullback Mikael Lustig had their first shot on target in the 27th minute and striker Robin Quaison followed it up with a brilliant header that Spain keeper David De Gea clawed away for a corner.

With light rain falling throughout the game, players struggled to keep their footing on the Friends Arena surface.

Striker Berg put Sweden in front early in the second half after his initial header was saved, as was Emil Forsberg's shot, but Berg nodded home from close range at the second attempt to give his side the lead.

De Gea left the fray injured on the hour mark and despite dominating possession throughout, Spain found it almost impossible to create the kind of chances they had enjoyed in the opening exchanges.

The crowd of over 49,000 in the stands were in fine voice as they ignored the damp weather with the final whistle approaching, but Rodrigo silenced them by snapping up a ball from a corner and rifling it home to send Spain through.

"I am very happy, the players were very good and we met a very strong rival. It was tough for us, but we corrected what needed to be corrected," Spain coach Robert Moreno told reporters.



WRITING ON THE WALL

A PROTESTER puts a picture of Commissioner Adam Silver, next to LeBron James' photo on a wall during a gathering in support of NBA's Houston Rockets' team general manager Daryl Morey, who sent a tweet backing the pro-democracy movement, in Hong Kong. Reuters

My comments taken out of context: LeBron

Hong Kong: Los Angeles Lakers star LeBron James told reporters on Tuesday that he believes his comments on Monday — regarding a tweet by Houston Rockets general manager Daryl Morey in favour of an independent Hong Kong — were taken out of context, calling the circumstances as a whole "tough."

"I mean obviously it's a tough situation that we're all in right now, as an association," said James, who added that he often feels that his words are taken out of context.

"Us as athletes, owners, GMs, whatever, so forth. I think when the issue comes up, if you feel passionate about it or you feel like it's something that you want to talk about, then so be it," James said Monday — after the Lakers returned from a tour in China — he believed Morey was "either misinformed or not really educated on the situation" and didn't consider the consequences before posting his tweet.

"So many people could have been harmed not only financially, physically, emotionally, spiritually," James said Monday. "So just be careful what we tweet and say and we do, even though, yes, we do have freedom of speech, but there can be a lot of negative that comes with that, too."

After backlash to James' comments, he tweeted a follow up on Monday night, writing, "Let me clear up the confusion. I do not believe there was any consideration for the consequences and ramifications of (Morey's) tweet. I'm not discussing the substance. Others can talk about that."

James' Monday comments and tweets drew plenty of criticism, including from many in Hong Kong, where protestors were seen stomping on and burning his jerseys on

basketball courts in the city. Speaking from the Lakers' facility Tuesday, James said he hadn't see those images and wasn't monitoring the backlash.

"I haven't been paying attention to it much besides what I said and what we're trying to do here," he said.

James elaborated somewhat on the discussion about free speech Tuesday. "I also don't think that every issue should be everybody's problem, as well," James said.

"There's multiple things that we haven't talked about that happen in our own country that we don't bring up. There's things that happen in my own community. ...

"There's issues all over the world, and I think the best thing we can do is, if you feel passionate about it, talk about it. If you don't have a lot of knowledge about it or you don't quite understand it, I don't think you should talk about it. I think it just puts you in a tough position." James finished his media session by saying he won't discuss the subject moving forward, with hopes of avoiding distractions around the team.

"I won't talk about it again, because I'll be cheating my teammates by continuing to harp on something that won't benefit us," James said. Morey has not been disciplined for his since-deleted tweet that included a logo and the words, "Fight for freedom, stand with Hong Kong."

Rockets owner Tilman Fertitta spoke out against Morey and his tweet, and Rockets star James Harden said afterward, "We apologize. You know, we love China. We love playing there," while standing next to teammate Russell Westbrook in Tokyo. **REUTERS**

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RESTORED FIGUREHEADS from British naval ships, which date back to the 19th century, will be exhibited at The Box in Plymouth. There are a total of 14 figureheads, including a figure of William IV and a depiction of a bearded river god inspired by River Tamar.

SNAP SHOTS



Love's Labour Gained

FILMMAKER ANURAG Kashyap took to social media to announce he would be associated with Assamese film *Aamis*, as a presenter. Written and directed by Bhaskar Hazarika, the film is a dark love story that features Lima Das and Arghadeep Barua. On Instagram, he urged audiences to watch the film, which releases on November 22. "Trust me, you have not seen anything like *Aamis* coming out of India," he said.



Question Everything

HUSSAIN SAGAR Lake in Hyderabad begins a conversation with a question. Indian street artist Daku's installation in the lake in the form of a question mark is made from 3,00,000 recycled plastic bottles. It's an attempt to punctuate the city with the growing problem of plastic pollution. The project was inaugurated as part of the recent Hyderabad Design Week. The installation will continue to float for a month.



Instant Crash

ACTOR JENNIFER Aniston made her Instagram debut on Tuesday and had fans immediately flocking to follow her account. Considered a social media recluse, Aniston's first Instagram post is a selfie with her former *Friends* co-stars. Within an hour, the page had attracted more than 1,16,000 followers. Her first post, meanwhile, garnered hundreds of thousands of likes before the platform temporarily crashed.



'Sci-fi acts as a prism to help look at reality'

Writer-director Arati Kadav on her love for sci-fi and the binaries of life and death

ALAKA SAHANI

HOME GROWN sci-fi feature *Cargo*, which is rooted in Indian mythology, will have its world premiere at the MAMI 21st Mumbai Film Festival under the 'Spotlight' section. *Cargo*, written and directed by Arati Kadav, is about Prahastha (Vikrant Massey), a lonely astronaut who works in the spaceship Pushpak 634A. Every morning, his spaceship comes close to Earth and picks up cargo, which are people who have just died. Prahastha works for Post Death Transition Services, which recycles dead people for rebirth. His routine is disrupted when Yuvishka (Shweta Tripathi), a young astronaut trained in cutting-edge technology, joins as his assistant. Kadav talks about her love for sci-fi, unspoken interactions and alternative lives. Excerpts:

From being a techie in Seattle how were you drawn to filmmaking?

I loved storytelling since childhood and used to even win prizes for it. Being good in studies, like every middle-class kid, I was pushed into engineering. I got into IIT-Kanpur and completed my M.Tech in 2005 — and later got a job in the US. It's over there — away from home or preconceived notions of what a person should do — I discovered my love for movie making. I started writing and directing short films with my friends there.

How did the idea for *Cargo* come about?

Cargo is my sixth screenplay. I have been writing films for the last seven years and have also worked in the short film space. I started working on *Cargo* with the idea of self-producing it with my team. My key takeaway from my previous projects was that to manage budgets for sci-fi, one needs to limit the locations. At the same time, I wanted to make a film that tapped into our culture and mythologies. I generally obsess with themes around 'meaning of life' and like to ruminate



Stills from *Cargo*; (below) Arati Kadav



over life re-affirming concepts. So, a spaceship film that deals with the duality of life and death, juxtaposing loneliness and crowd — all these themes came together naturally in *Cargo*.

The movie came across as a rumination on death and the cyclical nature of life. Was that the idea?

Yes. The film is a story about arrivals and departures for me, a revolving door of life and death, of coming to a new place with that shine of wonder in your eyes and leaving with sadness that comes with knowing

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ARATI KADAV

your journey has ended. What I also wanted to explore through the interaction of Shweta and Vikrant's character is the idea of potentially leaving people to alternative lives (and not just to death). We meet so many people in our lives, some we become best friends with, some are our 'person in our life' but our life takes us in different directions, and we lose touch, miss them for a while but eventually forget them. Maybe, sometimes something might remind us of them suddenly but then that's that. We move on. I wanted to talk about these unspoken interactions we have with memories of a person

from the other person's point of view.

Sci-fi is not a genre that Indian filmmakers have experimented with much. What draws you to this genre?

I'm attracted to magical stories and invented narratives. It's nice to assume, for example, that the fan over my head has its own consciousness and is thinking about the overtime money it will earn during the summer. Science fiction acts as a prism to help look at reality in a way that's thought-provoking. It helps impart a sense of humour to the limitations of the world. I feel fortunate that in the last few years, there is a change in the status of science fiction. It's no more a marginalised genre but a genre that promises entertainment and even blockbusters.

You kept the screen and knobs of the spaceship a bit rudimentary. Is it deliberate?

Yes. This is a sub-genre called retro sci-fi where the tech is very '80s. It's a tribute to gadgets we grew up on — clunky and soaked in nostalgia. I didn't want the tech to be intimidating but more endearing. Even the spaceship mechanisms are derived from the way a jellyfish moves. I wanted to push certain familiar memory buttons when people see gadgets of the film so that they feel more welcomed into the world of Pushpak 634A.

You spoke about not having enough budget for a sci-fi feature. What was the process of filming it?

The benchmark for sci-fi is large Hollywood films. It has been a stumbling block. It's hard to explain to people that one can play smartly and make a sci-fi without gigantic budgets. We shot in a spaceship set for 27 days and it was hectic. We made our spaceship in two parts. One was inside a studio and we shot the first schedule in that. There was another larger exterior set. This apart, we also did outdoor shoots for nearly 10 days.

MAMI 2019 PICKS

THE TWO POPES

DIRECTOR: FERNANDO MEIRELLES
 Frustrated with the direction of the church, Cardinal Bergoglio (Jonathan Pryce) requests permission to retire in 2012 from Pope Benedict (Anthony Hopkins).



HONEYLAND

DIRECTORS: LJUBOMIR STEFANOV, TAMARA KOTEVSKA
 In a Macedonian village, Hatidze, a woman tends to her hives and her bedridden mother. (Above)

SORRY WE MISSED YOU

DIRECTOR: KEN LOACH
 Since the 2008 financial crash, Ricky and his family have been in debt. An opportunity to wrestle back some independence appears with a shiny new van and the chance to be a delivery driver.

BABYTEETH

DIRECTOR: SHANNON MURPHY
 Her parents' worst nightmare comes true when Milla falls madly in love with small-time drug dealer Moses. But the seriously ill teenager's first brush with love brings her a new lust for life, and things get messy.



IT MUST BE HEAVEN

DIRECTOR: ELIA SULEIMAN
 Elia Suleiman escapes from Palestine, seeking an alternative homeland. The promise of a new life turns into a comedy of errors: however far he travels, from Paris to New York, something always reminds him of home. (Above)

AXONE

DIRECTOR: NICHOLAS KHARKONGOR
 Chanbi and Upasna want to prepare a special Northeastern dish, Axone pork, for their best friend's wedding. There's just one glitch: They live in Delhi, where people are put off by its aroma.

FAMILY ROMANCE, LLC

DIRECTOR: WERNER HERZOG
 Romance is a business. Family, friends, and followers are available for hire. A man is hired to impersonate the missing father of a 12-year-old girl.

BACARAU

DIRECTORS: KLEBER MENDONCA FILHO, JULIANO DORNELLES
 Bacarau, a small town in the Brazilian outback, mourns the loss of its matriarch, Carmelita. The festival begins today

For A Verse

In its 21st edition, Jashn-e-Bahar will see Urdu poets across generations and regions

NAWAID ANJUM

DAAD-O-TAHSEEN ka ye shor hai kyun/Ham to khud se kalaam kar rahe hain (Why is there a crescendo of applause and praise/I'm merely talking to myself), wrote iconoclastic Pakistani poet Jaun Elia. A lot of poetry may spring from the poets' conversations with the self, but when the bards gather for a *mushaira*, they have to find a meeting point with their variegated audience. At *mushairas*, poets hanker for *daad* with the intensity of a lover longing to hear from the beloved. Delhi will see such a gathering of poets vying for vigorous *waah waahs* from the audience on Friday, when the curtain rises on the 21st edition of Jashn-e-Bahar (Celebration of Spring), which has become an annual fixture on the city's cultural calendar.

The *mushaira* mirrors the works of established as well as contemporary practitioners of Urdu poetry and also serves as a microcosm of India's syncretic cultural tradition and its diversity. Poets from Washington DC (Abdullah Abdullah), Houston (Nausha Asrar), Osaka (So Yamane), Doha (Aziz Nabeel) and Abu Dhabi (Syed Sarosh Asif),



along with many from across India, will participate in the event organised by Jashn-e-Bahar trust, founded by Kamna Prasad. The Indian participants include veteran poet Wasim Barelvi, young poets like Iqbal Ashhar and Azhar Iqbal, and lyricist and poet Aalok Shrivastav, who will conduct the *mushaira*.

These poets, through their verses, will appeal to the audience's core humanity and voice their joys and sorrows. Barelvi, 79, who has been regularly attending the event, says his poetry is the voice and realisation of his being that reflects in his words. "I have not written a single line for the heck of writing or by employing artifice. I never write poetry while sitting on a desk or a chair. I write poetry even while I am walking or talking. The harvest reaped thus reaches the masses or finds its way to journals and anthologies," he says. In one of his *shers* (couplets) that he will recite at the *mushaira*, he talks about life's ups and downs: "Jinhe aapas mein takrane se hi fursat nahin milti/unhin shakhon ke patte lahlahana bhool jaate hain (the branches that



(Clockwise from top) Poets at the last edition of Jashn-e-Bahar; So Yamane from Osaka; Wasim Barelvi

use all the time colliding with each other/it's on them that the leaves forget to flourish)."

The *mushaira*, says Barelvi, is an institution of *paband aazadi* (bound freedom) and *aazad pabandi* (free bound), where you establish the order through self-assessment. He describes it as a consensus or synchronicity between *saut-o-samaat* (voice and the

perception of sound). "It is a cultural act that harks back to, and is a shining example of, the age-old tradition of India," he says.

Urdu, the language the *mushaira* aims to promote, is not just *adab* (literature), it is also about *aadab* (morals), says Prasad. She adds, "It's not just a language, but also a culture that we've inherited." Urdu has always taken everyone together, she says, adding that it's the language of *yakjahi* (unity) and *bhaichara* (brotherhood). "Urdu ki bastiyan poori duniyan mein aabad ho gayin hain ab (The settlements of Urdu have mushroomed around the world)," she says. Barelvi echoes: "The public democracy (*awami jamhooriyat*) of Urdu has reached all corners of the world."

Prasad tries to invite poets writing ghazals as well as *nazms* to the *mushaira*, bringing together younger poets with the seniors, and voices from different regions. The poets, meanwhile, perhaps come here to seek solace in the camaraderie, connect with the audience and, most of all, in anticipation of *daad*. They thrive on it. Even Jaun Elia did.

The Mistress of Spices

Chef Veena Arora on Thai cuisine in India and bringing back ancient ingredients

DIVYAA

BORN AND brought up in Thailand, chef Veena Arora says, "Even though I am an Indian by origin, my family virtually lived on Thai food". Arora's father was in the Indian National Army, posted in Burma during World War II, and then settled in Thailand. When marriage brought Arora back to India, in 1980, it came naturally to her to find her moorings in Thai cuisine. In 1996, she joined as Consultant Chef for The Imperial's yet-to-be-opened South Asian restaurant, The Spice Route. Ever since, Arora, 64, has been attached to the kitchen as the Chef De Cuisine, creating menus for every season. Currently, she is hosting the first Asian Market at the restaurant — on till October 20 — presenting native favourites from Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Kerala and Sri Lanka. Excerpts from an interview:

What is the aim of organising the Asian Market?

The Asian Market will not only break the myth that South-East Asian Cuisine is dominated by coconut milk, but will also introduce other culinary gems. From Gado Gado, which is my Malaysian version of an assorted vegetable salad flavoured with peanut butter sauce, to Chef's Special Noodle Soup accompanied with roasted garlic, brown shallots, coriander and chilli flakes, the menu features recipes that are little-known to the Indian palate.

Could you tell us a bit about some of



Chef Veena Arora

the ancient ingredients you have used?

I have used soya bean paste in the Stir Fried Morning Glory. Whole coriander seeds have been used in the soup stock and in the curries to enhance flavours.

Is South-East Asian cuisine in India getting more authentic or moving towards fusion?

I don't believe in fusion as traditional recipes should not be tampered with. Indians are now well-travelled and aware of traditional ingredients, so the culinary trend is leading towards something more authentic.

What is the reason for the abiding popularity of Thai cuisine in India?

It is one of the most promoted cuisines globally. Indians are increasingly becoming fonder of key Thai ingredients such as oyster sauce and know exactly what the texture, flavour and thickness of the green curry should be.

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Tender Extension Notice
 इस कार्यालय के अल्पकालीन E-Tender No.WRD/MID/Gumla-F2-30/2019-20
 Renovation of Sukari M.I. Scheme जिसका P.R.N. 218934 M.I. (2019-20) है, अपरिहार्य कारणों से Tender date में निम्न प्रकार संशोधित किया जाता है।
 Particulars Previous date Extension date
 (1) Date of publication of Tender 15.10.2019 31.10.2019
 (2) Last date/Time for submission of Tender in website. 21.10.2019 07.11.2019
 (3) Submission of Cost of Tender & bidding document. 22.10.2019 08.11.2019
 (4) Opening of Tender 23.10.2019 09.11.2019
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 P.R.219987 Minor Irrigation(19-20):D जिसे अद्यतन ना समझे, वो कलमी है न, मुझे बर्बाद मत करो पानी है न।

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Tender Extension Notice
 इस कार्यालय के अल्पकालीन E-Tender No.WRD/MID/Gumla-F2-28/2019-20 Renovation of Chitragutu M.I. Scheme जिसका P.R.N. 218932 M.I. (2019-20) है, अपरिहार्य कारणों से Tender date में निम्न प्रकार संशोधित किया जाता है।
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PRESS NOTICE INVITING PERCENTAGE RATE e-TENDER
 Executive Engineer(C), Postar Civil Division, New Delhi invites on behalf of The President of India, online percentage rate (CPWD-7) e-tenders for the following work:
N.I.T. No.: NIT/EE/CPND/2019-20/65
Name of Work: Misc. Civil Works in New Delhi GPO, New Delhi-110001.
Estimated Cost: ₹31,41,948/-
Earnest Money: ₹62,839
Period of completion- 60 (Sixty) Days.
 Last time and date of submission of bid : **28.10.2019 upto 15.00 hrs.**
 The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website www.dopcivil.euniwizarde.com

Office of the Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation Division, Jamshedpur
CORRIGENDUM
 Letter No. : 928 Jamshedpur, Date : 15.10.2019
Regarding e-Procurement notice P.R. No. 218425 Minor Irrigation (2019-20)
 Due to unavoidable circumstances the Tender Notice No. WRD/MID/Jamshedpur F2-02/2019-20 of this office which was published with file P.R. No. 218425 Minor Irrigation (2019-20) is partially modified as follows:-

Sl. No.	Description	Advertised Date	Revised Date
9.	Last date/Time for receipt of E-Tender Up to	22.10.2019 Up to 5.00 P.M.	05.11.2019 Up to 5.00 P.M.
10.	Date of Opening	24.10.2019 at 12.30 P.M. in the office of Chief Engineer, M.I. Department, Ranchi.	07.11.2019 at 12.30 P.M. in the office of Chief Engineer, M.I. Department, Ranchi.
11.	Date of Publication of E-Tender on website	15.10.2019 up to 2.00 pm	24.10.2019 up to 4.00 pm

Rest Term & Condition will be remain Same
 Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation Division Jamshedpur
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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER, GANGA POLLUTION CONTROL UNIT, U.P. JAL NIGAM, PRAYAGRAJ
 Letter No.:3860/610/315 Date : 11/10/2019
Tender Corrigendum Notice
 E-bids have been invited vide NIT No. 3750/610/306 dated 25.09.2019 and Corrigendum Notice issued vide letter No. 3813/610/313 dated 05.10.2019 for the work of "Treatment of drains by Bio Remediation / Up flow filter and treatment of faecal sludge from Meera area during Magh Meela 2020 at Prayagraj." Dates of submission and opening of bid is amended as per following : Last date of submission of tender 24-10-2019 up to 12:00 hrs. Date of opening of tender 24-10-2019 at 14:00 hrs.

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
TENDER NOTICE
 e-tenders are invited for the supply of following items.
 (1) 45287 - 10(60) Amps Single Phase Static Energy Meter with Optical Port.
Re-invited e-tenders
 (2) 50925 - 250 AC Electric Buses, 9 mtres, (3) 51433 - Request for Proposal (RFP) for Operation of Stacker Carriage Services for Public Transport of 140 Single Deck AC & 200 Midi AC Electric Buses in the City of Mumbai & its Extended Suburbs on Gross Cost Contract (GCC) Model Under FAME Scheme Phase-II, (4) 44991 - Annual Maintenance Contract for SCADA System, (5) 45094 - Selection of Managed Service Provider for Automated Street Lighting Management System (ASMS), (6) 44293 - Display of Advertisements by Affixing Kiosks on Street Lighting Poles.
 Note: For more details, at (Sr. Nos. 1 to 5) log on to website <https://mahatenders.gov.in> & (Sr. No. 6) www.besttender.com.
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GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER MAHANADI GODAVARI BASIN RAIPUR (C.G.) e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
eProcurement Portal:-<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> (1st Call)
 System Tender No.:57190/NIT No.:03/SAC/2019-20, Chhuikhadan, Dated:-14.10.2019
 Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 06.11.2019 at 17.30 Hour
Name of Work:- Construction of Kumhi-Koylikachhar Anicut Cum Causeway Across Amaner River of Block Khairagarh, District Rajnandgaon.
Probable Amount of Contract:- Rs. 240.91 Lakhs
 The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from Date 23.10.2019, at 17.31 Hours. (IST) onwards.
 Note:- All eligible/interested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the Integrated e-procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized contractor/Supplier Registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.
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 Executive Engineer Water Resources Division, Chhuikhadan For, Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Godavari Basin Raipur (C.G.)
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SHORT TERMS 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/19-20/58-(ID No. 2019_IFC_181856_1)-HOA-8443-PART-III-MALALAD. SW-Construction of Badminton Court in Meera Bagh, LIC, Ambica Vihar, Guru Harkishan Nagar & GH-13 in Nangloi Jat AC-11 in Distt. West (MALALAD Fund). E.C. Rs. 1,34,148/- Earnest money Rs. 1,82,683/- period of completion 60 Days. (Date of submission & opening of bid on 17-10-2019 at 3:00 P.M. & 3:30 P.M. respectively). AE-III.
 2. NIT No. EE/CD XII/19-20/59-(ID No. 2019_IFC_181859_1)-HOA-8443-PART-III-MALALAD. SW-Providing & Fixing outdoor exercise fitness equipments (open Gym) at two parks (Near Community Centre Nangloi, Miyawali Nagar, OPP. BC-19 Park) in Nangloi Jat AC-11 in Distt. West (MALALAD Fund). E.C. Rs. 43,57,678/- Earnest money Rs. 87,154/- period of completion 60 Days. (Date of submission & opening of bid on 17-10-2019 at 3:00 P.M. & 3:30 P.M. respectively). AE-III.
 3. NIT No. EE/CD XII/18-19/60-(ID No. 2019_IFC_181890_1)-HOA-4711-Making temporary arrangement for Chhat Pooja Ghat in Baba Haridas Colony, Nayan Palki Pond and Aggarwal Chowk in Mundka AC-08 in distt. West during 2019-20, E.C. Rs. 15,89,123/- Earnest money Rs.31,782/- period of Completion 15 Days. (Date of submission & opening of bid on 17-10-2019 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 Bankers 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).
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शुद्धिपत्र (Corrigendum)
 Department of Energy, Government of U.P. (को सं. सं. दि. 28-09-2019 को उ.प्र. पावर कारपोरेशन लि. के अंतर्गत विभिन्न वितरण कम्पनियों (म.वि.वि.नि.लि., लखनऊ/प.वि.वि.नि.लि., मेरठ/प.वि.वि.नि.लि., वाराणसी एवं द.वि.वि.नि.लि., आगरा) में निदेशक (वित्त) के एक-एक कुल 04 पदों पर नियुक्ति हेतु प्रकाशित विज्ञापन, जिसका विवरण कारपोरेशन की वेबसाइट www.upplc.org पर उपलब्ध है, में विज्ञापित बिन्दु-F के उपबिन्दु -iii के संबंध में निम्नानुसार संशोधन किया जाता है:-

पूर्व में विज्ञापित	संशोधनपत्र
Last date for submission of application form is 10/10/2019	Last date for submission of application form is 25/10/2019

 विज्ञापन की अन्य शर्तें यथावत् रहेंगी।
 पत्रांक संख्या: 341-जस/पाकलि./2019-10-ज.स./96 दिनांक: 16.10.2019

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE
 SRDEN/CMB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against following tenders closing date 07.11.19, 16.00 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. **Manual offers are not allowed against this tender**, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

Tender No. & Date	156 DRMB-19-20 Date: 10.10.19	157 DRMB-19-20 Date: 10.10.19
Name of Work	Supply of Multi Utility vehicle (Toyota, Innova, Tata Safari Storme, Mahindra Scorpio, TUV 300, Chevrolet Tavera, Tata Sumo Gold & Mahindra Xylo) on monthly basis for official use of station director Dehradun (DDN) for the period of one year under Sr. DRMB.	Improvement and renovation of Vally Ground at OGS/P under ADEBRK
Tender Closing Date & Time	07.11.2019, 16.00 hrs.	07.11.2019, 16.00 hrs.
Advertised Value (Rs.)	5,32,820.00	49,05,514.28
Earnest Money (Rs.)	10,656.40	98,100.00
Tender Doc. Cost (Rs.)	2,000.00	3,000.00
Bidding Start Date	24.10.2019	24.10.2019
Validity of Offer (Days)	45 Days	45 Days
Period of Completion	12 months	30 Days

 No.: 74-W/2/3WA/Publication Dated: 10.10.2019. 3301/2019
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NORTHERN RAILWAY (Open E-Tender Notice)
 No. 23AC/393/New Proposal Parking/2018 Pt-II Dated: 15.10.2019
 The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager / Coaching, Northern Railway, Delhi Division, New Delhi invites e-tender for the parking contracts for the period of 3 years, at the following stations/locations:

S. No.	Name of work with its location / Railway Station	Advertise value/ Modified RP of one year in (Rs)	Date and Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender	Cost of Tender document & 18% GST (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Website particulars where complete details of tender document can be seen
1	Parking contract of Car-Bus-Truck-Tempo at Rohtak Railway station (ROK) "A" Category, with measuring an area of 504 sq mtres	4,94,727	15.00 hrs on 11.11.2019	2,360	29,700	https://ireps.gov.in/tender no: Parking123-2019
2	Parking contract of Cycle-Scooter-Car at Kunukhetra Railway Station (KKDE), "B" Category, with measuring an area of 800 sq mtres	11,02,080	15.00 hrs on 11.11.2019	3,540	66,200	https://ireps.gov.in/tender no: Parking124-2019
3	Parking contract of Car-Bus-Truck-Tempo at Panipat Railway station (PNP) 1st entry, "A" Category, with measuring an area of 515.2 sq mtres	8,06,185	15.00 hrs on 11.11.2019	3,540	48,400	https://ireps.gov.in/tender no: Parking125-2019
4	Parking contract of Cycle-Scooter-Car at Bacli Railway Station (BHD) opposite to the existing parking, "D" Category, with measuring an area of 1376.4 sq mtres	12,73,996	15.00 hrs on 11.11.2019	3,540	76,500	https://ireps.gov.in/tender no: Parking126-2019

 Note: Bidders may kindly note that Experience Clause no. 3 of Chapter 3 (Eligibility Criteria), has been deleted from tender conditions of 3 Parking site of Rohtak Railway Station (ROK), Kunukhetra Railway Station (KKDE) & Panipat Railway Station (PNP), "A & B" Category Stations i.e. item No. 1 to 3.
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NOTICE OF E-AUCTION
 E-auction of property on 30.10.2019 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 30.10.2019. 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 Deepmala Devi W/o Mr. Sanjay Singh, Sale deed No. 4113, Badki Mahuli, Plot No. 101(P), area admeasuring 31.25 decimal, Thana No. 354, Halka No.-12, Khata no. 33, situated at Mauza- Mahuli, Thana- Kargahar, Sadar registry office Sasaram, Anchal- Kargahar, Distt.- Rohtas, Boundry as per deed: North- Rasta, South-Harkisun Singh, East-Lt. Bisheshwar Singh, West-Parikha Sharma, Boundry as found during visit: North- Rasta, South-Harkisun Singh, East-Lt. Bisheshwar Singh, West-Parikha Sharma.	M/s Maa Sharda Mini Rice Mill Prop.: Smt Deep Mala Devi W/o Shri Sanjay Singh	₹39,89,035.49/- (Rs. Thirty Nine Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Thirty Five and Paise Forty Nine Only) with up to date interest, as on 31.03.2018 Cost & Charges thereon till the date of realization.	₹19,42,000/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Forty Two Thousand only)	₹1,94,200/- (Rupees One Lakh Ninety Four Thousand Two Hundred only)	Sasaram

 Last Date & time for Submission of Process compliance Form with EMD amount: 28.10.2019 at Allahabad Bank, Sasaram Branch till 4.00 PM
 Date & Time of e-auction: 30.10.2019 from 12.30 PM to 2.30 PM at the platform of <http://allahabadbank.auctiontiger.net>
 For further details and Terms & Conditions, Contact: Shri Mithilesh Kumar Jha (Chief Manager), Mob-8004585000/9593653562, Shri Ayush Kumar Bhadani (Senior Manager), Mob-8052365563, Shri Satyendra Kumar (Chief Manager)-Mob-7389780300.
 For downloading further details and Terms & Conditions, Please Visit: (i) <http://www.allahabadbank.in> (ii) <http://www.tenders.gov.in> (iii) <https://allahabadbank.auctiontiger.net>
 Date : 14.10.2019
 Place : Sasaram
 Authorized Officer Allahabad Bank

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
 O/o SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PWD, BUILDING (C & M) CIRCLE, MEDICAL WORKS, CHEPAUK, CHENNAI-5.
 FORM OF CONTRACT: LUMPsum (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
 NIT No. 15/2019-20/20/BC/M/WHENNAI Dt. 15.10.2019
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE
 For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings (Construction and Maintenance) Circle, Medical Works, Chepauk, Chennai-5 invites tender for the following works, at his Office upto 3.00 P.M. on 06.11.2019 in two sealed covers and put into one common sealed cover. The prequalification will alone be opened at 3.30 P.M. on the same day. Tender documents can be downloaded at free of cost from the Govt. designated website (viz) <http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in>. The Tender documents can also be available in the Office for sale during Office hours from 24.10.2019 to 05.11.2019 upto 5.45 P.M.
Name of work: Construction of New World Class International Institute of Yoga and Naturopathy Medical Sciences (IYNMS) in Chengalpattu Medical College at Chengalpattu. (Appx. value of work - Rs.6100.00 Lakhs)
 The E.M.D. remittance and other details can also be available from the Government designated website and Office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD., Building Construction & Maintenance Circle, Medical Works, Chepauk, Chennai-600 005.
 SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PWD, BUILDING (C & M) CIRCLE, MEDICAL WORKS, CHEPAUK, CHENNAI-5.
 DIPR/3645/TENDER/2019

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
NABARD & Rural Roads Circle, Chengalpattu
TENDER NOTICE
 Tender Notice No. 08 / 2019-2020 / SDO / Dt. 16.10.2019
 For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 26.11.2019, 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD & Rural Roads, Chengalpattu Circle for Packages No.1 & 2 in respect of Chengalpattu (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division and 1 individual work in Vellore (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division under Upgradation of Panchayat Union roads and Panchayat Roads ODR Standards.
 Details of Name of work, approximate value of work, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 25.10.2019 onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in>. If any changes / corrections / amendments etc. to the tender, it will be published on the above Government website only.
 Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Circle, Chengalpattu-1
 DIPR/3647/Tender/2019

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
NABARD AND RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, SALEM-1
TENDER NOTICE
 Tender Notice No. 7/2019-2020/SDO/Dated: 16.10.2019
 For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu percentage tender through online only will be received upto 15.11.2019 - 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Circle Package No.14 to 26 in Dharmapuri Division under Upgradation of Panchayat and Panchayat Union Roads 2019-20 pertaining Dharmapuri (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division.
 Details of works, approximate value of work, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 28.10.2019 onwards in the Government web site <http://tntenders.gov.in>. If any changes / Corrections etc in the tender, it will be published on the above website(s) only.
 SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H) NABARD AND RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, SALEM-1.
 DIPR/3645/TENDER/2019

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
NABARD AND RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, SALEM-1
TENDER NOTICE
 Tender Notice No. 6/2019-2020/SDO/Dated: 16.10.2019
 For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu percentage tender through online only will be received upto 15.11.2019 - 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Circle Salem Division Package No.1 to 2 Additional list - Phase-II - 2018-2019 and Package No.3 to 13 under Upgradation of Panchayat and Panchayat Union Roads 2019-20 pertaining Salem (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division.
 Details of works, approximate value of work, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 23.10.2019 onwards in the Government web site <http://tntenders.gov.in>. If any changes / Corrections etc in the tender, it will be published on the above website(s) only.
 SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H) NABARD AND RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, SALEM-1.
 DIPR/3636/TENDER/2019

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Projects Circle, Coimbatore
TENDER NOTICE
 Tender Notice No.03 / 2019-2020 / SDO / Dated: 11.10.2019
 For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu sealed Schedule tender through online only will be received upto 18.11.2019, 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H) Projects Circle, Coimbatore for S.No.1 under Railway Works Programme 2015-16 works pertaining Salem (H) Projects Division.
 Details of work, approximate value of work, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in> from 18.10.2019. If any changes / corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.
 Superintending Engineer (H) Projects Circle, Coimbatore - 43.
 DIPR/3606/Tender/2019

TAMIL NADU HOUSING BOARD CHENNAI CIRCLE
 493, Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai-35. Phone No.044-24322070
TENDER NOTICE NO: SE/CC/13/2019-20 Dated:16.10.2019
 Sealed competitive tenders with pre-qualification system duly superscribed on the covers with name of work, reference number, due date and name of tenderer are invited for the following works so as to reach the office of the Superintending Engineer, Chennai Circle, Tamil Nadu Housing Board No.493, Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai-600 035 up to 3.00 P.M. (as per office clock) on the due dates mentioned below. The tenders will be opened by the undersigned at his office at 3.30 P.M. on the same day in the presence of the tenderer or their agent who choose to be present.

Sl. No.	Description of work	Approx. value (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD in Rupees
1	Comprehensive Project Management Consultant for the proposed Construction of commercial Cum Residential flats of 288 units (Basement 2+Ground Floor +28 floors) MSB in T.S.No.2, Block No.4 of Arumbakkam Village, Egmore Nungambakkam Taluk, Chennai District.CC/DB/728/19	1380.00	7,00,000/-

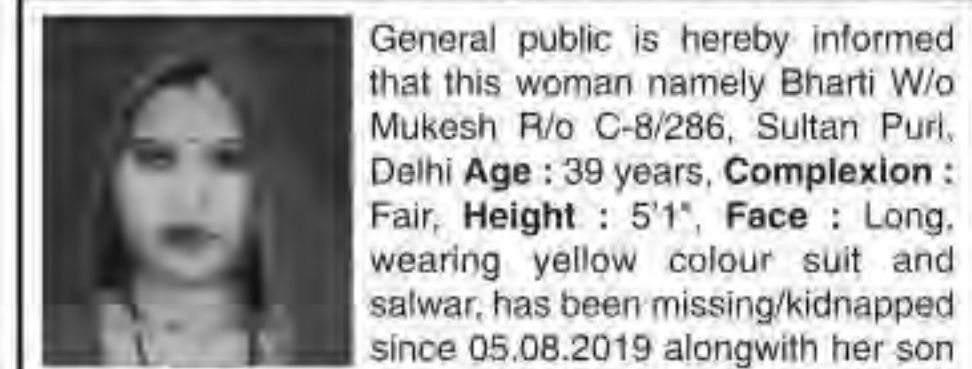
 Cost of Tender Schedule (Non-refundable) Rs.15,750/-. The tender schedule available for sale from 13.11.2019 to 19.11.2019 (from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm), Last date of receipt of tender 20.11.2019, upto 3.00 pm, Opening of tender - 20.11.2019 at 3.30 pm. Detailed tender notice can be had from the above said office and from the web site www.tenders.tn.gov.in.
 Superintending Engineer (i/c), TNHB, Chennai Circle.
 DIPR/3644/Tender/2019

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
 Office of the Executive Engineer, Chamaraajapete Division, BBMP Commercial Complex, 2nd Floor, J.C. Road, Bengaluru.
 No: EE/CMP/Tend/E-Proc/12/2019-20 Dated: 15.10.2019
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT) (Two Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)
 The Executive Engineer, (Chamaraajapete) BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD/ KPWD/ Railways/MES/National Highways or any State Government Organization for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No	Name of the Works	Approx. value of work (₹. in lakhs)	EMD (In ₹.)
1.	Construction of Compound Wall and Providing Ornamental Grill Development Works at JJR Nagara North Play Ground in Rayapuram Ward No-137.	60.00	60,000/-
2.	Construction of Modern Footpath and Drain at JJR Nagara Main Road from Rajkumar Statue and Surrounding Area Ward No-137.	60.00	60,000/-
3.	Construction of Modern Footpath and Drain at Tank Bund Road from CAR Qtrs Gate and Surrounding Area Ward No-137.	60.00	60,000/-
4.	Drilling Borewell and Drinking Water Pipeline at Ward Jurisdiction on Rayapuram Ward No-137.	60.00	60,000/-
5.	Construction of Modern Footpath and Drain in Ranganatha Colony at 3rd Main Road to 4th Main Road Cross Roads and Surrounding Area in Ward No-137.	65.00	65,000/-
6.	Construction of Modern Footpath and Drain in Ranganatha Colony at 1st Main Road to 2nd Main Road Cross Roads and Surrounding Area in Ward No-137.	65.00	65,000/-
7.	Improvements to CC Road Narasimhaswamy Temple to Bhuvaneshwari Temple VS Garden in Ward No-137 (G.O No-297 in Annexure-2)	99.00	99,000/-
8.	Improvements to CC Road at P.K Quarters 3rd Cross 2nd Cross Binny School Road and Surrounding Areas at Rayapuram Ward No-137 (G.O No-302 in Annexure-2)	99.00	99,000/-
9.	Improvements to CC Road and Footpath Ambedkar Bhavana Main Road in Ward No-137 Rayapuram (G.O No-299 in Annexure-2)	99.00	99,000/-
10.	Improvements to CC Road and V.S. Garden Doddamma Temple Surrounding Areas in Ward No-137 Rayapuram (G.O No-298 in Annexure-2)	99.00	99,000/-
11.	Development of Works at Ward Jurisdiction in Ward No-137 Rayapuram (G.O No-300 in Annexure-2)	99.00	99,000/-
12.	Improvements to CC Roads at 10th Cross 13th Cross and Doddamma Temple Road V.S.Garden Rayapuram Ward No-137 (G.O No-301 in Annexure-2)	99.00	99,000/-
13.	Providing Water Supply CC Lanes and Maintenance to Samudaya Bhavana and Existing Building works and Balance Portions in Ward No-137.	150.00	1,50,000/-

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents can be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka on 23.10.2019. (2) Tender must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before 02.11.2019 upto 4:00 pm. (3) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Tenders is 02.11.2019 upto 4:00 pm. (4) Opening of Technical Bid Document: 04.11.2019 at 4:15 pm (3) Pre Bid Meeting Document on 30.10.2019 at 4:00 pm. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>.
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 Executive Engineer, Chamaraajapete Division
 Pay Development Charges - Help to Develop Bengaluru

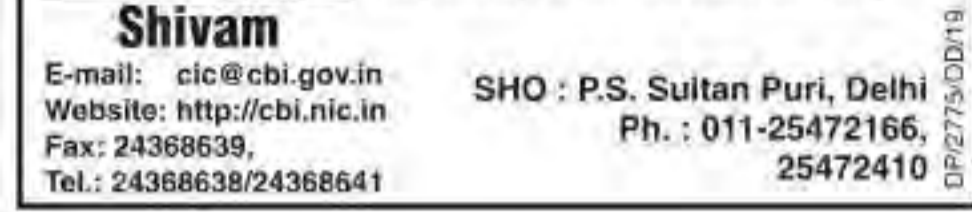
SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED WOMAN



Bharti

General public is hereby informed that this woman namely Bharti W/o Mukesh R/o C-8/286, Sultan Puri, Delhi Age : 39 years, Complexion : Fair, Height : 5'1", Face : Long, wearing yellow colour suit and salwar, has been missing/kidnapped since 05.08.2019 alongwith her son namely Shivam : Age : 5 years, from the area of P.S. Sultan Puri, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 92-A dated 18.09.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Sultan Puri, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing/kidnapped woman and her son may kindly inform to the following.



Shivam

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in SHO : P.S. Sultan Puri, Delhi
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> Ph. : 011-25472166, 25472410
Fax: 24368639, 25472410
Tel.: 24368638/24368641

KAMARAJAR PORT LIMITED
(A Mini Ratna Govt. of India Undertaking)
Chennai - 600 120.
CIN: U45203TN1999G01043322

KFP FOR SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT ENGINEER
Kamarajar Port Limited (KPL) invites Re-tender for "Independent Engineer service for Construction of IOCL Captive Jetty" at Port through e-procurement mode.

For details visit : www.kamarajarport.in & www.eprocure.gov.in
Hindi version is available in the KPL website.
General Manager (CS & BD)

Directorate of Mines Steel & Mines Department Government of Odisha
Email: directormines@orissaminerals.gov.in
Date: October 14, 2019

Notice Inviting Tender "Invitation of bids for grant of Mining Lease for Iron Ore and Manganese Minerals"

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 10 (B) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 as amended from time to time notified thereunder, the Government of Odisha has identified 10 (ten) Minerals Blocks (5 (five) blocks of Iron Ore, 3 (Three) blocks of Iron Ore and Manganese and 2 (two) blocks of Manganese) for electronic auction and hereby invites tenders for the purposes of grant of Mining Lease. Accordingly, financial bids are invited in digital format only and technical bids are invited both in digital and physical format from eligible bidders. Eligibility conditions, date and time for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. Detailed Tender Documents along with timelines, notifications, updates and other details for the e-auction process for the mineral blocks are available in electronic form only and can be downloaded from the website of MSTC Limited (<https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mle/index.jsp>) Interested and eligible bidders can register themselves on the above website. On successful registration, eligible bidders will obtain login ID and password necessary for participation in the e-auction process. Model Tender Document and Mineral Block Summary are available free of cost on the website of MSTC Limited (<https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mle/index.jsp>).

Last date for purchase of Tender Document after payment of a tender fee on website of e-auction platform provider is Friday, November 22, 2019 and the last date for submission of the bid is Thursday, November 28, 2019 on or before 12:00 noon (IST)

S. No.	Block Name	Mineral	Type of Concession	Tender Fee (In. Rs.)
1	Gorumahisam Iron Ore Block	Iron Ore	Mining Lease	5,00,000
2	Badampahar Iron Ore Block	Iron Ore	Mining Lease	5,00,000
3	Jajang Iron Ore Block	Iron Ore	Mining Lease	5,00,000
4	Nadidih Iron Ore Block (BICO)	Iron Ore	Mining Lease	5,00,000
5	Balda Iron Ore Block	Iron Ore	Mining Lease	5,00,000
6	Katasahi Manganese Block	Manganese	Mining Lease	5,00,000
7	Kanther-Koira Manganese Block	Manganese	Mining Lease	5,00,000
8	Nadidih Iron Ore and Manganese Block (FEEGRADE)	Iron Ore and Manganese	Mining Lease	5,00,000
9	Teherai Iron Ore and Manganese Block	Iron Ore and Manganese	Mining Lease	5,00,000
10	Kolmong Iron Ore and Manganese Blocks	Iron Ore and Manganese	Mining Lease	5,00,000

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Director of Mines Odisha, Bhubaneswar

BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD
(Irrigation Wing)

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
NIT No: 291/PR-2058/POCIE-941
Name of Office: Superintendent, Proc., Stores & Disposal Division, BBMB, Talwara Township (Pb) 144216
Scope of work: Purchase of Transformers 250 KVA
Date of posting on Website: 17/09/2019 up to 17:00 Hrs.
Last Date/Time of receipt of Bids: 06/11/2019 up to 14:30 Hrs.
Date/Time of opening of Bids: 06/11/2019 at 15:30 Hrs.
Tender Document Fee: ₹ 1180/-
Earnest Money: ₹ 7320/-
For detailed terms and conditions please visit Website: www.bbmb.gov.in
349-PR-Beas Dam-4 For Your Better Tomorrow Save Energy Today

कार्यालय, कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, गुमला
Tender Extension Notice

इस कार्यालय के अल्पकालीन E-Tender No.WRD/MID/Gumla-F2-25/2019-20 Renovation of Phatitanr Bhaiyabandh M.I. Scheme जिसका P.R.N. 218923 M.I. (2019-20) है, अपरिहार्य कारणों से Tender date में निम्न प्रकार संशोधित किया जाता है।
Particulars Previous date Extension date.
(1) Date of publication of Tender 15.10.2019 31.10.2019
(2) Last date/Time for submission of Tender in website 21.10.2019 07.11.2019
(3) Submission of Cost of Tender & bidding document. 22.10.2019 08.11.2019
(4) Opening of Tender 23.10.2019 09.11.2019
अन्य शर्तें पूर्ववत् रहेगी।
कार्यालय अभियन्ता, लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, गुमला।
P.R. 219980 Minor Irrigation(19-20)-D

Annexure 1 OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MINOR IRRIGATION DIVISION, SIMDEGA.
Very Short Tender e-Procurement Notice Single Bid System

Tender Reference No. WRD/MID/SIMDEGA/F2-02/2019-20 Date :- 15 / 10 / 2019	
1. Name of the work.	Renovation of M.I. Scheme at Kurumdeg, Block -T/Tangra, Dist. - Sindaega.
2(a) Estimated Cost (Rs.in lakh.)	113.252
b) Earnest Money (Rs.)	2,26,600.00
3. Time of Completion.	335 days (11Month)
4. Date of Publication of Tender on website.	24.10.2019 (2:00PM)
5. Last date/Time for submission of Bids.	30.10.2019 (up to 5:00 PM.)
6. Last date for receipt of bids documents.	31.10.2019 (up to 4:00PM)
7. Date of opening of e-tender.	01.11.2019 (02:00 pm)
8. Name & address of office inviting tender.	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MINOR IRRIGATION DIVISION, SIMDEGA.
9(a) Contact no. of Procurement officer E-mail of e-procurement Officer.	8709566373 cemisim-cemr-jhr@nic.in
10. Helpline number of e-Procurement cell.	0651-2491232

Note :- Only e-Tenders will be accepted. Further details can be seen on website <http://jrharkhandtenders.gov.in>
Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Simdega.
बूट - बूट नहीं बरतेंगे तो बूट को तलसंगी PR219931 (Minor Irrigation)19-20*D

MINOR IRRIGATION DIVISION, BOKARO
Tender Inviting e-Procurement Notice

Tender Reference No. WRD/MID/IVBOKARO/F-15/2019-20 Date :- 14.10.2019

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Time of Completion	Last date/Time for receipt of bids online	Date of Publication of Tender on website	Date of Opening of Tender on website
1.	Renovation of Kalapatthar Bada Bandhi M. I. Scheme under Block Chas.	Rs 1,92,12,000.00	335 Days	11.11.2019 Up to 5.00 P.M.	05.11.2019 Up to 12:30 P.M.	14.11.2019 Up to 12.30 P.M.

7. Name & address of office inviting tender: Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Bokaro, Camp-II, Or. No- D/1, B. S. City, Bokaro, Jharkhand, Pin no- 827001
8. Contact details of e-Procurement officer: 8083010040, 9431321218 ccmidbok-cemr-jhr@nic.in
9. Helpline number of e-Procurement cell: 9576782782 / 0651 - 2491232

Note : (i) Only e-Tenders will be accepted. The tender amount may be changed at time of Publication on website.
(ii) Tenderer(s) shall upload scanned copy of updated details of GST in Form GSTR 3B with tender documents.
(iii) Seniority will be considered as per the Clause 4.5 of Notification no. 6/WRD-105-Misc -17/12-4590 dated 29.10.2018 of Jharkhand Water Resource Contractor Registration Circular 2018.
Further details can be seen on website <http://jrharkhandtenders.gov.in>
Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Bokaro
P.R.219917 Minor Irrigation(19-20):D

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, SWD-Yelahanka Zone, BBMP, 9th Floor, 4th Block, Jayanagara, Bengaluru-560 011

No.: EE/SWD/YZ/TEND/03/2019-20 Date: 15.10.2019
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) - INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer, SWD, Yelahanka Zone, BBMP, Bengaluru on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP invites tenders from eligible contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Approx. Amount put to tender (in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Construction / Remodeling of Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Drains, Culverts and Bridges and all other allied works of SWD spread out at various locations in Yelahanka Constituency and Byatarayanapura Constituency of Yelahanka Zone under CMNNY Scheme Package-1 (2019-20) Yelahanka Zone. G.O-ANNEXJURE-03 Action Plan Sl. No. 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67. (Standard Bid Document : KW-4)	5,164.00	52.00 Lakhs through e-payment and Rs. 52.00 Lakhs through e-payment)

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from 16.10.2019. (2) Last date for receipt of queries : 25.10.2019 upto 11:00 a.m. (3) Pre-bid meeting will be held on 25.10.2019 at 3:30 p.m. in the Office of the Chief Engineer (SWD). (4) Tender must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before 4:00 p.m. on 05.11.2019 and the opening of tenders will be as per e-procurement portal guidelines. (5) The Technical bids will be opened on the website <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> on 06.11.2019 after 4:30 p.m. (6) Date of opening of Financial bid after approval of Technical bids through e-procurement. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>
Sd/- Executive Engineer, SWD, Yelahanka Zone, BBMP
"Pay Development Charges, Help to Develop Bengaluru"

कार्यालय कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, गुमला
Tender Extension Notice

इस कार्यालय के अल्पकालीन E-Tender No.WRD/MID/Gumla-F2-23/2019-20 Renovation of Pandarni M.I. Scheme जिसका P.R.N. 218862 M.I. (2019-20) है, अपरिहार्य कारणों से Tender date में निम्न प्रकार संशोधित किया जाता है।
Particulars Previous date Extension date.
(1) Date of publication of Tender 15.10.2019 31.10.2019
(2) Last date/Time for submission of Tender in website 21.10.2019 07.11.2019
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कार्यालय अभियन्ता, लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, गुमला।
P.R.219978 Minor Irrigation(19-20):D
बूट - बूट नहीं बरतेंगे तो बूट को तलसंगी PR 219979 Minor Irrigation (19-20)_D

कार्यालय, कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, गुमला
Tender Extension Notice

इस कार्यालय के अल्पकालीन E-Tender No.WRD/MID/Gumla-F2-24/2019-20 Renovation of Khijari Bandh M.I. Scheme जिसका P.R.N. 218918 M.I.(2019-20) है, अपरिहार्य कारणों से Tender date में निम्न प्रकार संशोधित किया जाता है।
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(4) Opening of Tender 23.10.2019 09.11.2019
अन्य शर्तें पूर्ववत् रहेगी।
कार्यालय अभियन्ता, लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, गुमला।
PR 219979 Minor Irrigation (19-20)_D

कार्यालय, कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, गुमला
Tender Extension Notice

इस कार्यालय के अल्पकालीन E-Tender No.WRD/MID/Gumla-F2-27/2019-20 Renovation of Itkiri M.I. Scheme जिसका P.R.N. 218929 M.I. (2019-20) है, अपरिहार्य कारणों से Tender date में निम्न प्रकार संशोधित किया जाता है।
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कार्यालय अभियन्ता, लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, गुमला।
PR219983 (Minor Irrigation)19-20*D
बूट - बूट नहीं बरतेंगे तो बूट को तलसंगी

POLICE HEADQUARTERS JAMMU AND KASHMIR, SRINAGAR
Phone/Fax No. 0194-2443031/2443032 (Sgr.) Website: www.jkpolice.gov.in
0191-2459029/2459255 (J) E-mail: pnajik@jkpolice.gov.in

Tender Extension Notice

Due to administrative and Technical reasons, last date and online opening date of NIT No. 67 of 2019 dated 31.08.2019 floated to procure BR Jackets is extended as follows:-
i) Last date for online tender submission = 11.11.2019
ii) Online opening of Technical Bids = 13.11.2019
Detailed tender documents with terms and conditions are available on J&K State e-procurement Portal www.jktenders.gov.in.
Sd/- (Mubassir Latif) JKPS, AIG of Police (Provision/Transport), For Director General of Police, J&K, Srinagar.
No. Prov-II/Sec-61-A/2019-20-61595-610 DIPPJ-NB-06050/M Dated: 12.10.2019

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA DAM REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AGREEMENT NO. OR 10HH003 NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING
Bid No. NCB 02 /ORDRIP (HDP)-01/2019-20

Package No.	ORDRIP(HDP)-01
Name of work	Construction, erection of 11KV LT line & Installation of DTRs for power supply to R&R Colony at Garunda & Solapali under ESO No-II, Hirakud (Phase- I & II)
Approximate value of Work (in INR)	Rs. 199.90 Lakhs
Bid Security (in INR)	Rs. 4,00,000.00
Bid submission fee	Rs. 10,000/-
Period of completion	06 Calendar Months including Rainy & Festival season
Classification of Bidders	Registered with State or Central Govt. or their Public Sector Undertakings (Electrical "HT" Licence holder)
Tender documents named HDP- 01, HDP-02	Can be downloaded from website (http://www.odisha.gov.in) & (http://tendersodisha.gov.in)
Document download starting date	19.10.2019 16:00 Hrs(IST)
Bid Clarification start date	21.10.2019 11:30 Hrs(IST)
Bid Clarification closing date	29.10.2019 12:30 Hrs(IST)
Online bid submission closing date and time	19.11.2019 16:00 Hrs(IST)
Date, Time and Venue of opening of bid in e-method.	20.11.2019 at 11:30 Hrs. (IST) Superintending Engineer, Hirakud Dam Circle, Burla Dist-Sambalpur, Pin-768017 (Odisha)
Officer inviting the bid	Superintending Engineer, Hirakud Dam Circle, Burla, Dist. Sambalpur, Pin-768017 (Odisha)

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer
Hirakud Dam Circle, Burla
32044/11/0003/1920 Dist: Sambalpur (Odisha) Pin- 768017

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RWSS DIVISION, RAIRANGPUR
INVITATION FOR BIDS E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE

IDENTIFICATION NO.16 RWSS/RRPUR-2019.20/ Dated. 15.10.2019
The Executive Engineer, RWSS Division, Rairangpur on behalf of Government of Odisha, invites percentage rate bids to be received in online mode for the following works from the eligible experienced contractors in similar nature of work, registered with State Govt. & contractor of equivalent Grade/class registered with Central Govt. / Railways.
1. Nature of work : Execution of rural piped water supply under RWSS&S Division, Rairangpur in different programmes
2. No. of tenders : 10 (ten) nos of works
3. Period of Completion : 6 (six) months to 12 (Twelve) months
4. Cost of tender : Rs. 10000.00
5. Estimated cost : Rs. 52.70 Lakhs to Rs. 143.93 lakhs
6. Class of Contractor : (As mentioned in Tender Call Notice)
7. Date and time of : from 9 hours of 22.10.19 to 17.30 hours of availability of bid 07.11.19 documents in Portal
8. Receipt of bid cost. bid : Online only security, documents
9. Date & time of opening of : Dt. 08.11.19 at 11.00 hours onwards. technical bid
10. Other Documents : - (As mentioned in DTCN)
11. The bidders have to participate in on-line bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website <https://www.tenderodisha.gov.in>.
12. Any addendum / Corrigendum / Cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.
Sd/-
Executive Engineer
RWSS Division, Rairangpur
25010/11/0007/1920

Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Ltd.
(CIN: U40108JH2013SC001702)
Head Office: Engineering Building, H.E.C., Dhanuwa, Ranchi-834004, Email: cesd.jseb@gmail.com
Telephone: 0651-2400826 & Fax: 0651-2400799

E-Tender Cancellation Notice

Due to unavoidable circumstances, NIT No. 385/PR/JBVL/18-19, Expression of Interest for "Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) for 33/11KV Power Sub-stations and its associated 33KV feeders in the state of Jharkhand" is hereby cancelled.
बूट - बूट नहीं बरतेंगे तो बूट को तलसंगी
PR No. 204393
बूट - बूट नहीं बरतेंगे तो बूट को तलसंगी
PR 219981 (Jharkhand Bijlee Vitran Nigam Ltd) 19-20 (D)
Sd/
Chief Engineer (S&D)

BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD
(Power Wing)

Corrigendum No. 1 Notice Inviting E-tender
N.I.T No: 550/P&D(TS)/PNT-482 Dated: 16.09.2019
Name of Office: Chief Engineer/Transmission System, Planning & Design (TS) Directorate, SLDC Complex, Industrial Area Phase-I, BBMB, Chandigarh-160002, Tele Fax-0172-2654488
Name of work: Hot Line Washing for Bays of 400kV & 220kV switchyards at 400kV Substation Panipat of BBMB.
Last date and time for receipt of request for issue of tender documents 30.10.2019 upto 16:00 Hours
Last date and time of submission of bids 05.11.2019 upto 11:00 Hours
Date and time of Opening of Bids 05.11.2019 from 15:00 Hours onwards
For cost of specification, Earnest Money Deposit and detailed NIT, please visit BBMB website <https://bbmbeproc.abcprocure.com> & www.bbmb.gov.in
1111-PR-TS-5 For Your Better Tomorrow Save Energy Today

कार्यालय कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, चाईबासा

शुद्धि- पत्र
लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, चाईबासा के द्वारा आमंत्रित ई-प्रोक्यूरमेंट निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या WRD/MID/CBSA/F2-15/2019-20 Dated 30.09.2019 "मजसी न्यम सिंचाई योजना का जोषोदार कार्य, प्रखंड - तातगर, जिला - पश्चिमी सिंहभूम" जो पीआर संख्या - 218531 (West Singhbhum) (19-20) D के द्वारा प्रकाशित है, की तिथि अपरिहार्य कारणों से निम्न प्रकार से संशोधित किया जाता है:-

क्र०	विवरण	संशोधित तिथि
1	Date of Publication Tender on Website	25.10.2019 at 12.00 PM
2	Last Date / Time for Submission of Bids	31.10.2019 at 5.00 PM
3	Last Date for receipt of bids fee, security and other Document	01.11.2019 at 3.00 PM
4	Date of Opening of Tender	04.11.2019 at 1.00 PM

निविदा सूचना की शेष भाग एवं शर्तें पूर्ववत् रहेगी।
कार्यालय अभियन्ता, लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, चाईबासा
बूट - बूट नहीं बरतेंगे तो बूट को तलसंगी
PR 219924 (West Singhbhum)19-20*D

THE H.P. STATE COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' FEDERATION LIMITED
TOTU, SHIMLA-171011

No. : 416/P&I-8/15-XXIII Dated : 17.10.2019
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE
E-Tender is hereby invited for the purchase of Raw material 1 De-Oil Rice Bran-700MT, 2 Rice Polish-125MT, 3 Maize-150MT, 4 Mustard Oil Cake-60MT, 5 DMO-C-50MT, 6 Molasses-30MT, 7 Ground Nut Cake-15MT and 8 De-Oil Sun Flower Cake-20MT for manufacturing of Cattle feed on FOR basis at Bhour Plant, Distt. Hamirpur.
The Bid document is available online on 19.10.2019 upto 12.00 pm and bid should be submitted in online mode on website hptenders.gov.in Bidder would be required to register in the above web-site hptenders.gov.in which is free of cost. For submission on bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized certifying Authorities (CA).
Aspiring Bidders should visit in <https://hptenders.gov.in> & <https://hpmilkfed.org> for complete details. Bidders should also check the website from time to time to note the Corrigendum, if any.
Sd/-
Managing Director

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

The Executive Engineer, DTIDC invite tenders on behalf of MD, DTIDC Ltd for the following work through e-procurement solution only.
1.
NIT No. : 30/2019-20
Tender ID No. : 2019_DTIDC_182120_1
Name of work SH : Annual Maintenance of Electrical Installation at ISBT's : Deployment of Computer Operator for Bus Bay information System at ISBT, Sarai Kale Khan & Anand Vihar.
Estimated Cost : Rs. 15,68,352/-
Earnest Money : Rs. 31,367/-
Time Allowed : One Year
Last date of receipt of tenders : 24/10/2019
The Tender forms and other detail can be obtained from the website: <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in/>
Sd/-
Executive Engineer
DTIDC Ltd, ISBT
Sarai Kale Khan, Delhi
DIP/Shabdarth/0863/19-20

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

Div. Rly. Manager, N.W.Railway, Jaipur for and on behalf of President of India invites open E-Tender for the following works upto 15.30 hours on the date shown as below-
Sr.No. : 1 Name of work with location : ENGG-JP-2019-20-166 JP Divn. DEN(East) Section - Daily inspection of track as Patrolling companion with trackman during patrolling of track. Approx Cost of work : Rs. 4841244/- Earnest Money : Rs. 96800/- Sr. No. : 2 Name of work with location : ENGG-JP-2019-20-167 JP Divn: DEN(HQ) Section - Daily inspection of track as Patrolling companion with trackman during patrolling of track. Approx Cost of work : Rs. 2284632/- Earnest Money : Rs. 45700/- Sr. No. : 3 Name of work with location : ENGG-JP-2019-20-168 JP Divn: DEN(N) Section - Daily inspection of track as Patrolling companion with trackman during patrolling of track. Approx Cost of work : Rs. 4841244/- Earnest Money : Rs. 96800/- Sr. No. : 4 Name of work with location : ENGG-JP-2019-20-169 JP Divn: Sr. DEN(South) Section - Daily inspection of track as Patrolling companion with trackman during patrolling of track. Approx Cost of work : Rs. 4841244/- Earnest Money : Rs. 96800/- Sr. No. : 5 Name of work with location : ENGG-JP-2019-20-170 ADEN (SIKAR) Sub division - Augmentation of drainage arrangement (Silling chamber, Sump & bore etc.) along with extension of retaining wall and road approaches, height gauge for LHS constructed in lieu of LC No. 31, 37, 49, 50, 56 in SIKR-CUR Section. (Total=05 Nos) Approx Cost of work : Rs. 2116764/- Earnest Money : Rs. 255800/- Sr. No. : 6 Name of work with location : ENGG-JP-2019-20-171 ADEN/RGS Sub Division - Provision of covered platform shelter in various station (list attached), and Water booth on Platform (4 Nos) with Boundary wall (420 RM) in back side of RGS in RPC section. Approx Cost of work : Rs. 11596700/- Earnest Money : Rs. 208000/- Sr. No. : 7 Name of work with location : ENGG-JP-2019-20-172 Jaipur Division : Providing New offices for SSE(P/Way/USFD)Rewar, Bandikui, Ringus & Phulera. Approx Cost of work : Rs. 9704844/- Earnest Money : Rs. 194100/- Sr. No. : 8 Name of work with location : ENGG-JP-2019-20-173 JP Div - ADEN/AWR Sub Div - Repair to Br No. 23, 35, 36, 67, 84 and other minor and major Bridges in RE-AWR section. Approx Cost of work : Rs. 22808836/- Earnest Money : Rs. 263000/- 1,

CROSSWORD 3939



- ACROSS**
- 1 Proverbially thick set? (7)
 - 5 and 23 Down: It floated a company using the double-entry system (5,3)
 - 8 Revised plan in use for a land project (9)
 - 9 Left with a thousand to beat (3)
 - 10 Service dress (4)
 - 12 Plant it in haste (8)
 - 14 Public presentation of first-class band (6)
 - 15 Produced a publication and is taken to court (6)
 - 17 Sticking together, he said no changes are needed (8)
 - 18 A refuge from one's troubles (4)
 - 21 She often has to kneel in an uncomfortable position (3)
 - 22 The impression it gives varies from day to day (4,5)
 - 24 Cask Edward put into good order (5)
 - 25 One giving a talk - on the radio? (7)
- Down**
- 1 Subject to reduced illustration (5)
 - 2 I get directions for the pub (3)
 - 3 Six points for a climber (4)
 - 4 Cup-holder? (6)
 - 5 Ten areas perhaps that defined the Ottoman Empire (4,4)
 - 6 A lie's true if it's fabricated without haste (2,7)
 - 7 Breed of dog that will change some day (7)
 - 11 Ruined temple to knock up, then forward (9)
 - 13 It could be indeed so unfair (3-5)
 - 14 Not for profit in a way (7)
 - 16 Embryo to fuse together somehow (6)
 - 19 Light with a tendency to grow less? (5)
 - 20 Such a spot misled no doctor (4)
 - 23 See 5 Across

Solutions Crossword 3938: Across: 1 Sunburnt, 5 Raft, 9 Skiff, 10 Charity, 11 Convalescent, 13 Step up, 14 Gallon, 17 Intransigent, 20 Ice floe, 21 Trams, 22 Goes, 23 Spurious. Down: 1 Sash, 2 Noisome, 3 Unfavourable, 4 Nicole, 6 Aside, 7 Trysting, 8 Manslaughter, 12 Aspiring, 15 Long ago, 16 Asleep, 18 Theme, 19 Isis.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



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 clue.

I mistrust the judgment of every man in a case in which _____ are concerned. - Daniel Webster (3,3,6)

EOSIN **ACUHHN**

SYISS **ALLOWW**

Answer: I mistrust the judgment of every man in a case in which his own wishes are concerned. - Daniel Webster

Difficulty Level 4s

Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

SUDOKU 4002



SOLUTION SUDOKU 4001



SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that a boy namely **Maha Purush, S/o: Sh. Abdul Khalid, R/o: DMRC Children Home, Bhagav Lane, Civil Lines, Delhi** has been reported kidnapped from near the Children Home in the area of P.S. Civil Lines, Delhi since 10.01.2019. In this regard FIR No. 10/2019, u/s 363 IPC dated 10.01.2019, has been registered at P.S. Civil Lines, Delhi. The description of kidnapped boy is as under:
Name: Maha Purush, Age: 15 Years, Height: 5'0", Face: Long, Complexion: Fair, Build: Thin, Wearing: T-shirt & Blue Jeans, Red & Black Jacket and chappal.
If anyone has any information about this kidnapped boy please inform P.S. Civil Lines, Delhi.
Web: http://cbl.nic.in, Email: cbc@cbl.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639
SHO
Police Station, Civil Lines, Delhi
Ph: 011-23815444, 8750870127
DP/9932/N/19

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. PC)
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused namely **Lal Singh @ Rocky R/o H.No.668, Khajani Nagar, Johripur, P.S. Karawal Nagar, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in Case **FIR No. 346/15, u/s 411 IPC PS Kamla Market, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Lal Singh @ Rocky** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Lal Singh @ Rocky** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person **Lal Singh @ Rocky** of **FIR No. 346/15, u/s 411 IPC PS Kamla Market, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **10.12.2019**.
By order
Ms. Prigya Gupta
Metropolitan Magistrate 12
Central Room No. 21
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi
DP/6647/CD/19

Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board

Govt. of N.C.T. of Delhi
Office of the Executive Engineer, E-1
A-2 Block, Raghuraj Nagar, New Delhi-110027
Email ID: eeed1.dusib@gmail.com
Ph. No.: 011-25448464

No: EEE-1/DUSIB/2019-20/D-252 Dated: 11/10/19

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer E-1, DUSIB, invites on behalf of DUSIB online Percentage rate bid on two bid system for following work:
NIT No.12, Tender ID no. 2019_DUSIB 181926_1, Name of Work: Construction of 1180 nos (G+4) five storied EWS housing under JNNURM for slum dwellers at site A-3 Sultanpuri. Sub Head-S/T/C of fire fighting wet riser system at 1060 EWS housing at site A-3 Sultanpuri. Estimated Cost: Rs.6404624/- Earnest Money: Rs.128092/- Tender Cost: Rs.1,000/- Period of Completion: Part A- 180 Days, Part B- 1095 Days.
Date & time for download of entire Tender document /encryption w.e.f 17.10.2019 at 15:00 Hrs to 08.11.2019 upto 15:00 Hrs.
The bid form and other details can be obtained from the website (<https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>)
Note: Any amendment /change/clarification (if any) will be uploaded only on <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>, therefore intending tenderer may inspect the website regularly.
Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER-E-1
DUSIB
DIP/Shabdarth/0859/19-20

कार्यालय, कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, गुमला।

Tender Extension Notice
इस कार्यालय के अंतर्गत एलन ई-टेंडर No.WRD/MID/Gumla-F2-21/2019-20 Renovation of Shahitoli M.I. Scheme जिसका P.R.N. 218852 M.I. (2019-20) है।
अपरिहार्य कारणों से Tender date में निम्न प्रकार संशोधित किया जाता है।

Particulars	Previous date	Extension date
(1) Date of publication of Tender	15.10.2019	31.10.2019
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(4) Opening of Tender	23.10.2019	09.11.2019

बुंद - बुंद नहीं बरसे तो बुंद को सरसेने कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, गुमला।
PR 219976 (Minor Irrigation) 19-20 (D)

EMPALEMENT OF ADVERTISING & MEDIA RELEASE AGENCY

Bank of Baroda, Corporate Office, Mumbai invites sealed applications from eligible advertising agencies for empanelment of -5- (Five) advertising agencies and -1- (One) Media Release Agency (AOR) as Bank's agencies for enabling its marketing and communication initiatives.
Interested agencies may download the tender document containing the scope of work and all other terms and conditions from the tender section of Bank's website www.bankofbaroda.in and submit their application in the prescribed format only in person at the given address.
Any Addendum/Corrigendum including modification in the RFP, if any, shall be issued on Bank's website www.bankofbaroda.in
Last date for submission of above RFP will be on or before 2:30 p.m on 08.11.2019.
Place - Mumbai General Manager - CC
Date - 17.10.2019 (Marketing, PR & Wealth Management)

भारतीय कंटेनर निगम लिमिटेड

CONTAINER CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD.
(A Govt. of India Navratna Undertaking)
Regd. Office & Investors Relation Centre: CONCOR Bhawan, C-3, Mathura Road, New Delhi-110078.
CIN: L63011DL1989GO0036915, Tel. Nos.: 41673023-96, Fax: 41673112.
E-mail: investorrelations@concorindia.com Website: <http://www.concorindia.com>

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

CONCOR invites E-Tender in two packet system of tendering for the following work:

Tender No.	NO. CON/HR/92/5/2019-1
Name of Work	CONCOR Directors & Officers (D&O) Liability Insurance Policy
Estimated Cost	₹ 8.10 Lakhs Plus GST Per Annum
Completion Period	1 Year (Further Extendable by another 1 Year on mutually agreed terms)
Cost of Tender Document & EMD	NIL
Tender Processing Fee (Non-refundable)	₹ 885/- (Inclusive all taxes & duties through e-payment).
Date of Issue of Tender (Online)	17.10.2019 (11:00 hrs.) to 31.10.2019 (Upto 15:00 hrs.)
Last Date & Time of Submission of Bids	01.11.2019 up to 15:00 hrs.
Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bids	01.11.2019 at 16:00 hrs.
Date & Time of Opening of Financial Bids	To be notified separately

For financial eligibility criteria, please refer to detailed tender notice on the website www.concorindia.com. The complete tender document can be downloaded from website www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL only. Further, Corrigendum / Addendum to this Tender, if any, will be published on website www.concorindia.com and www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL. Newspaper press advertisement shall not be issued for the same.
Dy.General Manager (P&A)

DELHI URBAN SHELTER IMPROVEMENT BOARD

GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, C-7
RANA PRATAP BAGH, DELHI-110007
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Executive Engineer, C-7,DUSIB, R. P. Bagh Delhi-110007 re-invites on behalf of Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board, percentage rate bid (On Line) on two bid system for the following work.
NIT No: 78/EEC-7/DUSIB/2019-20
Name of work :- Improvement of SC/ST Basties.
Sub Head:- Providing & laying RMC Pavement at internal Lanes of Block-C at Sangam Park AC-18 Model Town (PID NO- 10410).
Esstt. Cost:- Rs. 56,17,853.00
Earnest Money- Rs. 1,12,400.00
Tender Cost Rs. 1,000.00
Period of completion: 180 Days
NIT No: 79/EEC-7/DUSIB/2019-20
Name of work :- MLA LAD Fund.
Sub Head: Providing and laying CC pavement and improvement of drainage system of different location at approach road/ Link Road around Block A and C 12 Gaz plot Lal Bagh, Azadpur, AC-18. (PID No.12089).
Esstt. Cost:- Rs. 50,11,023.00
Earnest Money- Rs. 1,00,250.00
Tender Cost Rs. 1,000.00
Period of completion: 180 Days
Last Time & Date of Submission of Bid: 21.10.2019 upto 15:00 Hours
Date of Opening Technical Bid: 21.10.2019 after 15:30 Hours
The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in/>
All the corrigendum (if required) will be uploaded on portal and will not be published in News Paper.
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DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION : SPORTS BRANCH
CHHATRASAL STADIUM: MODEL TOWN: DELHI: 110009.
No.FE/41/Sports/Tender/2019/9183 Dated: 10.10.2019

E-Procurement Tender Notice

Name of Work Online tender for providing hotel accommodation to the participants of National School Games 2019-20
Tender I.D. 2019_DE_181915_1
Date of release of Tender 10.10.2019 through e-procurement platform
Last date and time for receipt of 31.10.2019 upto 02.00
Tender through e-procurement p.m.
Opening date and time of 31.10.2019 at 02.30 p.m.
Tender through e-procurement.
Entire details can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>.
Important: To participate in e-tendering: register yourselves through IT Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, E-procurement Cell, 6th floor, Vikas Bhawan II, Civil Lines, Delhi-110054.
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DAY TODAY BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Your tough, uncompromising nature is to be stimulated today, yet in a pleasantly practical manner. The only indications of muddle occur around early morning, the middle of the day and the beginning of the evening, but you'll survive any problems unscathed.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
The Moon is in a cautious zone of the zodiac, and I am sure that you will take your responsibilities seriously, but the reckless and self-indulgent consequences of tomorrow's solar battle are already stirring in the more enjoyable regions of your psyche.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
The Sun is placing pressure on your chart, a clear enough indication that you should take things one at a time. If you're a professional Taurus then you really must take care of private complications first, before you deal with public obligations.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
For one who is supposed to be so private, all the current planetary pressures are urging you to live your life in public. Just as soon as you give the word, all the skeletons will come tumbling out of their cupboards. You'd better have a good story prepared.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You are standing on the brink, pulled between two vital Gemini qualities. You can be terribly logical and discreet, but you also have a tendency to open your mouth and put your foot in it at the slightest excuse. There must surely be a middle way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)
Family members are looking over your shoulder - and domestic spending moves up the agenda, but only temporarily. It therefore follows that if property deals, rental agreements or major investments are current, you should move fast to secure a favourable outcome.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Partners are bound to raise certain obstacles, but these shouldn't be seen as unwelcome. If partners come up with advice which is at first impression rather upsetting, don't be dismayed, but look for the deeper truth. The real facts might offer reassurance.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
You should judge financial matters very carefully, and if you have any doubts about the wisdom of a particular purchase or investment, hold off until after the weekend. You may be feeling slightly vulnerable emotionally, so take the necessary safeguards.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
New planetary pressures indicate that money is likely to flow through your fingers like water. However, the situation is quite complex, and new funds will appear to replace those which have disappeared into the ether. As the cosmic law states, what goes round, comes round.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
Lunar alignments expose you to exploitation by others, and it may indeed be right for you to perform a few favours. Yet, you would also be justified in being a little selfish and putting up your defences against people who just don't know where to stop.

VIRO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
Think ahead and realise that the prospects of a shock, a surprise, or a complete turnaround at work, are increasing by the hour. It's difficult to be specific, but whatever is about to happen will affect your long-term security, hopefully for the better.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
It has to be said that you can never tell who is going to be useful for you - and who is not. Make a point of socialising today and you might develop some fabulous contacts for the future. Also, take the lead and talk to a partner, rather than allowing them to pretend that there's nothing amiss.