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Govt plans to treat medical implants as medicine

PRABHA RAGHAVAN
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

FACING A backlash after faulty medical devices risked lives, the government plans to bring "all medical devices" and diagnostics in the country under the purview of its existing laws for medicine. If implemented, the country's drug regulator will enforce standards to ensure safety and effectiveness of these products while its pricing regulator will monitor the prices, said experts.

According to a draft notification shared Friday, the Health Ministry proposes to notify all devices under a section of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, that would define them as "drugs" starting December 1.

This would include "all devices including an instrument, apparatus, appliance, implant, material or other article,

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Clears space for regulation

IF IMPLEMENTED, all devices and diagnostics will need to meet specific standards. But in the absence of a law, the government will have to ensure it can effectively prevent issues like those seen with Johnson and Johnson's faulty hip implants — which risked lives and were already notified as 'drugs'.

Ex-Hindu Mahasabha leader, appellant in Ayodhya case, killed

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 18

CCTV grab of the suspects (below); Kamlesh Tiwari

KAMLESH TIWARI, former working president of the Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha who had appealed on behalf of the organisation in the Ayodhya case before the Supreme Court, was killed Friday at his Lucknow home.

A controversial leader, Tiwari founded the Hindu Samaj Party about three years ago. He had been jailed in 2015 over a remark he made about the Prophet that triggered protests and violence. The Lucknow police had also invoked the NSA against him but it was set aside a year later by the Lucknow bench of Allahabad High Court.

An SIT has been formed and police are looking for two youths, seen in CCTV footage, entering the Khurshed Bagh house around noon. A pistol and an empty cartridge, recovered from

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Four of 311 deported from Mexico at Delhi's IGI Airport, Friday. *Amit Mehra*

Jungles to Mexico: 'We drank sweat squeezed from shirts'

ANANYA TIWARI
DELHI, OCTOBER 18

DEFYING ILLEGAL trafficking cartels, illness, thirst and a torturous jungle trek through the Darien Gap in Panama, over 300 young migrants from Punjab and Haryana reached Mexico in a journey that lasted months — only to be deported and sent back to India by Mexican authorities Friday.

Approaching "visa agents"

Were made to walk through Panama jungles. *Alexia Diamond*

who demanded Rs 15-20 lakh each, the men, largely from agricultural families without jobs or prospects, left their families behind after "watching YouTube videos" and hearing about people who had successfully managed to reach the US, which was meant to be their final destination too.

"I saw videos on YouTube of the journey. It didn't seem so terrifying; I had no idea we would have to walk in a jungle, without food or water," Sevak Singh, 26, a

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FEBRUARY DEADLINE: FATF

Curb funding of terror or face blacklist: Pak is warned

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

IN A four-month breather for Islamabad, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Friday decided to keep Pakistan on the Grey List, but warned that it will be put on the Black List if it does not control terror funding by February 2020.

The global financial watchdog's decision comes after India mounted a diplomatic offensive against Pakistan for its blacklisting as it had not met a majority of its commitments on terrorist financing and money-laundering. While Delhi led the charge, France, the US and European Union countries also pitched in.

FATF president Xiangmin Liu (left) and Executive Secretary David Lewis in Paris, Friday. *AP*

The FATF after its five-day plenary, which concluded in Paris Friday, noted that Pakistan addressed only five of the 27 tasks given to it to control funding to

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Assam NRC chief, criticised by state, moved out on SC's order

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G & ABHISHEK SAHA
NEW DELHI, GUWAHATI, OCTOBER 18

THE SUPREME Court Friday ordered the transfer of 1995-batch IAS officer of the Assam-Meghalaya cadre Prateek Hajela, in-charge of the contentious updating of the 1951 National Register of Citizens (NRC) for Assam, to Madhya Pradesh, the state he hails from. He was appointed the coordinator of the NRC process in January 2014.

BJP said he had published faulty list

The order was delivered by a bench of Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and Justices S A Bobde and R F Nariman. The court asked the competent authority to issue the notification

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In Mukerjeas' meeting, PC sought payoff: Chargesheet

ANAND MOHAN J & ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

NAMING CONGRESS leader and former Union Minister P Chidambaram, son Karti and 12 others including former bureaucrats of the Ministry of Finance in a chargesheet on alleged corruption in the INX Media case, the CBI Friday informed a Delhi court that Chidambaram, as Finance Minister, had "demanded illegal gratification... in the form of overseas payoffs for himself" and guarantees for "the business interest of his son" in exchange for FIPB approval of INX Media's FDI proposals.

The chargesheet was filed before the mandatory 60-day period — from the day of arrest of Chidambaram in the alleged

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Calling woman 'call girl' not abetment to suicide, rules SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

THE SUPREME Court on Friday upheld a Calcutta High Court order discharging a man and his parents accused of abetting the suicide of a woman he was planning to marry, after the parents called her a "call girl".

A bench of Justices Indu Malhotra and R Subhash Reddy refused to interfere with the HC order, which said that "terming the deceased as a call-girl, there was no utterance which can be interpreted to be an act of instigating, goading or solicitation or insinuation, the deceased to commit suicide".

The HC relied on an apex court ruling, in which it had said that similar utterances like asking another "to go and die" does not constitute an offence for abetment. It said that "the act or conduct of the accused, however insulting and abusive, will not by themselves suffice to constitute abetment of commission of suicide, unless those are reasonably capable of suggesting that the accused intended by such acts, the consequence of suicide".

Agreeing, the SC said "by considering the material placed on record, we are also of the view that the present case does not present any picture of abetment allegedly committed by respondents. The suicide committed by the victim cannot be said to be the result of any action on part of respondents nor can it be said that commission of suicide by the victim was the only course open to her due to action of the respondents. There was no goading or solicitation or insinuation by any of the respondents to the victim to commit suicide".

The incident dates back to March 2004. The woman was a painter and artist, and to improve her English proficiency, her family engaged a man as her teacher.

Tejpal's plea to delay victim's cross-examination rejected by HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PANAJI, OCTOBER 18

THE HIGH Court of Bombay at Goa on Friday dismissed former editor of *Tehelka* magazine Tarun Tejpal's appeal to delay the cross-examination of the victim— with the dates still standing on October 21. Earlier, a Mapusa court, which is hearing the in-camera rape trial against Tejpal, had scheduled the cross-examination for October 21, 22, and 23.

Public prosecutor S Rivankar confirmed on Friday that the Court had dismissed the appeal.

Citing that his lawyers are not available till the year-end, Tejpal had asked for a date in December. With a Supreme Court deadline to finish the case in six months from August, the High Court said it cannot afford any more delays. The victim has been examined by the prosecution and will now face questions from Tejpal's lawyers.

The prosecution is then expected to reveal the witnesses it wants to question, based on the manner in which the cross-examination is conducted. Earlier too, Tejpal had sought a change of dates citing lack of electronic evidence shared by investigating team to his lawyers to present a suitable defence.

Appellant killed

the spot, are being analysed. Police are looking into call detail records of Tiwari's mobile phone and will question a policeman stationed at the house for his security. They are also drawing sketches of the suspects.

After a preliminary check, doctors told police that Tiwari's throat had been slit. Later, Additional SP (West Lucknow) Vikas Chandra Tripathi said the "postmortem report of Kamlesh Tiwari stated that there is a bullet injury near the neck."

Tiwari's wife Kiran has lodged an FIR against two clerics of Bijnor mosques, accusing them of murder and criminal conspiracy. She alleged that they were behind the killing. In 2015, after Tiwari's remark on the Prophet led to protests, the clerics had announced cash rewards for his head. Incidentally, one of them was arrested a year later by Bijnor police on the charge of rape.

Meanwhile, police are also looking into a Gujarat police chargesheet from two years ago. Alleged IS operatives Kasim Stimberwala and Obed Mirza, arrested in October 2017, told Gujarat police about plans to kill Tiwari.

Confirming this, Gujarat ATS DIG Himanshu Shukla said: "In the chargesheet, it is mentioned that Kasim and Obed had confessed to police that they had planned to kill Kamlesh Tiwari because he had allegedly made objectionable remarks about the Prophet."

Following his killing, Tiwari's supporters and area residents blocked the Naka road crossing, demanding immediate arrest of the assailants. Stones were hurled and shops downed shutters.

Hari Shankar Jain, Tiwari's lawyer before the Supreme Court, said: "Kamlesh Tiwari was one of the appellants in the Supreme Court in the title suit of Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid. The appeal was admitted in the Supreme Court." He said the Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha had filed its plea through Tiwari.

Additional SP Tripathi said Tiwari's assailants appeared to be known to him, and police are also probing personal enmity as a possible motive for the murder.

Swarashtra Deep Singh, incharge of Tiwari's party for Kushinagar district, who was present in the room when the assailants arrived, told The Indian Express: "At around 11 am, Kamlesh Tiwari received a phone call after which he asked his wife, Kiran, to clean the room on the first floor of the building since some visitors were arriving. He also asked her to prepare tea for them."

Over an hour later, two persons showed up and went straight to the first floor where Tiwari was waiting for them. Kiran was on the ground floor while their three sons were not present in the house, Singh said.

"After half-an-hour, one of the visitors gave me money to go and buy cigarettes for him. When I returned after a few minutes, I was shocked to see Tiwari lying on the floor. There were injuries around his throat and blood was oozing out. The visitors were not around," Singh said, adding that he raised an alarm and Tiwari's wife ran to the first floor. The police were informed.

Tiwari was taken to the Trauma Centre of the King George Medical University where he was declared dead. While police officers claimed a policeman, deployed for Tiwari's security, was present on the first floor of the house, Singh said he did not see him.

Tiwari hailed from Sitapur. He contested the 2012 assembly election from central Lucknow on the ticket of the Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha but was defeated.

Mexico camp

farmer from Jalandhar who left India on July 29 told *The Indian Express*.

The 311 men landed at Delhi's IGI Airport Friday after Mexico deported them for illegally entering the country and trying to cross over to the US from there.

Finding "visa agents", the men said, was the easy part. Deep Singh, 23, a farmer from Sangrur, said, "Many of our friends are now in the US; we just ask them about these agents. In Jalandhar, there are also many WhatsApp forwards meant to sell this idea to young men."

The only thing each needs is his photo. "We just had to get to Delhi from Punjab and then we got tickets which had details of where to go. We don't even need to ask anything, the agents just know," said Deep.

After a flight to Ecuador, the men were transported by road or flight to Colombia, Brazil, Peru, Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala, and finally Mexico. They spent weeks lodged in cheap hotels, passing one immigration check after another. "At several points in the journey, five-six people carrying guns would accompany us," said one man who did not wish to be identified.

But none could anticipate the terrifying journey that awaited them at Panama, where they were told to trek by themselves for five-seven days through a dense jungle. "The path is made, and markers using plastic bags are already in place. For three days, we did not even have water. We drank the sweat we would squeeze out of our shirts. There was no food. There were animals in the forest, and a lot of us fell ill," said Sonu, 22, a graduate from Kurukshetra University.

Manjeet Singh, 28, from Amritsar claimed the "mafia" accompanying them would ask for $50 (roughly Rs 3,500) from each man every once in a while. He claimed some men had died on the journey but did not provide further details.

Once the men arrived in Mexico, they were arrested by authorities and put in "camps", which were "like jails, where they took us out at specific times and gave us food twice a day", said Sevak. Rinku Ram, 24, from a village in Haryana, recalled suffering from a severe allergy and falling ill at the camp. "They used to keep us shut inside; everyone got diseases," he said.

The agents had told the men to ask Mexican authorities for "passes" that would let them leave the camps temporarily, which is when they would enter the US. "Once we cross over (to the US), we make up a story and a case is filed. But we can work still," said Manjeet, recalling what he had been told by the agents.

But the men soon realised no such passes would be provided to them. "They kept us there for 25-30 days and then deported us," said Sevak.

Back in India, the men say their plan for a fresh start has left them worse off than before. "It took me four months to reach Mexico. For 45 days they kept us in the camp. I sold my land, now I don't know what to do," said Deep Singh. Manjeet Singh said: "I have been unemployed since 2014 after getting a diploma, and this was my last chance... but I will come back."

(With inputs from Alexia Diamond)

Curb funding of terror: Pak warned

terror groups like the Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammad — both are responsible for a series of attacks in India.

The decision means, Pakistan has been given time until February 2020 to fulfil its commitments or risk being blacklisted.

According to sources, an objective assessment of Pakistan's progress in implementing its action plan was obtained, including in connection with situations of other countries. Apart from some action taken by Islamabad, the FATF noted the insufficiency of Pakistan's implementation as "serious concerns".

According to French diplomatic sources, the immediate blacklisting of Pakistan did not garner the consensus of all FATF members as the most effective response.

The compliance requirement is quite strict — it asks for "significant and sustainable progress", "across the range". "It is clear that the FATF will take action if progress cannot be established," the source said.

Sources also said that there is an explicit threat of being blacklisted, if applicable.

If Pakistan continues on the Grey List or gets put in Dark Grey List, it will be very difficult for the country to get financial aid from the IMF, the World Bank and the European Union, making its financial condition more precarious.

Such action could include calling upon global financial institutions to give special attention to business relations and transactions with Pakistan. This language is the same used for Iran, which is already on the Black List.

The FATF discussed all jurisdictions, which are under review, including Pakistan and there was consensus on Pakistan, with its poor performance on the 27-point action plan, despite expiry of its 15-month timeline.

"It was noted that Pakistan was able to address only five out of 27 items. It was unanimously decided to express serious concern with overall lack of progress in addressing its transnational terror funding risks," the official said.

Pakistan was placed on the Grey List in June last year and given a plan of action to be completed by October 2019 or face the risk of being placed on the black List along with Iran and North Korea.

China, Turkey and Malaysia are learnt to have resisted India's efforts.

The Indian Express has learnt that the China and Turkey pushed to give Pakistan a "little more time" to fulfil its commitments. Saudi Arabia has not yet committed to giving support or oppose the Indian effort.

At the meeting, India is learnt to have asked FATF members to blacklist Pakistan citing the recent example that Islamabad has allowed Mumbai terror attack mastermind Hafiz Saeed to withdraw funds from his frozen accounts.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar had meetings with their counterparts of many FATF member countries over the last few weeks, especially at the UN General Assembly in New York.

While Modi had met leaders from Belgium, France, US, UK, Italy, New Zealand, South Africa among others at the UN, Jaishankar had met his counterparts from Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Singapore, Turkey, Japan at the UN in New York. He has also met his counterparts from the two regional organisations in the FATF - the GCC and the EC.

Earlier, Jaishankar met leaders from Finland - on his way to New York - and his counterparts from France, Germany, Canada. NSA Ajit Doval and Jaishankar had also visited Russia separately.

Govt plans to treat medical implants as medicine

whether used alone or in combination, including a software or an accessory, intended by its manufacturer to be used specially for human beings or animals which does not achieve the primary intended action in or on human body or animals by any pharmacological or immunological or metabolic means, but which may assist in its intended function."

This, according to the draft, will apply to devices used for diagnosis, prevention, monitoring, treatment or alleviation or assistance for any disease, disorder, injury or disability. It will also apply to products, including implants, used for the "investigation, replacement or modification or support" of the anatomy or of a physiological process.

Devices used to support or sustain life, medical device disinfectants as well as contraceptive devices will also be regulated under this notification. The Ministry has sought comments on the proposal before November 17.

Manufacturers and importers of most of these devices will have at least 1.5 years to voluntarily register with the Central drug regulator's licencing authority, according to another draft notification released Friday. The draft, which would amend the country's existing Medical Device Rules (2017), would apply to all devices in a phased manner, starting with 23 devices, including disposable syringes, cardiac stents, intra ocular lenses, knee and hip implants and heart valves, that are already regulated as "drugs" under the country's drug laws.

By Jan 1, 2020, nebulizers, blood pressure monitoring devices, glucometers, digital thermometers, will have to start registering with the Central Licencing Authority, while around nine devices, including all implantable medical devices and equipment, CT scan equipment, defibrillators, X-ray and dialysis machines will face this requirement from April 1, 2020.

In April, the Drugs Technical Advisory Board (DTAB) recommended notifying all medical devices in a phased manner. This came almost five months after The Indian Express published the 'Implant Files', a series of investigative reports highlighting lapses in regulation in India's medical devices industry and the impact it had on patients. This included Johnson & Johnson's use of loopholes in US laws to obtain approval for and marketing hip implants in India, that had to be globally recalled in 2010.

"The (draft notification) means that CDSCO (Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation) can apply provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act as well as the Medial Devices Rules 2017 on all medical devices...It can also punish them for violations as per the Act. Once devices are defined as 'drugs', NPPA (the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority) can also monitor their prices and ensure that they don't raise it more than 10 per cent every year," said Archana Sahadeva, an independent lawyer representing pharma companies.

"There are apprehensions that this is a knee jerk reaction to subvert the framing of a new medical devices act that will institute a separate devices regulatory agency, independent of CDSCO," said a stakeholder who did not wish to be identified. "Merely expanding the scope of regulation to all devices is not enough in a moment of growing number of safety disasters involving devices and the CDSCO's pathetic track record in responding to them. We have been asking for strengthening and comprehensive reforms of regulation for patient safety," said Malini Aisola of patient activist group All India Drug Action Network (AIDAN).

"Continuing attempts to incorrectly regulate devices as 'drugs' may not help fully address patient needs to access affordable safe devices that are indigenously available," said Rajiv Nath, forum coordinator of Indian medical devices lobby group, Association of Indian Medical Devices Industry (AIMED).

"Devices need a risk proportional penal system and decriminalisation of most offences. Regulator needs to have administrative powers to...protect public or ensure field safety actions or product recalls and not feel inept or handicapped to do so as was seen last year in the J&J case. Every minor issue need not be referred to an over burdened judiciary with limited technical knowledge," he added.

Prateek Hajela

for this "forthwith and in any case within seven days from today".

"Upon hearing Mr. Prateek Hajela, learned State Coordinator, the learned Attorney General and the learned Solicitor General and taking into account the totality of the facts of the case, we order for the inter-cadre transfer of Mr. Hajela to the State of Madhya Pradesh on deputation for the maximum period permissible under the relevant rules/ regulations," the bench said in its order.

Significantly, the order is also CJI Ranjan Gogoi's last one on the NRC updation process since the bench directed that other NRC related matters would be heard on November 26. The CJI who became part of the bench hearing the NRC matter in August 2014 is scheduled to retire on November 17, 2019.

The Supreme Court took over the monitoring of the updation process in December 2014, and the final updated NRC was published on August 31 this year. The final NRC included 3,11,21,004 names and left out 19,06,657 persons.

When Attorney General KK Venugopal asked the bench if there was any reason for the transfer order, CJI Gogoi replied "Is there any order without a reason?" He did not elaborate.

When contacted, Hajela declined to comment. Assam's Commissioner and Secretary (Home and Political) Department Ashutosh Agnihotri also declined to comment.

State government sources, however, said Hajela's transfer follows his deteriorating relationship with the Assam government, and mounting criticism of his by the state unit of various political parties including the BJP and the Congress in the last few months. They said the NRC updation process was anyway complete.

In July this year, the Assam government and the Centre petitioned the SC for re-verification of a sample of names included in the draft NRC - 20% in border districts and 10% elsewhere - but this was dismissed by the apex court after Hajela said that re-verification of 27% names was already done.

Since then, the state government and the state unit of the BJP have sharply criticised Hajela. In a statement on July 24, the state BJP said, Hajela was working under the direction of "certain forces" to "publish a faulty NRC with names of illegal foreigners in it".

On August 1, the state government released the exclusion data of the draft NRC to question the accuracy of the process and criticised Hajela. In its reply on the floor of the Assembly, the state government had said that Hajela's reasoning was wrong.

Chidambaram

corruption case — runs out on October 20.

It refers to a meeting at Chidambaram's North Block office where, according to the CBI, this demand for "payoffs" was made in the presence of journalist Vir Sanghvi.

Reached for comment, Sanghvi said: "I told the CBI and the Enforcement Directorate that during that period, we met several people in Delhi to tell them about the venture. I do not exactly remember who all of them were and have no specific recollection of this meeting. In any case, Peter Mukerjea knew Mr Chidambaram from his Star TV days... This is all in my evidence as are my two meetings with Mr Chidambaram after I had left INX a few months later when I urged him to investigate irregularities in INX's finances. The FIPB clearance was for INX Media, an entertainment company. I worked for INX News, a separate company."

The CBI, in its chargesheet, said: "Smt Indrani Mukerjea, the then Director M/s INX Media (P) Limited and Sh Pratim Mukerjea, her husband as the then Chief Operating Officer, M/s INX Media (P) Limited along with Sh Vir Sanghvi had met Sh P Chidambaram, the then Finance Minister in his office at North Block, New Delhi, regarding the FIPB approval. In the said meeting Shri P Chidambaram demanded illegal gratification from Smt Indrani Mukerjea and Sh Pratim Mukerjea in the form of overseas payoffs for himself and he also demanded that business interest of his son Sh Karti P Chidambaram should also be taken care in lieu of FIPB approval of M/s INX Media (P) Ltd and M/s INX News (P) Ltd."

It refers to another meeting at the Hyatt Regency coffee shop in New Delhi between the Mukerjeas and Karti in June 2008 after the Income Tax raised questions about the FDI proposal. Seeking clarifications, the I-T asked: "Whether M/s INX Media (P) Limited, which had an approval for FDI of Rs 4.62 crores only, could receive excess investment to the tune of Rs. 262 crores (as on May 2008)" and "Whether M/s INX Media (P) Limited could also make a downstream investment in M/s INX News (P) Limited without the FIPB approval."

"During the meeting at the coffee shop at Hotel Hayat Regency, New Delhi, Sh Karti P Chidambaram assured Smt Indrani Mukerjea and Sh Pratim Mukerjea that the contentious issues of M/s INX Media (P) Limited would be resolved. It is corroborated by the fact, revealed during investigation, that no punitive action was taken against the company by FIPB for the above violation by the company and for this a demand of US $1 Million was made by Sh Karti P Chidambaram. Of this amount, Rs 9,96,000 was paid through cheque by M/s INX Media Pvt Ltd as advance, subsequently, in the garb of false invoice showing consultancy favouring M/s Advantage Strategic Consulting Pvt Ltd - an indirectly controlled company of Sh Karti P Chidambaram."

Indrani Mukerjea, who has been pardoned after turning approver in the case, has not been chargesheeted though her husband Pratim 'Peter' Mukerjea figures in it. Others named in the chargesheet are S Bhaskararaman, an associate of Karti; Sindhushree Khullar, the then Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs(DEA); INX Media Pvt Ltd, presently 9X Media Pvt Ltd; INX News Pvt Ltd, presently Direct News; Chess Management Services Pvt Ltd; Advantage Strategic Consulting Pvt Ltd (ASCPL); Ajeet Kumar Dung Dung, the then section officer of FIPB unit (MoF); Rabindra Prasad, the then under secretary of FIPB unit; Pradeep Kumar Bagga, the then OSD (CM&I), FIPB unit; Prabodh Saxena, Director of FIPB Unit; and, Anup K Pujari, the then Joint Secretary (Foreign Trade) in the DEA.

In May 2017, the CBI had registered an FIR alleging irregularities in the FIPB clearance granted to the INX Media group for receiving overseas funds of Rs 305 crore in 2007 when Chidambaram was Finance Minister. The ED later lodged a money laundering case in the matter. Chidambaram denied any wrongdoing, and rejected the charges levelled at him by the two agencies.

Arrested on August 21 by the CBI which is probing alleged corruption in the case, Chidambaram has been in judicial custody since September 5.

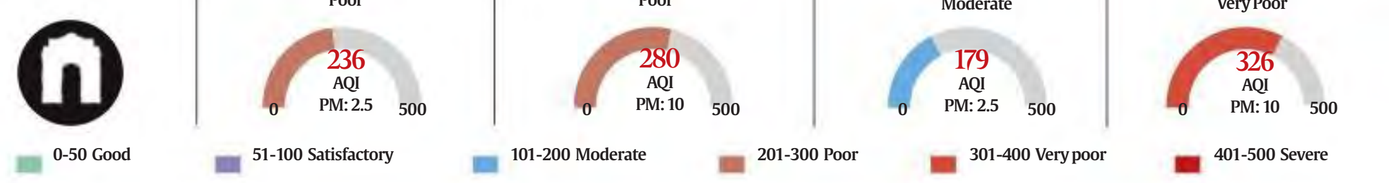
On Friday, the Supreme Court reserved its order on Chidambaram's bail plea with the CBI opposing it, claiming it was at a crucial stage of investigating more cases of FIPB approvals to companies and their alleged financial transactions with his son Karti, and that granting bail at at this stage would hamper probe as his very presence would intimidate witnesses.

Appearing for the agency, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told a bench headed by Justice R Banumathi that the FIPB approval granted to INX Media was not only the issue under investigation though this was the only one mentioned in the FIR.

He said that one of the witnesses in the case had given a statement under Section 164 CrPC about attempts to influence him and that the CBI had not revealed his name in the chargesheet.

Mehta too referred to the meeting at Chidambaram's office, saying investigations had revealed that the Mukerjeas, along with a third person, had met him in his office on March 9, 2007, but the visitor's register was stated to be destroyed because of lapse of time.

"However, contemporaneous evidence collected from Hotel Oberoi corroborates the statements of Indrani Mukerjea, that she and Peter Mukerjea were staying in Hotel Oberoi, New Delhi between 6.3.2007 and 9.3.2007 and they having used the hotel vehicle for internal travel on 9.3.2007, which was used for travelling to the petitioner's office where the meeting was held," he said.



3,000 farm fires and counting...

Higher than last year; pollution control board says contributing 7% to Delhi's PM levels but figure will reach 17% today

SHIVAM PATEL
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

STUBBLE BURNING has increased in Punjab and Haryana this year with more than 3,000 farm fire cases recorded as of Wednesday since counting began late September.

This is higher than the nearly 2,600 stubble burning instances recorded last year in both the states in the same time frame, as per data released by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

In Punjab, a total of 1,631 farm fires were recorded between September 23 and October 17, up from 1,198 recorded last year. In Haryana, the figure increased to 1,571 cases between September 25 and October 17 from 1,346 last year. Despite the increase in numbers, "contribution of stubble burning to PM2.5 levels in Delhi is only 7% till now," a CPCB official said.

He added that the agency relies on assessment done by the central government's System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting And Research (SAFAR) for data on pollution caused by stubble burning.

On Friday, SAFAR predicted that the share of pollution from farm fires would increase to 17% in Delhi Saturday. The top crop residue burning districts this year so far, as per CPCB data, are Amritsar, Tarn Taran and Patiala in Punjab; and Karnal, Kaithal and Kurukshetra in Haryana.

Local pollution

The CPCB Friday said it has deployed 46 teams to identify pollution sources in Delhi-NCR and has found construction and demolition activities, garbage dumping and road dust to be the main contributors.

The pollution control body has so far lodged 689 complaints for various violations. As many as 16 hotspots in Delhi and three in NCR have been identified where pollution is comparatively higher, a CPCB official said.

"Area-specific action plans have been prepared by various agencies coordinating with one another to control polluting activities," the official added.

'Work from home'

CPCB member secretary Prashant Gargava said a task force led by the pollution control body held a meeting Friday and recommended various pollution-controlling measures for Delhi-NCR.

These include appealing to IT companies to encourage employees to work from home, asking public and private companies to encourage car pooling and use of public transport, and advising schools to make arrangements for picking up and dropping off students.

A farmer burns paddy in a village in Haryana's Hisar district. *PTI*

FARM FIRES IN PUNJAB, HARYANA

PUNJAB*

2019	1,631
2018	1,198

TOP THREE DISTRICTS

Amritsar

2019	452
2018	401

Tarn Taran

2019	346
2018	223

Patiala

2019	180
2018	159

HARYANA**

2019	1,571
2018	1,346

TOP THREE DISTRICTS

Karnal

2019	404
2018	466

Katihal

2019	323
2018	450

Kurukshetra

2019	284
2018	317

*From Sep 23-Oct 17

**From Sep 25-Oct 17

Source: CPCB

Diesel generator ban: EPCA to take final call on October 22

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EXEMPTIONS TO the ban on the use of diesel generator sets in the National Capital Region will be decided on October 22, the EPCA said Friday.

The EPCA held a meeting with officials from Haryana, UP, Rajasthan and Delhi Friday after receiving inputs that the ban would hit commercial and residential areas that do not have power connections. The ban has been imposed under the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), enforced in Delhi-NCR since Tuesday, which recommends a series of measures aimed at controlling air pollution.

EPCA members said they were informed earlier that if the ban was imposed, "entire Gurgaon will go into darkness".

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Officials from the Haryana power department told the EPCA that the state, at present, has surplus power supply capacity as compared to demand.

A total of 5,540 DG sets are registered in Gurgaon, said officials. Of these, 80% are being used by industries as backup during power outages which are of around 20 minutes everyday.

Further, in Gurgaon, there are 17 colonies dependent on DG sets as their sole power source, due to lack of power infrastructure which developers were supposed to install but failed to.

Delhi power department officials told EPCA that 90% of consumers have not complained of outages for several years, meaning there would be "no issues" with the ban. UP officials said there were minimal outages in Ghaziabad and Noida — less than 30 minutes per day — but EPCA members said they had received complaints of longer power cuts.

'Pollution body acting like BJP spokesperson'

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TAKING EXCEPTION to the Central Pollution Control Board's observation that contribution of stubble burning to PM 2.5 levels in Delhi has been 7% so far, the Aam Aadmi Party Friday tore into the pollution monitoring agency, terming it as the "spokesperson of the BJP".

The AAP, led by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, has been strongly countering suggestions by agencies such as SAFAR and EPCA that internal sources of pollution have a bigger share in Delhi's declining air quality than external sources.

"The CPCB's statement today is a classic case of political misuse of supposedly independent institutions. It is behaving like a spokesperson of the ruling BJP. By totally ignoring the role of stubble burning in the spike in air pollution in the national capital, the CPCB is giving a clean chit to neighbouring states, despite their utter failure in ending the practice of stubble burning," AAP spokesperson Raghav Chadha said.

AAP's Delhi convenor Gopal Rai said that with the spike in the levels of pollution, "some of the agencies have become hyperactive" with the claim that the people of Delhi are responsible for the situation. Kejriwal Thursday said that the agencies were relying on old data and the city needed a fresh source apportionment study.

Rai also suggested that the agencies were acting as machineries "to suppress the failures" of neighbouring states.

When contacted, a CPCB official said that the agency's observation was based on an assessment done by SAFAR. "There's no reason to disbelieve SAFAR's assessment," the official said.

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Delhi Government Schools are organising
PTM
PARENT-TEACHER MEETING
19th October 2019 (Saturday)
Morning Shift : 08:30 AM to 12:30 Noon
Evening Shift : 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM

Library Awareness Day will be celebrated on the same day across all schools by organising a Library Mela through display of books and holding different competitions

Delhi Government schools are organising a PTM. If your child is studying in a Delhi Government school, make sure you attend the PTM this time as well. Make sure you meet all your child's teachers and discuss the issues related to your child's education.

-Manish Sisodia
Dy. Chief Minister, Delhi

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BRIEFLY

Cop faces enquiry over 'shoving' video

Noida: An enquiry has been ordered against a Ghaziabad police officer after a video of him allegedly shoving a woman went viral on social media. "Prima facie it appears the issue is of permission regarding a mehendi stall. The officer has been reserved to police lines," said Maneesh Mishra, SP (City).

15-year-old hangs self

New Delhi: A 15-year-old allegedly hanged himself from a tree in Wazirabad. "Prima facie, the boy was depressed because his mother left him after his father's sudden death and he had to live with his grandparents," police said.

Body of woman found

New Delhi: An unidentified body of a woman was found inside a trolley bag on Pooth Khurd Road in Bawana Thursday.

Teen stabbed outside school

New Delhi: A 17-year-old boy was allegedly stabbed by another boy outside his school in New Friends Colony Thursday.

Financier shot dead

New Delhi: A 40-year-old financier was allegedly shot dead by two men outside his house in Karawal Nagar. Police suspect the men worked with the victim till recently.

Ahead of polls, Rs 3 cr seized in Gurgaon

Gurgaon: Three days before Haryana goes to polls, cash amounting to over Rs 3 crore was found in the boot of the car of a man in Gurgaon, police said.

14 injured at Diwali fest

New Delhi: More than 14 people were injured after a Giant Wheel collapsed during a Diwali fest at a charitable trust campus in Shahdara. Police said a case will be registered against the trust as it had not taken permission for operating the rides.

Speaker secy's phone snatched

New Delhi: The Delhi Assembly Speaker's secretary was allegedly robbed of his iPhone 6 by three men in Paschim Vihar Thursday. **ENS**

STANDOFF

Black bucks at the Delhi Zoo. *Abhinav Saha*

Centre says AAP govt turning back onion trucks, Delhi rejects claim

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

DELHI HAS asked the Centre to supply 10 trucks of onions per day but the Aam Aadmi Party government has rejected some of the trucks arriving in the capital, an official statement, issued after a meeting of an inter-ministerial committee under the chairmanship of secretary consumer affairs Avinash K Srivastava, claimed.

The meeting was held Friday to review price and availability of onions, tomatoes and pulses and to augment their supplies.

The statement, issued by the Department of Consumer Affairs, added that the Centre has decided to ask the Delhi government to depute its officials in Maharashtra and Gujarat, from where the onions are sent, to verify the quality there itself.

"It was informed during the meeting that the Delhi government has been rejecting some trucks arriving at Delhi despite Delhi government officers being present in Maharashtra to check the stock quality before dispatch," the official statement said.

At Okhla mandi. A meeting was held Friday to review price and availability of onions, tomatoes. *Tashi Tobgyal*

"Delhi government representatives were requested to ensure that adequate personnel are deputed at loading sources to ensure that there is no rejection on arrival so as to facilitate a constant and healthy supply for retailing," it added.

A Delhi government official rejected the Centre's claim, saying: "We are not turning back any truck. In fact, instead of 10, we are getting three trucks every day. That is why we had to write to NAFED (National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd)."

Earlier this week, Delhi Food and Supplies Minister Imran Hussain had written a letter to the Union Consumer Affairs Minister Ram Vilas Paswan requesting him to direct NAFED to supply 10 trucks of onions every day for the next 10 days for Delhi so that they can be made available to people at subsidised rates.

Sources present at Friday's meeting, however, claimed that the Delhi government rejected some of the trucks citing "poor quality" of onions.

They also claimed that some trucks were rejected during Navratri on the ground that there will be less demand during the festival.

"NAFED has sufficient stock of onions and has requested that all stock be picked up and retailed by various state governments as per their requirement," said the statement.

"The arrival of fresh stock has begun from Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan and it is expected that prices will show a downward trend in the coming week, especially after Diwali," it added.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the ministry of agriculture and farmers' welfare, including officials from the Department of Consumer Affairs, NAFED, Mother Dairy, Kendriya Bhandar and other agencies.

Willing to give land at same spot for Ravidas temple: Centre

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THE CENTRE Friday told the Supreme Court that it was willing to hand over land measuring 200 sqm to devotees for construction of Guru Ravidas temple in South Delhi, at the same place where it existed before, but with certain conditions.

A bench of Justice Arun Mishra and Justice S Ravindra Bhat took on record the offer made by Attorney General K K Venugopal, appearing for the Centre, and asked parties seeking construction of the temple to submit objections, if any, by October 21. Post this, it said it would pass order in the matter.

As per the memorandum of settlement submitted to the SC, the area permitted for worship will be enclosed by a boundary fence and will have a gate for entry. It states that no encroachment will be allowed outside the boundary.

It further states that the Centre will restore the Sant Ravidas pond and the four *samadhis*, but no structure will be constructed over the *samadhis*. The Centre has also said a temporary structure, in the nature of a porta cabin made of wood, will house the statue of Guru Ravidas — of 20 ft x 20 ft dimension — where devotees will be allowed to perform *puja*.

On October 4, the top court had asked the parties involved in a plea seeking permission to rebuild Guru Ravidas temple, in the Tughlakabad forest area, to come back to it with an amicable solution on a better location.

The temple was demolished by the Delhi Development Authority following the top court's direction, which led to a series of protests across Delhi, Punjab and Haryana. The apex court on August 19 had directed authorities in these areas to ensure no law and order situation is created politically or otherwise.

The top court had earlier warned against politicising the temple's demolition and said it would initiate contempt proceedings against those provoking protests and demonstrations. It said it respects everybody's sentiments but the law has to be followed.

The court had earlier questioned the maintainability of a plea asking as to how could it entertain the petition filed under Article 32 of the Constitution, seeking permission to construct a temple demolished on its orders.

Police had to be deployed outside the site following protests

Delhi zoo director transferred from post

On Thursday, Renu Singh led a team to rescue a man who had jumped into the lion enclosure. *Express*

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL Park director Renu Singh has been transferred from the post. The order came on Thursday — the same day that the zoo witnessed a "dramatic" incident, when a 28-year-old man jumped into the lion enclosure and was rescued.

Singh will be transferred to the position of Deputy Inspector General of Forests in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, said an order issued by the ministry Thursday.

Dr Suneesh Buxy, a 1998 batch Indian Forest Service officer of AGMUT cadre, will take additional charge as Delhi zoo director "till a regular incumbent is appointed," the order added.

"The element of DIGF post, which had been upgraded to the level of Inspector General of Forests... is downgraded to DIGF level for posting of Renu Singh," the order said.

Singh told *The Indian Express*: "I had a very good term as director of the zoo. My team and I worked hard and overcame many challenges."

On Thursday, Singh led a rescue team to the lion enclosure in the zoo where a "depressed" man came dangerously close to its 10-year-old occupant before being rescued.

The zoo has also been in the news this year over alleged irregularities in recording births and deaths of animals.

'Property dealer was promised $67,000 for attack on SAIL chief'

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

INVESTIGATION INTO the attack on Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) chairman Anil Kumar Chaudhary has revealed that the alleged conspirator, private contractor Ashok Kumar Singh (62), had promised a property dealer $67,000 (around Rs 47 lakh) to carry out the crime.

According to the chargesheet submitted by Delhi Police before a city court, the property dealer, Sunil Kumar Balhara, was promised $1 for each tonne of coking coal that was pending payment clearance by SAIL. Chaudhary had rejected payment for 67,000 tonnes of poor quality coking coal, sourced from the US and supplied by a Sharjah-based company owned by Singh's son.

At the crime spot

On Tuesday, Chaudhary, who was assaulted on August Kranti Marg, moved High Court seeking cancellation of bail granted to five out of seven accused in the case.

A special task force of Crime Branch filed the chargesheet last week. "Singh asked Balhara to lure Chaudhary in a honey trap, but they failed. He then told him to attack Chaudhary, which would force him to take a break from work due to the injuries... (during which time) someone else would clear the bill," the chargesheet states.

Police said Balhara roped in his brother-in-law Satendra Kadyan and his friend Om Prakash Sharma. The latter allegedly hired three of his friends — Pravesh Kumar, Lalit Chand and Amarjeet Singh — who have criminal backgrounds after promising to pay them Rs 2 lakh.

"Sharma told police that on August 1, they all were taken to SAIL's office where Balhara showed them Chaudhary's car and Kadyan clicked its picture... On the night of August 8, Chaudhary was attacked by the men, who barged into his car and asked for 'compensation'. When Chaudhary resisted, they assaulted him and his driver with iron rods," police stated.

The chargesheet also said the attackers used a car stolen on March 16 from Sarai Rohilla.

58-km Metro Lite corridor likely to be built across 8 stretches under Phase IV

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

THE TOTAL length of the 'Metro Lite' stretch, proposed to be built as part of Delhi Metro's Phase IV project, is likely to touch at least 58 km across eight stretches, according to a proposal drawn up by the DMRC, states internal documents. The decision has factored in potential ridership on the proposed stretches.

"The cost of each km of elevated metro varies from Rs 220 crore to Rs 250 crore, depending on traffic demand, and underground alignment cost is 2 to 2.5 times of elevated alignment... Government of India has been exploring a mode of transport which may be as attractive as metro, but with cost of about half or less of metro system, which could meet PHPDT (potential peak hours peak direction traffic) demand of up to 15,000. It has been felt that Light Rail Transit may be one of the options to be used to meet PHPDT demand of up to 15,000, cost of which may be 50% or little above of elevated metro...," reads the DMRC document.

Accordingly, the corporation has "tentatively proposed" that Metro Lite be built from Mundka to Puthkurd (11.2 km); West Enclave to Karala (8.5 km); Nangloi to Najafgarh (11.1 km); Kirby Place to Tilak Nagar (4.6 km); Kirti Nagar to Lajwanti Garden (6.2 km); Govindpuri to Tigri (4.3 km); Okhla Vihar-Indraprastha (8.9 km); and Anand Vihar to Dilshad Garden (3.4 km).

The identified stretches are mainly part of the three corridors — Rithala-Bawana-Narela (21.7-km), Inderlok-Indraprastha (12.5-km) and Lajpat Nagar-Saket G block (7.9-km) — proposed under Phase IV, which still await the Centre's approval.

So far, the DMRC board has approved a 20-km-long Metro Lite corridor between Kirti Nagar-Mayapuri-Dwarka Sector 25 Exhibition-Cum-Convention Centre (ECC).

EXPLAINED

Cheaper alternative for areas that could see low ridership

THE METRO'S decision comes after the Delhi government's finance department had observed that the proposed corridors under Phase IV do not qualify for a high capacity Metro system, as the potential peak hours peak direction traffic on these lines is not likely to touch even 25,000. The DMRC has identified eight stretches to build a 'Metro Lite' corridor. As per the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs guidelines, Metro Lite would have three-coach trains and a maximum speed of 60 km/hour.

Delhi Assembly speaker gets 6-month jail term in trespassing case

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

A DELHI court has sentenced Delhi Assembly Speaker Ram Niwas Goel, his son Sumit Goel and three others to six months in jail for allegedly trespassing into a realtor's house and accusing him of stashing liquor ahead of the 2015 Assembly polls. The court observed: "Anarchist behaviour, which challenges the rule of law, must be dealt with strictly."

Hearing his plea for leniency, Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Samar Vishal said Goel was 68 years old when the incident took place and asked how he can seek leniency citing his age. It also said that Goel entered the realtor's house as a whistleblower and remarked, "I wonder whether whistleblowers have a right to raid and trespass into private houses".

The ACMM convicted Goel, Sumit, Hitesh Khanna, Atul Gupta and Balbir Singh under IPC section 448, and sentenced them to six months in jail and a fine of Rs 1,000 each. Sumit was also found guilty under IPC section 323 and sentenced to one month in prison with a fine of Rs 1,000. Both sentences will run concurrently.

Goel told *The Indian Express*, "I will continue with my duties as an MLA; there is no restriction. On Monday, I am filing an appeal in a sessions court. I am a law abiding citizen and have nothing to fear." The court has granted the accused persons bail of Rs 10,000 each so they can appeal to a sessions court.

As per court records, Goel and the other accused allegedly raided the complainant's house in Vivek Vihar on February 6, 2015. Goel had accused the complainant of stashing liquor for distribution, damaged his property and raised slogans.

"The offence was not committed out of any compulsion, poverty or adventurism of youth. It was committed for political reasons, which is not a trivial matter," said the court.

Faridabad villagers whose votes were 'stolen' have some fears ahead of polls

SAKSHI DAYAL
GURGAON, OCTOBER 18

FIVE MONTHS after Dalit women from Faridabad's Asaoti village alleged their votes in the Lok Sabha polls, which they were to cast at booth number 88, had been "stolen" by the BJP agent deployed there, members of the community remain apprehensive ahead of Assembly polls in Haryana on October 21.

According to data available on the Haryana Chief Electoral Officer's website, four booths will be located within the village, which has 4,869 voters, this election. The sitting MLA in the constituency is from the BSP, whose supporters had claimed the BJP agent pressed the wrong button when it was their time to vote.

"Last time we were lucky that someone caught the agent taking our vote on video and we had the chance to vote again, but there is no guarantee it will happen this time," said Vidya, one of the women who made the allegations in May.

The incident took place at Asaoti village during the Lok Sabha polls in May. *Archive*

Her son, Rajkumar, claimed this is not the first time women have been targeted in such a way, because "party agents know they will not protest".

Vivechana (23), also from the village, said: "Since an agent has been caught here, I don't think anyone else will try to take our votes again, at least not this time."

When contacted, poll officers in charge of Prithla constituency — under which the village falls — expressed confidence that the incident would not be repeated. "Booths like the ones in Asaoti, which have a past history, have been marked as vulnerable. Teams have been constituted and officers will be visiting and inspecting such booths very frequently to ensure everything is proceeding smoothly. Additional forces have also been deployed there," said Vivek Kalia, the constituency's returning officer.

"This time, we have also carried out extensive training of polling personnel and they have been briefed to supervise the behaviour of not only voters, but also agents. Police personnel have also been trained accordingly. We are confident that no such nuisance will occur," he said.

It was on the evening of May 12 that a video surfaced showing a polling agent getting up from his chair and, on three occasions, trying to influence three women voters. He was later identified as Giriraj Singh, the BJP polling agent deployed at booth number 88 in Asaoti. Another video that surfaced the following day showed a person, later identified as BJP supporter Vijay Rawat, thrusting his arm through the polling compartment and trying to influence a male voter.

An FIR had been registered and both accused were arrested. The poll panel had also taken action against the presiding officer, who was suspended, and the micro observer, who was barred from poll-related work for three years. The returning officer was transferred and fresh polls took place at the booth on May 19.

Houses 'damaged' due to Metro: HC seeks govt, DMRC response

PRITAM PAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

CRACKED WALLS and doors of houses as well as mild tremors felt by residents due to movement of Metro trains underground was brought to the attention of the Delhi High Court, which sought to know the AAP government's and Delhi Metro Rail Corporation's stand on the issue Friday.

A bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice C Hari Shankar also issued notice to the Delhi government and DMRC on the plea filed by an NGO. The plea claimed that residents of South Delhi's Begumpur village and Sarvapriya Vihar are under constant fear due to the alleged tremors felt in their homes and on the streets. It also sought direction to pay compensation to the affected people.

Taking note of this, the bench directed DMRC to indicate in its reply the policy, if any, in place to compensate persons affected by its construction and other operations before November 6, the next date of hearing.

The NGO, Anti-Corruption Council Of India, sought directions to authorities to take effective measures in order to "protect the life" of residents, who "do not feel safe" in their homes.

Referring to Article 21 of the Constitution, which says that "no person shall be deprived of his life or personal liberty except according to procedure established by law", the NGO sought direction to "adopt effective measures in a time-bound manner".

The NGO also referred to various news articles on complaints regarding vibrations due to Metro train movement. It said there is "no sincere structural audit/inspection" by the Delhi government and DMRC over the issue of vibrations caused by Metro trains while passing through underground tunnels, particularly in South Delhi.

"No steps have been taken till date to control the worsening situation," it claimed.

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CM TO INAUGURATE 100 CLINICS TODAY

Upcoming mohalla clinics at Metro stations, sabzi mandis

ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

Three clinics will come up at Metro stations, three at ISBTs, and five at sabzi mandis, the government announced. *Archive*

WITH AN aim to provide healthcare services on the go, the Delhi government is set to start mohalla clinics at some Metro stations, bus stands and at sabzi mandis. This is in line with the AAP government's plan to start 1,000 such clinics in the city by the end of December.

The city now has around 200 mohalla clinics, but not a single one at any Metro station. Now, three clinics will come up at Metro stations; five at sabzi mandis in Azadpur, Ghazipur, Narela, Najafgarh and Okhla; and three at ISBTs in Anand Vihar, Kashmere Gate and Sarai Kale Khan.

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will inaugurate 100 new clinics Saturday. The announcement of 1,000 clinics by the Delhi government dates back to 2015, and with Assembly elections approaching in the capital, the government hopes to pick up pace to meet the ambitious deadline.

"With the addition of these 100 new clinics, Delhi will have around 300 primary health centres. This itself sets a new record. No government in any country has been able to set up 300 new primary centres in their rule of five years. And even after this, we will keep up with the pace to offer doorstep delivery of healthcare services to the people of Delhi," said Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain Friday.

As many as 1.69 crore patients have availed services from the health centres, and on an average, around 35,000-40,000 patients visit the clinics every day. While the government had hoped the clinics would relieve the burden from overloaded government hospitals, Jain said this had not happened.

"Of the patients visiting mohalla clinics, around 75% are those who are availing treatment from a government-run centre for the first time. So the load on hospitals is still the same. This is also because of the fact that the government is providing free medicines and tests to patients. The concept of mohalla clinics will make Delhi quack-free. Many patients who used to go to these quacks are now approaching government centres," he said.

As reported by *The Indian Express* on October 14, the government has also tweaked the rent and area requirements for those willing to give their properties on rent for such clinics.

Teen stabs woman, jumps to death: Cops examine call records to ascertain motive

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A DAY after a 16-year-old committed suicide after allegedly stabbing a woman at a Noida residential society, police are examining call detail records to ascertain the motive.

On Thursday evening, the boy, who lived in the society, entered the 21-year-old woman's house in the adjacent block. Later, he jumped to his death from her eighth-floor home, while the woman crawled out of the house with multiple stab wounds.

"The woman is being treated at a hospital. The boy had come to invite her for a birthday party, but later started attacking her with a knife. He then locked himself in a room and jumped from the balcony. She crawled out of her home screaming, and was noticed by a neighbour," said Navneet Jaiswal, SP (City), Gautam Budh Nagar. Police said phones of both the boy and the woman have been seized. Initial examination suggests they were in touch over call and message.

At the time of the incident, the boy's and the woman's mothers were at the colony's common area for Karva Chauth celebrations. The woman will undergo a surgery Friday.

The woman, police said, is an engineering student at a Ghaziabad college, while the boy was preparing for his engineering entrance exams. "Their families knew each other well," said a neighbour.

At AIIMS, doctors remove tumour weighing 18 kg from woman's stomach

ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

WHAT STARTED as minor swelling and loss of appetite soon grew into a tumour in the ovary of a 47-year-old woman, who was successfully operated upon at AIIMS Thursday. The tumour, removed from the abdomen of the Shalimar Bagh resident, weighed 17.8 kg.

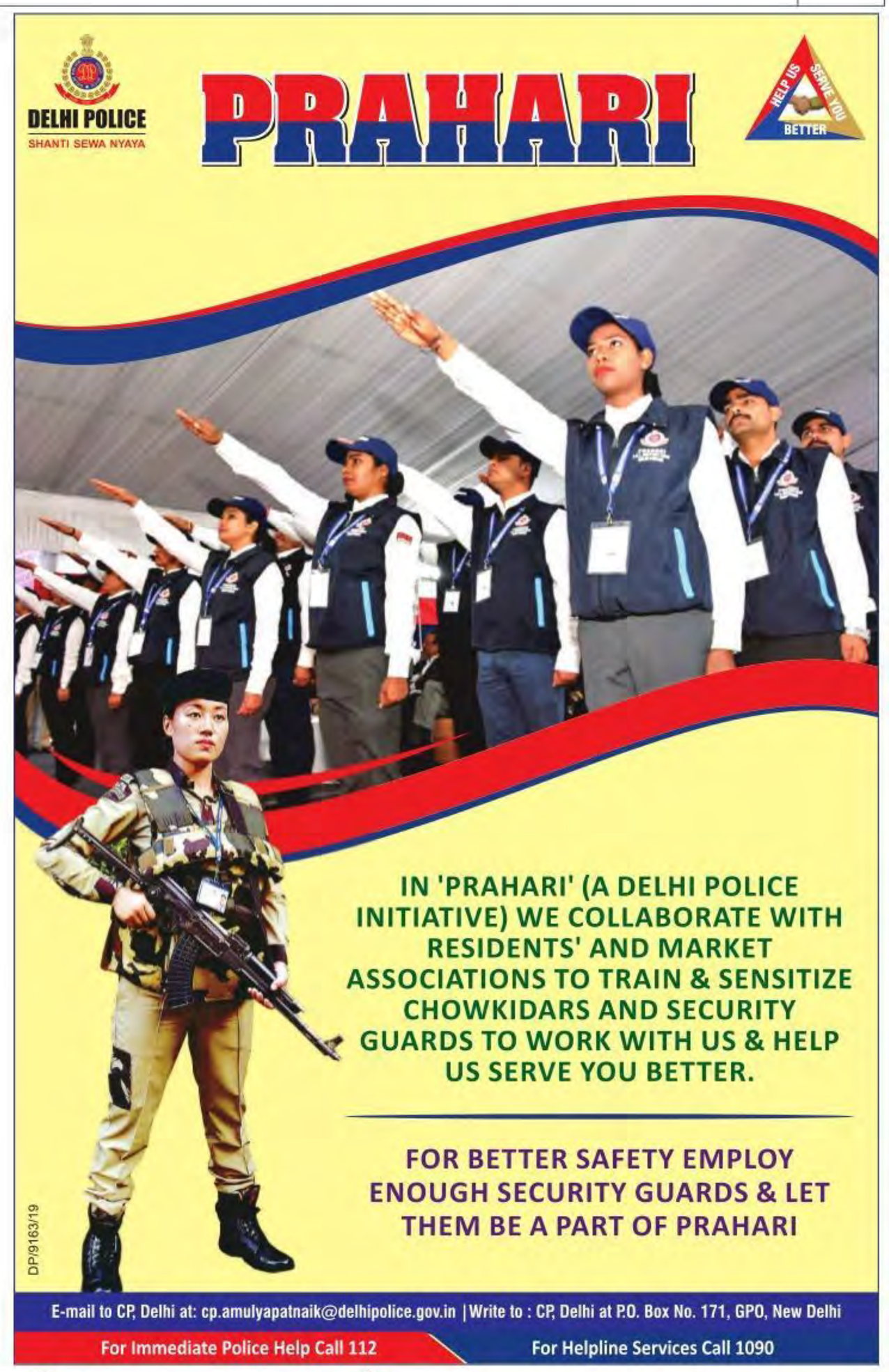
For the last three months, she had been worried about swelling in her stomach. As the mass grew, she had trouble breathing.

"Initially, she went to other hospitals, but the family couldn't bear the cost so they came to AIIMS. The CT scan revealed the tumour was growing inside her ovary. It was a cystical tumour full of fluid. Due to the presence of liquids, the abdomen became very heavy," said Dr M D Ray, department of surgical oncology, AIIMS.

She was admitted to the institute a month-and-a-half ago, but doctors had to wait for a month as her platelet count was too high.

"Around 17.8 kg ovarian mass was removed from her abdomen. We started preparations after consulting doctors from the haematology department," added Dr Ray. She walked in weighing 58 kg, and went down to 40 kg after a six-hour-long surgery.

Doctors said incidents of ovarian tumours are gradually increasing with cases of breast cancer. "Changing lifestyle is among the most important reasons for this new trend," Dr Ray said.



Modi raises terror attacks in Mumbai, Article 370 in Haryana

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ACCUSING THE former Congress-NCP government in Maharashtra of being soft on terror, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said terror attacks no longer take part in the city because perpetrators know they cannot escape punishment anymore.

"There was a time when terror attacks and bomb blasts would happen in Mumbai anytime. Mumbai's coast, which was a business outlet, had become the entry point for terrorists. Is it the same today? Why not? *Ab aatank ko paalnewale jaante hai, ke agar koi galti ki to uski poori saza milegi* (People who shelter terror now know they will be punished if there is any mistake)," the Prime Minister said at a rally in Bandra-Kurla Complex.

Targeting the Congress-NCP regime, he said, "Every probe into terror attacks would indicate that the masterminds across the border executed them. Terror organisations would claim responsibility. But Congress leaders would then say, '*nahi ji, yeh aapne thodi kiya hai, yeh toh hamare logon ne kiya hai*.'"

He said the 1993 blasts can never be forgotten, but erstwhile governments did not nothing to ensure justice for families of the victims.

In a veiled attack on NCP leader Praful Patel, who was questioned by the ED on Friday in connection with a land deal between a company promoted by Patel, his family members and late gangster Iqbal Mirchi, Modi said, "Those who killed our people ran away. And the reason behind that has now come to light. These people, instead of catching the culprits, are into trade of mirchi. Sometimes trade of mirchi, sometimes trade with Mirchi."

Earlier in the day, the Prime Minister addressed rallies at Hisar and Sonipat in Haryana.

Apparently referring to the conviction of INLD chief Om Prakash Chautala in the teachers' recruitment scam and the criminal cases against Congress leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Modi asked people to make a choice. "*Aapko dekhna hai ke aapko kaam karne vaali sarkaar chahiye ya kaarname karne vaali sarkaar*," he said at Hisar.

Hitting out at the Congress, Modi said that by questioning the Centre's move to revoke the special status of Jammu and Kashmir, the Opposition party has "insulted the martyrs and their sacrifices".

In Sonipat, Modi accused the Congress of ignoring Dalits for 70 years. "When it was a united Punjab that included Haryana and Himachal Pradesh too, Dalits from this area were taken to J&K for serving people there. More than 70 years have passed, these Dalits and Balmiki community people have served the people in J&K for generations. Their children came forward after getting education, but under Article 370, these Dalits, these Balmikis were not given a single right in J&K and for 70 years, Congress slept over it. Shouldn't my Dalit brothers and sisters be given their rights? Congress is neither bothered about the security of the nation, nor about the Constitution... Don't such people need to be punished? In this poll, identify each of these people and send them home," he said.

In Hisar, Modi referred to a purported video at Parliament in which Congress leaders Hooda, Ahmed Patel and Ghulam Nabi Azad were caught on camera discussing the seat distribution in Haryana and said, "Have you seen a video that went viral and in which a Congress leader was looking down upon a leader from Haryana at the Parliament complex? I was surprised that the Haryana leader was standing with folded hands... Will you accept the insult of Haryana? It was clear in their talk that it would be enough if they win 10-15 seats....Those who have already accepted defeat can't do anything for Haryana."

From LS to Assembly: Between the lines

PM Narendra Modi, Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray and Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis in Mumbai Friday. *Prashant Nadkar*

PM & SHAH

They add Art. 370 to LS campaign talk, Shah the one pushing NRC

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

IT'S BARELY four months after the Lok Sabha elections so it's not a surprise that in the Assembly elections in Haryana and Maharashtra, where campaigning ends on Saturday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah's speeches have echoed many of the themes they raised in the general elections — nationalism, Congress's first family, and an effete Opposition mired in corruption cases.

But there's a twist. The scrapping of special status of Jammu and Kashmir and the abrogation of Article 370 is, predictably, a key new subject for both leaders but on the controversial issue of the National Register of Citizens (NRC), Shah is the one more vocal.

Clearly, it's the Home Minister who is steering the electoral discourse on NRC — also with an eye on 2021 Assembly elections in West Bengal — reiterating his vow to implement NRC during the current term. In many election rallies in Haryana and Maharashtra, Shah's refrain: by the time the BJP returns to seek votes in 2024, "we will see that the illegal immigrants are out of this country." He urged the electorate to question the Congress and the NCP on why they were against the BJP government's steps to keep illegal infiltrators out.

In contrast, Modi has made no references to NRC in his recent speeches. Even during his Lok Sabha campaign, he talked about the issue mostly when he was in the North-Eastern states.

For the record, the BJP's manifesto for 2019 Lok Sabha elections promised it would complete the process of NRC in areas where illegal migration has affected people's livelihood and employment and "implement NRC in a phased manner in other parts of the country."

In Modi's latest campaign push, an analysis of his speeches shows, "naamdar", "rashtriya suraksha" and "rashtravad" still find prominent place. With Maharashtra BJP promising to work towards a Bharat Ratna for Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, "Savarkar" figured frequently in his speeches. He linked Savarkar and Article 370 by saying that those who were angry at his government nullifying Article 370 used to "abuse and denigrate Veer Savarkar" and are now denying him a Bharat Ratna.

Home Minister Amit Shah at a rally in Nagpur district Friday. *PTI*

Just as he did during the Lok Sabha campaign, in most of his rallies, the PM targeted the Congress but this time, he didn't spare its ally Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) either. In Akola, he said "there used to be bomb blasts frequently" during the Congress-NCP rule. In an apparent reference to the probe against Praful Patel and his transactions related to the sister of late Iqbal Mirchi, Modi said the new developments indicated why the blast-accused had fled the country. If he slammed the Congress's questions on the surgical strikes in the Lok Sabha campaign, this time Modi criticised them for questioning the relevance of raising Article 370.

At public rallies both in Maharashtra and Haryana, the Prime Minister mentioned the move in J&K and reached out to the crowd: "Was it necessary? Did Modi do the right thing? Was it not for this (that) you put Modi in power?" In contrast, he told them, Opposition leaders were very unhappy. "Their faces have shrunk, they feel hurt, they are very upset. They ask how did Article 370 is an issue in Maharashtra? What does Maharashtra have to do with it?"

Regaining "India's lost glory" was a promise that prominently figured in Modi's Lok Sabha poll speeches. This time, too, his refrain was that the Congress is no longer a party of nationalists and patriots. "I am told Congress party has started giving special lessons on nationalism to its workers. I don't know whether I should cry or laugh. It means that today's Congress is no longer a party of patriots. Due to dynasticism, Congress is unable to see nationalism."

His appreciation for Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis was a key theme. In his speech in Panvel, Modi sought the re-election of Fadnavis: "Narendra-Devendra formula was a super hit in five years. Devendra and Narendra together is not 1+1=2, it is 1 and 1 which is 11. This strength of 11 will take Maharashtra to new heights."

As in his Lok Sabha poll speeches, he referred to welfare schemes initiated by his government in its first term but for the state poll campaign, he added that the state government had supported and taken forward these programmes. His speeches, both in Maharashtra and Haryana, began with evoking local deities and heroes Raj Rajeswhar Bhawan in Akola, Jyotirao Phule and Chhatrapati Shivaji in other places. If the Congress's failure to confer Bharat Ratna on B R Ambedkar was the issue frequently referred to in his earlier speeches, the recent ones slammed the party for not honouring Veer Savarkar and Chotu Ram, a prominent Jat leader.

While his speeches ahead of Lok Sabha elections highlighted action against "naamdar", a reference to the Gandhi family, in his Assembly campaign speeches, Modi told the crowd "we have ensured that they reach the prison doors, we will put them in jail soon."

RAHUL GANDHI

Replays GST and demonetisation, new entry is slowdown

MANOJ C G
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

GST, in his words "Gabbar Singh Tax", demonetisation and the government's waiver of corporate loans — these were among Rahul Gandhi's pet topics to attack Prime Minister Narendra Modi and seek votes for the Congress in the Lok Sabha poll campaign.

Cut to October. Nearly five months after his party faced defeat in the Lok Sabha polls, Rahul more or less spoke on the same issues. Unlike last time, he did not embark on a whirlwind campaign in Maharashtra and Haryana. He addressed only five rallies in Maharashtra and two in Haryana, but his speeches largely mirrored those made during the Lok Sabha campaign. The only addition was the slowdown in economy. The cut in corporate tax figured along with the corporate loan waiver attack. Sample these:

Demonetisation

APRIL 5, CHANDRAPUR (MAHARASHTRA)
Did you benefit from *notebandi*? Is there a single person here who can say *notebandi* benefited him?...small businesses, middle-sized businesses, industry...all of them were finished. Lakhs lost jobs. And he says hang me...the fight is against black money...you all were standing in queues before banks...did you see any of the corrupt standing in queues. Did you see Anil Ambani? Standing in queues were farmers, labourers, unemployed youth, women...and those with black money turned it into white.

OCTOBER 13, DHARAVI (MAHARASHTRA)
"He did *notebandi*. You were told it was a fight against black money. You saw the queues. Did you see any black money thief in the queue? You all were standing in queues. Poor people of Dharavi queued up outside banks.....was Adani in the line? Was Ambani in the queue? Vijay Mallya, Lalit Modi...were they there? The fight against black money ended in taking money from your pockets and putting it in the bank accounts of Nirav Modi, Adani and Ambani."

NPA write-off

MAY 17, SOLAN (HIMACHAL PRADESH)
"Narendra Modi has waived debts to the tune of Rs 5.55 lakh crore...I say why don't you waive debts of farmers... Rs 35,000 crore is the annual budget of MGNREGA. Narendra Modi gave Rs 35,000 crore to Nirav Modi. He gave Rs 10,000 cr to Mallya....How much debt of yours has been waived by Narendra Modi?"

OCTOBER 13, LATUR (MAHARASHTRA)
"Loans of how many farmers in Maharashtra have been waived? You are silent. That means it has not been done...India's richest people, who are owners of the media... Ambani, Adani...there are 15-20 such people....Rs 5.5 lakh crore of their debt has been waived. To run MGNREGA, it takes Rs 35,000 crore... Farmers who have not repaid loans are put in jails. India's richest people don't repay debts ...doors of banks are opened for them again.

Ideological battle

APRIL 5, WARDHA (MAHARASHTRA)
"We unite all the people....You have heard my speech. There was no hatred. I speak the language of love. And on the other side, it is always hatred. They try to divide...Hindu religion does not talk about spreading hatred. It doesn't talk about killing people...Hindu religion talks about living with harmony, love ....that is the battle. The battle is to unite India.

In Mahendragarh on Friday. *PTI*

OCTOBER 14, NUH (HARYANA)
It is an ideological battle. People of different castes and religion live in this country. Both rich and poor, young and old...all live together... Congress tries to unite people. BJP and RSS try to divide, like the English used to do... Make the rich fight with the poor, pit Hindu against Muslim... Wherever they go, they make people fight."

Rafale

APRIL 26, AHMEDNAGAR (MAHARASHTRA)
They talk about nationalism and patriotism. Air Force people wrote on the file...that Narendra Modi was doing parellel negotiations.... entire country knows what *chowkidaar* has done. The truth is before you.

OCTOBER 13, CHANDIVALI (MAHARASHTRA)
The entire country knows there was a scam in Rafale...Defence Ministry people had written clearly that Prime Minister is interfering in Rafale issue....there is an element of guilt. *Rafale naam chubhta hain*. So Rajnath Singh went to France....Defence Minister goes to France with much pomp to receive aircraft. Have you seen such a thing before?

Unemployment

MARCH 1, DHULE (MAHARASHTRA)
Prime Minister told India he will give 2 crore youths jobs every year...Unemployment is the highest in 25 years now.

OCTOBER 18, MAHENDRAGARH (HARYANA)
Unemployment is the highest in 40 years. And it is not confined to any particular state. You go to any state and ask the youth...what do you do...they say nothing.

'Gabbar Singh Tax'

APRIL 12, KRISHNAGIRI (TAMIL NADU)
Gabbar Singh Tax destroyed industry in Tamil Nadu. Tirupur, the textile hub of India, was destroyed. Kanchipuram, the silk capital of India, was destroyed. Millions of Tamil youngsters lost their jobs. Gabbar Singh Tax ensured that weavers have to pay taxes to buy yarn, dyes and other material.

OCTOBER 15, YAVATMAL (MAHARASHTRA)
"On GST, Finance Minister says it is a law...how can we change it? They can change laws made for the poor in two minutes. But they will not change GST law, which steals money from the pockets of small shopkeepers, small and medium businesses. Go to any small business...ask them did GST benefit you...You cannot find a single person who will tell you that he benefited from Gabbar Singh Tax."

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RIOT REMARK

Comments misrepresented: Mumbai BJP chief to EC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 18

A DAY after he was showcaused for a speech referring to previous instances of riots and terror attacks in the city, Mumbai BJP president Mangal Prabhat Lodha on Friday told the Election Commission (EC) that his comments were misrepresented and twisted out of context.

At a rally held in support of Shiv Sena's Mumbadevi candidate Pandurang Sakpal on Wednesday, Lodha had said: "Remember after the 1992 riots, how many blasts took place in Mumbai, how many bullets were fired, where were their manufacturing centres? They were manufactured in lanes within 5 km from here. A person who is elected with votes from those lanes, how will he take care of you in the times to come?"

Mumbadevi constituency has a sizeable Muslim population.

Along with Lodha, Sakpal and the organiser of the campaign meeting were also issued showcause notices on the basis of a recording of the speech made by a EC team, a news report in *The Indian Express* and the rules regarding to the model code of conduct in place.

Mumbai BJP chief Mangal Prabhat Lodha

In his reply filed through a lawyer, Lodha claimed that the focus of his speech was "law and order" and there was no communal angle to it. He also claimed that he had not breached code of conduct rules or created any enmity between religious groups.

Lodha added that the "newspaper reporter who filed the story was probably not even present during the speech and hence, the article appears to be based on hearsay and not facts".

The Indian Express reporter was present during the entire duration of the meeting and also has a audio recording of the speech — the newspaper stands by its report.

Sakpal and the organiser of the meeting have sought further time to respond.

Village adopted by CM Fadnavis gets Rs 18-crore facelift, but youth want jobs

SHUBHANGI KHAPRE
FETRI, OCTOBER 18

THIS VILLAGE has everything the "adopted village" of a chief minister can get — a new gram panchayat office with a cultural centre, a new zilla parishad school, a water ATM , five acres of afforested land, sewage treatment plant to supply filtered water, closed drainage and uninterrupted power supply. The list is endless.

In the last five years, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has lavished resources worth Rs 18 crore on Fetri village in Nagpur district, but there is one thing he has not been able to provide — jobs.

Deepti Laxmanrao Langde, a 25-year-old engineering graduate, said she has been looking for a job since she finished her course three years ago. She has been applying at private companies or for government jobs, but in vain. "There are at least 60 to 70 young graduates in the village who are unemployed. In this election, our only demand is that the government should help youths get decent jobs," she said.

Located along the state highway, Fetri in Hingna constituency has turned into an education hub, with both private and government institutes in operation. In 2011, the village population was 2,700. Today, it is 4,500. The gram panchayat earns an annual revenue of Rs 27 lakh from water and property tax.

The gram panchayat office in Fetri

Sarpanch Dhanashree Thomne represents the NCP. Her husband Mukesh Thomne, who is active in village politics, said, "Although NCP was elected at the gram panchayat, the chief minister has never allowed party politics to come in the way of development of Fetri. He calls at least 50 per cent of the people by their first name. There is a special bond between him and the people of Fetri."

At a newly built library for which Fadnavis allotted Rs 25 lakh, students spend hours daily to prepare for competitive exams. But the uncertainty over jobs dominates the conversation.

Homemaker Kusum Tikhe says, "I have two sons and two daughters. My younger son, Sandeep, is employed. Sachin, the elder one, is a postgraduate in commerce and is looking for a job."

The common complaint is that there are no private companies or industries in the vicinity. The youth in Fetri said taking up jobs in Mumbai, Pune or Nashik does not make sense as they are offered between Rs 8,000 to Rs 10,000 per month.

To help with the job search, the gram panchayat has prepared a list of unemployed villagers and their educational qualifications.

In the past, women often worked part-time in fields. Now, shrinking holdings have limited that option. The village sarpanch owns a tailoring centre, which outsources work to 10 to 15 women in the village, where women self-help groups are active. The sarpanch attributes activities of the self-help groups and village development to the proactive participation of Amruta Fadnavis, the wife of the chief minister.

The contest in Hingna is between sitting BJP MLA Sameer Meghe and Vijay Ghormade of NCP. Ghormade was a former BJP MLA.

"People will vote differently. But we believe Fadnavis should continue as CM," said Tikhe.

In declaring Nitish alliance leader, BJP eyes long-term gains in Bihar

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

ENDING MONTHS-LONG speculation about a possible split in the BJP-JD(U) alliance in Bihar, BJP national president Amit Shah has declared that the alliance is intact and would fight the Assembly elections under the leadership of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

The declaration may have made JD(U) happy, but the real winner is the BJP, which is keen on a bipolar contest and a larger say in seat-sharing.

BJP sources said their party, the aggressive partner in the alliance, does not want a triangular contest in Bihar. "A triangular contest leaves potential for the RJD, which is in a shambles, to return as a force. Nitish, being a tough negotiator, would not have agreed to the alliance if it was not led by him. But Shah is no less a negotiator, and has long-term gains for the party in mind," said a BJP leader.

Pointing out that 40 per cent Yadavs voted for Narendra Modi-led BJP, party leaders argued that they would vote for the BJP again if the RJD — which is facing disintegration since Lalu Prasad's imprisonment — is not strong enough to come up as a formidable alternative. Yadavs, which form 10 per cent of Bihar's population, had always voted for RJD during Lalu's leadership. "BJP and JD(U) together can sweep the elections. RJD will be washed away. BJP being the stronger player will have the scope to grow further after the Assembly elections," a BJP leader from Bihar said.

BJP also does not want to project any leader as CM candidate, and the party going solo without a face in a triangular contest is not feasible, added the leader.

In an interview with *News18* channel, Shah said the BJP-JD(U) alliance is "atal" (unshakeable). "Both will go to the polls together and we will fight the elections under the leadership of Nitish Kumar. This is clear as far as Bihar is concerned," he said.

BJP leaders said this "large-heartedness" would have to be reciprocated by JD(U) when it comes to other crucial decisions of the alliance, like seat-sharing and functioning of government.

Maintaining that Shah's statement had removed uncertainty over the stability of the alliance, Bihar BJP president Sanjay Jaiswal told *The Indian Express*: "We are running as equal partners. We being brother had offered 17 seats to JD(U) and it has to reciprocate."

Sources said the BJP's move had "certainly given it an upper hand" in the functioning of the coalition government as well as seat-sharing negotiations. Recently, Nitish, embarrassed by severe waterlogging in Patna, took action against 45 officials including 11 engineers of Bihar Urban Infrastructure Development Corporation for their failure to resolve the issue, as drains were not cleaned properly before the rainy season and pump-houses were not functional. It was the Jaiswal-led BJP unit that took a firm stand that the officials should be held responsible for the crisis.

Meanwhile, JD(U) let BJP elect its leader from a seat vacated after the death of former Union minister Ram Jethmalani, who was elected three years ago on an RJD ticket. BJP's Satish Chandra Dubey was elected unopposed to Rajya Sabha earlier this month.

While BJP maintained that JD(U) would have to fall in line if Nitish wants to run the coalition, JD(U) interpreted Shah's clarification as an acceptance of its supremacy. Its leaders argued that since Nitish leads the coalition, JD(U) would naturally get supremacy, unlike BJP-Shiv Sena alliance where Devendra Fadnavis leads the coalition.

On Friday, JD(U) leader Sanjay Jha tweeted that he appreciated Shah's "statement quelling rumours about 'rift' in our alliance. This shall disappoint... rumour mongers..."

EXPLAINED

Party looks at larger say, more seats

BY ITS posturing as a generous partner in the alliance with JD(U), the BJP has ensured that it will benefit in the long run. It has no credible face to project as chief ministerial candidate, and its priority in Bihar is to grow as the leading force by finishing potential opposition parties. If RJD weakens, BJP is confident it would get Yadav support too. Nitish Kumar, with no significant communities as his committed support base, would have to make compromises in running coalition. In seat-sharing discussions too, BJP is expected to demand large share of the pie.

Prepare NRC for whole country, no citizen rights for outsiders: RSS No. 2

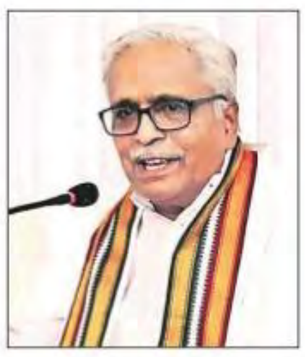
SAMPAD PATNAIK
BHUBANESWAR, OCT 18

RSS GENERAL Secretary Suresh Bhaiyyaji Joshi Friday said the government must prepare a National Register of Citizens (NRC) for the entire country. Further, it must identify those who have infiltrated from outside as 'foreign nationals' and at the very minimum deny them the rights of Indian citizens.

Addressing the media after the first-ever Akhil Bharatiya Karyakari Mandal Baithak in Bhubaneshwar, Joshi said, "It is the job of every government to prepare an NRC. Many types of infiltration have happened. Hence, it is important to prepare an NRC once and identify all those who are not Indian citizens, and then draft a policy to decide what should be done about them (*NRC banana kisi bhi satta ka kaam hai kyunki kai prakar ka infiltration hua hai. Isliye ek baar ek NRC karna chahiye aur uske aadhaar par logon ko identify karna chahiye jo bharat kay national nahi hai. Uske baarey mein kya karna hai NRC ka abhi toh prayog sirf Assam rajya mein hua. Sarkari yojana bana kar desh bhar mein bhi kar sakti hai, karna chahiye*)."

Noting that NRC has been prepared only in Assam as of now, Joshi said the government must plan an NRC for the entire country. To a question whether this would be directed against a particular community, the RSS leader said, "There is no reason for it to be against a community."

According to him, the RSS stand has always been that those who infiltrate are not Indian citizens. "The government must identify them as foreign nationals, and then decide on what needs to be done about them.



Suresh Bhaiyyaji Joshi

That depends on government policy (*hamara stand pehle sey raha hai ki andar jo aate hain, woh naagrik nahi hain. Desh kay naagrik nahi hai toh videsh kay naagrik hai. Unko videsh kay naagrik kay roop mein identify karna chahiye, unke baray mein nirnay kya karna hai*… that depends on government policy," Joshi said.

A week earlier, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat had spoke about nationalism, foundational principles, and Hindutva to a Vishisht Nagarik Sammilani (gathering of eminent citizens) in the city. "Nationalism scares people because they immediately link it with Hitler and Mussolini. But nationalism in India is not the same because this nation is built on its common sanskriti (civilization)," Bhagwat had said in his speech.

Joshi also said there is hope that the verdict on the Ram Temple at Ayodhya is in favour of Hindus. "We have been saying for many years that obstacles to the construction of Ram Temple (in Ayodhya) should be removed. Under that there was a question of law, of judicial process, as to who is the owner of that land. People have hoped that the decision will come in a month. We are hoping the verdict is in favour of Hindus," Joshi said.

Wrapping up hearings spread over 40 days on appeals against the 2010 verdict of the Allahabad High Court which ordered a three-way division of the disputed Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid site in Ayodhya, a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court reserved its ruling Wednesday. The verdict is expected before Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, heading the bench, retires on November 17.

On anti-national activities, Joshi said, "It is the responsibility of any government to investigate anti-national and anti-social activities and act against them. We have requested this government and prior governments (to do so) and create a secure atmosphere," he said. "Common civil code is an old demand by everyone. Government should try to bring this about. This is necessary for vikas."

Hajela drew criticism from state govt, BJP

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, OCTOBER 18

THE TRANSFER of Assam's NRC coordinator Prateek Hajela follows his deteriorating relationship with the state government, and mounting criticism from the state BJP and Congress.

When contacted, Hajela declined to comment on the transfer. Assam's Commissioner and Secretary, (Home and Political) Department, Ashutosh Agnihotri also declined to comment.

In July, the Assam government and the Centre had petitioned the Supreme Court for re-verification of a sample of names included in the draft NRC — 20% in border districts and 10% elsewhere — but this was dismissed by the apex court after Hajela said that re-verification of 27% names was already done. Since then, the state government and the state BJP have been critical of Hajela.

In a statement on July 24, the state BJP said that Hajela was working under the direction of "certain forces" to "publish a faulty NRC with names of illegal foreigners in it".

On August 1, the state government released exclusion data of the draft NRC to question the accuracy of the process. In its reply on the floor of the Assembly, the state government had said that

BJP had said Hajela was working under direction of 'certain forces'

Hajela's reasoning was wrong. Presenting the same arguments it had presented to the SC demanding re-verification, it said, "The rate of exclusions in border districts is much lower than other districts and state average, which is worrisome. The claim of learned SCNR (Hajela) that around 25% inclusions have been re-verified as an indirect/ incidental outcome of hearing conducted for claims is an incorrect exercise."

Hajela drew the BJP's ire earlier, too. Last September, he had suggested to the Supreme Court that five documents of the 15 List A documents of the NRC process be rendered ineligible in the 'claims and objections' round.

In his report dated October 4 last year, Hajela told the SC why he thought the five documents should be excluded and raised concerns about forgery, digital manipulation, and misuse by alleged non-citizens to try to get their names into the NRC. He advised a "need for a paradigm shift from 'no genuine citizen should be left out' to 'no ineligible person should be included'". But the SC allowed the five documents.

As far as the Congress is concerned, former CM Tarun Gogoi wrote to CJI Ranjan Gogoi on September 5, saying there was discontent among large sections of society over the final NRC. He alleged that Hajela had not "discharged his duty and responsibility efficiently and effectively as per your direction".

In interviews with *The Indian Express* over the last two months since publication of the final NRC, top state bureaucrats and senior ministers said that the NRC office was not sharing certain data with the state government.

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Their headmaster suspended for Iqbal poem, students walk out

Inquiry found students recited Iqbal poem; suspension wrong, will be revoked: UP Education Minister

ASAD REHMAN
BISALPUR (PILIBHIT), OCTOBER 18

AT 9:10 AM Friday, around 30 students stood in two crooked lines at the government primary school in Pilibhit district's Ghayaspur area, raising slogans. "*Desh ki Raksha kaun karega? Hum karenge* (Who will protect the country? We will)", they said, and "*Kaise karenge? Tann se karenge, mann se karenge, dhan se karenge* (We will do it with our mind, our and body and our wealth)."

The slogans ended 10 minutes later and several students, none in uniform, walked out of the school premises in Bisalpur block. Asked where they were headed, a Class 5 student, said, "We will come back the day our headmaster is allowed to return and teach us. No teacher can replace him and what is happening to him is wrong and unfair."

On October 14, the Pilibhit district administration suspended school headmaster Furqan Ali (45) in the wake of a complaint by local VHP members that he made students recite a religious prayer at the morning assembly. They claimed the prayer is recited in madrasas.

But, earlier this week, an inquiry by Bisalpur's Block Education Officer (BEO), Upendra Kumar, found that Ali had made students recite the poem 'lab pe aati hai dua', written in 1902 by the poet Muhammad Iqbal, who also wrote 'Sare Jahan se Accha'.

At the government primary school in Pilibhit, Friday

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Basic Education Minister Satish Chandra Dwivedi said he has sought a report from the Education Directorate and Ali's suspension will be revoked soon.

"It was initially found that he was getting a different prayer recited, but later it was found that he was getting a poem by Iqbal recited which is about patriotism. The BSA and DM acted hastily. The suspension should not have been done without collecting all the facts," said Dwivedi.

"We will also issue a general notice to all schools that only those prayers should be recited in the morning assembly which are prescribed by the education department."

Deputy Director, Basic Education, Ashok Kumar said that they were investigating the matter. "The action was taken by the district administration. Now, we are probing the matter and will submit a report soon," he said. VHP district chief Ambarish Mishra said he would not like to comment on the matter.

Leading the group of students protesting at the school is a Class 5 student. "When we read this poem in our Urdu book, we liked it and asked our headmaster permission to recite it. Both Hindu and Muslim students had asked him. He does not say no to us. And he allowed us to sing this poem on alternate days," said the student. Another student in the group, of Class 4, said, "We used to recite 'lab pe aati hai dua' and 'woh shakti humein do dayanidhi'. If he has been suspended for allowing us to recite the poem, then it is also the government's fault for making it part of our syllabus. Does that mean this government should be suspended?"

The Class 5 student interrupted at this point. "Modiji has himself said that Hindus and Muslims are the same. If we can recite 'woh shakti humein do dayanidhi', then why can't we recite 'lab pe aati hai dua'?"

Asked if they know the meaning of Iqbal's poem, the student said: "*Woh ekta ke baare mein hai* (It is about unity)." The others nodded in approval.

"The students are not happy about the suspension and attendance since they got to know has dipped. On Thursday, only five students showed up," said Rehan Hussain Chisti, who replaced Ali after his suspension.

"...Until Ali was here, around 150 students would show up every day," he said.

BEO Upendra Kumar said attendance had dipped because students were attached to Al. "We expect the attendance to improve in the coming days," he said. According to parents of several students, their children have been sulking since they got to know of Ali's suspension.

Krishna Devi (45), whose 13-year-old son is a Class 4 student said, "They did not tell students why he was suspended. My son really likes the headmaster and has almost stopped eating since he was removed," she said.

Rajesh Kumar (38), a carpenter, whose sons are in Class 2 and Class 5 said: "All three children praise the headmaster all the time. They say he spends money from his own pocket for the school."

The BEO said Ali regularly spent his own money on school infrastructure. "He bought a projector worth around Rs 65,000 and started a smart classroom. He regularly contributes from his salary to improve school infrastructure. If the department gives him Rs 5,000 for some work and if the work requires Rs 7,000, he adds the money from his own pocket," he said.

Ali, who joined the school in 2011, when he claims 71 students were enrolled at the primary school, said, "I have built the school brick-by-brick. The school had no proper arrangements for students to sit when I joined. Now, there is a smart class. I spend regularly from my pocket because I love students..." Ali is one among seven siblings, whose mother died when he was in Class 4. His father sold vegetables.

"It was not easy for me to complete my education. We were not very well off when I was growing up," said Ali.

Ali got his Basic Training Certificate (BTC) in 2009 and was first posted at the government primary school in Bisalpur block. He was posted to the primary school in Ghyaspur in 2011.

Bulandshahr: 3 cops booked for 'torturing' Dalit man in custody

AMIL BHATNAGAR
NOIDA, OCTOBER 18

THREE BULANDSHAHR police officials were booked on Friday for allegedly torturing a Dalit man in custody.

The victim, Pramod, was called to Pahasu Police Station on September 27, where he was tortured, the FIR has alleged.

"The FIR has been filed as per the orders of the SC/ST commission. The victim had approached the SSP office after the alleged incident and a medical was carried out. In the report, no injuries were found and he merely had a limp. He approached the commission a few weeks later, who ordered the FIR. We are investigating the allegations," said Bulandshahr Senior Superintendent of Police Santosh Kumar Singh.

According to the FIR, Pramod's father had purchased a tractor on EMI and could not pay up due to financial reasons. The tractor had been missing for three months and Pramod's father had allegedly absconded.

On September 27, at around 3 pm, officials from the Pahasu Police Station called Pramod and began torturing him, the FIR alleged.

The extent of the attack was such that victim's leg was broken and that he urinated on the spot, the FIR said. The victim's wife and son were also in the police station, the FIR said.

Sub-inspector Rajiv Kumar Gaur and constables Sheel and Bablu have been booked for assault and intimidation, along with relevant sections of the SC/ST Act, 2012.

Meanwhile, the police have alleged that Pramod had taken the tractor to Aligarh, and that the accused officials let him go the same day after a round of questioning.

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RALLY ROW

WHY DID Congress president Sonia Gandhi cancel the lone election rally she was to address in Haryana on Friday? While the Haryana Congress said she could not attend the meeting due to "unavoidable reasons", Rahul Gandhi, who addressed the rally in Mahendragarh in her place, said she had viral fever. But party leaders said Sonia consciously stayed away. According to a section of leaders, Sonia learnt at the last minute that there were corruption cases against party candidate Dan Singh Rao and his son and local leaders advised her to stay away. Rao is an accused in a 2005 land scam. His son Akshat Singh, too, was named in a complaint related to fraud, they said. The question is how such a person got a Congress ticket and why Rahul agreed to go for the rally in Sonia's place. Some Congress leaders claimed Sonia was furious when she got to know about the allegations against the candidate, and asked senior leaders how Rao got the party ticket.

CHANGE OF PLAN

FORMER HARYANA chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda had not attended Rahul Gandhi's rally in Nuh earlier this week. He was busy campaigning elsewhere in the state. But he was scheduled to attend Sonia Gandhi's rally in Mahendragarh on Friday. He was to fly there from Sonipat to address the rally along with Sonia. Then came the twist in the tale. Sonia decided not to go. As soon as it became clear that Rahul would address the rally, Hooda changed his plans and did not go to Mahendragarh, reviving speculation that all is not well between Rahul and Hooda.

ROOM WITH A VIEW

BJP GENERAL secretary Arun Singh has just changed the seating position in his room on the third floor of BJP headquarters. While the tables face the entrance in every room at the party office, Singh has reversed it. His reason is that he does not want to miss the scenery — the window opens to a park and faces beautiful graffiti on the sides of Ranjit Singh Flyover. However, the rumour in the BJP corridors is that he has rearranged the furniture according to Vastu advisers. Singh was apparently upset that he was not considered for a Rajya Sabha seat in the latest nominations.

Lawyer shot in Meerut, probe on, say police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MEERUT, OCTOBER 18

A 58-YEAR-OLD lawyer, who was a member of the Meerut Bar Association, was shot dead by unidentified people in Kamalpura villlage on Friday, police said.

Police identified the deceased as Mukesh Sharma. While the motive behind the murder is yet to be ascertained, police suspect the crime may be a fallout of personal enmity.

"Around 10.40 pm on Friday, Mukesh Sharma was returning home when unidentified people intercepted him barely 500 metres from his residence in Kamalpura village and fired three bullets, leading to his death on the spot. Four police teams have been formed to probe this case and we are hopeful of arresting the killers soon," Hari Mohan Singh, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Civil Lines, told *The Indian Express*.

Mange Ram, chairman of the Meerut Bar Association, said, "We have called an emergency meeting of the Bar Association on Saturday and we also strongly condemn the lethal attack on the lawyer on Friday night.We are set to go on an indefinite strike from Monday if the police fail to arrest the culprits."

Earlier in the day, family members of the lawyer staged a protest at Anand Hospital on Garh Road where Mukesh Sharma was taken and declared dead on arrival by doctors.

Meerut SSP Ajay Sahni said, "A probe has been ordered in this connection and SP (city) Akhilesh Narain Singh will submit his report within 24-hours. We have deployed adequate police force in Kamalpura village and also at the private hospital where the body was taken so that the victim's family members and local residents of the village do not create ruckus," said Sahni.

80-year-old PMC Bank account holder dies, 4th death in Mumbai

GARGI VERMA
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 18

EIGHTY-YEAR-OLD Muralidhar Darra, a Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank account holder, died on Friday afternoon after suffering a heart attack at his Mulund residence in Mumbai. This is the fourth death reported in the city of an account holder in the scam-hit bank since October 15.

Muralidhar's son Prem Darra (43) said his father died as they couldn't arrange funds for his bypass surgery. The Darras had close to Rs 80 lakh in various accounts at the bank, family members said.

Muralidhar had moved to Mulund as a refugee from Sindh in Pakistan in 1947. "He worked hard and eventually managed to open a tea shop, which I manage now. Most of our fixed deposits were from the money he had given us," said Prem, the only earning member in a family of seven. "My wife was admitted at a private hospital. On September 24, I received a bill of Rs 2 lakh. Initially, I hid this from my father but had to finally tell him in October, when he kept asking why I was so worried," he said, adding that Muralidhar was healthy for his age.

Muralidhar Darra

On October 11, Muralidhar had to be admitted to a hospital after his health deteriorated.

"The doctors said that he needs a bypass surgery. I went to the bank with my sister and spoke to the authorities. They assured us that they would forward our application to RBI, but could not say when and how much money we would get," Prem said.

He said that he informed Muralidhar that there was no money for his treatment, resulting in his death. "He understood, of course. His next question was how was I going to take care of the family..." he said.

"Before telling him, I asked everyone, all of my friends and neighbours, everyone I knew, for a loan. All of them have accounts at PMC Bank, so no one had money," Prem added.

"The PMC Bank is responsible for my father's death. They conspired and planned to cheat us off our hard earned money," said Prem.

Muralidhar was a neighbour of Fattomal Punjabi, a 59-year-old account holder, who had died earlier this week from a heart attack in his shop.

SC scraps plea to lift withdrawal limit

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

THE SUPREME Court on Friday refused to entertain a plea filed on behalf of PMC Bank account holders seeking the lifting of restrictions imposed by the RBI on cash withdrawals.

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi said, "We are not inclined to entertain this petition under article 32 (writ jurisdiction). Petitioner can approach the high court concerned for appropriate relief." The Punjab & Maharashtra Co-operative Bank has been put under restrictions by the RBI following the discovery of a Rs 4,355-crore scam.

Deposit withdrawals have been capped at Rs 40,000 over a six-month period, causing panic and distress among depositors.

During the hearing on Friday, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said the government is aware of the seriousness of the situation and the Enforcement Directorate is taking appropriate action against the culprit.

Advocate Shashank Sudhi, appearing for petitioner Bejon Kumar Mishra, said he has filed the petition on behalf of 500 account holders of the scam-ridden bank.

JU set to miss IoE tag after Bengal refuses to commit Rs 2,000 cr

RITIKA CHOPRA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

KOLKATA'S JADAVPUR University (JU) is set to lose out on 'Institution of Eminence' (IoE) status as the West Bengal government has expressed its inability to commit Rs 2,000 crore under the scheme.

JU's IoE tag, in all likelihood, will go to the next institute on the waitlist — Savitribai Phule Pune University, followed by Aligarh Muslim University.

"UGC will have to take a final call on the next step," said a senior HRD Ministry official who did not wish to be identified.

On Friday, West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar said JU has a global reputation and it deserves IoE status.

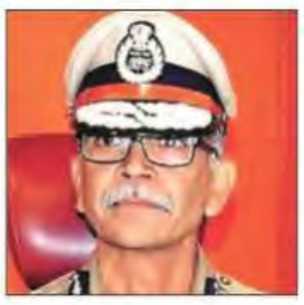
Last month, the HRD Ministry awarded IoE status to five public-funded institutions — IIT-Madras, BHU, IIT-Kharagpur, DU and University of Hyderabad — which would get up to Rs 1,000 crore for expansion. However, JU and Anna University's IoE tag, despite the UGC's recommendation, was put on hold.

As first reported by *The Indian Express* on August 11, the HRD Ministry had written to the West Bengal and Tamil Nadu government, seeking a commitment of Rs 2,000 crore and Rs 1,750 crore, respectively, in order for the two varsities to become IoEs.

"It is informed that as per the proposal submitted by Jadavpur University, the total cost for meeting the objectives of IoE over five-year period has been estimated as RS 3,000 crore (approx), out of which, the Central Government, under this scheme would provide grants to the extent of 50% - 75% of the total requirement or Rs 1,000 crore, whichever is less, in a span of five years and the remaining amount would be borne by the State Government and the University. This leaves substantial portion of funding to be committed by the State Government," the ministry's letter states, justifying the demand.

Speaking to *The Indian Express* on Friday, JU vice-chancellor Suranjan Das said, "At the time of application, we did not know that this was a precondition to become an IoE. If you look at the guidelines as well, it doesn't state anything about the state government's financial commitment. It's not possible for the state government to commit so much money for one institution."

The West Bengal education minister had earlier criticised the Centre for allegedly adding a last-minute rider that the state government would have to provide a matching grant. According to ministry sources, the Tamil Nadu government has informally agreed to commit Rs 1,750 for Anna University. Their formal communication is expected soon, said the ministry official.



A K Singh served as the Commissioner of Ahmedabad City Police for the past three years.

Ahmedabad top cop AK Singh appointed NSG Director General

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 18

AHMEDABAD CITY Police Commissioner Anup Kumar Singh was appointed as the Director General of the National Security Guard (NSG) — the Union Government's Counter Terrorism Unit — by the Ministry of Home Affairs on Friday.

The 59-year-old 1985-batch IPS officer has served as police commissioner of Ahmedabad city for the last three years.

A notification from the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), under the Ministry of Personnel, dated October 18 read, "The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the proposal of Ministry of Home Affairs for appointment of Shri Anup Kumar Singh (IPS GJ/85) as Director General, National Security Guard (NSG)."

The recommendation of MHA for Singh's promotion was sent on October 10 to the DoPT.

A native of Jaunpur in Uttar Pradesh, Singh holds a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering from the Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra.

Singh has served in the police force for 34 years at various posts. Before taking charge of the police commissioner of Ahmedabad, he was the Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Technical Services. He has also served in the Special Protection Group (SPG) where he was awarded the President's Police Medal in 2009 as the Inspector General. He also received the Police Medal in 2000.

1000 MORE APPLICATIONS FOR TRANSPLANTS

Radha, country's first uterine transplant baby, turns one

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS
PUNE, OCTOBER 18

FOR PUNE surgeon Dr Shailesh Puntambekar, naming the country's first uterine transplant baby Radha was special. "Just like Radha's love for Krishna is unconditional, this baby is a result of the lengths her parents went to, to bring her into the world," he says.

On Friday, Radha — who is also the world's 12th uterine transplant baby — celebrated her first birthday. While her parents, Meenakshi and Hitesh Valan, organised a party at their home in Bharuch district in Gujarat, in Pune, a huge album with her pictures was released at the Galaxy Care Hospital.

"My wife has adjusted well and so has my daughter. She is just like any normal child... Why not take another chance and complete '*a hum do hamare do*' wale family," Hitesh told *The Indian Express*.

For Meenakshi and Hitesh, who runs a hair salon, it has been a long wait to start a family.

Since her marriage in 2009, Meenakshi has had two stillbirth deliveries and four abortions, and ended up with a scarred uterus. Her mother Susheela had agreed to donate her uterus and the transplant was performed on May 19, 2017.

"I don't want to focus on the past. What had to happen, has happened. But we have been given another chance and I am grateful," says Meenakshi.

The country's first two uterine transplants, performed back-to-back, on May 18 and 19, were successful in the first-ever laparoscopic-assisted live donor retrieval. The process, however, was not been easy for the families as they had to muster enough courage and patience to face various challenges after the transplant operation.

In the case of Shivamma, who hails from a village in Solapur district, the uterus was absent from birth. She, too, underwent a transplant on May 18, 2017. But the first embryo transfer did not result in a pregnancy. Two later attempts resulted in aborted pregnancy.

"She has taken a break for six months but is still willing for an embryo transfer for the fourth time post Diwali," Dr Puntambekar said.

Uterine transplants were unheard of in the country till 2017. In the last two years, the Galaxy Care Hospital has got over 1,000 applications, with an international one being planned this December.

EXPLAINED

Medical milestone, but ethical dilemma remains

IT HAS been two years since India's first two uterine transplants were performed by a Pune hospital. Since then, eight more transplants were taken up and another 25 are planned. From a medical viewpoint it is a milestone, as any organ transplant is a complex procedure. The ethical dilemma, however, remains. According to estimates, 1 in 5,000 females are born without a uterus. According to experts, there is a popular notion a woman needs to bear a child to feel "complete", but it should come with the realisation the process can be difficult. Both donor and recipient need to be fully aware of the pros and cons of such transplants, experts say.

Radha's parents Meenakshi and Hitesh Valan organised a party at their home in Bharuch district in Gujarat. *Express*

CJI Gogoi recommends Justice Bobde as successor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde

FOLLOWING THE rule of seniority to appoint his successor, Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi has recommended the name of Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde in a letter to the Centre. Justice Bobde is the seniormost judge in the Supreme Court after CJI Gogoi.

Conventionally, the outgoing Chief Justice sends the recommendation for his successor 30 days before he is to demit office, initiating the process of appointing the next CJI. With CJI Gogoi due to retire in a month, Justice Bobde is likely to assume office on November 18.

Justice Bobde will be the 47th Chief Justice of India, and the second from Maharashtra's Nagpur region after former CJI Mohammad Hidayatullah.

Born in Nagpur in 1956, Justice Bobde comes from a family of lawyers. His father Arvind Shriniwas Bobde was a two-time advocate general of the Maharashtra government, and brother Vinod Bobde was a constitutional lawyer.

Justice Bobde was appointed an additional judge of the Bombay High Court in 2000, just two years after he was designated a senior advocate. He had a practice of over 21 years and was involved in several high-stakes cases including the Adarsh housing society case and the PIL against Lavasa Corporation Limited. He was sworn in as Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court in 2012 and elevated to the Supreme Court in 2013.

As CJI, Justice Bobde will have tenure of more than 17 months and is due to retire in April 2021.

As a Supreme Court judge, Justice Bobde has been part of benches in several important cases, including the one in the Ramjanmabhoomi-Babri Masjid case and the nine-judge bench that declared the right to privacy to be a fundamental right in India in 2017. He is also part of the three-judge bench along with CJI Gogoi and Justice R F Nariman that is hearing the NRC case. The next hearing in the case is when Justice Bobde would be CJI.

Justice Bobde played a key role in settling differences between the four Supreme Court judges — Justices Gogoi, J Chelameswar, Madan Lokur and Kurian Joseph (now retired) — who held a press conference against then CJI Dipak Misra in January 2018.

Justice Bobde was also chosen by the full court to look into sexual harassment allegations against CJI Gogoi. He led a three-judge panel along with Justices Indira Banerjee and Indu Malhotra that gave the CJI a clean chit.

FCRA violation: CBI moves apex court against relief to NGO

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

THE CBI has approached the Supreme Court against the July 25 order of the Bombay High Court restraining it from taking coercive steps against senior advocate Indira Jaising's NGO Lawyers Collective over Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act violations.

The HC had granted the relief while hearing a plea by the NGO seeking quashing of an FIR registered by the CBI against it.

Challenging this, the agency said the HC order effectively "is an order granting anticipatory bail to the accused/Respondents as contemplated under Section 438 CrPC; that too without satisfying the mandatory conditions mentioned in S 438".

The appeal pointed out that the Supreme Court in a 2017 case "had unequivocally held that it is impermissible in law for the Courts to pass interim orders directing the investigating agency to take 'no coercive steps' against the accused while exercising 482 CrPC or Article 226 jurisdiction as the same amounts to an order granting anticipatory bail under Section 438 CrPC, passed without satisfaction of the conditions of the said provision, and as such, any order of such nature is completely unsustainable and bad in law".

The court could only have stayed the investigation after satisfying itself and after coming to a definite finding that the FIR is unsustainable and bad in law, it added.

The CBI said that a writ petition was filed in the SC on May 8 praying for a court-monitored probe against the NGO. The SC issued notice on the petition, following which the Home Ministry referred the matter to the CBI.

Subsequently, the CBI registered an FIR after which the NHRC, hearing a plea by the NGO, sought to know the status of the probe. Searches were then carried out in pursuance of warrants issued by the Special CBI Judge in Mumbai. Following this, the NGO moved the HC seeking quashing of FIR.

The Centre had cancelled the FCRA registration of the NGO in November 2016 citing flouting of the Act and rules under it.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT & PANCHAYATI RAJ
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Positions for NRLM RC at NIRD&PR, Hyderabad

S. No.	Name of the Post	Number of post(s)	Remuneration per month
1.	Director -NRLM	01	Rs.1,50,000/-
2.	Accounts cum Administrative Officer	01	Rs. 80,000/-
3.	Mission Manager Livelihood-Farm	01	Rs. 80,000/-
4.	Mission Manager Livelihood-Non-Farm	01	Rs. 80,000/-
5.	Mission Manager-Financial Inclusion	01	Rs. 80,000/-
6.	Mission Manager- IB & CB	01	Rs. 80,000/-
7.	Mission Manager- Gender	01	Rs. 80,000/-
8.	Mission Manager- HR & Convergence	01	Rs. 80,000/-
9.	Mission Manager-MIS	02	Rs. 80,000/-
10.	Mission Executive - IB & CB	01	Rs. 60,000/-
11.	Mission Executive-SI&SD	01	Rs. 60,000/-
12.	Mission Executive-FNH&W	01	Rs. 60,000/-
13.	Project Assistant	02	Rs. 20,000/-
14.	Office Assistant	02	Rs. 10,000/-

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S. No.	Name of the Post	Number of post(s)	Remuneration per month
1.	Mission Manager-Financial Inclusion	01	Rs. 80,000/-
2.	Mission Manager-MIS	01	Rs. 80,000/-
3.	Mission Executive-FNH&W	01	Rs. 60,000/-
4.	Mission Executive-IB & CB	01	Rs. 60,000/-

Last Date for submission of online application: 17-11-2019
For each position, detailed terms of reference, job description, age limit, qualification, experience, work location, online registration, application submission and other details, please visit: **www.nirdpr.org.in; http://career.nirdpr.in/**

Advt. No.28/2019
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Sd/-
Assistant Registrar (E)

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No-N/A Constable (Driver) Rectt. Sarvesh Kumar, S/o Sh. Hukum Singh, resident of Village-Nurpur Ki mandia, Post Office- Gulaothi, Tehsil- Gulaothi, District-Bulandshahar (Uttar Pradesh) Pin-203408 . You are absent from Unit Campus since 30.05.2019 without any information or prior permission from competent authority.

2. No-N/A Constable(Driver) Rectt. Sarvesh Kumar your were directed by this office letter No-2963-64 dated 03.06.2019 and Letter No- 3086 dated 15.06.2019 to report on duty but neither you reported on duty nor any information received to this office from your side.
3. Further, this office placed request to SP, Bulandsahar, (UP), to apprehend and handover you to Commandant 48th Bn. ITBP vide this Office letter No 210-A Dated 21.06.2019, but no information was given to this office about your whereabouts .
4. Under provision ITBP Act 1992 a board of COI was constituted vide this office Order No-2242-44 dated 09.07.2019 to find out circumstances under which you are absenting from Unit Campus. As per recommendations & suggestions of COI, you have been declared "Deserter" since 30.05.2019 (AN) vide this office order No 5647-67 dated 17.08.2019 (copy also sent to your home address).
5. Therefore, No-N/A Constable (Driver) Rectt. Sarvesh Kumar, S/o Late Sh. Hukum Singh, resident of Village-Nurpur Ki mandia, Post Office- Gulaothi, Tehsil- Gulaothi, District-Bulandshahar (Uttar Pradesh) Pin-203408, you are hereby informed to report at BHQ, 48th Bn ITBP, Katihar (Bihar) within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice in news paper . If you fail to report on duty at BHQ, 48th Bn ITBPF, Katihar (Bihar) within stipulated time then ex-parte decision will be taken against you and your services will be terminated under provisions of ITBP Act 1992 and Rules 1994.

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For Commandant
48th Bn, ITB Police

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Department of Health, Medical Education and Family Welfare
Government of Jharkhand

Development of Medico City on Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode at Itki, Ranchi, Jharkhand
Consultation Workshop

Department of Health, Medical Education & Family Welfare (DOH), Government of Jharkhand has been taking multiple steps to augment the healthcare infrastructure and medical education in Jharkhand. In this regard, it intends to develop Medico City spread across about 80 acres at Itki, 12 Km from Ranchi in Jharkhand. Proposed Medico City shall act as a state of art medical hub, catering to the population of Jharkhand and other neighbouring states of India for tertiary care treatment and healthcare educational services. It may house components including Medical College & Hospital, Medical educational hub (nursing college, pharmaceutical college and paramedical college), Super speciality centre of excellence, and Ayurveda College & Hospital.

DoH is desirous of setting up the Medico City with the involvement of the private sector. In this regard, DoH is conducting a consultation workshop with prospective bidders to seek their inputs on the proposed project. Interested entities may communicate their willingness to participate in the workshop to the undersigned.

Venue of Workshop: RCH Campus, Namkum, Ranchi, Jharkhand – 834010
Date & Time of Workshop: 24-10-2019 at 3:00 pm
Contact Person: Shri Dileshwar Mahto, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Jharkhand. Phone No. 0651 – 2490998, Mobile No. +91 – 9431371077, Email ID – hlthdept.fdi@gmail.com; itkimedicocityproject@gmail.com,

(Dileshwar Mahto)
Deputy Secretary to Government

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DEFENCE INSTITUTE OF BIO ENERGY RESEARCH] (DIBER)
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3.	JRF	02	Biotechnology	**Essential:** M. Sc. in Biotechnology in first division with NET qualification. Or **Essential:** M.E./M.Tech. in Biotechnology in first division both at Graduate and Post Graduate level
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5.	JRF	03	Chemistry	**Essential:** M.Sc. in Chemistry in first division with NET qualification.
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* Number of fellowships may increase or decrease without prior notice.

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(IV) Please send a crossed Indian Postal Order of **₹10/-** drawn in favour of **CDA (R&D), New Delhi** payable at **SBI Main Branch, Haldwani** along with the application (Candidates belonging to SC/ST and OBC are exempted from this payment). **(V)** Candidates working in Govt./Public Sector Undertakings/Autonomous Bodies should apply through proper channel. **(VI)** Candidates MUST produce all certificates/testimonials in original at the time of interview; otherwise they would NOT be allowed to appear for interview. Candidates are requested to bring one photo Identity Card issued by any Govt. Department in original like Aadhar card, Driving Licence, Passport, Voter ID etc. at time of interview. **(VII) Admission shall not be claimed by any candidate as a matter of right. The admission shall be entirely at the discretion of the selection committee of the Institute which may refuse to admit any candidate without assigning any reason thereof.** Number of fellowships may increase or decrease without prior notice. **(VIII) It may please be noted that offer of Fellowship does not confer on Fellows any right for absorption in DRDO.**

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2. Name of the post applied
3. Subject
4. Name in full (Block letter)
5. Telephone/ Mobile No.
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7. Father's/Husband's Name & contact No.
8. Permanent Address
9. Present mailing address
10. Date of Birth
11. Nationality (by birth/ by domicile)
12. Whether SC/ST/OBC
    (Attested copy of caste should be attached with application)
13. Educational Qualification from High School onwards:
    (Self-*attested copies of educational qualifications should be attached with application. Incomplete applications shall be summarily rejected)*

Photo

Examination passed	Board/University	Year	Division	% of marks	Remarks

14. NET (Year of qualifying)
15. **Experience:** Experience certificate along with the details.
    (a) Name of employer (b) Post (c) Scale of pay (d) Nature of work
    (e) Period of Employment (f) Last pay drawn
14. Are you prepared to be posted anywhere in India: Yes / No
15. Additional information if any.

DECLARATION

I_____solemnly declare that the information furnished above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and if any information furnished turns out to be false, my candidature is liable to be automatically rejected.

Dated: **Signature of the applicant**

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The change may please be noted.

Convener, SLBC, Maharashtra

NATIONAL SCHOOL OF DRAMA
REPERTORY COMPANY
(An autonomous Institution under Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India)

Pehla Satyagrahi
Writer : Ravindra Tripathy
Direction : PROF. SURESH SHARMA
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Additional Shows 19 & 20 October, 2019 at 3.30 p.m.

Sammukh Auditorium

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Tickets (Rs. 50/-) are available at NSD Repertory, Bahawalpur House, Bhagwandas Road from 16 October, 2019 onwards from 11 am to 1 pm & 2 pm to 4 pm and if available one hour before the show at the Auditorium. Children below 8 years are not allowed.
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(An autonomous Institution of Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India)
New Delhi

NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION

The Repertory Company of National School of Drama (an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Culture, GoI) will showcase their performances from 15th to 20th December 2019 and 26th to 30th December, 2019 at Gangtok (Sikkim) and Agartala (Tripura), respectively.
Sealed Quotations are invited from reputed transporters for hiring of one truck (22 feet long) for carrying the set and other materials to and fro Gangtok and Agartala.
Interested transporters may submit their sealed quotations to the Office of Chief of Repertory Company, NSD till 30th October 2019 up to 5:00 pm. The details of travel is available on NSD's website **www.nsd.gov.in**

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(Prof. Suresh Sharma)
Chief of Rep. Co.

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Extract of Unaudited Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter / Half Year Ended 30th September, 2019

(₹ in crore, except per share data)

Particulars	Quarter Ended 30th September, 2019	Half Year Ended 30th September, 2019	Quarter Ended 30th September, 2018
Value of Sales & Services (Revenue)	163,854	336,810	156,291
Less: GST Recovered	11,705	23,312	10,273
Revenue from Operations	**152,149**	**313,498**	**146,018**
Profit before exceptional item and Tax	15,055	29,421	13,198
Profit before Tax	15,055	29,421	13,198
Profit for the Period*	11,352	21,493	9,549
Total Comprehensive Income (after tax)	10,566	20,626	7,456
Paid up Equity Share Capital, Equity Shares of ₹ 10/- each	6,339	6,339	5,926
Other Equity excluding revaluation reserve**	-	-	-
Earnings per equity share (Face value of ₹ 10/- each) (Not Annualised)			
Basic:	18.59	35.27	16.06
Diluted:	18.59	35.27	16.06

*Includes Non-Controlling Interest
**Reserve excluding revaluation reserves for the year ended as on 31st March, 2019 was ₹ 381,186 crore.

Notes:

1. The Audit Committee has reviewed the above results and the Board of Directors has approved the above results and its release at their respective meetings held on 18th October, 2019. The Statutory Auditors of the Company have carried out a Limited Review of the aforesaid results.
2. Additional information on standalone financial results is as follows:

(₹ in crore)

Particulars	Quarter Ended 30th September, 2019	Half Year Ended 30th September, 2019	Quarter Ended 30th September, 2018
Value of Sales & Services (Revenue)	94,446	190,830	103,086
Less: GST Recovered	3,686	7,434	4,224
Revenue from operations	**90,760**	**183,396**	**98,862**
Profit before tax	12,255	24,364	11,742
Profit for the period	9,702	18,738	8,859
Total Comprehensive Income (after tax)	8,836	17,743	7,608

3. The above is an extract of the detailed format of the standalone and consolidated financial results for the quarter and half year ended 30th September, 2019 filed with the Stock Exchanges pursuant to Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.
   The full format of the standalone and consolidated financial results for the quarter and half year ended on 30th September, 2019 are available on the Stock Exchanges' websites (**www.bseindia.com** / **www.nseindia.com**) and the Company's website **www.ril.com**.

For **Reliance Industries Limited**
Sd/-
Mukesh D. Ambani
Chairman and Managing Director

Place : Mumbai
Date : 18th October, 2019

www.ril.com

Union Minister Piyush Goyal in Pune on Friday. *Pavan Khengre*

Banerjee's thinking Left-leaning, people rejected it: Goyal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

TAKING A swipe at Nobel laureate Abhijit Banerjee, Union Minister of Commerce and Industries Piyush Goyal Friday said although he's proud that an Indian has been awarded the Nobel Prize in economics, he does not agree with Banerjee's ideas because "his thinking is totally Left-leaning" and "people of India have totally rejected his thinking".

At a press conference, when he was asked about criticism of the government's handling of the economy by Banerjee and former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Goyal rejected their evaluations: "Abhijit Banerjee has recently got the Nobel Prize and I congratulate him. Lekin unki samajh ke baare mein to aap sab jaante hain (You all know about his understanding). His thinking is totally Left-leaning. He had supported the NYAY scheme (an electoral promise of the Congress during the Lok Sabha polls) and had praised NYAY heavily. People of India have totally rejected his thinking."

"I am proud that an Indian has got the Nobel Prize, but it's not necessary that I should agree with his ideas. Especially when the people of this country rejected his suggestion, I think we don't need to accept his ideas," he said.

On Manmohan Singh's criticism of the way the economy was being handled, he said: "I am surprised that Manmohan Singh, who is an economist of great stature, did not see the dire straits in which he had left the economy in 2014, and how the Centre and state governments have turned it around."

Listing scandals which he said happened under Singh's watch — from telecom to coal to irrigation scams — Goyal said: "When all these scams were unfolding before his eyes, he had only one answer: 'These are compulsions of coalition politics'. What a shameful thing for a Prime Minister to speak about coalition politics to save his government when he should have acted in the national interest and in the interest of the people."

To another question on the transfer of RBI reserves of Rs 1.76 lakh crore to government, Goyal said the decision was not taken by the government but by a committee headed by a former RBI Governor.

"We didn't have to take it. The money was lying with RBI without any purpose (bebuniyaad). There was a committee with former Governor Bimal Jalan, former Deputy Governor Rakesh Mohan and other experts which decided in favour of the transfer. And I must tell you we too understand economy a little bit. Although I don't know as much as Manmohan Singh, I also know little bit. Today RBI has total reserves of about 10-11 lakh crore. I have studied this issue in detail and hence I can tell you that there's no purpose to keep 10-11 lakh reserves with the RBI. The reserves are disproportionately high to the bank's balance sheet. And there's very little possibility that the RBI would need that money," he said.

Ayodhya case: 6 of 7 Muslim appellants reject proposed deal

'Do not accept proposal leaked to press, nor procedure by which mediation took place'

SEEMA CHISHTI
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

ATTEMPTS TO secure even a weak and partial mediation committee-led deal in the Ayodhya matter were dealt a blow as representatives of six of the seven appellants on the mosque side rejected the process and content of the mediation deal, as well as the circumstances and timing of the submission of the final report.

In a statement on Friday, they said they "do not accept the proposal made which has been leaked out to the press, nor the procedure by which the mediation has taken place, nor the manner in which a withdrawal of the claim has been suggested as a compromise".

As reported by *The Indian Express*, on the last day of hearing in the Ayodhya matter on October 16, the mediation committee submitted the contours of a "deal" to the Supreme Court premised on the chairman of the Sunni Waqf Board offering "no objections" to the government taking over the disputed portion of the land, in return for ASI mosques being opened up for namaz, repair of mosques in Ayodhya, an alternative mosque in place of the demolished Babri Masjid and an institution for social harmony in Ayodhya. However, as reported, the deity (Ramlalla), Ramjanmabhoomi Nyas and Nirmohi Akhara refused to be a party to the mediation.

The offer to give up was backed by just one of the seven Muslim parties. On Friday, all the Muslim sides barring one went on to say that it was their understanding that "only the limited persons attended this mediation which were Dharma Das of Nirvani Akhara, Mr Zufar Faruqui of Sunni Central Waqf Board and Mr Chakrapani of Hindu Maha Sabha. We are also made to understand that the two other persons interested may have attended the mediation." Consequently, they said, "It is difficult to accept that any mediation could have been done under the circumstances especially when the main Hindu parties had openly stated that they were not open to any settlement and all the other Muslim Appellants made it clear, but, they would not do so."

Those arguing on behalf of the deity Ramlalla had, in open court, when the mediation process got a second lease of life, declared that they would not be participating in any mediation talks.

In March this year, days after the mediation committee was constituted, the Muslim sides had submitted a written proposal to the committee to construct both a temple and a mosque on the site, but it elicited no response from any Hindu party, so there was little scope for a breakthrough.

Alluding to the timing of the final "deal" having been given to the Supreme Court, Friday's statement points out that one of the mediators, senior advocate Sriram Panchu, "had sent a communication to the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India that protection be granted to Mr Zufar Faruqui and the State of UP was directed to make arrangements for him". It said the "timing of the leak to the press and its confirmation by Mr Rizvi (advocate on record acting on behalf of Faruqui) on 17 October 2019 on the very date when the hearing closed seems to have been well thought out..."

Kin say PSA detenue is cancer patient, HC asks J&K govt to get him medically examined

ADIL AKHZER
SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 18

THE JAMMU and Kashmir High Court in Srinagar has asked the Commissioner Secretary of J&K's Home department to have a Public Safety Act (PSA) detenue "medically examined". Parvaiz Ahmad Palla (33), who is lodged in a jail in Uttar Pradesh, is a "cancer patient" his family says.

The family of Palla, a resident of Matibugh village in Kashmir's Kulgam, had approached the High Court seeking his release on medical grounds.

The court in the order said there shall be no difficulty for the "respondents to have the detenue examined medically and provided him all the facility required for his ailment".

As per medical records, Palla is on "follow-up for the management of disease" and "needs daily medication and investigations for adequate control of disease".

"The detenue, as per petitioner, his father, is lodged in District Jail Barailey, Uttar Pradesh, under the provisions of Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act. The detenue is suffering from Papillary Carcinoma thyroid as certified by the Additional Professor & Head, Department of Nuclear Medicine, SKIMS, Soura, Srinagar," reads the court order issued on October 14 by Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey.

"There shall be no difficulty for the respondents to have the detenue examined medically and provided him all the facility required for his ailment. In the above background, the Court leaves it to the Commissioner Secretary to the Government, Home Department, to have the detenue medically examined... and submit the report by next date," the court said, listing the case for hearing on November 6.

In its dossier, J&K Police described Palla as a "threat to safety and security of general public and sovereignty of the nation".

"The subject has links with unlawful association and has been providing every logistic support to militants of banned organization, who are carrying unlawful and subversive activities to secede the state of J&K from Union of India. As such the activities of subject are highly prejudicial to the security of the state," the dossier said.

Palla's family said he is a cancer patient living on daily medication and cannot be a threat to safety and security of the public.

ED questions Praful Patel for 12 hours in money laundering case

EXPRESS NEW SERVICE
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 18

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) on Friday questioned NCP leader and former Union minister Praful Patel in connection with a money-laundering case involving Iqbal Mohammed Memon aka Iqbal Mirchi, a close aide of gangster Dawood Ibrahim.

Patel arrived at ED's Mumbai office at 10.30 am and left at around 10.30 pm. Sources said Patel was questioned on the acquisition of land in Mumbai's Worli and the agreement between his firm Millennium Developers Pvt Ltd and Mirchi's wife Hazra Iqbal Memon.

According to sources, Patel was also questioned on the payment of multiple personal trips he took between 2010-12, using the aircraft owned by Housing Development & Infrastructure Ltd (HDIL), whose promoters are currently under arrest for their involvement in a Rs 4,355 crore fraud at Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank.

NCP leader Praful Patel at ED's Mumbai office. *Ganesh Shirsekar*

The ED has alleged that Patel's Millennium Developers Pvt Ltd constructed Ceejay House in 2006-07, and its third and fourth floor was transferred to Hazra Iqbal in 2007 "towards beneficial interest of Mirchi in the land" on which the building was constructed.

The agency has also alleged that the sale of the land to Millennium Developers is "through dubious means", and that the sale proceeds have been "laundered" by Mirchi.

Patel has denied any wrongdoing, and has claimed that all dealings pertaining to the property were undertaken under the supervision of the Bombay High Court-appointed Court Receiver.

The agency is also looking into the sale of three properties of Mirchi in Worli - Rabia Mansion, Marium Lodge and Sea View - in 2010 to Sunblink Real Estate Pvt Ltd, a Mumbai-based real estate firm, for Rs 225 crore.

The agency has alleged that out of this, at least Rs 127 crore was paid to Mirchi. The probe has allegedly found a witness statement that revealed a payment of 90 million Dirhams via hawala in Dubai for the purchase of the five-star Mid-West Hotel in 2010.

In India, Mirchi's family continues to own properties worth around Rs 500 crore, according to the probe agency.

In the case of PMC Bank, the ED has found that Patel traveled multiple times in the aircraft owned by an associate firm of HDIL between 2010 and 2012. Patel has said that he does not have any transactions or dealings with HDIL, its promoters and PMC Bank.

Two Iqbal Mirchi-linked properties to be auctioned

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 18

THE FINANCE Ministry has issued a notice to auction two properties linked to gangster Iqbal Mirchi in Mumbai's Santacruz West on November 19.

The properties that are going under the hammer are flat number 501and 502 at Milton Apartments CHS Ltd at Juhu Tara Road. As per the society records, the area both the flats is about 1,245 sq ft.

The reserve price of the flat linked to Mirchi is about Rs 3.45 crore and interested buyers will have to deposit an earnest money deposit (EMD) of about Rs 86 lakh before the auction. The properties can be inspected on November 7 and 8.

The auction will held at the office of Competent authority under SAFEMA at Nariman Point.

Mirchi, who died in 2013, is once again under the scanner of investigative agencies in the country. The ED is probing two land deals of Mirchi in Worli in Mumbai.

The ED also questioned NCP leader and former Union minister Praful Patel, for an alleged land deal with Mirchi's wife Hazra Iqbal.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-III, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender for the following work:

1	Name of Work	Repair and Rehabilitation and Strengthening of queen's road ROB IN DLI yard in the Section of SSE/W/DLI/Line under ADEN/Spl/NDLS
2	Approx. cost of work	Rs1,06,27,066.85 (Rupees One Crore Six Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Sixty Six & Eighty Five Paise only)
3	Earnest Money to be Deposited	Rs2,03,100/-(Rupees Two Lakh Three Thousand One Hundred Only)
4	Cost of tender document	Rs 5900/-
5	Date and Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender	13.11.2019@15:00 Hrs
6	Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	www.ireps.gov.in

The tenderer/must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system. For all terms and conditions please refer tender document. No manual offers are acceptable. Cost of tender document and Earnest Money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only.

No. 128-W/280/e Tender Notice/NIT/35/2019-20/W-3 Dated: 18.10.2019 3351/19

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Ministry of Jal Shakti

Invitation for Bid (IFB)
(Two envelope e-procurement Bidding Process)

Following Two Tenders have been invited by Central Water Commission from eligible Indian/Global bidders for supply, Installation, Commissioning and maintenance of Real Time Data Acquisition System (RTDAS) under National Hydrology Project (World Bank funding support project).

International Competitive Bidding (ICB) For North Eastern States of Meghalaya, Tripura, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur and Sikkim	The Executive Engineer, Middle Brahmaputra Division, CWC, Guwahati, Assam	Start date of download: 29.09.19 Last date of Submission: Date of Pre-bid meeting:
National Competitive Bidding (NCB) For Narmada Basin	The Executive Engineer, Narmada Division, CWC, Bhopal	Start date of download: Last date of Submission: Date of Pre-bid meeting:

The detailed IFB is available on the **e-procurement website https://www.eprocure.gov.in,** CWC website: **www.cwc.gov.in** and NHP Website **http://nhp.mowr.gov.in**

Detailed Invitation for Bid (IFB) along with document confirming compliance should be submitted by prospective bidders online only at e-procurement website **https://www.eprocure.gov.in** as date mentioned above.

Director, RDC-1, CWC
Tel: 011-26181267, 29583590
Email: rdcdte-cwc@nic.in

davp 45102/11/0004/1920

NATIONAL FERTILIZERS LIMITED
(A Govt. of India undertaking)
A-11, Sector-24, Noida-201301
Phone No.-0120-2412294, Fax No.-2412397

Procurement of Caustic Soda Lye

National Fertilizers Limited intends to procure **1280 MT** Caustic Soda Lye for its Panipat, Bathinda & Nangal Units. The mode of tendering is e-tender. For terms & conditions of tender, eligibility criteria & other details visit our website: **www.nationalfertilizers.com** or **www.eprocure.gov.in.** Last date for submission of this online e-tender is **29.10.2019 up to 02:00 PM.** Techno-Commercial bids will be opened on **29.10.2019 at 02.30 PM.** Corrigendum (if any) will be displayed on our website only.

Executive Director (Materials)

HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
E-Procurement Notice
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1.The **Executive Engineer, Karchham Division, HP.PWD; Bhaba Nagar Distt. Kinnaur H.P on behalf of Governor of H.P** invites 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 Contractor	Time allowed
1.	C/O Stadium at Kilba (SH:- C/O stage,2 Nos Green room and sitting tiers , providing and fixing WS&SI, septic tank and rain water harvesting tank etc)	Rs. 1,08,54,709/-	Rs. 1,41,000/-	Rs. 5,000/-	"B" Class	12 Month
2.	Maintenance of road from Kuppa to Batseri km 13/0 to 24/0 under CRF against NHAI depoiste during 2019-20(Portion of Karchham Sangla Chhitkul road. (SH:- P/L Kharanja stone soling, renewal coat V & U- shape dain at various reaches in km 13/0 to 24/0)	Rs. 37,39,566/-	Rs. 64,000/-	Rs. 1500/-	D Class	Three Month

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	04.11.2019 10:00 HRS
2.	Document Download Start and End Date	04.11.2019 10:30 HRS upto 16.11.2019 17:00 HRS
3.	Bid Submission Start and End Date	04.11.2019 10:30 HRS upto 16.11.2019 17:00 HRS
4.	Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of Tender Document	18.11.2019 upto 10:30 HRS
5.	Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of Technical Bid followed by Opening of Financial Bid.	18.11.2019 11:00 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) Cover2: 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 Executive Engineer, Karchham Division HP.PWD, Bhabanagar** as specified in Key dates Sr. No. 4 on Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.
6. **BID OPENING DETAILS:** The bids shall be opened on **18.11.2019** at **11:00 HRS** in the office of **Executive Engineer, Karchham Division HP.PWD, Bhabanagar** H.P. by the authorised officer. The tenderers are 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 90/120 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 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,
Karchham Division,
HP.PWD; Bhaba Nagar,
Distt. Kinnaur (H.P).
on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER P.H.E. (M&P)
DIVISION HMT, SRINAGAR
Abstract of N.I.T. No: PHE/M&P/23 of 2019-20/E-TENDER/Dated: 15.10.2019

For and on behalf of Governor of Jammu and Kashmir State, e-tenders are invited in two cover system for the Supply of different sized tyres along with tubes and flaps of MRF/APOLLO/JK/CEAT/BRIDGESTONE make, for transport fleet of various Public Health Engineering Divisions of Kashmir, from the reputed manufacturers/their sole authorized distributor/dealers as per specifications/details annexed at "A&B" to the NIT.

NAME OF WORK	COST OF TENDER DOCUMENT	EMD FEE	VALIDITY OF BIDS
Supply of different sized tyres along with tubes and flaps of MRF/APOLLO/JK/CEAT BRIDGESTONE make for transport fleet of various Public Health Engineering Divisions of Kashmir, from the reputed manufacturers/ their sole authorized distributor/dealers as per specifications/details annexed at "A&B" of the NIT.	Rs. 1000/= ONLY	Rs. 26,000/= ONLY	180 Days from opening of price bid

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website www.jktenders.gov.in from **16.10.2019 (10 AM) to 06.11.2019** upto 4.00 PM. The bids uploaded on the website upto due date and time will be opened on time and date given in the list of important dates enclosed, in the office of Chief Engineer KMR PHE Department Rajbagh Srinagar in presence of the bidders who wish to attend. In case of holidays/office happens to be closed on the scheduled date of Opening, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the scheduled time and venue.
2. The complete bidding process will be online.
3. Clarification, if any, shall be sought from 18.10.2019 to 05.11.2019 from the office of Executive Engineer PHE M&P Division HMT Srinagar.
4. Technical bids shall be opened online in the office of the Chief Engineer Kashmir PHE Department Rajbagh Srinagar **07.11.2019 at 11.30 A.M.**
5. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on WebSite www.jktenders.gov.in.P & the bidders will automatically get notified through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids of qualified bidders Shall be opened online in the office of Chief Engineer Kashmir Department Rajbagh Srinagar.
6. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of bids.

No: PHE/M&P/1756-65
DT: 15.10.2019
DIPK-NB: 0684/M

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PHE (M&P) Divn. Sgr.

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Government of Odisha
"e" procurement Notice
TENDER CALL NOTICE
IDENTIFICATION NO. 01/SE NH SBP of 2019-20
(Bid No. 01 SENH SBP of 2019-20)

Sl. No.	Name of the works	Estimated Cost in Rupees	Period of completion in calendar month	Date/ Time for receipt of bids.	Name and address of the officer inviting tender
1	S/R to NH-26 from Km 33/00 to 49/00 Km for the Year 2019-20	Rs. 2,97,61,013.00	3 (three Calendar months	10.00 A.M. of Dt. 25.10.2019 to 5.00 P.M. of Dt. 11.11.2019	Fr Sanjay Kumar Sahoo Superintending Engineer, N.H. Circle, Sambalpur

Further details can be seen from the "e" procurement website **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer
N.H. Circle Sambalpur

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

Package No.	ORDRIP(HDP)-01
Name of work	Construction of Internal cement concrete road in R&R Colony at Solpali and Garmunda village under Sambalpur Municipal Corporation in Sambalpur District for Additional Spillway Project of Hirakud Dam.
Approximate value of Work (in INR)	Rs. 442.38 Lakhs
Bid Security (In INR)	Rs. 8,85,000.00
Bid submission fee	Rs. 10,000/-
Period of completion	04 Calendar Months including Rainy & Festival season
Classification of Bidders	Registered with state or Central Govt. or their Public Sector Undertakings
Tender documents named UMB- 01, UMB- 02,	Can be downloaded from website (http://tendersodisha gov.in)
Document download starting date	22.10.2019 16.00 Hrs(IST)
Bid Clarification start date	23.10.2019 11.30 Hrs.(IST)
Bid Clarification closing date	06.11.2019 12.30 Hrs(IST)
Online bid submission closing date and time	21.11.2019 16.00 Hrs(IST)
Date, Time and Venue of opening of bid in e-method.	22.11.2019 at 11.30 Hrs. (IST) Office of the Chief Engineer and Basin Manager Upper Mahanadi Basin, Burla Dist-Sambalpur, Pin-768017 (Odisha)

Sd/-
Chief Engineer and Basin Manager
Upper Mahanadi Basin, Burla
Dist: Sambalpur (Odisha) Pin-768017

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New Okhla Industrial Development Authority

Administrative Building, Sector - 6, Noida - 201301 (U.P.)
Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.com

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited from eligible contractors / firms for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened / downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: **www.noidaauthorityonline.com** & **https://etender.up.nic.in**. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes / amendments & corrigendum etc.

S. No	Job No.	Name of Work	Amount Rs.
1.	10/SPE/PE(PH) -I/E-T/2019-20	Manual based Night Sweeping and Housekeeping Service in Commercial Areas (Package-4), Noida	6471206.40

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated 04.11.2019 upto 5:00 PM. Pre-Qualification shall be opened/downloaded on dated 05.11.2019 at 11:00 AM.

Sr. Project Engineer
(Public Health), Noida

Office :- Sector - 39, Noida

CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA

GOVT. OF BIHAR
OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT ENGINEER, BIHAR BHAWAN, NEW DELHI

NO. 1011/Dated 18.10.19

Inviting Quotation

The reputed firms/registered contractor are requested to submit sealed quotation for following work in Bihar Bhawan and Bihar Niwas Chanakyapuri, New Delhi for the year 2019-20 Quotation will be submitted up to **30.10.2019** till 3.00 pm and opended on **31.10.2019** at 3.30 pm at the office of the Resident Engineer, Bihar Niwas Chanakyapuri, New Delhi undersigned office has right to cancel quotation without any further information. Registration, Tin No., Pan No. and authorization of firm/ Registration paper here enclosed. Details information paper can be obtained from the office of the Resident Engineer Bihar Bhawan, New Delhi. Man power and cab registration certificate issue from Excise department must be enclosed.

S.No.	Particulars
1	Annual repair and painting work of exterior surface of new wing building at Bihar Bhawan for the year 2019-20

Sd/-
Executive Engineer-cum-
Resident Engineer
Bihar Bhawan, New Delhi

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

No. : - M-I-OT-MC-FSD-MB-19 **Dated : 17.10.2019**

Sr. DME/O&F/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tender against Tender No. M-I-OT-MC-FSD-MB-19, Closing Date and Time 11.11.2019 up to 15:00 hrs. and will be opened on the same day at 15:30 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Information regarding this tender is available on website **www.ireps.gov.in** on internet & can be seen /downloaded. The Tenderers/bidders will have to make payment towards tender document cost and Earnest Money against this tender through online payment modes like Net Banking/ debit / Credit cards etc. available on IREPS portal. Manual / offline mode of payment through Demand. Draft, Banker's cheque, Cash Deposit receipts etc. are not permitted.

Name of work	"Four Monthly Maintenance of 578 nos. GPS based Fog Safe Devices of MB division."		
Tender Type	**Open**	**Bidding system**	Single Packet System
Tender Closing Date & Time	11.11.2019 15:00 Hrs.	Date Time of Uploading Tender	18.10.2019
Pre-Bid (yes/no)	No	Pre Bid query date Time	Not Applicable
Advertisement Value	Rs. 29,39,762.74 Inclusive of all taxes and charges excluding GST)	Tendering Section	O&F
Bidding Style	Single Rate For Each Scheduled Item	Bidding Unit	(in%) ABOVE/ BELOW / AT PAR
Earnest Money	Rs. 58,800/-	Validity of offer	90 Days
Tender doc. cost	Rs. 3000.00	Period of completion	04 Months
Bidding Start date	28.10.2019	Contract Type	Service

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS
Manak Bhavan
9, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg,
New Delhi-110002

TENDER NOTICE

Ref: ADMN/02/02/2019 **Date: 17 October 2019**

Online Two bid system (Technical bid and Financial bid) for providing accommodation for setting up of five Holiday Homes across India at different locations like Shimla/ Manali/ Dharamshala (1 for NR), Nainital/ Rishikesh and Udaipur (2 for CR), Darjeeling/ Gangtok/ Shillong (1 for ER), Andaman/ Munnar (1 for SR) at Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Headquarters located at 9, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg; New Delhi. The tender document can be downloaded from **www.bis.gov.in** and **www.eprocure.gov.in**. The closing date and time of online receipt of bids is 07 November 2019 upto 1700 h.

Director (Administration)
davp 08103/11/0011/1920 **011-23231059**

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
NABARD & Rural Roads Circle, Chengalpattu

TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No. 10 / 2019-2020 / SDO / Dt. 18.10.2019

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu **Percentage tender through online only** will be received upto **29.11.2019, 15.00 hours** by the **Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD & Rural Roads, Chengalpattu Circle** for Packages **No.8 & 9** in respect of **Vellore (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division and 1 individual work in Cuddalore (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division** under Upgradation of Panchayat Union roads and Panchayat Roads to ODR Standards.

Details of Name of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **29.10.2019** 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)
DIPR/3681/Tender/2019 **NABARD & Rural Roads Circle, Chengalpattu-1**

Executive Engineer, PD, P.W.D, Bulandshahr

Letter No. 4767/2A **Dated. 9.10.2019**

Short Tender Notice

1. The Executive Engineer Provincial Division P.W.D. Bulandshahr on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites following percentage rate bids from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with U.P. P.W.D. class A,B,C & D as the case may be. The bidder may submit bids for any works. It is expected from Tendrers that he should be well versed with the eligible criteria for Tender in clause 3 of Bidding documents.
2.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs. in Lac)	Bid Security (Rs. in Lacs)	Time of Compltion work including rainy season	Tender document fee including GST	Address of Executive Engineer executing the work	Address of Superintending Engineer	Address of District Magistrate	Address of Chief Engineer
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1.	Construction of septic tank in District Bulandshahar, Lakhawati and Jahangirabad Kasturba Gandhi Residential Girls Schools	4.76	0.48	01 Month	150+500 +117 GST	Provincial Division, P.W.D, Bulandshahr	Bulandshahr Circle, P.W.D, Bulandhshahr	District Magistrate Bulandshahr	Chief Engineer West Zone, P.W.d, Meerut

3. A set of Bidding documents may be purchased from the office of E.E., S.E., D.M. & Chief Engineer office as mentioned in column 7, 8, 9 & 10 respectively of the table corresponding to the respective work, between 11.00 A.M. and 04.00 P.M. on any working day from dated 01.11.2019 to 06.11.2019 for a non refundable fee of Rs. 500.00 (Rupees five hundred only) for stationary charges and tender cost including GST per set of work as indicated in column 6, in the form of cash or Demand Draft drawn of any scheduled bank in favour of Executive Engineer Provincial Division,P.D.P.W.D. Bulandshahar Payable at **Bulandshahr**. Tenders will be received on 07.11.2019 upto 12.00 Noon and will be opened on next working day dated 08.11.2019 at 12.30 P.M. in the office of District Magistrate Bulandshahr. Terms & Conditions related to bids are available on **http://up.gov.in**
4. Registration in P.W.D. for Building works is compulsory for this works.

Sd/-
Assistant Engineer
P.D. P.W.D BULANDSHAHR

UPID-144783 DATE. 17/10/2019
WWW.UPGOV.IN

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
P.D. P.W.D BULANDSHAHR

NORTHERN RAILWAY

1st Corrigendum

To the tender Notice No. 1-W/Tender-266-D/Dy.CE/C/MB dt. 10.10.19

The tender invited vide this office Tender Notice NO. 1-W/Tender-266-D/Dy.CE/C/MB/NIT dt. 10.10.19 for Hiring of 1 Number non AC vehicle such as Jeep, Gypsy, Tata Sumo or same segment vehicle for Three years for the use of **Executive Engineer/Const, N. Railway, Moradabad** under Dy. Chief Engineer/Const/ N. Railway, Moradabad scheduled to be opened on 04.11.19 is modified as under:

1. The date of opening of tender may be read as 11.11.19 (11.30 Hrs.) instead of 04.11.19 (11.30 Hrs.).
2. The detail of e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in . Above tender documents will be available for submission of offer on ireps website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 28.10.19 to 11.11.19 upto 11.30 Hrs.

The other particulars of the tender notice will remain unchanged.

No. 1-W/Tender-266-D/Dy.CE/C/MB dt. 17.10.19 3353/2019

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

TELANGANA STATE BOARD OF INTERMEDIATE EDUCATION
'VIDYA BHAVAN', NAMPALLY, HYDERABAD

e-Tender No. : 26/DI/TS/2019-20, Date : 07-10-2019

NOTIFICATION

Secretary, TSBIE desires to select an agency for **Supply of 60 GSM 87 Cms & 43.5 Cms width Map Litho Virgin Pulp White Reel Paper** manufacturers willing to participate in this e-Tender may visit e-procurement portal. **https://tender.telangana.gov.in**

PARTICULARS	DETAILS
Date of commencement of Downloading	19-10-2019
Last Date of Submit bids on e-portal	02-11-2019, 3.00 PM

Sd/- Sri Syed Omer Jaleel, I.A.S., Secretary

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

Corrigendum-I

Sub:- Hiring of 05 nos. Road vehicle Non AC Tata Sumo/Bolero for movement of RPF Personnel day & night in jurisdiction of Inspector in charge RPF Post, Shamli (Uttar Pradesh), Faridabad (Haryana), Delhi Shahdara, Nizammudin & Anand Vihar Terminal (Delhi) Delhi East on monthly basis for two years.

Ref.:- This office letter of even No. 17.9.2019

Corrigendum-I

Tender Notice No.	6 Sr.DSC-RPF-V.H.DLI-E-2017-18

Tender No. **6 Sr.DSC-RPF-V.H.DLI-E-2017-18** is here by called due to administrative reason. Fresh Tender notice with new date and time will be published shortly.

No.: 6 Sr.DSC-RPF-V.H.DLI-E-2017-18 **Date: 18.10.2019.** 3358/2019

Serving Customers with a Smile

EASTERN COALFIELDS LIMITED
(A Subsidiary of Coal India Limited)

E-TENDER NOTICE

(A) 01) NIT No: ECL/RJML/GM(E&M)/19-20/E-TEN/110, dtd. 27/08/2019 and Tender ID No. 2019_ECL_152747_1 amounting of Rs.98,26,880.00. **02) Description of work:** Erection commissioning and testing of 2x3 MVA 33KV/6.6KV new substation at Hura C Project Rajmahal Area ECL. **03) Estimated Cost of Work (in Rs.):** Rs.98,26,880.00. **04) Date of Tender Publication:** 16.10.2019. **05) Last date of tender submission:** 08.11.2019. **06) Date of Tender Opening:** 09.11.2019.

(B) 01) NIT No: ECL/RJML/PUR/C-1/F065/19-20/081, dated. 01/07/2019 and Tender ID No. 2019_ECL_144960_1 amounting of Rs.18,00,000.00. **02) Description of work:** Procurement of remote I/O adapter module for Pandit 2300 XPA/LR shovel of Rajmahal Project. **03) Estimated Cost of Work (in Rs.):** Rs.18,00,000.00. **04) Date of Tender Publication:** 16.10.2019. **05) Last date of tender submission:** 04.11.2019. **06) Date of Tender Opening:** 05.11.2019.

(C) 01) NIT No: ECL/RJML/PUR/C-2/F010/19-20/009, dated. 08/04/2019 and Tender ID No. 2019_ECL_142362_2 amounting of Rs.2,11,892.00. **02) Description of work:** Procurement of minimax inner container dry chemical powder first AID KIT set etc. for safety Dept. Rajmahal Project ECL. **03) Estimated Cost of Work (in Rs.):** Rs.2,11,892.00. **04) Date of Tender Publication:** 16.10.2019. **05) Last date of tender submission:** 04.11.2019. **06) Date of Tender Opening:** 05.11.2019. For more details please visit our website: *https://coalindiatenders.nic.in*

VISIT US AT www.easternco al.nic.in

RAKSHA SHAKTI UNIVERSITY
(First Internal Security & Police University of India)
At. Lavad, Ta: Dahegam, Dist: Gandhinagar,
Gujarat. INDIA - 382305
Ph. 079-68126800, 68126801 Website : www.rsu.ac.in

APPOINTMENT FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR GENERAL

Government of Gujarat has established Raksha Shakti University (RSU) by an Act of 2009. The University is recognized by the University Grants Commission. The main objective of the University is to bring about excellenec in the functioning of security forces by extending them the benefit of knowledge & skills and encouraging innovation in their training. RSU offers degree, diploma and certificate courses for students along with short term capacity building courses for in-service personnel. Over the years it has been fostering research in various fields of internal security and policing.

The Government of Gujarat has constituted a Search Committee to recommend a Panel of names for the appoi ntment of Director General, who is the chief academic and executive officer of the University. The Director General shall hold office for a period of three years. The Search Committee invites applications from the persons who have achieved distinction and excellencc in the field of security and defence or related fields with proven record of their contribution and who are below the age of sixty five years. A profound understanding of institution building is highly expected. The Search Committee reserves the right to consider any person of eminence outside the list of such app licants also.

The application form along with other details can be downloaded from the RSU Website **htttp://rsu.ac.in/apply/DG**

The interested applicants shall send the duly filled application form along with a CV and other details in PDF format to **chairmansc@rsu.ac.in** on or before 20.11.2019.

Place: Gandhinagar
Date : 19.10.2019 **I/c Registrar**

INF/1323/19-20

KERALA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
e-Tender Notice

E-Tender ID	Items	Bid submission end date
2019_KSRTC_307776_1	HYDRAULIC TROLLEY JACK 10 TON	31.10.2019 05:00 PM
2019_KSRTC_201085_2	AUTOMOTIVE EXHAUST GAS ANALYSER WITH FULL SYSTEM	
2019_KSRTC_285805_3	LASER PRINTER	24.10.2019 06:00 PM
2019_KSRTC_283931_5	LONG SHANK 50-60mm, SEVEN LEVER LOCK	

For more details visit:
www.etenders.kerala.gov.in & www.keralartc.com/tenders/purchase
Ph.No.0471-2471011 Extn: 303
Date : 19.10.2019 (Sd/-) Chairman & Managing Director

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
NABARD & Rural Roads Circle, Chengalpattu

TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No. 09 / 2019-2020 / SDO / Dt. 17.10.2019

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu **Percentage tender through online only** will be received upto **28.11.2019, 15.00 hours** by the **Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD & Rural Roads, Chengalpattu Circle** for Packages **No.3, 4 & 5** in respect of **Chengalpattu (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division and Packages No.6 & 7 in respect of Vellore (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division** under Upgradation of Panchayat Union roads and Panchayat Roads to ODR Standards.

Details of Name of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **28.10.2019** 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)
DIPR/3680/Tender/2019 **NABARD & Rural Roads Circle, Chengalpattu-1**

TAMIL NADU STATE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING BOARD

Short Tender Notice No. T.14/DO/F.1157/2019/Dated.18.10.2019. Two Cover System Lumpsum Contract

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, sealed tenders will be received for the work by the Superintending Engineer, Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board, Guindy, Chennai-32, from the PWD Registered Contractors Class-I (above Rs.75.00 lakhs) at **3.00 p.m. on 06.11.2019.** The tenders will be opened by the Superintending Engineer on the same day **06.11.2019** at **3.30 p.m.** in the presence of tenderer present at that time

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Value put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs) Approx.	EMD Rs. (Including GST)
1.	Construction of modernized Agricultural Market Complex for Fruits, Vegetables and Flowers at Olaipatti Village in Metur Taluk, Salem District.	703.59	4,05,000/-

Note : 1. The Tender Schedules will be available during Office Hours **upto 05.11.2019, after remitting cost of tender schedule of Rs.16,800/- including GST in the shape of D.D., in favour of CEO, TNSAMB, Chennai-32, Payable at Chennai (or)** The tender schedules can also be downloaded from the websites **www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tn.gov.in & www.tnsamb.gov.in** at free of cost. 2. Further particulars can be obtained from the office of the **Superintending Engineer, Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board, CIPET Road, Guindy, Chennai-32** during office hours i.e., **10.00 am** to **5.45 pm** on all working days. 3. The Tender received after due date and time will be summarily rejected. 4. Period of completion 12 Months.

DIPR/3671/TENDER/2019 **Superintending Engineer, TNSAMB, Chennai - 32.**

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IISERM(1280)19/20 Pur **e-TENDER NOTICE** **Dt : 17.10.2019**

Online tender(s) are invited on behalf of the Director, IISER Mohali at E-procurement portal i.e http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app. for the following items.

Tender Ref. No	Description	Last date &time for upload the tender
IISERM(1280)19/20Pur	Supply and installation High Sensitive Spectral Confocal Imaging Work Station	14.11.2019 up to 11am

For detail and apply online, please visit the website http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app. "http://www.iisermohali.ac.in". Bid(s) shall be accepted only through online mode and no manual submission of the same shall be entertained except tender fee and EMD. Late tenders will not be accepted

- sd- **Assistant Registrar (S&P)**

HIMACHAL PRADESH UNIVERSITY
(NAAC Accredited 'A' Grade University)
GYAN PATH, SUMMER HILL, SHIMLA-171005
CONSTRUCTION DIVISION NO.-I

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer (Const.), Division No.-I, H.P. University, Shimla-5, on behalf of Vice-Chancellor H.P. University, invites the online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system, in two covers system for the Construction of Model School etc. from the eligible and approved Contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD Department. For more details please may visit H.P. University website **i.e. www.hpuniv.ac.in.**

Executive Engineer (Const.)
Division No. I

Information and Public Relations Department Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi.

RE - SHORT TENDER NOTICE

Ref No. 2886 **Date: 18.10.019**

Information and Public Relations Department, Govt. of Jharkhand intends to invite Bid for Operation, Maintenance and Management (OMM) of their existing LED Display Board installed in different cities of Jharkhand State. The details Bid/Tender document may be downloaded from the office website - prdjharkhand.in.

Last date of submission of Tender is 24.10.2019 3.00 PM (Suchana Bhawan, Mayer's Road, Ranchi, Jharkhand)

The Opening of Bid will be at 4.00 PM on the same day.

The undersigned reserved the right of amendment, addendum or even cancel the above Bid.

Director
PR 220304 (IPRD)19-20#D IPRD, Govt. of Jharkhand

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION
Bridges Department

Br.D.C.No.B3/0161/2019

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tenders are invited for the following work in Two Cover System as per details furnished below.

Demolition and Reconstruction of Bridge at Stephenson Road across Otteri Nullah in Dn-72, Zone - VI.

Bid document will be available in website **http://tntenders.gov.in** till **3.00 P.M.** on **04.12.2019** for online bidding. The bidders must possess Digital Signature Certificate for submission of bids through online in the above website.

EMD Amount **Rs.29,17,000/-**
Pre-bid meeting Date and Time : **18.11.2019** at **3.00 P.M**
Last date and Time of Tender Submission : **04.12.2019** up to **3.00 P.M.**
Tender opening Date and Time: **05.12.2019** at **3.30 P.M**

DIPR/3666/Tender/2019 **Superintending Engineer/Bridges**

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. DME/O&F/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tender against Tender No. M-1-OT-TP-Box-RAC-19, Closing Date & Time 11.11.2019 up to 15:00 hrs. and will be opened on the same day at 15:30 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Information regarding this tender is available on website **www.ireps.gov.in** on internet & can be seen/ download. The tenderers/bidders will have to make payment towards Tender document cost and Earnest Money against this tender through online payment mode like Net Banking, Debit/ Credit cards etc. available on IREPS portal. Manual / offline mode of payment through Demand Draft. Banker's cheque, Cash Deposit receipts etc. are not permitted.

Name of Work	'Round the clock transportation of Driver's and Guard's Khana/ Line Boxes, from Train Engineers/Brake vans of Mail Express Passenger and Goods trains from the various platforms and yards to Box Rooms/Running Rooms and vice-versa at Roza Station for a period of two years'		
Tender Type	Open	**Bidding System**	Single Packet System
Tender Closing Date & Time	11.11.2019 15:00 hrs.	**Date & Time of Uploading Tender**	18.10.2019
Pre-Bid (Yes/No)	No	**Pre-Bid Query Date Time**	Not Applicable
Advertised Value	Rs. 44,94,602.70 (Inclusive of all taxes and charges **excluding GST**)	**Tendering Section**	O & F
Bidding Style	Single Rate For Tender	**Bidding Unit**	(In%) ABOVE/ BELOW / AT PAR
Earnest Money	Rs. 89,900/-	**Validity of Offer**	90 Days
Tender Doc. Cost	Rs. 3000.00	**Period of Completion**	24 Months
Bidding Start Date	28.10.2019	**Contract Type**	Service

No: M-1-OT-TP-Box-RAC-19 Date: 17.10.2019. 3355/19

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY
Electrical (General) Branch
OPEN TENDER
NIT Dated : JBP/L/T/15/2019 - RIII & JBP/L/T. No. - 20/2019 R

The Divisional Railway Manager (Electrical General), West Central Railway, Jabalpur for and on behalf of President of India invites applications on prescribed tender form for the following works :- **(1) NIT No. : JBP/L/ T/15/2019-RIII dtd. 14.10.2019. Name of work with location :** Comprehensive Annual maintenance contract of 2two nos. 08 passenger carrying capacity lift installed at Central Hospital Jabalpur at WCR Jabalpur division for a period of three years. **Approx. cost of the work : 6,88,548/-, Cost of tender form (In Rs.) : 2,000/-, Earnest Money (In Rs.) : 13800/-, Completion period (In years) : 03 year. (2) NIT No. : JBP/L/T/NO.-20/2019R Dt. 11.10.2019. Name of work with location :** "Provision of one no. lift in DRM building in JBP." **Approx. cost of the work : 44,66,330.68, Cost of tender form (In Rs) : 3,000/-, Earnest Money (In Rs.) : 89,300/-, Completion period (In years) : 04 months. Common for tender no. (1)& (2) : Address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased :** Sr. DEE/Genl./Jabalpur, **Date & Time for submission of tender (Up to 15.00 hrs on) : 11.11.2019, Date & Time for Opening of Tender (at 15.30 hrs on): 11.11.2019.** Complete details of tender document available on the Railway website **https://ireps.gov.in** Complete tender form can also be down loaded from above website

Divisional Railway Manager
(Electrical General) W.C.Rly, Jabalpur

रेल यात्रा के दौरान शिकायत हेतु 138 पर एवं सुरक्षा हेतु 182 पर संपर्क करें।

NORTHERN RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER NOTICE (E-Tender)

DRM/Engineering acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites following **Single packet system** E-Tenders closing date **13.11.2019** at **15:00 hrs.** Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only.

Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. 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.**

	N.I.T. No.		08402019 dated 17.10.2019
1	Name of work	1	LKO: Heavy repairs to quarters along with roof treatment, pipe line repair, drainage and sewerage of the staff quarters at between old and new CNB line, Dhobighat colony etc. S.I. & Permanent Barracks, Ganga, Gomti & Godawri and Improvement of Gym & rooms in GO's hostel at JRRPF Academy and Administrative building & Auditorium/Hall at JRRPF Academy in the section of SSE(W)/AMV-West under ADEN-HQ/LKO.
		2	LKO: Heavy repairs to doors and windows, drainage and sewerage system, including septic tank, manholes etc. in Shantipuram colony, VG Colony, Chalis quarters colony, LD colony, DSL colony & Bhilawan colony in the section of SSE/W/AMV-East/LKO under ADEN/HQ/LKO.
		3	LKO: House keeping, upkeeping, cleanliness of the officer Rest House/CB and Sr. Sub-ordinate Rest House near Divisional Railway Hospital under ADEN/HQ/LKO.
2	Approximate Cost	1	Rs. 1,17,12,224.77
		2	Rs. 1,62,38,384.73
		3	Rs. 52,11,531.71
3	Earnest Money	1	Rs. 2,08,600.00
		2	Rs. 2,31,200.00
		3	Rs. 1,04,200.00
4	Completion Period	1	Six (06) months from the date of issue of acceptance of letter.
		2	Six (06) months from the date of issue of acceptance of letter.
		3	Twelve (12) months from the date of issue of acceptance of letter.
5	Bidding Start Date	For S.No.: 1 to 3	30.10.2019
6	Tender Closing Date and Time	For S.No.: 1 to 3	13.11.2019 at 15:00 hrs.
7	Website	www.ireps.gov.in	

Note :- "No post tender correspondence for submission of additional documents shall be entertained after opening of the Technical & Commercial offers. Even suo-moto post letters of the tenders shall be treated as NULL & Void." (Authority N.Rly HQ letter No. 74-W/O/Pt.XXV/WA/Loose Dated 07.04.2015). **3347/2019**

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Directorate of Mines
Steel & Mines Department
Government of Odisha

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Email: directorminesl @orissaminerals.gov.in
Date: October 18, 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 9 (nine) Minerals Blocks [7 (seven) blocks of Iron Ore, 1 (one) block of Iron Ore and Manganese and 1 (one) block 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/mlcl/index.isp**)

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/mlcl/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 29, 2019 and the last date for submission of the bid is Wednesday, December 04, 2019 on or before 12:00 noon (IST)

List of Mineral Blocks for Auction

S. No.	Block Name	Mineral	Type of Concession	Tender Fee (In. Rs.)
1	Purheibahal Iron Ore Block	Iron Ore	Mining Lease	5,00,000
2	Chandiposhi Iron Ore Block	Iron Ore	Mining Lease	5,00,000
3	Rengalaberha North-East Iron Ore Block	Iron Ore	Mining Lease	5,00,000
4	Gandhalpada Iron Ore Block	Iron Ore	Mining Lease	5,00,000
5	Netrabandha Pahar (West) Iron Ore Block	Iron Ore	Mining Lease	5,00,000
6	Dholtapahar Iron Ore Block	Iron Ore	Mining Lease	5,00,000
7	Jumka Pathriposhi Iron Ore Block	Iron Ore	Mining Lease	5,00,000
8	Unchabali Iron Ore and Manganese Block	Iron Ore and Manganese	Mining Lease	5,00,000
9	Kalimati Manganese Block	Manganese	Mining Lease	2,00,000

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Bengal theatre artiste arrested on charges of sexual harassment

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, OCTOBER 18

BENGALI THESPIAN and playwright Sudipto Chatterjee was arrested on Friday on charges of sexually harassing two women, sources said. Chatterjee, who used to teach film and theatre to media science students of the The Heritage Academy, resigned on Thursday.

"Chatterjee has been arrested and will be produced in court on Saturday," said Joint CP (Crime) Murlidhar Sharma. Police arrested Chatterjee from his Kolkata residence after they received two complaints — one at Phoolbagan police station on Thursday night and the other at Beliaghata police station on Friday.

In a Facebook post on Thursday, a woman had alleged that Chatterjee called her to his place to help her with her acting in a play, but then touched her inappropriately. She said that he had sexually harassed many others and that she had to speak out. "I have not filed an FIR as of now. The institute has constituted an ICC and I am cooperating with it. I will also raise the matter with the women's commission," she added.

After the woman's post was published, several other performers shared their alleged encounters with Chatterjee. A woman said he invited her to his home for voice exercises after sending a message that physical touch would be part of the process. The experience at his home left her blank, she wrote. A third woman said she stopped working in Bengali theatre "as I was terribly distressed with everything I have faced".

Chatterjee has called the allegation "a case of distortion and misrepresentation of facts".

"I am completely innocent. It was completely educational and consensual. There was nothing sexual about it. It was about training and allowing her to get deeper in the role she was portraying in a play. It was geared towards the success and improvement of the play," he has said.

Chatterjee, who has a group called Spectators in Kolkata, captured the story of Lalon Fakir in a critically-acclaimed play, Man of the Heart. He has taught at the Jawaharlal Nehru University in Delhi and the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences in Kolkata and lectured at the National School of Drama in Delhi. He has also taught at Tufts University and the University of California.

Murder of former V-C exposes family feud over control of varsity

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BENGALURU, OCTOBER 18

THE MURDER of a former vice-chancellor of one of Karnataka's first private universities, Alliance University, at a playground near his residence here on the night of October 15 by men allegedly hired by one of the owners and current chancellor of the university has exposed a tussle between two brothers over control of the university.

Ayyappa Dore (52), an aspiring politician and real estate dealer, was found lying in a pool of blood with 17 stab wounds near his house. His wife alerted police after she realised that he had not returned home after his post-dinner walk.

Within 24 hours of the murder, police arrested two persons based on analysis of cellphone usage around the crime scene, CCTV footage and analysis of circumstances surrounding the murder. One of those arrested was Suraj Singh (32), an executive at Alliance University, and the second was Chancellor Sudhir Angur (53), an IIT Bombay graduate and postgraduate diploma holder in business management from IIM Ahmedabad, according to his official profile.

Sudhir Angur

Ayyappa Dore

"We were able to make headway soon because there is already a dispute within Alliance University. It facilitated our investigation. We were able to zero in on Sudhir Angur, who led us to Suraj Singh. When interrogated, Singh broke down and confessed that he, at the behest of Sudhir Angur, carried out the killing along with four others," Bengaluru Police Commissioner Bhaskar Rao said while announcing the arrests on Thursday.

Singh and four others "studied the behaviour pattern of the victim and under the guidance of Sudhir this murder was carried out", Rao said.

Police sources said they had found sufficient evidence to consider the case cracked — for instance, Suraj's cellphone was active near the crime scene and a call was made to Sudhir soon after the murder.

The motive for the murder of Dore— who contested and lost the Assembly elections in 2018 as a candidate of his own party, the Jana Samanyara Party, from Muddebihal constituency — has been cited by the police as being part of a feud between the Angur brothers, who created the university.

"Sudhir (current chancellor) and his brother Madhukar Angur (former chancellor) are in a dispute over ownership of the university. Sudhir decided that Dore was shifting his loyalties towards Madhukar and he felt that if he (Dore) was not eliminated, he would lose control of the university," Rao said.

The murder is the latest turn in the feud between Sudhir and his older brother Madhukar (65) — who according to his Linkedin profile is a former business management professor at Flint School of Management at the University of Michigan — for control of Alliance.

The feud has seen a plethora of cases and counter-cases against each, ranging from the criminal — rape, forgery, criminal intimidation, assault — to civil suits for control of Alliance University. Over the last few years, rival groups have used force on the campus to wrest control of the university. At one point, when the Congress was in power between 2013-2018 in Karnataka, the university was taken over by the state administration to restore order amid the infighting.

Started in 2005 as the Alliance Business School by Sudhir with his sisters as directors, the business school became a university in 2010 when the BJP was in power in Karnataka.

According to court documents, the dispute originated in the family of Sudhir, with his former wife. Sudhir was accused by his wife and in-laws of diverting funds from an education institution they ran in Bengaluru to create Alliance Business School with his sisters as directors. Due to the wrangle, Sudhir reportedly stayed away from the board of Alliance University and his older brother, who was in the US, offered to return to India to head the institution. In 2008, all the shares of the education firm was transferred to Madhukar, who became the first chancellor of the university.

When Madhukar was the chancellor, Dore served for three years as V-C from 2010 to 2013. Madhukar meanwhile allegedly cut off the rest of his family from the university and refused to distribute shares that were in his control with his sisters, their families and Sudhir. This led to a series of cases. In 2016, Sudhir wrested control of the university, and over the last three years Madhukar has been trying to recapture control.

"Given this history of conflict, this situation (murder of Dore) is being made use of by Mr Madhukar and this could be sheer foul play. Since investigation is going on, it is not proper to opine regarding the role of Mr Sudhir Angur," Alliance University Registrar Madhu Sudan Mishra said on Thursday.

Ex-IPS officer appointed as special observer for Sikkim bypolls

ESHA ROY
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

THE ELECTION Commission on Friday appointed retired IPS officer Vivek Dube as a special observer for Sikkim bypolls, scheduled to take place on October 21.

Bypolls for three Assembly constituencies — Poklok-Kamrang, Martam-Rumtek and Gangtok, but elections have been marred by accusations of violence made by the erstwhile ruling party, the Sikkim Democratic Front (SDF), which was defeated by the Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) earlier this year after a 25-year rule in the state.

In its order, the EC has said that Dube, a 1981-batch officer of the Andhra Pradesh cadre, has been deputed "to specifically report" about the law-and-order situation in the state and oversee deployment and other security-related issues, "specifically for 10 Poklok-Kamrang Assembly Constituency".

SDF wrote to Chief Electoral Officer on October 11, a day after former chief minister Pawan Chamling's car was allegedly attacked by members of SKM at Poklok-Kamrang constituency being contested between SDF candidate Moses Rai and present Chief Minister P S Golay.

Golay was unable to contest the Assembly elections in April as he had been serving time in prison for corruption. While he has served as the CM after SKM's win over the SDF, this tenure was limited to six months.

Golay was permitted to contest the bypolls by the EC earlier this month. His continuing as the chief minister depends on his victory from Poklok-Kamrang.

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION
Bridges Department
Br.D.C.No.B3/0265/2019
e - TENDER NOTICE
e-Tenders are invited for the following work in Two Cover System as per details furnished below.
Reconstruction of ROB at Elephant Gate Road (GCC portion only) in Dn-57, Zone-V.
Bid document will be available in website http://tntenders.gov.in till 3.00 PM on **10.12.2019** for online bidding. The bidders must possess Digital Signature Certificate for submission of bids through online in the above website.
EMD Amount : **Rs.27,53,000/-**
Pre-bid meeting Date and Time : **22.11.2019** at **3.00 P.M.**
Last Date and Time of Tender Submission : **10.12.2019** upto **3.00 P.M.**
Tender opening Date and Time : **11.12.2019** at **3.30 P.M.**
DIPR/3667/Tender/2019 **Superintending Engineer / Bridges**

I-T search: Rs 500 cr linked to spiritual guru

Chennai: Searches in premises of firms and trusts founded by spiritual guru 'Kalki' Bhagwan has led to detection of undisclosed income of over Rs 500 crore, Income Tax Department said Friday. Undisclosed income includes unaccounted cash receipts of about Rs 409 crore. A total of Rs 43.9 crore in cash and US currency worth Rs 18 crore was seized and value of seizure is about Rs 93 crore. **PTI**

पंजाब नैशनल बैंक punjab national bank
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)
Branch Office : East Gandhi Maidan, Patna
E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE TO GENERAL PUBLIC UNDER RULE 8 & 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002
PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable assets under the Securitisation 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), Mortgagor(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property(ies) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Punjab National Bank,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on **09.12.2019** (date of the sale) **Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (for sr. no.1), 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. (for property no.1 at sr. no.2), 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (for property no.2 at sr. no.2), 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (for property no.3 at sr. no.2), 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (for property no.4 at sr. no.2)** for recovery of dues, as mentioned below due to the **Punjab National Bank,** Secured Creditor from the below mentioned Borrower(s), Mortgagor(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder. A short description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any, are mentioned as under.
SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower	Name of the Owner(s)/ Mortgagors of property(ies)	Description of mortgaged property(ies)	Details of encumbrances known to the Secured Creditor	Details of Secured Debt (in Rs.)	Date of Notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act	Date of Possession under Section 13(4)of SARFAESI Act	Reserve Price / Earnest Money (EMD) / Bid Increment Amount
1.	**M/s Shivam Vehicles Pvt. Ltd.**	M/s Shivam Vehicles Pvt. Ltd. Sh. Jitendra Kumar	Land & Building measuring 69.50 decimal situated at Mauza-Abdul Rehmanpur, Thana No.-39, Tauzi-Bihar Govt., Khata No.-201 & 132, Plot No.- 605 & 703, Didarganj, Patna City, District-Patna, owned by Sh. Jitendra Kumar & M/s Shivam Vehicles Pvt. Ltd., Bounded by: North-60 feet wide Govt. Rasta, South-Heirs of late Kishori Yadav, East-Vibhuti Sinha, Rahul Kumar, Srimati Devi & Upendra Kumar, West-Heirs of Late Satya Narayan Prasad & heirs of Late Ram Das Mehta.	Nil	₹ 41895999.88	01.06.2019	08.08.2019	₹6,00,00,000/- ₹60,00,000/- ₹10,000/-
2.	**M/s Columbia Paints Industries Pvt. Ltd., Director:** Sri Ravindra Kumar, S/o Krishna Kr. Bhagat	1. Sri Ravindra Kumar, S/o Krishna Kr. Bhagat 2. Smt. Kumari Pooja, D/o Sri Mohan Murari Prasad	IP as per BIADA Registered Lease Deed No.153 of 10.01.2014 situated at Industrial Area-Fatuha, Industrial Plot No.N.S. (Near Kabristan), Survey Plot No.1293(P), Khata No.23, Thana No.23, Pargana-Gyaspur, Sub Registry-Patna City, Patna, measuring 7500 Sq.Ft. Boundary:- North-N.S.- F-5, South-Kabristan Road, East- 40'-0' wide Road, West-Kabristan.	Nil	₹ 7623791.30 + Intt. & other expenses	16.10.2018	08.01.2019	₹57,11,000/- ₹5,71,100/- ₹10,000/-
			IP as per Sale Deed No.1713 dated 14.12.1986 situated at Mauza-Kalyanpur Tola, Maharajganj (West), Pargana-Gidhaur, Survey P.S., Anchal, Sub & Sadar Registry & Dist.-Jamui, Bihar, bearing Thana No.40, Tauzi No.345, Khata No.36, Khesra/Plot No.278(P), measuring 5, Decimil. Boundary:-North-Khata No.301, Suresh Singh, South-Gali, East-Kanhaiya Pd. Bhagat & Ram Dhani Ram, West-Niz & there after CO Jamui.					₹22,27,000/- ₹2,22,700/- ₹10,000/-
			IP as per Sale Deed No.2675 of 31.03.2010 situated at Mohalla-Kalyanpur West Mohalla, Maharajganj, Pargana-Gidhaur, PS, Anchal, Sub & Sadar Registry & Distt.-Jamui bearing Tauzi No.345, Thana No.-40, Ward No.16, Khata No.36, Khesra No.278, Measuring 1.0 Decimil, Boundary:- North-Khesra No.-301, South-Niz Shareholder Then Gali, East-Common Road (Niz), West-Jamui Anchal (C.O Office).					₹13,36,000/- ₹1,33,600/- ₹10,000/-
			IP as per Sale Deed No.8925 of 29.12.2009 situated at Mauza-Kalyanpur (West), Mohalla-Purani Bazar, Sub & Sadar Registry, Town & Dist.-Jamui, Tauzi No.345, Thana No.40, Khata No.140, Khesra No.1074 & 1077(P), Measuring 10.66 Decimal. Boundary:-North-Chamru Kahar, South-Mos. Adiran, East-Adail Mahto, West-Number Haza Seikh Abbas.					₹35,07,000/- ₹3,50,700/- ₹10,000/-

1. All the above secured assets are under symbolic possession.
2. Last date for submission of EMD is 07.12.2019 upto 5.00 p.m.
3. For further details and terms & conditions, please visit the our website: www.pnbindia.biz, www.pnbindia.in and/or contact the respective Authorised Officer.

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The borrower/ guarantors are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/ sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.
Date : 18.10.2019 **Authorized Officer**
Place : Patna **Punjab National Bank**

THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI NEW DELHI PROCLAMATION OF SALE NOTICE
The under mentioned Property will be sold through auction on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for recovery of dues, in the matter of ICICI BANK LTD v/s SURYA VINAYAK INDUSTRIES LIMITED CA No. 4333/2016
1. Description of Property:
Make: BENZ S CLASS 500 L
Reg No: DL7CM0606
Manuf Year: 2010
Reserve Price- Rs. 6, 50,000/-
EMD- Rs. 65,000/-
2. Description of Property:
Make: SCORPIO SLE
Reg No: DL7CK8565
Manuf Year: 2011
Reserve Price- Rs. 90,000/-
EMD- Rs. 9,000/-
2. Date and Time of Auction: 30.10.2019 at 11.00 AM
3. Auction Venue: Ridhi Godara Yard, Katana Chowk Sector 17, Sukhrali Gaon Behind Air Force Station, Gurgaon
4. Manager: Sh. Shankar Kapoor
Mob No: 9650193259
Terms of Sale
The particulars of the said asset specified herein above have been stated to the best of the information and knowledge of the undersigned, who shall however not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars. The interested participant/s are therefore requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself / themselves/ itself with regard to the said asset and other relevant details pertaining to it before submitting the bids.
Interested bidders shall be required to deposit an Earnest Amount mentioned above against the respective vehicle by way of pay order/Demand Draft payable at Delhi and in favour of ICICI Bank Ltd, Delhi. Successful highest bidder shall have to deposit balance amount within 5 days from the approval shared with them.
In Case of failure to deposit the amount as mentioned above, the amount of Earnest Money deposited shall be forfeited.
Interested participant/s are requested to participate Oct 30, 2019 for physical auction or call Bank Manager Shankar Kapoor.

DAY AFTER BSF MAN KILLED BY BANGLA TROOPS

BGB action unprovoked, did not fire a single bullet: BSF

SWEETY KUMARI
KOLKATA, OCTOBER 18

A DAY after a Border Security Force head constable was shot dead and another was injured by Bangladesh border guards, BSF officers have said the firing was unprovoked, and that the Indian side did not even retaliate.

Thursday's incident took place along the riverine India-Bangladesh border in West Bengal's Murshidabad district. As per a statement issued by the BSF, three Indian fishermen were fishing in the Padma river. Two later returned and approached the BSF post in Kakmarichar, stating that the BGB had apprehended them, but later released them to call the BSF for a flag meeting.

According to officials, the point where the flag meeting was to take place is 300-400 metres inside Bangladesh territory. The BSF said their patrol boat, with five personnel on board, came under heavy firing from BGB troops when they went for the flag meeting. Head constable Vijay Bhan Singh (50) was killed on the spot, while the boatman received a bullet injury on his arm.

The third fisherman has still not returned. Officials said he is currently in the custody of the Bangladeshi police.

At the wreath-laying ceremony of BSF head constable Vijay Bhan Singh in Murshidabad on Friday. *Courtesy: BSF*

BGB officials have claimed that the BSF patrol team came to Bangladesh illegally to retrieve the prisoner, and the patrol tried to flee and started firing. They have also said that they opened fire on the BSF team in "self-defence".

However, BSF Inspector-General (South Bengal Frontier) Y B Khurania has dismissed the BGB allegations. "No firing was done by anyone from BSF. We did not even retaliate after they fired. They even said that the two fisherman (who called the BSF) managed to run away," Khurania told *The Indian Express*.

"There is a complete Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for flag meetings — we carry an orange flag, so they knew the officials were there for a flag meeting, and not to forcefully release anyone. The orange flag is also visible in the photograph released by BGB. Now they cannot say that our party was not there for the flag meeting," he added.

BSF officials said the last incident of firing along the border took place in April 2005. "This is unacceptable... We have lodged a strong protest," said an official.

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

NGT dismisses Goa govt's proposal to fill mines with municipal waste

Panaji: The National Green Tribunal on Friday rejected the Goa government's proposal to fill open quarries with municipal waste, terming the idea "a preposterous suggestion", and fined the state Rs 5 lakh for failing to come up with a standard operating procedure to fill up such mines.

The order comes in the backdrop of the deaths of four boys in Pernem last month, who drowned in a water-filled laterite quarry.

The Goa Paryavaran Sangarsh Samiti had approached the NGT after the deaths and alleged criminal negligence by the Goa mines department.

"If the proposal is to be accepted, it would amount to giving license for commission of a criminal offence, apart from it being in violation of Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016," the NGT order reads. **ENS**

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E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Movable/Immovable Assets under the '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) Rule,2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower (s) ,mortgagor(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described movable/immovable property(ies) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **symbolic/ physical** (details mentioned as below) possession of which has been taken by the Authorized officer of Punjab National Bank ,Secured Creditor, will be sold on" **As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 05.11.2019** (assets wise details mentioned below) for recovery of amount, as mentioned below due to the **Punjab National Bank** secured Creditor from below Named borrower(s) , mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) .
The amount of Reserve price and amount of earnest money of each assets is mentioned as under. A short description of the immoveable property with known encumbrances, if any, are mentioned as under.
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SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

S. No.	NAME OF BORROWER & BANK BRANCH	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE AND OUT -STANDING AMOUNT MENTIONED THEREIN	Description of Property/ies	STATUS OF POSSESSION (Physical or Symbolic)	RESERVE PRICE / EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (EMD AMOUNT) / INCREMENTAL BID AMOUNT	LAST DATE OF DEPOSIT OF EMD	DETAILS OF ACCOUNT IN WHICH EMD IS TO BE DEPOSITED THROUGH RTGS/NEFT & IFSC CODE	DATE & TIME OF AUCTION
1.	**BRANCH: TILAK ROAD, DEHRADUN** **Borrower/Mortgagor:** M/s Bhupesh Kumar Shikshan Evam Vikas Sansthan President, Sh Bhupesh Kumar S/o Sh Shila Nath, **Address: 1-** Lucent International School, Manduwala, (Kothan), Sudhowala, VIA Prem Nagar, Dehradun-248007, Uttrakhand **Address: 2-** Gurukul Tutorial & Hostels, Sewa Kalan, Majra Chowk, West Canal Road Dehradun 248001, **Address 3-** Road no 138, Rajender Nagar, Patna 800016. **Address: 4-** Agyaspur P.O. Tehwara, P.S Singhwara District Dharbhanga (Bihar). **Guarantors: Sh. Umesh Dubey** S/o Sh Mahvir Dubey Address: Village Madhopur P.O Jakauli P.S. Bahera, Darbhanga, Bihar 800016 **2. Sh Lalit Kumar** S/o Shri Thakur Lal Address: Village Madhopur P.O Jakauli P.S Bahera, Darbhanga, Bihar 800016	25.03.2019 **Rs. 6,89,27,699.73** + interest and other Charges w.e.f. 01.02.2019	Land and property at khasra no 1053 measuring 0.401 Hec, 1056 measuring 0.445 Hec, 1057 measuring 0.308 Hec, 1967 measuring 0.531 Hec & 1968 measuring 0.426 Hec (New Khasra No 628, 629, 718 Ka 630, 631, 719, & 720) Consisting of school building hostel campus guard room etc at Mauza Kanswali Kothri Pargana Pachwa Doon Tehsil Vikas Nagar District Dehradun at book No 01 vol 633 page 129 ADF book no 01 volume 1376, pages 257 to 272 at serial no 2917 dated 04.05.2010, Butted & Bounded as under: North : Property of others, South: Property of others, East: Road, West: Property of others	SYMBOLIC	Rs. 1031.00 Lakh / Rs. 103.10 Lakh / Rs. 10.00 Lakh	**04.11.2019** up to 05:00 PM	PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK A/c- 1087003171160 IFSC- PUNB0108700	**05.11.2019** 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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The borrowers/guarantors are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto date interest and ancillary expenses before date of auction failing which the property will be auctioned /sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.
Date: 18.10.2019 **Place: Dehradun** **Authorised Officer**

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S. No. : 1, E-Tender No. : CWM-BR-23-2019, **Description of Work :** Replacement of Gantry Girder Track and repairing of gantry girders in shell shops of Mechanical Workshop Gorakhpur of N.E. Railway, **Approx. Tender Value :** ₹ 76,08,672.98, **Earnest Money :** ₹ 1,52,200.00, **Cost Tender Document :** ₹ 5,000/-, **Completion Period from the Date of Issue of Acceptance Letter :** 06 (Six) Months. **1. Date of E-Tender Opening :** 11.00 Hrs. on 11.11.2019, **2. Receipt of E-Tender Upto :** 10.59 Hrs. on 11.11.2019, **3.** Detailed Tender Notice, eligibility criteria, terms & conditions are available at website **www.ireps.gov.in**
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Woman found dead at her residence

Muzaffarnagar: A 30-year-old woman's body was found under suspicious circumstances at her residence in Yogenderpuri area on Thursday evening Body of Firdos Begum was sent for post-mortem and her husband Shehzad and brother-in-law were taken into police custody in connection with the death, police said. **PTI**

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I TRAMP A PERPETUAL JOURNEY.

— WALT WHITMAN

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

SHUT OUT THE NOISE

Public spats on slowdown could dampen investor sentiment, government should focus on reforms to revive the economy

IN AN ERA of global convergence, it is hardly surprising if the government's response to criticism of its handling of the economy appears to reflect a template. The blame-game regarding the state of the economy, featuring Union finance minister, Nirmala Sitharaman, and former prime minister, Manmohan Singh, in some ways mirrors the scenario in the US, where President Donald Trump has blamed not just the US Federal Reserve and its chairman, Jay Powell, but also the Democrats for trying to will the economy to be bad before the election next year. The backdrop to this is the release of indicators that has fuelled concerns about a slowdown. With multiple economic indicators showing that the slowdown is deepening, a fact confirmed by the International Monetary Fund and the Reserve Bank of India, which have sharply revised the growth rate for FY20 downwards, criticism by economists and others seem to have rankled the government further.

At an event in the US, Nirmala Sitharaman said India's state-owned banks had their worst phase when Singh was the prime minister and Raghuram Rajan the RBI governor. That seemed to have provoked Singh to retort that unable to find a solution to revive the economy, the Narendra Modi government was blaming the UPA. It is true that the roots of the banking sector can be traced to the second term of the UPA government, which was marked by several scams. The voters recognised that by punishing them in the last two elections. Blaming another messenger of bad news — Rajan — too seems strange. It was during Rajan's tenure that the process to clean up the banking system through the Asset Quality Review was initiated. The voters, who have rewarded the NDA with a second term, expect that it would put the economy back on track. It is unfortunate that instead of shutting out the noise, the government is getting distracted by criticism, especially at a time it has indicated a willingness to course correct, as reflected in the corporate tax cuts and other changes, and thereby rekindling investor interest. The biggest risk in these public exchanges is a further erosion of faith that can dampen investment.

The Modi government cannot, and should not, squander its second term by reacting to such criticism. Rather, stepping the gas on a range of reforms and hunkering down as these changes play out over the next couple of years, and at a time when conventional monetary and fiscal policy tools look inadequate globally, should top the government's agenda.

JOURNEY INTO FUTURE

Civilian flights out of Jaffna are symbolic of the distance Sri Lanka has travelled from war to peace

FROM THE TINY Palaly military airfield where Indian Air Force transporters landed troops of the Indian Peace Keep Force in the 1980s on a mission whose failure was foretold, and where later, an extremely fragile Sri Lankan Air Force landed Sri Lankan troops to recapture Jaffna peninsula from the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, taking back dead and wounded soldiers along with those going home on leave, to the shiny new Jaffna International Airport from where civilians will arrive and depart, this transformation has been a long journey in many ways. It is symbolic of the distance Sri Lanka has travelled from war to peace.

Ten years after the war ended, the airport at Palaly will now connect Jaffna to many places in the world. Through the war years, the Tamil diaspora spread widely across the globe, but the only airport to fly out from all this time was Colombo. The Chinese-built road through the heart of northern Sri Lanka has eased the road journey from the peninsula to the capital city, and the Jaffna-Colombo train service has been back for five years. But for many years, the distance between the two cities to catch a flight was not just long, but filled with the hazards of multiple checkpoints, where packing and unpacking suitcases was considered only the most minor of misfortunes that could befall a traveller, and of having to stay overnight in Colombo lodges that could be raided anytime on suspicion that LTTE members were sheltering there. The first civilian flight to land there was from Tamil Nadu. It carried the weight of the long chequered history of India-Sri Lanka relations, more specifically, the special place the southern state has occupied in this from times immemorial.

That bilateral relations have changed to a point where Sri Lanka is confident enough to permit transport links between the Tamil-speaking north and Tamil Nadu tells its own story. Sinhalese Buddhism lives in the atavistic fear of an invasion from the north, and the sides taken by Tamil Nadu political parties in the civil war fuelled such fears. Sri Lanka turned down Indian financial assistance to redevelop the airport, but the air link will help boost trade, both formal and informal, and travel. Not long ago, Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe wanted to build a bridge connecting Sri Lanka and India, to bring the island country closer to mainland South Asia. Jaffna International Airport could be that bridge.

I, ME, MYSELF

Trump elects to host a G7 summit at his own golf club, at state expense. For him, it's par for the course

DONALD TRUMP'S STYLE is to make the political personal. And in his case, the personal means business. Properties like the Gleneagles Hotel and the Schloss Elmau, where the G7/G8 have earlier resorted to, have yielded ground to the rather unsung Trump National Doral in Florida. In the midst of an impeachment inquiry, Donald Trump is yet again testing the limits of presidential impropriety by promising to hold the 2020 G7 summit on his own property. And once more, perhaps, he will find those limits to be quite springy and giving, though the Democrats have already raised an outcry about corruption.

The Doral golf club is said to be the least financially viable property in the Trump empire. It has never hosted anything bigger than a Republican convention, but the president insists that it has what it takes. Security for so many heads of state could be problematic, too, because while Trump suggests that its proximity to an international airport is a convenience, a sudden deviation in the flight path of a landing flight can give the troopers the willies. It happened on 9/11, with the plane that targeted the Pentagon.

Past US presidents have always been careful to keep their public and private affairs separate, to preempt accusations of illicit benefit. But Trump believes that when you tee off, it's fine to do stuff that isn't quite cricket. If anyone protests, just do it again. When he was accused of crossing a line in a call to Kiev, he just did the same thing publicly in a communication to Beijing. Now, White House chief of staff Mick Mulvane says that Trump knows of "folks who will never get over the fact that it's a Trump property". But he will persist. Because in the end, he knows, it'll be great.

Crunch time for secularism

Congress ambivalence has allowed BJP to walk away with liberal agendas

PRATAP BHANU MEHTA

THE NEXT FEW months may turn out to be crunch time for the institutional formation of Indian secularism. The Ayodhya judgment is expected. The government is also likely going to move on three other issues that go to the core of secularism: The Citizenship Amendment Act (CAB) and the possible extension of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) itself; the introduction of a Common Civil Code Bill; and a possible national legislation to regulate conversion. These issues have been simmering for 70 years, and one way or the other a dénouement looks likely now. But the monumental irony of the moment is these issues are also a reminder that the Congress's cardinal sin was not letting the BJP walk away with nationalism; it was letting BJP walk away with liberalism.

Since Independence, the Congress dealt with these issues as a kind of modus vivendi, relying on deferring them issue, or fudging along with messy compromises that were often unprincipled. Both Rajiv Gandhi and Narasimha Rao did that on Ayodhya by facilitating access to the site and laying the ground work for a criminal act of destruction that took place with the demolition of Babri Masjid. They also, in effect, conceded the legitimacy of the principle that any wrong that might have been committed in the 16th century needs to be rectified in the 21st and that the importance of Ram requires worship on that site.

Ram bhakti requires no such diminution of Ram. The Left also unwittingly played into the BJP's hands, by constructing a historiography that denied or underplayed the fact that temples might have been destroyed. Both, in a sense, were arguing on the same ground that current rights depend on ascertaining the facts somewhere around circa 1526. Depending on the way the judgment goes, the biggest danger of the Supreme Court order will be to create a precedent that a large number of current titles to sites, from Mathura to Kashi now depend on arcane historiography. As you can see from the gathering momentum, this is a recipe for a nation in permanent contest over monuments of the past, and permanently in the grip of communal tension. The Congress closed the path to the future, it did not uphold rule of law, and legitimised the idea that Ram bhakti requires a temple on that site.

> Depending on the way the judgment goes, the biggest danger of the Supreme Court order will be to create a precedent that a large number of current titles to sites, from Mathura to Kashi now depend on arcane historiography. As you can see from the gathering momentum, this is a recipe for a nation in permanent contest over monuments of the past, and permanently in the grip of communal tension.

Similarly on the Uniform Civil Code (UCC), the Congress crafted a modus vivendi at Independence. Its shameful abdication on Shah Bano gave the BJP the political opening. What variation in civil codes is possible in a manner compatible with the freedom and equality of persons is an intricate philosophical issue. But from a liberal democratic standpoint, any civil code would have to pass three tests: Reflect freedom and equality, especially on gender; acknowledge that Parliament has symmetric authority over the laws of all religions; and that common citizenship requires we all be able to speak on each other's laws that are upheld by the state in our name. There are tricky issues. There is a false communal discourse that paints majority's laws as practices uniquely progressive and minority laws as regressive. There is the vital question of who gets to set the content of the UCC, the principles that guide it, and what variations it should allow to respect diversity. There is a real risk that our current answers to these questions will have not just a majoritarian slant, but will be designed to humiliate minorities. But in public eyes, all that the Congress offered was an evasive status quo. It let the BJP formally walk away with the plank of gender justice and the liberal idea that rights should, as far as possible, not depend on membership in particular religious communities.

On conversion, again, the Congress wrote the playbook in states including Madhya Pradesh and Odisha. Whatever may be the theological pros and cons of conversion, the idea that the state is in the business of saving anyone's soul should be an abomination for liberals. Yes, it has no right to intervene even if someone converts for inducement: That someone sells their soul, out of necessity or convenience, is their business. Often the legislation was one sided: Coming "back" to Hinduism is not conversion, but exiting is. The entire conversion discourse is built around the insecurities of Hinduism. We were complacent because we could always count on Congress governments not to enforce their own laws. But the idea of the state having any role in regulating religious beliefs should be anathema. But the Congress wrote the playbook.

The NRC process, as it is turning out, is an abomination; a recipe for human rights violations and the creation of insecurity all around. Formally, of course, every state can claim the legal right to want to distinguish between legal and illegal immigration. In Assam, there was a political issue about apportioning power between religious and cultural communities. The CAB is one discriminatory response to that quagmire. But instead of finding creative solutions consistent with practical realities, non-discriminatory constitutional ideals and humane values, all parties are now engaged in whipping up anxieties, whose logical conclusion will be more power to the state to harass ordinary citizens, especially minorities. We are risking consigning hundreds of thousands of people to that institution that is the 20th century's most ominous symbol of oppression, the camp. The NRC will add another dimension to the politics of secularism.

In the aftermath of Partition, creating a modus vivendi that threw cold water on these issues was understandable. But the Congress not only refused to move on and think anew; it has never adequately distanced itself from its mistakes and betrayals. It cannot articulate a position that is both progressive and anti-majoritarian. Instead, it will go for status quo and soft majoritarianism. On many of these issues, particularly on UCC, there has been a lot of sophisticated thinking. But the Congress's tainted record drowns out all other positions. Amit Shah will stand up and announce that the BJP is realising all the dreams the Congress did not have the courage to fulfil. The Congress will again be like a deer caught in headlights. What will it say? It will draw the erroneous conclusion that it lost credibility because it was soft on nationalism. No, it lost credibility because it betrayed liberalism. In this crunch moment for Indian secularism, which will be a crucial test for the Opposition, the Congress will be the cross we all have to bear. Fighting for secularism against the BJP is hard enough; being tarred with the legacy of Congress makes it even harder.

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A DOOMED ELECTION

Afghanistan polls, held without a ceasefire, do not portend political stability

KHALED AHMED

WARLORD GULBUDDIN Hekmatyar, who stood for president in the September 2019 elections in Afghanistan, announced post-poll that his rival, incumbent President Ashraf Ghani's votes were "over 60 per cent bogus", but he, Hekmatyar, had won the election anyway. The Tajik "chief executive" Abdullah Abdullah too announced that he had won the election.

A total of 2.7 million Afghans or 28 percent of the registered voters voted in the elections. An election, held without a ceasefire with the Taliban and its allies, the al Qaeda and Islamic State, was foredoomed. The trio held almost half of the "voting" Afghanistan.

In June 2019, Ghani visited Pakistan to say that its past "interference" in Afghanistan through the Taliban Quetta Shura had disturbed the bilateral equation which he hoped to set right. Later, Hekmatyar declared that Ghani was going to harm Pakistan by helping Iran and India to scuttle Pakistan's policy in Afghanistan and the region.

That Hekmatyar "negotiated" his return to Afghanistan, after a decade of war, did not mean that he was on the side of the Kabul government fighting the Taliban, al Qaeda and IS. It did not matter that he moved back because he couldn't get along with the Afghan Taliban leaders who once lived together with him in Peshawar in Pakistan during the war against the Soviet Union (1979-1989). He had begun by being a favourite of the US and ended up being its enemy, just as he began by being lionised by Pakistan but found Pakistan too "subservient" to the US. His view, however, surreptitiously resonated with many within the deep state of Pakistan.

> Pakistan inherited a split Afghan policy because of Hekmatyar's vendetta against the Tajik warlord Ahmad Shah Massoud. It meant that Pakistan had to say goodbye to the non-Pashtun tribes of northern Afghanistan, thus creating space for India to step in and balance the war in Pakistan's backyard. Pakistan's pursuit of a 'Hekmatyar policy' did not endear it to the Pashtuns of Afghanistan either.

His latest "revelation" was that Iran was in cahoots with India to harm Pakistan. Hounded by the rival Afghan warlords, he had "requested" Iran to give him shelter in 1996 — only to be driven out of there in 2002. After the Taliban under Mullah Umar fell from power in 2001, he returned to Pakistan to "resist" the government of President Hamid Karzai in Kabul.

To retrieve the details of his peace deal with Kabul, let's examine the facts more closely. On September 21, 2016, Ghani signed a peace deal with Hekmatyar and his Hizb-e-Islami militia. Before the deal, Hekmatyar apologised for bombing Kabul in 1993-94. He wanted to do this routine with Karzai too, but in those days the Americans didn't like the idea — they had placed a bounty on him. They knew that, starting 1996, he had lived in Tehran for seven years after apologising for having kicked the pro-Iran Shia militias out of the post- Soviet withdrawal mujahideen shura of Peshawar. He had Pakistan's ISI chief General Hamid Gul propping him up as Afghanistan's new prime minister.

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Hekmatyar sat instead on a hill outside Kabul and bombed the daylights of the capital city. He had more ammunition than all the Pakistan-supported warlords put together. Efforts to persuade Hekmatyar to reconcile with the Kabul government failed despite Osama Bin Laden's urging "to compromise with Ahmad Shah Massoud" in a radio conversation from Peshawar a year earlier in 1991: "Go back with your brothers," Bin Laden had stated. Instead, in 1992, Hekmatyar persuaded Uzbek leader Abdul Rashid Dostum and his Hazara Jihadi faction Hizb-e-Wahdat to form a common front against the Kabul government.

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OCTOBER 19, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

INDIAN EXPRESS

PRESS RESTRICTIONS

THE UNION INDUSTRY ministry issued an office circular barring its officials from meeting the press. This has come as a sequel to recent news reports on industrial policy which piqued Prime Minister Charan Singh. The circular, issued under instructions from the PM, says that any unauthorised briefing of newsmen would be treated as a serious violation of the service conduct rules and would invite stringent disciplinary action. It makes it clear that only the minister, the secretary and those officials specifically authorised to speak on behalf of the ministry would meet the press — in the normal course, journalists would be briefed by officials of the Press Information Bureau, it is said.

LITERATURE NOBEL

THE NOBEL PRIZE in literature was awarded to Greek poet Odysseus Elytis, whose lyrical work portrays man's struggles against the background of the Aegean landscape and Greek tradition. Elytis is the second Greek poet to receive the award — Giorgos Seferis won it in 1963. Elytis is the pen name adopted by Odysseus Alepoudhelis. In the mid-1930s, he and Seferis were among the contributors to the literary magazine *Nea Grammata*. Most of the members of this lyrial school were influenced by surrealism.

TARAPUR FUEL

THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS minister, S N Mishra, said there was "no room for pessimism" on the question of the US continuing supply of nuclear fuel for the Tarapur atomic power station. But did this mean there was room for optimism, he was asked at a news conference following his return from New York. Also, did the minister return with the impression that the US would clear the consignment for 19.8 tonnes of enriched uranium before the elections? Mishra replied: "There is no room for pessimism — I am not prepared to say anything more". When told of "pessimistic" newspaper reports on the subject, he described them as "tendentious".

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Demonstrations in Catalonia used to be peaceful. It seems that the protesters' use of violence in the four-month turmoil in Hong Kong has set an example for Catalan radicals."

—GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

The end game

Boris Johnson's Brexit troubles are not over. He has to bring the deal to the House of Commons, persuade Parliament to support it

MEGHNAD DESAI

C R Sasikumar

AGAINST ALL ODDS and despite all the rude remarks about EU leaders, Boris Johnson, the British prime minister, has struck a "deal" on the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union, well in time before the October 31 deadline. It looked highly unlikely just three months ago when Johnson became prime minister in July and promised to exit by October 31, deal or no deal or die in the ditch in the process.

Johnson hasn't had much luck with the British House of Commons since he became prime minister and suffered serial defeats. He managed to antagonise the Opposition and even his own party when he expelled 21 MPs who had voted against him. As such, he had inherited a party with no majority and the expulsions and other departures reduced his numbers in Parliament. He prorogued Parliament three weeks ahead of schedule which was appealed against in the courts. The Supreme Court declared it illegal and ordered Parliament to be resumed.

His prorogation united the Opposition. In order to forestall a possible departure on October 31 without a deal, Parliament passed an act asking him to come back with a signed deal by October 19, the day after a summit meeting of the European Union, and the last day for getting an agreement signed by the EU and the UK before the October 31.

If he had failed, then in that case, he had to ask for an extension of the departure date. Just seven days ago it looked likely that Johnson will not succeed in getting a deal signed by October 19. But, he also threatened not to obey Parliament and ask for an extension in the departure date till January 31, 2020.

The principal obstacle to the deal was the "Irish Backstop". Northern Ireland is a devolved part of the UK which shares the island territory with the Republic of Ireland, from which it was partitioned a century ago. The republic is a member of the EU. If the UK was to exit the EU Customs Union, then any goods lorry going from Northern Ireland to the Republic would need to be inspected and would have to pay a tariff.

However, in 1998, a treaty was signed by the UK and the Republic, with the USA being the broker, declaring that the border between the north and the south would be free. Thus the departure of the UK from the EU would be impossible as customs inspection and a free border would be incompatible.

Theresa May had got a deal in which it was promised that the entire UK would stay in the customs union even after Brexit until the EU and the UK had negotiated a free trade treaty. This deal was rejected by the House of Commons four times. Northern Ireland rejected the option of being separately treated from the rest of UK for the purpose of the customs union.

Theresa May was asked to resign by her party and Boris Johnson was elected leader by the Conservative Party. He promised to exit by October 31 — deal or no deal. It looked like he preferred a no deal which would have brought all trade between the UK and the EU, especially between North Ireland and the Republic to a halt and cause severe damage to all economies.

In a meeting with the Irish Taoiseach (the prime minister) Leo Varadkar, Johnson made a breakthrough. It was proposed that Northern Ireland would remain in the single market (enforcing common standards of health and safety and environment in production of goods traded) which would avoid health inspection. As to customs union, Johnson proposed inspections not at any spot but electronically and at random locations. This was not enough, but provided ground for further negotiations. October 16 and 17 being the summit dates for the EU, day and night negotiations followed over the last weekend and well into this week.

The objections were formidable. Northern Ireland insisted on coming out with the rest of the UK from the EU. The compromise is that in law, all UK will exit together. But a free economic zone would be declared for Northern Ireland which will admit goods from mainland UK. These goods will be taxed if they go south to the Republic but not if they stay north. To ease the burden, all goods will be taxed as they cross the Irish sea but those staying within the north would be granted a rebate.

To ease trade between the north and south Ireland, as before, it is agreed that the rules of the common market would apply. But, to make it more effective, the UK has promised to obey common market regulations when it negotiates a free trade treaty with the EU.

> Johnson's troubles are not over yet. He has to bring the deal to the House of Commons which will meet on a Saturday for the first time in 40 years. He will have to persuade Parliament to support it. With reduced numbers, he has to take back his expelled colleagues, keep the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) MPs supporting the deal and win over about 20 more votes from the Opposition benches. MPs who want Brexit but with a deal and not without may vote with Johnson.

Thus, the border between the EU and the UK is in the Irish Sea which was originally rejected by Northern Ireland. Now, that has been agreed on. Northern Ireland will, de jure, leave with Great Britain but, de facto, be a free economic zone permitting trade across the customs union.

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It has been a tense few days and the coming days will be even more so. I put the probability of success no more than 65 per cent. Johnson would be hailed as a great prime minister if he delivers a Brexit with a deal by October 31. If he wins, he will call for an election which he will win handsomely.

If he loses the vote, there may be a second referendum putting his deal to a vote or he may face a no-confidence vote. If he loses that vote, an interim government would take over, get an extension, and start negotiations all over again.

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Supreme protection

Higher judiciary must take proactive steps to stop lynching, punish perpetrators

DUSHYANT DAVE

ON JANUARY 1, Prime Minister Narendra Modi in an ANI interview spoke on lynchings: "Any such incident does not reflect well on a civilised society... This is totally wrong and condemnable... For improving this situation, we should all work collectively. There should be no such incident in the society." Later, in June, while speaking in Rajya Sabha, the PM again said, "The lynching (in Jharkhand) has pained me. It has saddened others, too".

The constitution bench of the Supreme Court of India in its judgment dated July 17, 2018 while dealing with W.P. (C) No. 754 of 2016 held, "There can be no shadow of doubt that the authorities which are conferred with the responsibility to maintain law and order in the States have the principal obligation to see that vigilantism, be it cow vigilantism or any other vigilantism of any perception, does not take place." It observed, "...When any core group with some kind of idea take the law into their own hands, it ushers in anarchy, chaos, disorder and, eventually, there is an emergence of a violent society". It also held, "Lynching is an affront to the rule of law and to the exalted values of the Constitution itself". The Court further held, "Hate crimes as a product of intolerance, ideological dominance and prejudice ought not to be tolerated; lest it results in a reign of terror..."

Therefore, the Court, while laying down various guidelines for the central and state governments — including preventive, ameliorative and punitive measures — directed the appointment of nodal officers by the police in each district of every state in this regard, observing, "... we think it appropriate to recommend to the legislature, that is, the Parliament, to create a separate offence for lynching and provide adequate punishment for the same..." to instill fear of law amongst perpetrators.

The judgment of the SC binds all civil and judicial authorities in the country by virtue of Article 144 of the Constitution. So, the October 4 order by the chief judicial magistrate of Muzaffarpur, Surya Kant Tiwari is, to say the least, worrisome in so far as he entertained a petition by a serial litigant, which had no basis whatsoever in the eyes of law, directing the police to register an FIR against 49 eminent citizens who had written a letter to the PM to intervene and stop lynchings. The petition claimed that by their letter, "they had tarnished the image of the country and undermined impressive achievements of the Prime Minister". The order passed by the CJM and the subsequent registration of the FIR are not just unconstitutional, but entirely illegal and perverse. The CJM surely ignored not just the rule of law but a binding judgment of the Supreme Court. Does the CJM suggest that even the PM can be proceeded against for his statements? The CJM, in this case, needs to be proceeded against by the concerned high court administratively for having abused his office. One hopes that the high court would intervene.

But, this incident brings to fore the role of the judiciary. Though the right to life is a Fundamental Right, which the state including the executive and judiciary is bound to protect, the violations in these types of cases go, more often than not, unpunished or under-punished. In a large number of cases of this kind, the judges, including those in the higher judiciary, have been extremely lenient towards the perpetrators. As a result, acquittals in virtually open-and-shut cases have come at regular intervals, as in the Pehlu Khan lynching case. The orders for granting bail by the Jharkhand High Court in the Ramgarh lynching case, by the Allahabad high court in Bulandshahr lynching case, by the Bombay High Court in Dhule lynching case, by the Punjab and Haryana High Court in Junaid lynching case, and, by the sessions court in Hapur lynching case, are some of the instances which raise serious question marks on the judicial approach of the courts in India towards such heinous crimes. The grant of bail to the convicted and accused in the Gujarat riot cases — where hundreds were killed in the Gulbarg Society massacre and the Naroda Patiya massacre — by the Supreme Court and the Gujarat High Court, add to this list of avoidable decisions. All this is compounded by the approach of the police in improperly investigating cases and not taking them to their logical end before the courts. Clearly, the judiciary needs to undergo extensive sensitisation programmes to deal with such matters.

Judicial apathy sends terribly wrong signals to future perpetrators, who may justifiably believe that they may ultimately be acquitted, and in any case will be bailed out pending trials. Far from instilling fear of law, such decisions remove that fear. The time has come for the SC and the high courts to take up such cases of acquittals/grant of bails suo motu, and pass appropriate orders after hearing concerned parties. The Supreme Court in its February 8, 2018 judgment — while setting aside the judgment of Bombay High Court granting bail to the accused who had killed one Shaikh Mohsin in Pune — observed: "We have no doubt that a court fully conscious of plural composition of the court while called upon to deal with rights of various communities cannot make such observations which may appear to be coloured/biased for/or against a community. that the fact the deceased belongs to a certain community cannot be a justification for any assault much less a murder."

This should be the approach of the entire judiciary, which is the ultimate protector of the Right to Life as guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution. One hopes that the SC takes definite steps in this direction.

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The sacred economy

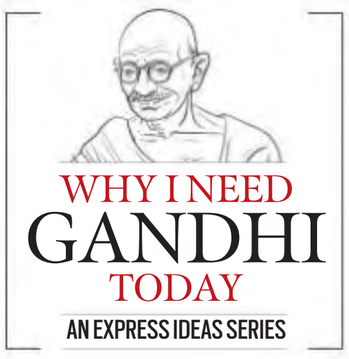
Today, more than ever, we need Gandhi's economic wisdom

PRASANNA

WE DEFINITELY need Gandhi. But the point is: How do we utilise his wisdom to sort out the mess we have created in the last seven decades? When you look at it this way, you realise that you have to take Gandhi's economic wisdom, rather than the many, many other things that he did. What is Gandhi's economic wisdom? J C Kumarappa called it "economy of permanence". But I call it "sacred economy" because Gandhi, in a fundamental sense, married the sacred and the economic, while all of us, in the last seven decades, have been separating the two.

We should realise that Gandhiji was a Rama bhakt. For him, political independence went along with constructing a Rama rajya or a civilisation that is decent. When he married politics and Rama rajya, he did so at the level of the economic. For Gandhiji, economy meant construction of jobs, more than production, more than profits. In the last 70 years, we have been increasing production only because it meant a lot of profit for a few people. We genuinely thought that those few people would transfer the profit to the masses. Jawaharlal Nehru tried seriously to achieve that, as did others. I am sure even our present PM is trying to achieve that. Unfortunately, this has not happened.

The economy of over-production and excess profit and growth is collapsing. Some may be wishfully thinking it will revive. But most sensible people think it won't. You can't simply go on constructing and we can't always have a 12 per cent growth — that can be achieved only by cancer, not by human beings. When Greta Thunberg is raising her voice, saying, "You people are destroying my world", she can only cry because the country and continent in which she lives, as well as America, have converted so completely to homogenised economic systems that they may be unable to go back. But as a proud Indian, I know that the other economy, which was dear to Gandhiji, is alive in India. So there is a possibility of going back to nature.



How can we achieve this? Only the way Gandhiji tried to achieve it. By marrying the best in city people with the best in village people. We don't realise that Gandhiji, though he donned the dress of a villager, was an urban mind. He had gone to England, South Africa, he knew many languages; he had, among his friends, socialists, communists and Catholics. He understood the world. And he was telling the young people of those days, whether it was Subhash Chandra Bose or Nehru or hundreds of other highly-educated city people, to go to villages. He was also asking the village people, too, to go to the city for inspiration.

Gandhiji's economy is sacred and also scientific. How do you save nature? By actually shifting to production systems that use less of automation, that treat nature as less of a raw material. When I talk of sacred economy, I don't only mean the handmade. A lot of people think that Gandhiji talked of the handmade in a Brahminical way — meaning only that and nothing else. A hundred years after Gandhiji, we cannot draw the line between the handmade and the machine-made. But we have to start the scale from the complete handmade, as the most sacred. A little less handmade is a little less sacred and so on.

The alternative needs time, it needs hundreds and thousands of what Gandhiji called constructive workers, who will go to the villages and arm them with systems. Over the last 250 years, millions of dollars have been spent in industry and the knowledge accumulated is in the construction of systems of accounting, of management, production, managing markets, managing production, etc. The villagers don't have it. Mr Tata has this. The weaver doesn't.

We should inspire thousands of young people, who are falling on the streetside every day because of job loss, inspire them to go to the village, and work like activists of the freedom struggle. Work like Kumarappa. He was an US-trained economist. He changed his dress, threw away his salary and happily worked amongst the people, improving the systems of production of handloom, oil, soap, etc. If we sit in our comfortable chairs and criticise others, the country will collapse. Gandhiji did not just talk. He acted.

We need the Gandhi who constructed an economic dream. And not just a political dream. When we look at Gandhi's dream as political, then we want to kill him. Because a lot of people are trying to convince you that Gandhiji sold out to Pakistan. That is ignorance.

I don't want to talk about politics. Because politics has become a choice between two parties, or pieces of a few parties. But essentially, it is the same economy. They talk about the village, they are for the city. They talk about the small, they enjoy the smart city. The people followed our PM because they thought he was talking of Rama Rajya, and they gave him a massive mandate. It was a positive mandate. To construct a Rama Rajya, which, we should realise, is ashrama rajya. When Rama fought his enemy, he had the monkeys and the birds and the trees as his soldiers. And what was he trying to save from the rakhshasa? Sita, who is nature. That's where our PM, though he is so popular and competent, has misread the message given by the people. That message was not for the mere construction of a Ram temple, but for the construction of a beautiful dream, which is Rama rajya.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DILUTING RTI

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Chipping away RTI' (IE, October 18). It rightly notes that even before the introduction of the new amendments, governments have diluted the RTI Act through various means. But, the information commission is also responsible for this state of affairs. Here is an example: In the last 32 months, Gujarat Information Commission received 44,457 second appeals but it has admitted only 24,175 of them. The GIC heard 13,755 second appeals in the past 32 months but ordered compensation in only two cases and that too only Rs 10,000.

Suchak D Patel, *Ahmedabad*

LETTER OF THE WEEK

MANTO REDUX

THIS REFERS TO the article,This refers to the article, 'Where do I belong?' (IE, October 14). Obtaining a legal identity is so convoluted, so complex that if Saadat Hasan Manto was alive today, he would have found us all as flustered as his iconic character, Toba Tek Singh.

Sangeeta Kampani, *Mumbai*

CHIEF OF CHIEFS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Light on national security'(IE, October 17). The creation of the post of Chief of Defence staff is long overdue. This officer could be the government's chief military advisor as well as a leader of the chiefs of the services. Most countries have such a post. The CDS will not only coordinate the activities of the armed forces but also act as the link between the government and the armed forces.

Sauro Dasgupta, *Kolkata*

PATH TO NORMALCY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Erasing the slate' (IE, October 16). The editorial has hit the nail on the head with the respect to the situation in Jammu & Kashmir. The need of the hour is to bring back normalcy in J&K and restore the confidence of the people. However, anti-social elements should be dealt with an iron hand. Communication facilities should be restored. All sections of people including the opposition parties should aid the government's initiatives to restore normalcy.

V Nagendra Kumar, *via email*

A NON STARTER

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Five years of Make in India' (IE, October 17).It has been more than five years since Prime Minister Narendra Modi invited entrepreneurs from all over the world to manufacture in India. But the response has not been enthusiastic so far. The reasons are not far to seek. Our bureaucratic dragnet discourages investors to park their money here. Cumbersome laws coupled with the scourge of corruption dissuades them from setting up enterprises. Unless the work climate improves, Make in India will remain an utopia.

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TELLING NUMBERS

TB burden in India and world, and the declining rates

2.69 MN CASES IN INDIA, 2018

WORLD: 10 mn cases (7 mn diagnosed, 3 mn undetected)

INDIA BREAKUP: 56% men, 31% women, 13% children

WORLD BREAKUP: 57% men, 32% women, 11% children

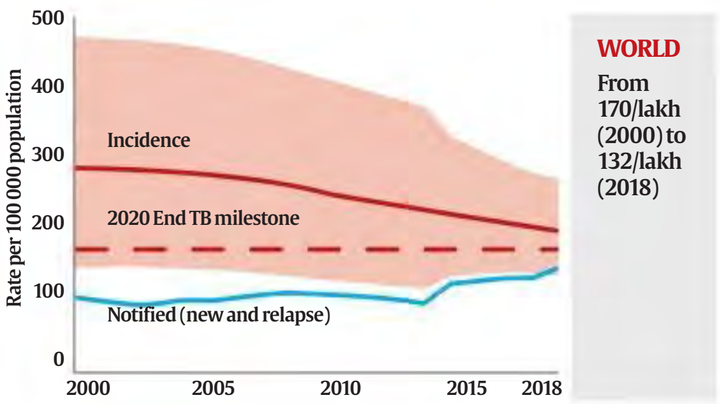
4.49 LAKH DEATHS IN INDIA

WORLD: 15 lakh deaths

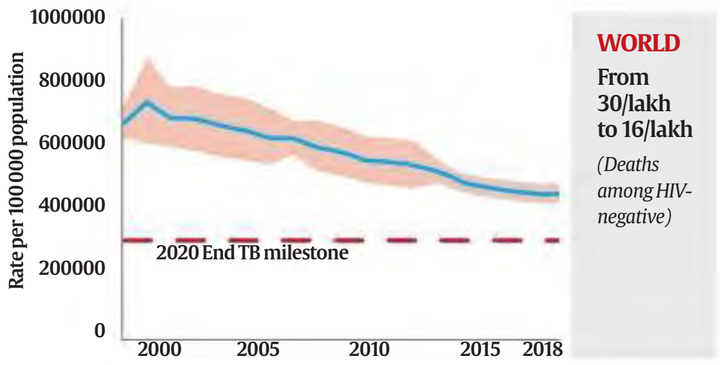
INCLUDING: 2.51 lakh deaths of people with HIV

TB is the leading killer of people with HIV

INDIA INCIDENCE RATE FROM 300/LAKH (2000) TO 199/LAKH (2018)



INDIA MORTALITY RATE FROM 60/LAKH (2000) TO 32/LAKH (2018)



Source: WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2019

ON THURSDAY, the World Health Organization released its annual Global Tuberculosis Report for 2019, which found India was able to reduce incidence in 2018 by almost 50,000 cases from the previous year, but still had the highest burden with 2.69 million cases — 26.9% of the global burden of 10 million (*The Indian Express*, October 18).

Of the 10 million new cases, 7 million were reported to authorities, including 1.99 million of the 2.69 million in India. Globally, TB claimed 15 lakh lives in 2018, including 2.51 lakh with HIV. The 15 lakh included 4.49 lakh deaths in India (9,700 lakh had HIV), down from over 6 lakh in 2000.

TB incidence rate in India dropped from almost 300 per lakh population in 2000 to 199/lakh in 2018, as compared to a global decline from 170/lakh to 132/lakh. The mortality rate in India declined from almost 60 deaths per lakh population (HIV-negative) in 2000 to 32 per lakh in 2018, while the global mortality rate declined at the same rate, from 30/lakh to 16/lakh.

TIP FOR READING LIST

HISTORY OF THE MULTIVERSE CONCEPT

MULTIVERSE IS a scientific concept that has become commonly used because of the popularity of the Marvel Cinematic Universe. In *Avengers: Endgame*, the Ancient One explains how removing any of the Infinity Stones will create splinter timelines, each continuing alongside the original one, with a different universe along each timeline. This idea is not just restricted to science fiction. Some scientists believe that our universe may indeed be just one of many. The idea goes back many centuries, in fact, and it is this history that Tom Siegfried, former editor-in-chief of *Science Magazine*, explores in his new book *The Number of the Heavens: A History of the Multiverse and the Quest to Understand the Cosmos*.

"While 'multiverse' is in the book's subtitle, and Siegfried starts the book with contemporary discussions about it, much of the book is a historical account of how our understanding of just what comprises the universe has evolved," *The Space Review* writes in its review. The book traces the history of this idea from the time of the Ancient Greek philosophers, who first raised the possibility of multiple universes. During the Renaissance, René Descartes declared "the number of the heavens" to be indefinitely large. In the 1980s, new theories about the Big Bang led to renewed interest in the multiverse. And today, some cosmologists and physicists are debating about the possibility of parallel universes.

SIMPLY PUT

Monsoon out, monsoon in

The day the southwest monsoon finally withdrew, the northeast monsoon arrived. The winter monsoon brings much less rain than the summer monsoon, but it is important for the South, especially Tamil Nadu

AMITABH SINHA
PUNE, OCTOBER 18

THIS WEDNESDAY witnessed a rare meteorological coincidence. The southwest, or summer, monsoon, finally withdrew from the country, having overstayed and delayed its retreat by a record time. The same day, the northeast, or winter, monsoon made its onset, on time. The two events rarely happen simultaneously, though the three month-winter monsoon season is supposed to begin almost immediately after the end of the June-September summer monsoon season.

In common vocabulary, a reference to the monsoon usually means the southwest summer monsoon. That is because it is the main monsoon season that brings widespread rain all across the country. For many parts of India, this is the only time they receive rainfall. These four months bring about 75 per cent of India's annual rainfall.

However, for some regions of south India, it is the winter monsoon that is much more important. Though much less heard of, the northeast monsoon is as permanent a feature of the Indian subcontinent's climate system as is the summer monsoon.

Direction gives the name

The northeast monsoon does not have anything to do with the Northeast region of the country, though a part of the system does originate from the area above it. The northeast monsoon derives its name from the direction in which it travels - from the northeast to the southwest. On the other hand, the summer monsoon, at least the Arabian Sea branch of it, moves in exactly the opposite direction - from the southwest to the northeast. That is why it is also called the southwest monsoon. Of course, the summer has another branch that swerves in an anticlockwise direction in the Bay of Bengal before entering the Indian landmass and bringing rains to the eastern, northeastern and northern parts of the country.

The reversal of direction in the lower-atmosphere moisture-laden winds happens primarily due to the southward movement of Inter Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) during the withdrawal phase. The ITCZ is a dynamic region near the Equator where the trade winds of the northern and southern hemispheres come together. The intense sun and warm waters of the ocean heat up the air in this region and increase its moisture content. As the air rises, it cools, and releases the accumulated moisture, thus bringing rainfall.

During the monsoon season, this ITCZ is located over the Indian landmass. By September, as the temperature in the northern hemisphere begins to go down, the ITCZ starts moving southwards, towards the Equator, and further into the southern hemisphere where the summer season begins to take shape.

Rain over Southern Peninsula

The months of October, November and December are supposed to comprise the northeast monsoon season, though the normal date for the onset of this monsoon is only around October 20. The southern peninsular region receives rains in the first half of October as well, but that is attributable to the retreating summer monsoon. The summer monsoon season ends on September 30 but the withdrawal does not happen overnight. From the beginning of the season, as it starts its northward journey over the Indian landmass, the monsoon takes a month and a half to cover the entire country. The southward withdrawal takes place over a period of three to four weeks. It usually starts around the second week of September and continues till about the second week of October, bringing rain as it retreats. This year, the withdrawal was completed in just eight days, beginning on October 9.

The northeast monsoon season brings rainfall to just five of the 36 meteorological divisions in the country — Tamil Nadu (which includes Puducherry), Kerala, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Rayalaseema and South Interior Karnataka. As such, this season contributes only 11 per cent to India's annual rainfall of 1,187 mm, compared to about 75 per cent in the summer monsoon season (the remaining rain comes in other non-monsoon months).

Many other parts of the country, like the Gangetic plains and northern states, also receive some rain in November and December but this is not due to the northeast monsoon. It is caused mainly by the Western Disturbances, an eastward-moving rain-bearing wind system that originates beyond Afghanistan and Iran, picking up moisture from as far as the Mediterranean Sea, even the Atlantic Ocean.

The northeast monsoon is particularly important for Tamil Nadu, which receives almost half its annual rainfall (438 mm of the annual 914.4 mm) during this season. The southwest monsoon contributes just 35 per cent to Tamil Nadu's annual rainfall (the rest comes in other non-monsoon months). Within the state, some districts get up to 60 per cent of their annual rainfall during this time. Similarly, Rayalaseema region and Coastal Andhra Pradesh both about 30 per cent, and South Interior Karnataka receives about 20 per cent of its annual rainfall during the northeast monsoon season (see chart).

El Niño impact

Like the southwest monsoon, the northeast monsoon is also impacted by the warming and cooling of sea surface waters in the central Pacific Ocean. But the impact is the opposite. The northeast monsoon is known to receive a boost from El Niño, when the sea surface temperatures in the equatorial Pacific Ocean, off the western coast of South America, are warmer than usual. And, when the opposite phenomena La Niña happens, rainfall during the northeast monsoon is known to get depressed. This year the El Niño Southern Oscillation, or ENSO, is in neutral state and is likely to remain like that for the rest of the year.

Unlike for the southwest monsoon, the India Meteorological Department does not come out with a long-range forecast for the winter monsoon. But after unusually high rainfall during the southwest monsoon, the northeast monsoon is also expected to deliver good rainfall. According to an analysis by Sridhar Balasubramanian, an associate professor of mechanical engineering and an adjunct faculty member at IDP Climate Studies at IIT Bombay, this year's northeast monsoon is likely to be normal, and likely to result in rainfall that is 100-102 per cent of the long period average. November is likely to be the wettest month of the season.

HOW MUCH RAIN, WHERE

Northeast monsoon rain at Chennai Central on Thursday morning. *Express*

Region	Annual Rainfall	NE Monsoon	Percentage
Kerala	2924	481	16.4
Tamil Nadu	914	438	47.92
South Interior Karnataka	1019	210	20.6
Rayalaseema	706	219	31
Coastal Andhra Pradesh	1024	327	31.93

Source: IMD

All India average annual: 1,187 mm (SW monsoon 887 mm, NE monsoon 127 mm)

THIS WORD MEANS

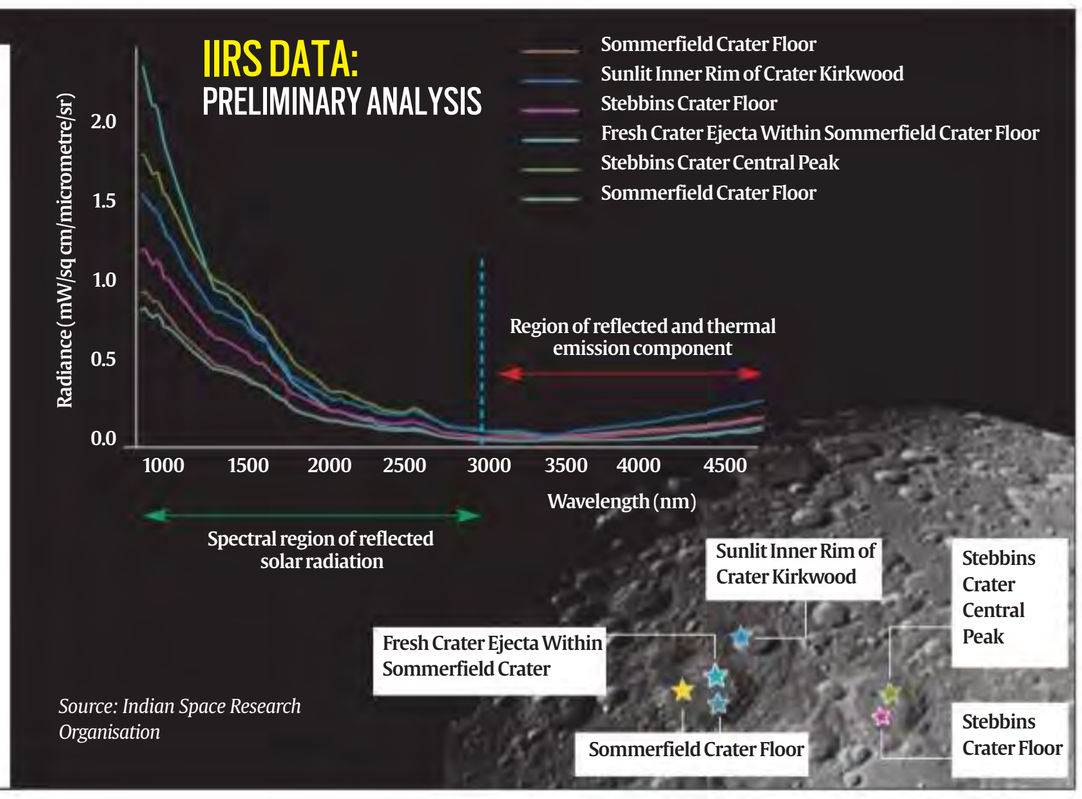
SPECTROSCOPY

Science behind latest Chandrayaan-2 image, and why these graphs matter

ON WEDNESDAY, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) released an image from Chandrayaan-2 showing measurements from the Moon, carried out by the instrument Imaging Infrared Spectrometer (IIRS). Such studies make up a branch of physics called spectroscopy.

It is well known how visible light can disperse into rainbow colours after passing through a prism. The science of spectroscopy grew from there, and today it has extended to include the study of interaction between matter and electromagnetic radiation. IIRS is designed to measure light from the lunar surface in narrow spectral channels (bands). It has the ability to split and disperse reflected sunlight (and its emitted component) into these spectral bands.

From the reflected solar spectrum, scientists will look for signatures, including of minerals. This will help map the lunar surface composition, which in turn will help us understand the Moon's origin and evolution in a geologic context.



Source: Indian Space Research Organisation

More than the numbers: why all-women spacewalk is a milestone

MEHR GILL
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

ON FRIDAY, NASA astronauts Jessica Meir and Christina Koch carried out the first all-women spacewalk in history. Their mission was to carry out repairs on the International Space Station. What makes it historic, however, is not just the fact that it is a first, but also the events leading up to the event, including a failed earlier attempt.

What happened the first time?

The first all-women spacewalk was originally meant to happen on March 29. Koch was one of the astronauts then, too, the other being Anne McClain. It did not happen because the International Space Station did not have enough spacesuits McClain's size.

McClain had trained in two sizes, and was meant to wear a size-large upper torso on the historic spacewalk. After one spacewalk (not all-women), she figured that a size-medium upper torso would work best for her. However, only one such upper torso was ready for use at that time, and Koch was to wear that one. So, McClain's slot was given to Nick Hague (size large), who walked with Koch.

What is "ready for use"?

Spacesuits need to be configured to an astronaut's body size before a spacewalk. It can take up to 12 hours to safely prepare spacesuits for a spacewalk, Stephanie Schierholz, NASA spokesperson, told space.com at that time. To avoid delay and for safety reasons, the swap was necessary. Putting on a spacesuit takes 45 minutes.

On March 27, McClain tweeted, "This decision was based on my recommendation. Leaders must make tough calls, and I am fortunate to work with a team who trusts my judgement. We must never accept a risk that can instead be mitigated. Safety of the crew and execution of the mission come first."

McClain later went on another spacewalk.

If safety was the concern, why was the change of schedule an issue?

It sparked widespread criticism. While NASA is generally regarded as being sensitive to gender issues (Koch's and Meir's 2013 class of astronaut candidates was 50% women), many women saw the lack of availability of the right spacesuit as a sign of NASA's structural problems with regard to women astronauts.

Jessica Meir (left) went on her first spacewalk; Christina Koch (right) on her fourth. *NASA*

"Make another suit," Hillary Clinton tweeted, while British politician Amelia Womack tweeted, "How women miss out when the world is built around men." And Author Mary Robinette Kowal, winner of the Hugo Award, posted a tweet that appeared to imply gender bias in the spacesuits sizes that were given priority.

"NASA used to have small, medium, large and extra-large suits. For budget reasons, the small and XL suits were cut. However, many of the male astronauts could not fit into the L suits, so the XLs were brought back. The small suits never were," Robinette Kowal tweeted.

Until now, 213 men and 14 women (including Koch) had done spacewalks; Meir became the 15th.

As the debate raged, NASA tweeted, "We've seen your tweets about spacesuit availability for Friday's spacewalk. To clarify, we have more than 1 medium size space suit torso aboard, but to stay on schedule with @Space_Station upgrades, it's safer & faster to change spacewalker assignments than reconfigure spacesuits."

Why must spacesuit specifications be so precise?

A spacesuit, or Extravehicular Mobility Unit (EMU), is worn to be able to work outside the space station. Spacesuits provide astronauts with oxygen supply while they are in the vacuum of space and the suits also give them protection against extreme temperatures, radiation and space dust.

An EMU consists of components such as the upper torso, lower torso, gloves and arms, which are manufactured in different sizes and assembled together in combinations that fits an astronaut best. In McClain's case, it would have meant swapping parts. Spacesuits are not designed differently for men and women astronauts.

The EMUs currently in use were developed in 1974. These are reusable, and have been refurbished and redesigned many times in the last 40 years.

Is there no plan for an upgrade?

On October 15, NASA unveiled its next generation of spacesuits. One kind, called xEMU, will improve upon suits previously worn during the Apollo era and those that are currently in use for carrying out spacewalks outside the ISS. The Orion suit, meanwhile, is designed for a custom fit and incorporates safety technology and mobility features that will help protect astronauts during launch, in emergency situations, high-risk parts of missions near the Moon, and during the high-speed return to Earth, NASA said.

Significantly, the xEMU suits will be worn by astronauts on the Artemis mission to the Moon. As NASA pointed out while announcing the new spacesuits, the mission will seek to put the next man and the first woman on the Moon.

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US DEMOCRAT ILHAN OMAR, ON SYRIA OFFENSIVE

"To recap: Trump greenlit the invasion of Syria, claimed to negotiate a ceasefire that didn't hold, then said the Kurdish people had to be 'cleaned out.' This is dehumanizing language. This Administration is a threat to global peace"

TOP OF THE WORLD

Cartel gunmen in Culiacan. *Reuters*

MEXICO

El Chapo's son held, released amid violence

Mexico City: Cartel gunmen paralysed a Mexican city Thursday, unleashing hails of automatic gunfire in broad daylight in a staggering show of force after soldiers arrested and then released Ovidio Guzmán López, the son of the infamous drug lord Joaquín Guzmán Loera. The violence began shortly after 3:30 p.m. in the city of Culiacán, when a patrol of 30 soldiers came under attack by individuals in a home in the neighborhood of Tres Ríos, according to government officials.

PAKISTAN

Press freedom group leader expelled

Islamabad: Pakistan blacklisted and expelled the Asia coordinator of global press freedom group the Committee to Protect Journalists, the group's executive director said Friday. Joel Simon called the expulsion of Steven Butler "baffling" and "a slap in the face" to those concerned about press freedom in Pakistan. Butler was refused entry at the Allama Iqbal International Airport in Lahore despite having a valid visa and was returned to the United States. Butler said he was told he was on "a stop list of the Interior Ministry." The Pakistani government had no immediate comment Friday.

CHINA

Legislature hits out at US over Hong Kong

Beijing: China's ceremonial legislature is attacking legislation in the US Congress to support pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong. A spokesman for the National People's Congress says the legislation "violates the basic norms of international law and international relations" and "grossly interferes in China's domestic politics." A bill passed by the US House of Representatives would require annual reviews by the US secretary of state of Hong Kong's special economic and trade status, providing a check on Beijing's influence over the territory.

TOLL EXPECTED TO RISE, TALIBAN DENIES ANY ROLE

Blast kills 62, injures over 100 during prayers at Afghan mosque

AGENCIES
KABUL, OCTOBER 18

MULTIPLE EXPLOSIONS at a mosque in eastern Afghanistan collapsed the roof on worshippers during Friday prayers, killing at least 62 and wounding more than 100, officials said.

Attaullah Khogyani, spokesman for Nangarhar province's governor, said bombs had been placed inside the mosque in the Jawdara area of Haska Mena district.

"People using an excavator are still working to bring out the bodies and injured from under the roof," said Sohrab Qaderi, a member of the provincial council in Nangarhar, adding that the death toll was likely to rise.

Malik Mohammadi Gul Shinwari, a tribal elder from the area, said that the mosque had been destroyed.

"It was a heartbreaking scene I witnessed," Shinwari said.

No group immediately claimed responsibility but the government accused Taliban insurgents, who are fighting to reimpose strict Islamic law after their 2001 ouster by U.S.-led forces. Sediq Sediqqi, spokesman for the presidential palace, condemned what he said was a suicide bomb attack.

"The Taliban and their partners' heinous crimes continue to target civilians at the time of worship," Sediqqi added.

Suhail Shaheen, a spokesman for the Taliban, denied responsibility.

"All witnesses say it was a mortar attack by Kabul Adm.(Administration) forces," he said in a tweet. "Such intentional killing of scores of civilians while at prayer is a war crime," Omar Waraich, Amnesty International's deputy South Asia director, said in a statement Friday. "This is not a war that is winding down, it is escalating and the people who are suffering the most are civilians."

Zahir Adil, spokesman for the public health department in Nangarhar Province, said 23 of the wounded were transferred to Jalalabad, the provincial capital, and the rest were being treated in the Haskamena district clinic.

The violence comes a day after a UN report said Afghan civilians are dying in record numbers in the country's increasingly brutal war, noting that more civilians died in July than in any previous one-month period since the UN began keeping statistics.

"Civilian casualties at record-high levels clearly show the need for all parties concerned to pay much more attention to protecting the civilian population, including through a review of conduct during combat operations," said Tadamichi Yamamoto, the UN secretary-general's special representative for Afghanistan.

A person injured in the blast, at a hospital in Jalalabad on Friday. *Reuters*

EXPLAINED

Civilian toll at record high levels

THE LATEST attack comes a day after a UN report suggested that 1,174 civilians were killed and 3,139 wounded from July 1 to September 30.

The UN report further indicated that for the first time this year, "anti-government elements" were responsible for more deaths than US or pro-government forces. With reports saying 41 per cent of casualties were women or children, this period is said to be one of the bloodiest in recent years. The incident is expected to renew focus on the need for a peace deal, after talks for one had fallen apart earlier this year.

Smoke billows from Ras al-Ayn, where shelling and gunfire were heard, on Friday. *AP*

HOURS AFTER CEASEFIRE WAS DECLARED

Kurds accuse Turkey of violating truce as shelling continues in Syria

PATRICK KINGSLEY
ISTANBUL, OCTOBER 18

TURKEY'S SYRIA OFFENSIVE

THE LEADERSHIP of the Syrian Kurdish fighters accused the Turkish military and its proxies on Friday of violating the terms of a truce in northern Syria that was brokered a day earlier by Vice President Mike Pence, raising questions about the feasibility of the ceasefire and whether the Americans can enforce it.

A spokesman for the Kurdish forces, Mustafa Ali, said on Twitter Turkey continued to pound civilian areas and a hospital, despite the announcement Thursday night by Pence that there would be a five-day pause.

Responding to the claims that Turkey had violated the truce, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan denied that any fighting was continuing. "I do not know where you get your information from," he told a reporter after leaving Friday Prayers at a mosque in Istanbul. "Conflict is out of the question."

But shelling continued in the Syrian border town of Ras al-Ain, and gunfire could be heard by journalists just across the border in Turkey.

The continuation of the deadly conflict provided further evidence of the US' diminished influence, showing that the American military, having evacuated its troops from northern Syria, had no practical ability to enforce the cease-fire.

The truce agreement had already amounted to a near victory for Erdogan, who outmaneuvered President Trump, since it gave the assent of the United States to a Turkish sphere of influence in northern Syria and further diminished the United States' role in the region.

On Friday, Kurdish health officials said they were investigating whether six civilians in the town had been hit by chemical weapons during Turkish airstrikes.

The Turkish government has denied the claim, along with other accusations of war crimes. Its Defense Ministry said on Friday that the Turkish Army had continued its offensive "on the basis of humanitarian and moral values, and of international law." **NYT**

Top White House official indicates Trump held back aid to Ukraine

NEW YORK TIMES
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 18

MICK MULVANEY, the acting White House chief of staff, threw the Trump administration's defense against impeachment into disarray on Thursday when he said that the White House withheld nearly $400 million in military aid to Ukraine to further President Trump's political interests.

Mulvaney told journalists in a televised White House briefing that the aid was withheld in part until Ukraine investigated an unsubstantiated theory that Ukraine, not Russia, was responsible for hacking Democratic Party emails in 2016 — a theory that would show that Mr. Trump was elected without Russian help.

The declaration by Mulvaney, which he took back later in the day, undercut Trump's repeated denials of a quid pro quo that linked American military aid for Ukraine to an investigation that could help Trump politically.

The comments sent Washington into turmoil as Democrats and some Republicans said they were deeply damaging to Trump.

At the White House, Mulvaney said that Trump had demanded that Ukraine investigate the theory, even though a former White House homeland security adviser had told Trump that the theory had been completely debunked.

> "The look back to what happened in 2016 certainly was part of the thing that he was worried about in corruption with that nation... And that is absolutely appropriate"
>
> — MICK MULVANEY
> ACTING WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF

Democrats called Mulvaney's comments a potential turning point in their impeachment inquiry. "We have a confession," said Representative Eric Swalwell, Democrat of California.

By day's end, after Trump told aides to clean up the mess, Mulvaney issued a statement flatly denying what he had earlier said. "Once again, the media has decided to misconstrue my comments to advance a biased and political witch hunt against President Trump," Mulvaney wrote.

Reuters

TURMOIL IN LEBANON

■ A demonstrator holds a Lebanese flag during a protest over the deteriorating economic situation, in Dora on Friday

■ The rallies are the largest Lebanon has seen since 2015 and could destabilise an economy that is already on the verge of collapse

Boris returns to London, looks to drum up support for Brexit deal

ASSOCIATED PRESS
LONDON, OCTOBER 18

AFTER WINNING the backing of European Union leaders for his new Brexit deal , Prime Minister Boris Johnson was in London Friday looking to secure enough support to get the deal through the fractious British Parliament.

Johnson returned overnight for what is expected to be a busy day attempting to persuade lawmakers to vote for the divorce deal at a rare Saturday sitting of Parliament. It is expected to be a knife-edge vote.

Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab started drumming up support early. "We've got a real opportunity now to get Brexit delivered faithful to the referendum, move on as a Government, and I think as a country, and lift the clouds of Brexit," he told the BBC.

But the chances of that appeared slim. The DUP's Brexit spokesman, Sammy Wilson, said Johnson's Brexit package was bad for Northern Ireland.

"I can give you absolute assurance we will not be voting for this deal when it comes before the Commons tomorrow," he told the BBC.

'WRONG NOT TO TAKE BORIS SERIOUSLY'

Brussels: French President Emmanuel Macron said Friday British Prime Minister Boris Johnson had been underestimated. "He may be a colorful character sometimes but we all are at times. He's got a temper, but he's a leader with a real strategic vision. Those who didn't take him seriously were wrong," Macron told a press meet after an EU summit. **REUTERS**

Trump blasts 'crazy' Pelosi, says Erdogan wants truce to work

STEVE HOLLAND
DALLAS, OCTOBER 18

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump defended his Syria pullout at a campaign rally on Thursday and lashed out at "crazy Nancy" Pelosi and other Democrats who are trying to remove him from office through impeachment.

"The more America achieves, the more hateful and enraged these crazy Democrats become. They're crazy. They're crazy," Trump said at American Airlines Center in downtown Dallas.

Pelosi and other Democratic leaders had complained about his decision to pull US troops from northeastern Syria. "Crazy Nancy. That crazy Nancy, she is crazy," Trump said of Pelosi.

Donald Trump

He also said that he had spoken with Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan who told him there had been some "minor" sniper and mortar fire in Northeastern Syria despite a ceasefire, but that it had been quickly eliminated.

"He told me there was minor sniper and mortar fire that was quickly eliminated. He very much wants the ceasefire, or pause, to work," Trump said in a post on Twitter. "Likewise, the Kurds want it, and the ultimate solution, to happen." **REUTERS**

EARLIER, THE AGENCY DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH SUITS OF THE RIGHT SIZE, SPARKING AN OUTCRY ABOUT SEXISM IN THE PROGRAMME

NASA astronauts make history with world's first all-woman spacewalk

ASSOCIATED PRESS
CAPE CANAVERAL, OCTOBER 18

THE WORLD'S first all-female spacewalking team made history high above Earth on Friday, replacing a broken part of the International Space Station's power grid.

As NASA astronauts Christina Koch and Jessica Meir completed the job with wrenches, screwdrivers and power-grip tools, it marked the first time in a half-century of spacewalking that men weren't part of the action.

President Trump called into the space station to congratulate the crew on their achievement at about 12:30 p.m. Eastern.

"Congratulations, Christina and Jessica on this historic event," the president said. "We are thrilled to be speaking live with two brave American astronauts who are making history."

America's first female spacewalker from 35 years ago, Kathy Sullivan, was delighted. She said it's good to finally have enough women in the astronaut corps and trained for spacewalking for this to happen. "We've got qualified women running the control, running space centers, commanding the station, commanding spaceships and doing spacewalks," Sullivan told *The Associated Press* earlier this week.

Reuters/ NASA

Astronauts Christina Koch and Jessica Meir step out of the International Space Station (ISS)

NASA leaders, Girl Scouts and others cheered Koch and Meir on. Parents also sent in messages of thanks and encouragement via social media. NASA included some in its TV coverage. "Go girls go," two young sisters wrote on a sign in crayon. A group of middle schoolers held a long sign reading "The sky is not the limit!!"

At the same time, many expressed hope this will become routine in the future. Tracy Caldwell Dyson, a three-time spacewalker who looked on from Mission Control in Houston, added: "Hopefully, this will now be considered normal."

NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine watched the big event unfold from Washington headquarters. "We have the right people doing the right job at the right time," he said. "They are an inspiration to people all over the world including me."

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi sent congratulations to Koch and Meir "for leaving their mark on history" and tweeted that they're an inspiration to women and girls across America.

A suit problem

NASA originally wanted to conduct an all-female spacewalk last spring, but did not have enough medium-size suits ready to go until summer. Koch and Meir were supposed to install more new batteries in a spacewalk next week, but had to venture out three days earlier to deal with an equipment failure that occurred over the weekend. It was the second such failure of a battery charger this year, puzzling engineers and putting a hold on future battery installations for the solar power system. **WITH NYT**

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, Virender Mann S/o Jai Singh Mann R/o H.No.1443, Housing Board Colony, Sector-31, Gurgaon, have changed my name to Virender Singh Mann for all purposes. 0040516524-1

I, Vinay Kumar Baliyan S/o Abhai Singh R/o-F-210, Beta-2nd Greater-Noida, Gautambudh-Nagar, U.P-201306, changed my minor daughter name Paridhi Singh Baliyan to Paridhi Baliyan. 0040516534-6

I, Vidhi Sagar W/o Amit Kumar Mukhi R/O-R-72, Greater-Kailash Part-1, N.Delhi-110048, have changed my name Vidhi Sagar to Vidhi Sagar Mukhi. 0040516583-5

I, Ummed Singh Bisht S/o Mohan Singh Bisht R/o SF-1, M-91, Sector-12, Pratap Vihar, Ghaziabad, inform that Ummed Singh and Ummed Singh Bisht are one and same person. 0040516489-1

I, Taj. Mohd Khan. S/o Mihi Lal Khan. R/o-A-58 Gali.No.3 Chand-Bagh Delhi-110094 have changed my name to Taj Mohamad Khan. 0040516583-1

I, Shiv Kumar Pandey S/o Hari Narayan Pandey R/o-H.no.385, Pocket-6, Sector-2, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Sanjay Pandey for all purposes. 0040516545-9

I, Sheela Kaur W/o Late Kuldeep Singh R/o WZ-81, Gali No.33, Sant Garh, Delhi-110018 inform that name of mine has been wrongly written as Sheela Bhai in my service record. The actual name of mine is Sheela Kaur, which may be amended accordingly. 0040516485-1

I, Shashank S/o Shri. Raghunandan Singh R/o.B-506, Airhant Arden, Sector-1,Noida Extension, Bisrakh,Uttar Pradesh-201306 have changed my name to SHASHANK SINGH. 0040516504-3

I, Sanjiv Gupta S/O Subhash Chand Gupta., R/O-41, Tower-1, G.C. Emerald Heights, Sector-7,Vaishali, Ghaziabad, U.P.201010. Changed My Name To Sanjiv Kumar Gupta. 0040516545-6

I, Saksham Singh Baliyan S/o Vinay Kumar Baliyan R/o-F-210, Beta-2nd Greater Noida, Gautambudh-Nagar, U.P-201306. changed my name to Saksham Baliyan. 0040516534-4

I, S.Mythili Sundaraj Spouse of (No- 14829697Y) Janaki Raman V, residing of E-196, Santhanam Road TVS Nagar, Madurai- 625003 have changed my name from S.Mythili Sundaraj to J.Mythili for all purposes. 0020394858-1

I, Roshan Ara,W/o Jamil Akhtar Arfi, R/o-R-209, Street No.4,Sirsyed Road, Jogabai. Extension, Jamia-Nagar, New Delhi-110025,have changed my name,from Roushan Ara to Roshan Ara,for all purpose. 0040516554-4

I, Riddhima Bisht D/o Shree Amit Bisht, R/o-Flat.No-115, Pocket-16, Sec-3, Adarsh App-Dwarka. New Delhi-110078,That my name Wrongly Mentioned in birth-Certificate as Ishika Bisht,My correct name is Riddhima Bisht. Ishika bisht and Riddhima Bisht is same person. 0040516498-1

I, Roopa Singh Baliyan W/o Vinay Kumar Baliyan R/o-F-210, Beta-2nd Greater Noida, Gautambudh-Nagar, U.P-201306. changed my name to Roopa Singh. 0040516534-5

I, Rakesh Kumar S/o Late Shri.Ram Sharma R/o B-14, Cosy-Apartment, Sector-9, Rohini, Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Rakesh Kumar Sharma. 0040516534-1

I, Priya D/O Rakesh Goyal R/O 5/187, First-Floor, Sunder-Vihar, Paschim-Vihar, Delhi-87 Have Changed My Name To Priya Goyal. 0040516583-6

I, Pradeep Kumar Chouhan S/o Nand Kumar R/o-F-56 GaliNo.6, Near-Geetanjali Public School, Khajoori Khas, Karawal Nagar Delhi-110094,have changed my name to Pradeep Kumar Chauhan for all purposes. 0040516534-10

I, Pooja Bhalla D/o Rajesh R/o H. No. S-21, Parampuri, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Avni Bhalla for all purposes. 0040516535-1

I, Pardeep Kumar S/o Ramkhelawan Thakur R/o-B-74, Vikas Vihar,Vikas Nagar, Gali.No-3,Pardhan Chowk, Uttam Nagar,New Delhi-110059,Have Changed my Name Pardeep Kumar Thakur for all purposes. 0040516504-5

I, Pardeep Dabas S/o Mahaender Singh R/o Govt Boys School, H.No-118, Ladpur, North-West Delhi, have changed my name to Pardeep Kumar permanently. 0040516493-1

I, Pardeep Dabas S/o Mahaender Singh R/o Govt Boys School, H.No-118, Ladpur, North-West Delhi, have changed my name to Pardeep Kumar permanently. 0040516493-1

I Nishat Parveen Siddiki, W/o-Mohammad Asrar, R/o-3191, Phatak Teliyan, Turkman-Gate, Delhi,have changed my name to Nishat Parveen Siddiqui,for all purposes. 0040516554-2

I, Sumit Kumar Sethia R/o B-176, Ground Floor, Gali No. 02, West Vinod Nagar, Delhi - 110092 have changed my name to Sumit Sethia. 0070679408-1

I, No 908786L Rank Ex. Hav. Abdullah Sheikh R/O -Dildar, Tehsil- Karnah, District-Kupwara. In my service records name and DoB of my son has been wrongly mentioned as Abdul Manam (DoB- 03-12-1999) instead of Abdul Manaan (DoB- 02-10-2000). It needs correction. Objections be filed concerned authorities within seven days. 0020394859-1

I, Naveen Kumar Nayak S/o,Rakesh Kumar Nayak R/o-C-79, 2ndFloor, Anoopnagar, Jeewan-Park, Delhi-110059,have changed my name to Naveen Kumar S/o Rakesh Kumar. 0040516583-2

I, Monish Budania W/o Pankaj Kumar R/o A-182, Third Floor, Jhilmil Colony, Delhi-110095, have changed my name to Monish Pankaj for all purposes. 0040516501-1

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I, Mohammed Fahd Siddiqi S/O Mohammad Yousuf Siddqui R/O-659, Mtkota-Chowk, Sikandra-Rao, Hathras, U.P-204215, have changed my name Mohammed Fahd Siddiqi to Mohammad Fahd Siddiqui. 0040516606-2

I, Megha Gulati alias Sonia Gulati,W/o Sh.Rakesh Gulati,R/o-H.No.A-2, Pratap-Vihar, Part-2, Gali No.1, Kirari-Suleman-Nagar, Delhi-110086,changed my name,from Megha Gulati to Sonia Gulati,for all purposes. 0040516554-3

I, Manisha Kumari Prasad daughter of Prem Kumar Prasad,C-107 lajpat-nagar part-2 Block-C Delhi-110024, have changed my name to Manisha Prasad,for all future purposes. 0040516545-1

I, Mahesh Chandra Arya S/o-Late Sh.Nand Lal Arya R/o-A-23,Sector-P-3,Greater Noida,G.B. Nagar,U.P.,have changed my name to Mahesh Arya for all future purposes. 0040516504-4

I, Madanveer S/o Veer Singh R/o-Gaon Ator, Tehsil-Ghaziabad,UP-201009 have changed my minor son name from Ankur Kumar to Ankur Chaudhary. 0040516504-1

I, Khan Razia Sultana W/o Arif Khan R/o G-201, Betech park View, SPA Next, Sec-67, Gurugram, have changed my name from Razia Sultana Khan Mohammad Abdullaia to Khan Razia Sultana for all purposes. 0040516525-1

I, Kalpana Singh, R/O-Gf-2, Plot.No.93, Moti-Apartment, GyanKhand-1, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, U.P-201014, Changed My Minor Daughter Name Anshika To Anshika Singh. 0040516545-5

I, Faizan Fayyaz Malik, S/o-Fayyaz Ahmad Malik,R/o-Room No.101, F.R.K.Boys Hostel, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi-110025,changed my name to Malik Faizan Fayyaz,for all purpose. 0040516554-1

I, Ivan Asim S/o Imtiaz Barkat Masih R/o-1079/A, Ward.No.1, Mehrauli, N.Delhi-110030. changed my minor daughter name Ekta to Ekta Masih. 0040516534-3

I, Dilip Jeswani S/O Late Shyamlal Jeswani R/O 3276B, Aryapura, Old-Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007. Changed My Name To Dilip Kumar Batra. 0040516545-4

I, Dharmendra Kumar Singh S/o-Ramnath Singh, R/O-RZ-994-A, Gali-23, F/F, R/S Flat.No-4, Tughlkabad-Extn., Delhi-110019.have changed my name to Dharmendra Singh. 0040516583-3

I, Ishwar Dass S/O Bindraban Jain R/O-103 Tarun-Enclave Pitampura Delhi-110034 Have Changed My Name To Ishwar Dass Jain. 0040516545-2

I, Deepak Goel S/O, Ravi Shankar R/o B-1/134, Ekta Gardens Apartment, Ip Extension, Patparganj, Delhi-92. have changed my name to Deepak Aggarwal. 0040516519-1

I, Davinder Singh S/o Suriender Singh Bindra R/o.D-228,Sector-47, Noida,G.B. Nagar,U.P. have changed my name Davinder Singh Bindra for all purpose. 0040516504-2

I, Binita D/o Sh. Om Prakash R/o Mohalla Ganj Shahida, Near Ganesh Cold Storage, Ujhani, Budaun,Uttar Pradesh-243639 have changed my name to Binita Priyadarshi for all purposes. 0040516435-1

I, Ashima Rani W/o Avinash Manav R/o RZ-A/2B, Gali No.1, Durga Park, Nasir Pur, New Delhi-110045 have changed my name after marriage as Ashima Manav for future purposes. 0040516495-1

I, Amarjit Kaur w/o Gurcharan Singh d/o Gurcharan Singh r/o 288-B, Model Town Extn., Ludhiana, Punjab-141002, have changed my name to AMANDEEP KAUR. 0040516499-1

I, Amarjeet Kaur W/O Harbans Singh, R/O-135/1, Gautamnagar, New Delhi-110049.Changed My Name To Amarjit Kaur. 0040516583-7

I, Amar Nath Kaim S/o Kundan Lal, R/o H.No.14, Jangpura Road, Jangpura Bhogal, South Delhi-110014, have changed my name to Amar Nath for all purposes. 0040516496-1

I, Akansha Sethi W/O Hitesh Sethi H.No.8/160, Ground-Floor, Block-8, Ramesh-Nagar, Delhi-110015.Have Changed My Name To Akanksha Sethi. 0040516545-3

I, Ajay Kumar S/O Krishnan Kesavan Nair R/O-F-128/1a, Flat No-8 Mohammadpur, RK.Puram New Delhi-110066 Changed My Name To Ajaya Kumar Kesavan Nair. 0040516534-8

I Saroj W/O Anokhe Lal R/O-D900 Main-Jankalyan School-Road Bhajanpura Delhi-53 Have Changed My Name To Lali For All Purposes. 0040516583-8

I Santosh Kumar S/o Keshav Chandra Kotnala R/o.B-47, flat no-B2, 1st-floor, Ph-2, Ayanagar, New Delhi-110047, have changed my name to Santosh Kotnala. 0040516534-7

I Ruchi Sehgal W/o Arun Sehgal R/o EA 364 Maya Enclave, New Delhi 110064 have changed the name of my son Hitansh to Hitansh Sehgal for all purposes. His date of birth is 3 July 2011. 0070679407-1

I Narendra Kaur W/o Sh.Hardev Singh R/o H-10, Radheypuri Delhi-110051, have changed my name to Narender Kaur for all purpose. 0040516534-2

I Anand Kumar S/O Madan Lal Goel R/O-A-172 Phase-1 Vivek-Vihar Delhi-110095., CHANGED MY NAME TO Anand Kumar Goel. 0040516534-9

I Ajay Pal Singh S/O Balwant Singh R/O Wz-85, Third-Floor, Gali No.7a, Virender-Nagar, Janakpuri B-1, West Delhi-110058 Have Changed My Name From Ajay Pal Singh Sulach To Ajay Pal Singh In Future For All Purposes. 0040516606-3

LOST & FOUND

I, Karan Mehta S/o Sh.Jethmal Mehta R/o-6B/1, 1st Floor, N.E.A, Old Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi-110060,Have lost my original Certificate & Marksheet of Class-10th Roll No-8178484(year-2012) & Class-12th Roll No-9172245 (year-2014)issued by GD Goenka Public School & pass out from-CBSE. Please finder contact above address 0040516498-2

It is notified for the information that my original Qualifying Examination-Certificate of main Secondary-Examination ofYear-2014 and Roll-No.8161886 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Harshit Sethi. A-3, Baba Banda BahadurApartment, Sector-14, Rohini, Delhi-110085. 0040516531-1

It is notified that I Karthik Kher S/o of Mr. Neil Kher R/o H. No B-104 Street, Kenwood Towers Colony, Charmwood Village District, Faridabad have lost my 12th original CBSE Mark sheet Roll no. 261997 year 2016. If found contact-9650030625. 0040516416-1

It is notified that I Karthik Kher S/o of Mr. Neil Kher R/o H.No B-104 Street, Kenwood Towers Colony, Charmwood Village District, Faridabad, have lost my 10th original CBSE Mark sheet Roll no. 2123536 year 2014. If found contact-9650030625. 0040516408-1

Lost entire original papers of property No.205, Gupta Arcade Shopping Center, Pocket-D, Indra Enclave, Rohtak Road, G-17, Paschim Puri, New Delhi-110087, in the name of N.Venkatesan. Finder Contact N.Venkatesan #9313126263. 0040516527-1

Notice is hereby given to general public that I, Nitisha Nanda daughter of Mr. S.C.Nanda Residing at B-19, Soami Nagar, South, New Delhi, am the registered holder of 100 shares being Folio No.00052031 Certificate No.57350 bearing distinctive No.5962871 to 5962970 of M/s Maral Overseas Ltd.,Regd. Office:-Maral Sarovar, V&P.O. Khalbujurg Tehsil Khasrawad, Distt. Khargone-451660 (M.P)and have lost/misplaced the same. 0040516545-10

Notice is here given that the share-certificates by,Folio-Number-004502841,of Reliance,Industries-Limited standing,in the name of Rattan Singhania,residing-at,C-704,3RD-Floor,New-Friends Colony,South-Delhi-110025,have been reported.lost/stolen and that an application,for issue of duplicate-certificate,in respect thereof has been made to the company,objection,if any against issuance,of such Duplicate-Shares certificates,should be made within,15-days,from the,date of publication of this notice.Share-certificate,is not mortgaged or any,loan taken against it. 0040516589-1

I, have lost my original UP Board Class 10th marksheet. Year-2019, Roll No.0409906. Contact: Neha Kumari D/o Dinesh Kumar Prajapati R/o Sector-22 Noida Near E.S.I. Hospital. contect no: 9650483895. 0040516198-1

NAME CHANGE

I, Pinki Devi w/o Amit kumar R/o village -Achhepur, PO/PS-Rabupura Dist-G.B.Nagar U.P. declare that before marriage my name was pinki And after marriage Pinki devi has been wrongly written as Pinki & date of birth 10.03.1992 in my husband service record where as my correct name is Pinki devi & correct is my date of birth 20.03.1992 know as same and one identical person in all places & official documents

BUSINESS

GST return filling/tally, call: 9968500916/ isctax11@gmail.com <mailto:isctax11@gmail.com>, Term apply. Reasonable charges. 0050156769-1

MACHINERY FOR SALE

MACHINERY For Sale- Brand New Packed Jyoti Make Vertical Mechining Centre- VMC 1580 (2018) Travel- X1500 x Y810 x Z810 Siemens Control 828D Spindle BT40 8000RPM No ATC. For Details Contact No. 09987127773 Email ID omengineers1@yahoo.com 0070678935-1

EDUCATIONAL

DOWSING Workshop - School of Indian Dowsers' 163rd Workshop on 3rd November & Lecher Antenna Cosmic Energy Workshop on 14th, 15th December in Mumbai. Dowsing gives direction on how to learn Vastu Energy, Land Defect, Diagnostic Therapy, Colour, Diamonds' Energy, Effect of Underground Geopathic Stress for our health. Get free from Underground Radiation & Live Healthy Life. Become Certificateholders & earn more income. Guidance by world famous Dowsing Expert Professor Ravi Vaidya. Contact Mob : 9821349038 / 9821380289 / See feedback of 150 photos on website www.indiandowsers.org Earn more income. 0070678425-3

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for the information of general public that my client(s)(1) Sh.Dinesh S/o Sh. Hukam Singh and (2) Smt. Rajesh Kumari W/o Sh. Dinesh both R/o Plot No. 398-A,G/F, Block-B, Vikas Vihar, Vikas Nagar, New Delhi-110059 have disowned and debarred their sons namely (1) Pawan, his wife namely Deepika Kasana, grandson Daksh and (2) Pradeep Bansal, his wife Sweta, grandson Yash from all their movable and immovable properties with immediate effect because their constant fighting at home and outside and loss of my clients mental peace, harassment, torture, cruelty, atrocities, committed by them against my clients. Anybody dealing with them shall do so at his/her/their own risk cost and responsibilities thereto. My clients shall not be responsible in any manner for the same.

Sd/-H.K.BABBAR, ADVOCATE, DG-3/409, Vikaspuri, ND-58

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client Smt. Santosh W/o Late Sh. Dalbir Singh R/o H. No. 141, Sarai Sohal, Nasirpur, South West Delhi-110045 have debarred, disowned their Son Sh. Surjeet S/o Late Sh. Dalbir Singh & daughter in law Shilpa W/o Surjeet & grandson Sachpreet S/o Sh. Surjeet from all moveable, immovable properties of my clients and severed their all relations with them. My clients shall not be responsible for their acts, conduct & deeds in future whatsoever. Anybody dealing with above said persons are doing so at their own risk.

Naveen Sharma (Advocate)
H. No. 656, Khera Khurd, Delhi-110082

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Rashid Khan S/o Kaptan Khan R/o D-1157, Gali No. 1F, Ratia Marg, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi has disowned his son namely Yunus Khan & his wife Yasmeen and grand childrens Aliya, Alina & Abeer from their all movable, immovable properties and I have no relation with them in future.

Sd/-
SHEKHAR CHAND JAIN (Advocate)
Ch. No. 580, Saket Courts, New Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the General Public that my client Sh. Dev Raj S/o Sh. Lakshmi Chand R/o F-403, Budh Nagar, Inder Puri, Delhi-12, have severed all their relations with their son and daughter in law i.e. Dinesh Kumar S/o Sh. Dev Raj & Smt. Meenakshi W/o Sh. Dinesh Kumar alongwith their grandchildren namely Kashish & Naksh due to their bad behaviour with my client, they further disowned, disinherited and debarred them from all their movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with them, shall do so at his/her own cost, risk and consequences My clients are not be responsible for their any act, or conduct in any manner whatsoever.

CHANDRA GUPTA MAURYA (Advocate)
Ch. No. K-120, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is inform general public that our clients Dalip Kumar S/o Shish Ram and Smt Sandhya Rani W/o Dalip Kumar R/o H.No. 288, Gali No-4,Shiv Mandir,Dhirpur Village,Delhi 10009, have disowned their daughter Bharti & her husband Vimal from all their movable/ immovable properties and severed all their relations both legal & Social with them due to disrespectful behavior. Any person dealing with them shall be doing so at his/her own risk, and my clients shall not be responsible for the same.

Yogesh K. Chandna (Advocate)
Ch. 346,Western Wing,Tis Hazari Courts,Delhi 54

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to public at large that My client, Smt. Ramwati W/O late Sh.Sohan Lal, is absolute owner of A Freehold Residential property No. 1/10126, out of Khasra no.375, West Gorakh Park, Village Babarpur, Shahdara, Delhi. Original GPA, Agreement to Sell, etc; executed by Sh. Kadam Singh in favour of Sh.Sohan Lal for area 56 Sq.Yds dated 15/07/1976, have been lost /Misplaced. Which is chain of document of the said whole property (i.e.200 Sq.Yds) and My client had also Report for missing the said documents at Police Station, Crime Branch Delhi, vide LR No.1693873/2019 dated 07/10/2019. The general public is hereby cautioned not to deal with the above mentioned property with any person(s) on the basis of said GPA, Agreement to Sell etc, If any person(s) or Authority having any claim against into or upon the said property by virtue of Sale,Agreement,Contract, Mortgage, lien, Charge or otherwise howsoever and of whatsoever nature is hereby required to notify the same within seven days, from the date of publication of this notice for any claim and/or objection, Otherwise shall be considered as waived and abandoned and shall not be binding upon my client.

"Sanjeev Gupta, Advocate

सार्वजनिक सूचना

मेरा मुक्किला श्रीमती राजेश्वरी देवी पत्नी श्री चेतराम म.-न. 4/130, गली नं.-4, पंजाबी बस्ती, आनंद पर्वत, नई दिल्ली-110005 में अपने बच्चों के साथ रहती हैं। जब से हमारी क्लाइंट की शादी हुई है आए दिन पति देव के व्यवहार से परेशान रहती है क्योंकि पति द्वारा मारपीट करना, घरेलू सामान चोरी कर बेचकर नशा करना एवं बाहर वालों से उधार लेकर जुआ खेलना नई सी बाते हो गया है। इन सारे व्यवहार से परेशान होकर मेरे मुक्किल ने अपने चारों बच्चों के साथ काफी विचार विमर्श कर यह कदम उठाया है कि मेरे मुक्किल अपने पति एवं चारों बच्चों ने अपने पिता से सारे सम्बन्ध विच्छेद कर रहे हैं। अगर किसी का कोई नई या पुरानी लेन देन श्री चेतराम जी के साथ रखते हैं तो वह स्वयं इसके जिम्मेदार होंगे। बच्चों एवं मेरे मुक्किल का कोई कानूनी एवं नैतिक जिम्मेदारी नहीं होगी।

हस्ता./-
ARBIND KUMAR JHA
ADVOCATE

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO PUBLIC AT LARGE THAT a Sale deed registered as document no 11151, Addl. Book no.1, Volume no 22638, on pages 36-44 dated 23-12-2015 in the office of Sub Registrar-II, Delhi in respect of Final floor of property no.C-94, West Patel Nagar, New Delhi executed by My clients Smt. Kavita Kamra W/o Sh. Harish Kumar & Smt. Sarita Sharma W/o Sh. Anand Swaroop Sharma in favour of Sh. Sanjay Bhatia S/o late K.C. Bhatia was declared null and void document and no consideration was paid by Sh. Sanjay Bhatia vide order dated 11-10-2019 passed by the Hon'ble Court of Sh. Vikas Dhull ADJ-1, Tis Hazari Courts West, Delhi in case no CS 580/17 titled as Kavita Kamra & Anr. Vs Sanjay Bhatia. Notice is also hereby given that Sh. Sanjay Bhatia is not authorised to do any acts, deed, matters or things on behalf of our clients. Further no person should enter into any transaction of whatsoever nature in respect of said property with Sh. Sanjay Bhatia or any representative of Sh. Sanjay Bhatia and in case person enters into any agreement, understanding or transaction with Sh. Sanjay Bhatia with respect to said property of my clients, the same shall not be binding on my clients and would be entirely their own risks & consequences.

P.K. MEHTA (Advocate)
KE-1/92, Vikas Puri, New Delhi-110018

PUBLIC NOTICE

"Be it known to all that my client, Dr Virender singh S/o Sh. Kishan Chand R/O F-91, Gali No-17, Kunwar Singh Nagar, Nangloi, Delhi-41, Cut all types of relations with his younger brother Devender Singh S/o Sh. Kishan Chand, R/o-91, Kunwar Singh Nagar, Nangloi, Delhi-41 and persons related to him including married and professional life,etc (except my clients father Sh. Kishan chand), due to rude behavior and threats etc to my client by many ways and tricks, and neglect and abuse of my client and his old sick father by Mr. Devender Singh and his Associated persons and highly suspicious behavior, activities, and modus operandi with ulterior motives inside and outside the house after 12.05.2018.
My client Dr Virender Singh and his father and persons related to my client, including socially, professionally life etc will not be responsible from now onwards, in any way for any type of illegal, criminal activities, and conspiracies etc. done in past and if indulges in future, toward any individual and society by Mr. Devendra singh and his associated persons related to him in any way. Anyone dealing with them shall be doing at his own risks."

Sd/-
VICHITRA KUMAR (Advocate)
Ch. No. 1309, Rohini Court, Delhi-85

MECHANIZED CLEANING AND UPKEEP OF DHUPGURI STATION & PREMISES

E-Tender Notice No: C/4/AP/Cleanliness/DQG (Mechanized Cleaning): Dated: 15-10-2019. Open tenders (Two Packet System) are invited by the undersigned for the following work: Description of work: Mechanized cleaning and upkeep of Dhupguri (DQG) station & premises and surroundings, rag picking. Garbage collection and its disposal 5 KM away from station, round the clock for a period of Four (04) years, engaging 10 (ten) labourers and 02 (two) supervisors. Approximate Value: ₹2,13,13,654/-; Earnest Money: ₹2,56,570/- E-tenders will be closed at 15.00 hrs. on 13-11-2019 and Opened at 15.00 hrs. on 13-11-2019. The complete information with tender documents of above e-tender will be available in website www.ireps.gov.in

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दिनांक–15.10.2019

अल्प कालीन ई–निविदा सूचना

उ0 प्र0 जल निगम की ओर से मेरठ नगर निगम के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न जोनल पम्पिंग स्टेशनों पर कॉपर केबिल बिछाने के कार्यों के लिए 'Electrical & Mechanical works including Supply and Installation of pumping plant' में 'A/B' श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से प्रक्रिया द्वारा निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती है। प्राप्त निविदाओं को दिनांक 04.11.2019 को अधिशासी अभियन्ता, यान्त्रिक खण्ड, उ0 प्र0 जल निगम, मेरठ के कार्यालय में निविदा समिति द्वारा उपस्थित ठेकेदारों के समक्ष पूर्वान्ह 03:00 बजे खोली जायेगी। निविदाओं को उ0 प्र0 की E-procurment website http://etender.up.nic.in पर दिनांक 24.10.2019 से 02.11.2019 तक डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य रू0 2000.00 + (18%) GST है। निविदा सूचना से सम्बन्धित विवरण जल निगम की वेब साईट jn. upsdc.gov.in पर एवं कार्यों का विस्तृत विवरण E-procurment website http:// etender.up.nic.in से प्राप्त किया जा सकता है।

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, TEMP. CONSTRUCTION DIVISION (E/M), U.P. JAL NIGAM, MORADABAD

Letter No. : 3139/निविदा/191
Dated : 16.10.2019
E-Tender Notice

E-Tenders are invited on behalf of Chairman U.P. Jal Nigam Lucknow from registered contractor in class B or above in Electrical & Mechanical works including supply and installation of pumping plant in U.P. Jal Nigam for S.I.T.C. of Submersible pumping plant and its accessories for different Rural Water Supply Scheme under NRDWSP water supply scheme District Bijnor & Moradabad. The tender document shall be available on e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in from dated 02.11.2019 at 10:00 am onwards Interested contractor can download the above tender document and upload their tender duly filled from dated 02.11.2019 to 14.11.2019 upto 05:00 pm on above e-procurement website. First Cover (Technical) shall be opened on dated 15.11.2019 at 11:30 am in the office of Executive Engineer Temp. Construction Division (E/M) U.P. Jal Nigam Moradabad in presence of intending tenderers if any. Tender cost Rs. 2000.00 + 18% GST (Non-refundable) in form of demand draft in favour of Executive Engineer Temp. Construction Division (E/M) U.P. Jal Nigam Moradabad will be uploaded with tender. Other terms and condition can also be seen on U.P. Jal Nigam website www.upjn.org and e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in in tender document.

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Sr. No.	Tender No.	Brief description of material	Qty	EMD	Date & Time of E-Tender box closing
1	86-19-5846	LED TV Display System	01 No	35050.00	04-11-2019, 11:00 hrs.

Regarding detailed tender notice containing purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website www.ireps.gov.in. Manual offers will not be considered. 258

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शुद्धि पत्र

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि इस कार्यालय द्वारा प्रकाशित e-Procurement Notice & WRD/MID/HUSSAINABAD/F.-05/2019-20 दिनांक–03.10.2019 है, जिसका PR NO.- 219018 (अखरीतरी मध्यम सिंचाई योजना का जीर्णोद्धार कार्य) का निविदा आमंत्रित की गई थी तथा PR NO.- 219757 द्वारा निविदा स्थगित किया गया था उक्त निविदा की तिथि में निम्न प्रकार से संशोधन किया जाता है :–

1	वेबसाईट पर ई0–निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि एवं समय	04.11.2019 (2.00 PM)
2	ई0–निविदा प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	11.11.2019 (5.00 PM) तक
3	ई0–निविदा खुलने की तिथि एवं समय	14.11.2019 (1.00 PM)
4	अग्रधन की राशि, निविदा का मूल्य एवं हार्ड कापी जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	13.11.2019 (5.00 PM) तक

निविदा की अन्य शर्तें पूर्ववत् रहेगी।

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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice

Following E-Tenders are invited by DRM (WA) NWR/Ajmer at 15.00 Hrs. on the mentioned date. **1. Tender No.** : 189/2019 **Name of work** : Marwar Jn.- Construction of ADEN- Marwar Jn. office at. **Approximate Cost** : Rs. 36,00,064.79 **Earnest Money** : Rs. 72,000.00 **Tender Closing Date** : 14.11.2019 **2. Tender No.** : 194/2019 **Name of work** : ADEN-Abu road sub division : Zone no. 21 (2019-20)- Hiring of Utility, Tractor with Trolley, JCB, Hydra in jurisdiction of ADEN-Abu road. **Approximate Cost** : Rs. 24,27,908.30 **Earnest Money** : Rs. 48,600.00 **Tender Closing Date** : 14.11.2019 **3. Tender No.** : 195/2019 **Name of work** : ADEN- Marwar Jn. Sub Division : Loading/ unloading of P.Way material from Railway Wagons or Truck at CPWI (Depot.) Sojatroad. **Approximate Cost** : Rs. 8,57,468.99 **Earnest Money** : Rs. 17,200.00 **Tender Closing Date** : 14.11.2019 **4. Tender No.** : 196/2019 **Name of work** : Ajmer Division : Haripur- Palanpur section-Earthwork for PQRS/Ballast depot in connection with CTR work. **Approximate Cost** : Rs. 75,30,650.42 **Earnest Money** : Rs. 1,50,600.00 **Tender Closing Date** : 14.11.2019 **5. Tender No.** : 198/2019 **Name of work** : ADEN- Abu road and Marwar Jn. Division : Reconditioning of worn out Tongue Rails by Manual Arc Welding Technique. **Approximate Cost** : Rs. 7,16,145.75 **Earnest Money** : Rs. 14,300.00 **Tender Closing Date** : 14.11.2019 The detailed information of the above tender is available on website **www.ireps.gov.in** and Tender Notice Board of DRM office, NWR/ Ajmer.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (E&M) WC-II
DELHI JAL BOARD : DELHI SARKAR

CHANDRAWAL WATER WORKS NO-1, CIVIL LINES DELHI-110054
PRESS N.I.T. NO; 02 (2019-20)

S. No.	Particulars	Estimated Cost	Tender Fees	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date/ time of receipt of tender through e-procurement
1	S.I.T.C. of treated effluent pumping station for Dwarka for Horticulture Purpose (Re-INVITE)	Item Rate	500/-	78700/-	17.10.2019 2019_DJB_182380_1	30.10.2019 upto 3.15 PM

All other in this regard can be seen at **https://delhi.govtprocurement.com**.

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)
Advt. No. J.S.V. 455/19-20

Sd/-
EE (E&M) WC-II

DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE E.E.(E&M)W&S SOUTH-I

GREATER KAILASH-I: NEW DELHI-110048
Tele/Fax-29245279 email id: ee.emwss1@gmail.com
PRESS N.I.T. No. 15/ (E&M) W&S: S-I (2019-20)

S. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	E/Money	Tender Fee	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date/ time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1.	SITC of Electrical and Mechanical work for separation of command area of (DMA-1) A-2 Block Safderjung Enclave BPS.	Item Rate	3,33,000/-	1500/-	2019_DJB_182249_1 Dt. 15.10.2019	15.11.2019 up to 3:00 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at (**https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in**)

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EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (E&M) W&S SOUTH-I

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, BHOPAL

Engineering Department
Notice inviting e-Tenders
(Third Call)

Near Tatpar Petrol Pump, Sector A, Berkheda, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh 462023

NIT Number: 142,145/ES/BMC/2019 **Date 17.10.2019**

Online percentage rate bids for the following works are invited from registered contractors and firms of repute fulfilling registration criteria:

S. No.	Tender ID.	Name of Work	Probable Amount of Contract	Earnest Money Deposit	Cost of Bid Document	Period of Completion
1	2019 UAD_50847_3	SCREW WORK AND ASPHALTING WORK FOR REPAIR OF ROADS UNDER ZONE NO.04 AND ZONE NO.6 (Package No-02)	18474768/-	184748/-	12500/-	90 Days/-
2	2019 UAD_50912_3	PATCH WORK AND ASPHALTING WORK FOR REPAIR OF ROADS UNDER ZONE NO.08 AND ZONE NO.18 (Package No-05)	16710625/-	167106/-	12500/-	90 Days/-

1. Interested bidders can view the NIT on website https://www.mptenders.gov.in
2. The Bid Document can be purchased only online from 10:30 AM (time) 17.10.2019 (date) to 17:30 PM (time) 23.10.2019 (date).
3. Amendments to NIT, if any, would be published on website https://www.mptenders.gov.in only, and not in newspaper.

T.N. 1361/019/020

Sd/-
CITY ENGINEER (CIVIL)
MUNICIPAL CORPORATION BHOPAL
District BHOPAL

JHARKHAND BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED

(CIN – U40108JH2013-SGC001702)
Regd. Office:- Engineering Building, HEC, Dhurwa, Ranchi–834004.

Short e-procurement Notice

JBVNL invites online short e-tender from reputed, technically experienced and financially sound manufacturers only having adequate manufacturing and testing facilities for design, manufacture, testing and supply of Material for electrification work.

Sr	Tender notice No. and description of item	Cost of tender fee	Date of publication of tender on website	Document download start date & time	Bid Submission start date	Bid Submission end date	Last date of physical submission of tender fee and EMD	Technical bid opening date and time
1	114/PR/JBVNL/19-20 Type Tested 11 kv outdoor type oil immersed CT-PT combined metering unit 3 phase 4 (11 kv/110v, -/5A)	Rs 10000/- + GST	21/10/2019 from 13:00 Hrs.	21/10/2019 from 13:10 Hrs.	21/10/2019 from 13:20 Hrs.	11/11/2019 upto 18:00 Hrs	12/11/2019 upto 13:30 Hrs	12/11/2019 at 17:30 Hrs.
2	115/PR/JBVNL/19-20 Type Tested 33 kv outdoor type oil immersed CT-PT combined metering unit 3 phase 4 (33 kv/110v, -/5A)	Rs 10000/- + GST	21/10/2019 from 13:00 Hrs.	21/10/2019 from 13:10 Hrs.	21/10/2019 from 13:20 Hrs.	11/11/2019 upto 18:00 Hrs	12/11/2019 upto 13:30 Hrs	12/11/2019 at 17:30 Hrs.

NOTE:- Only e-tenders will be accepted. Further details can be seen on website http:jharkhandtenders.gov.in and may be contacted on Mobile No. 9431708983/ 7739147383 NIC helpline No. 0651-2400178

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Executive Director (C&R)

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JAMMU & KASHMIR POWER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER
ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE & RURAL ELECTRIFICATION WING EXHIBITION GROUNDS, SRINAGAR

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Extension Notice No. 6

Due to no response, against this office e-NIT no. CE/M&RE/08 of 2019-20 dated 17.07.2019 invited for selection of "SAIDI-SAIFI System Implementation Agency (SSIA) for Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Hardware & Software for RT-DAS at 33/11 kV substation level for generation of SAIDI/SAIFI report at 11 KV, sub Station and town level in identified towns of Jammu and Kashmir" and hosted on www.jktenders.gov.in vide tender ID 2019_PDD_78956_1, the scheduled end date and time for e-bid submission and opening of technical bid is extended as per the following schedule.

Extended Last date and time for Submission of e-bid	05.11.2019 14.00 Hrs.
Extended Date and time of opening of the Technical bid	08.11.2019 14.00 Hrs.
Address for place of bid submission and communication	Office of the Chief Engineer, EMRE Wing Kashmir, Near Exhibition Grounds, Jehangir Chowk, Srinagar 190001

The Terms of Reference (ToR) for submitting the e-bid along with details regarding Scope, Eligibility and Application procedure shall remain the same.

No: CE/M&RE/22216-20/TS
Dated: 16.10.2019
DIPK-NB:- 0678/M

Sd/-
Chief Engineer
EMRE Wing, Kashmir

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GOLD	RUPEE	OIL	SILVER
₹38,925	₹71.14	$59.47	₹46,325

*Indian basket as on October 17, 2019

SENSEX: 39,298.38 ▲ 246.32 **NIFTY:** 11,661.85 ▲ 75.50 **NIKKEI:** 22,492.68 ▲ 40.82 **HANG SENG:** 26,719.58 ▼ 128.91 **FTSE:** 7,183.57 ▲ 1.25 **DAX:** 12,663.37 ▲ 6.84

*International market data till 1900 GMT

AVIATION WATCH
AIR INDIA DIVESTMENT

Officials review debt bundling, continued use of brands by airline's subsidiaries

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

While specific proposals were not finalised on Friday, any proposal that may be readied will need to cleared by a group of ministers headed by Home Minister Amit Shah

TAKING FORWARD the process of the Centre disinvesting its stake in Air India, senior bureaucrats at the Civil Aviation Ministry, along with the airline's officials, held a meeting on Friday to discuss various aspects of the share sale process including finalisation of audited accounts, preparation of business plan projecting the financials of the company, and employee-related matters.

The government plans to sell Air India, along with its subsidiary Air India Express and its 50 per cent stake in ground handling company Air India-Singapore Airport Terminal Services Ltd (AISATS). The airline's subsidiaries, such as regional carrier Alliance Air, Air India Engineering Services Ltd (AIESL) and ground handling arm Air India Air Transport Services Ltd (AIATSL), are expected to be sold separately. In Friday's meeting, chaired by the Secretary of Civil Aviation Pradeep Singh Kharola, issues related to transfer of AIATSL to Air India's special purpose vehicle were also discussed.

While specific proposals were not finalised on Friday, any proposal that may be readied will need to cleared by a group of ministers headed by Home Minister Amit Shah. In the previous disinvestment process of Air India, not a single bid was received and some of the main reasons listed for the lack of interest were the high debt-level of the airline and government's plan to hold 23 per cent stake in the disinvested entity.

After the first attempt at disinvestment, the government chalked up a plan to take over part of the debt before selling the airline. "The idea is that only so much debt should be bundled with the airline so that it is serviceable by the revenues generated by the carrier," a senior Aviation Ministry official said.

At present, the special purpose vehicle, Air India Asset Holdings Ltd, has raised around Rs 22,000 crore through issue of bonds that will be used to repay the existing debt of the airline that stands at about Rs 58,000 crore.

In the meeting under the Civil Aviation Secretary, officials also discussed review of lending and lease agreements to identify restrictive covenants or approvals required for the stake sale process. According to a Civil Aviation Ministry official, the transaction advisor will be asked to submit a detailed note on how to handle pending debt-related issues, including loans raised from foreign banks.

Among the process-related matters discussed in Friday's meeting, were issues pertaining to use of Air India brand in its subsidiaries that are being sold separately.

According to officials, a number of brands and logos currently in use by the airline's subsidiaries correspond to the parent company's brands and a decision has to be taken on whether the use of these brands should be allowed after disinvestment.

In addition to this, several staff-related matters, such as a package for employees, provident fund-related issues, and settlement of arrears, in context of the stake sale process were also discussed in the meeting.

Q2 PROFIT RISES BY 18.3%

Favourable fuel margin, robust retail & Jio biz push RIL net to ₹11,262 cr

Jio profit up 45.4% to ₹990 cr; Retail revenue grows 27% to ₹41,202 cr on YoY basis

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 18

AIDED BY a recovery in the refining margins and good growth in the retail and telecom businesses, Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) has reported an 18.3 per cent rise in net profit at Rs 11,262 crore for the quarter ended September 2019, as against Rs 9,516 crore in the corresponding quarter of last year.

Reliance Jio's standalone net profit spurted 45.4 per cent to Rs 990 crore in the September quarter from Rs 681 crore in the same period of last year. Standalone revenue from operations of Jio increased by 33.5 per cent to Rs 12,354 crore from Rs 9,240 crore. Jio subscriber base as on September 30, 2019, was 355.2 million, a growth of 40.8 per cent from a year ago.

RIL achieved revenue of Rs 163,854 crore for the latest quarter, an increase of 4.8 per cent, compared to Rs 156,291 crore in the year-ago period. The increase in revenue is primarily on account of robust growth in retail and digital services businesses, which grew by 27 per cent and 43 per cent, respectively. "This was partially offset by decrease in refining and petrochemicals segment revenue, with a 17.7 per cent fall in Brent crude price," RIL said.

"These excellent results reflect benefits of our integrated oil to chemicals (O2C) value chain and the rapid scale-up of our consumer businesses"

MUKESH AMBANI, CHAIRMAN & MD, RIL

Gross refining margin recovered from $ 8.1 per barrel in June quarter to $ 9.4 per barrel in the September quarter.

RIL Chairman and Managing Director Mukesh D Ambani said: "The company has reported record net profit for the quarter. These excellent results reflect benefits of our integrated oil to chemicals (O2C) value chain and the rapid scale-up of our consumer businesses. During this quarter, our O2C businesses gained from favourable fuel margins environment, feedstock sourcing flexibility and higher petrochemicals volumes. Our O2C business, with new partnerships, is best placed to pursue growth and substantial value creation."

About the digital and telecom business, Ambani said, "Continuing growth trends in our retail business is heartening. Guided by our obsession to provide the best value for our customers, Reliance Retail delivered robust performance with record quarterly revenues and Ebitda. Our digital services business is recognised for having the nation's widest 4G wireless network. As an outcome of our team's relentless efforts, Jio has become India's largest mobility services provider. Jio today also has the highest market share in terms of 4G subscriber base and 4G data traffic in India."

"We are now executing yet another game-changing initiative with the largest ever roll-out of broadband services to home and enterprises through JioFiber. As always, we are committed to bring to Indian consumers more world-class products and services and providing them unique value propositions through innovation and technology," Ambani said.

In the retail segment, revenues for the second quarter ended September 2019 grew by 27 per cent to Rs 41,202 crore on a year-on-year basis, with strong growth across formats despite consumption slowdown, as against Rs 32,436 crore in the year-ago period. PBDIT (profit before depreciation, interest and tax) for the quarter rose by 66.8 per cent to Rs 2,322 crore in the September quarter, as against Rs 1,392 crore in the previous year.

RIL's revenue from the refining and marketing segment decreased by 1.6 per cent to Rs 97,229 crore reflecting lower crude prices. Segment EBIT decreased by 6.9 per cent mainly due to marginally lower gross refining margin (GRM) and narrow light-heavy crude differentials. GRM for the September quarter stood at $ 9.4 per barrel, outperforming Singapore complex margins by $ 2.9 per barrel.

RIL shares became the country's most valuable company after its market capitalisation or market value of all listed shares touched Rs 9 lakh crore for the first time during intra-day trading. RIL shares ended 1.37 per cent higher at Rs 1,415.30, outperforming the Sensex which rose 0.63 per cent. Its market capitalisation at the end of the day was Rs 8.97 lakh crore.

23,403 flights a week this winter schedule, 1.2% more than last yr

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

INDIAN AIRLINES will operate a total of 23,403 flights per week during the upcoming winter schedule, from October 27 to March 28, 1.2 per cent higher than last year's winter schedule. The contained growth is mainly on account of larger airlines simply filling in the gap left by the collapse of Jet Airways.

"Due to the sudden suspension of operations by Jet Airways, approximately 3,600 departures per week were reduced from scheduled domestic aviation," the Directorate General of Civil Aviation said in a statement.

During last year's winter schedule, Jet Airways, along with its low-cost subsidiary JetLite, operated a total of 3,596 flights every week. The airline operated its last flight on April 17 and went into bankruptcy proceedings later due to a funding crunch.

The highest growth over last year's schedule in percentage terms was witnessed by full-service carrier Vistara, which will operate 1,376 flights per week compared with 838 flights a week last year, representing a growth rate of 64.2 per cent. This was followed by SpiceJet that saw growth of 46 per cent and will operate 4,316 flights per week during the upcoming winter schedule. Market leader IndiGo will operate 10,310 flights a week, compared to 9,030 flights last year, whereas Air India will have 2,254 domestic departures every week, compared to 1,916 in the previous winter schedule.

Together, the airlines will operate out of 103 airports, including new ones such as Pithoragarh and Hindon.

According to the data released by the DGCA on Thursday, the domestic air passenger traffic this September increased by just 1.18 per cent, compared to the same month last year, indicating further slowdown in the aviation sector.

DGCA chief Arun Kumar said on Thursday: "The numbers are disappointing. They have pulled down our projection (for 2018-19) ... to 4-6 per cent. The good news is that we have managed to withstand the sad exit of Jet Airways and maintained a positive growth despite three months of negative or almost flat growth". "The loss in fleet on account of Jet Airways has largely been recovered and we expect an all time high fleet of more than 616 aircraft in the air in a month's time from now. With some more aircraft joining our fleet by December 31, we expect a return to double-digit growth in the early part of next year," he added.

EXPLAINED

Jet's absence no longer felt

THE NEW estimates show that the loss in the fleet on account of Jet Airways has largely been recovered and that with some more aircraft being drafted in by December 31, a return to double-digit growth is being projected in the early part of next year. During last year's winter schedule, Jet, along with its low-cost subsidiary JetLite, had operated a total of 3,596 flights every week.

NUMBER OF DEPARTURES PER WEEK

Airline	Winter 2019	Winter 2018	Growth (%)
IndiGo	10,310	9,030	14.2
Jet Airways	–	3,247	–
JetLite	–	349	–
Air India	2,254	1,916	17.6
Alliance Air	868	961	-9.7
SpiceJet	4,316	2,957	46
Vistara	1,376	838	64.2
GoAir	2,308	1,992	15.9
AirAsia India	1,345	1,019	32
Others	626	808	-22.5
Total	23,403	23,117	1.2

'Jul-Sep realty sentiment falls to demonetisation level'

The real estate market sentiment index has declined to the level seen during demonetisation and is expected to remain pessimistic for next six months, a survey by FICCI and NAREDCO, and property consultant Knight Frank said

DEMONETISATION LOW
This index has touched a "level previously seen during the heightened uncertainty period of pre-election in the first quarter of 2014 and the demonetisation period (41) in the last quarter of 2016", the Real Estate Sentiment Index Q3 2019 report said

THE FUTURE SENTIMENT INDEX dropped to an all-time low of 49 in Q3 2019 calendar year

A SCORE OF OVER 50 signifies optimism in sentiments, a score of 50 means the sentiment is same or neutral, while a score of below 50 shows pessimism

SENTIMENT CHECK
The real estate stakeholders' sentiment has gone in the pessimistic zone for the current quarter owing to poor demand-side performance, despite plethora of measures by the government, said Shishir Baijal, CMD, Knight Frank India

NON-AFFORDABLE SEGMENT NOT PART OF GOVT'S MEASURES
The Centre's steps are focused on affordable housing segment, leaving out the vast majority of non-affordable segment from the benefits, he added

COMMERCIAL SENTIMENT STEADY
The report, however, said sentiment toward the commercial real estate sector have remained steady, with the outlook for the new office supply remaining strong for the coming six months

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The index of real estate stakeholders in India plummeted in the July-September quarter from 47

MAGNIFICENT MADHYA PRADESH SUMMIT

Don't believe in signing MoUs, but being investor friendly: CM

MILIND GHATWAI
INDORE, OCTOBER 18

'MAGNIFICENT MADHYA Pradesh', the first investor meet under the current Congress government, ended on Friday with Chief Minister Kamal Nath refusing to divulge the quantum of investment proposed, saying he does not believe in "figures and MoU signing, but in creating an atmosphere favourable for investment".

Inaugurating the summit at the Brilliant Convention Centre, the CM said the "the event is not a jamboree, not an MoU signing spree", adding he was not in favour of talking about proposals worth thousands of crores of rupees that do not result in actual investment or employment. "You know what was the result," he said without elaborating about the previous investor meets under the BJP government.

He said he was ready to adopt unorthodox and unconventional ways to help industries if they convince that the benefits will go to people, generate more jobs and bring prosperity. Talking up the state for its central location in a post-GST world, he said no other state has the potential for logistics as much as MP.

"This is an MP you can believe in and rely on. We walk the talk," he said. He added that the state would become the economic tiger of India.

The CM later told reporters that industrialists were enthused by what the government had to offer. He claimed an Israeli company committed Rs 1,200-crore investment and checked a piece of land at 5 am. He claimed there was no slowdown in the state because the sale of automobiles and FMCG had increased. "If investment sentiment in the country has reduced, the Centre should think about it." He repeated his previous announcement about a law to ensure 70 per cent employment to the local people. He said companies who want to set up business will not be asked any question for three years about the land, but "strict action will be taken if there is any illegality".

MP CM Kamal Nath, along with industrialists, at the summit.

In a pre-recorded message, Reliance Industries Ltd Chairman and Managing Director Mukesh Ambani said he could not make it to Indore because he was occupied with a board meeting but promised to set up state-of-the-art national distributional centres, with over 1 million sq feet space across 45 locations in the state.

Godrej Group chairman Adi Godrej, Sun Pharma managing director (MD) Dilip Shanghvi, India Cements vice chairman and MD N Srinivasan, Vikram Kirloskar of Kirloskar Industries, Bharti Enterprises vice chairman Rakesh Bharti Mittal and ITC Chairman Sanjiv Puri were among the industrialists who spoke at the occasion.

MINUTES OF RBI'S MONETARY POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Panel for accommodative stance 'as long as it is necessary to revive growth'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 18

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said there is a need to be watchful of the fiscal situation

THE SIX-MEMBER Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has favoured persevering with the accommodative stance "as long as it is necessary to revive growth", according to minutes released by the RBI on Friday. However, some members argued that monetary policy cannot be a permanent stimulus and coordinated fiscal and monetary actions are required to revive the growth.

On October 4, the RBI slashed the repo rate by 25 basis points to 5.15 per cent, taking the total reduction to 135 bps in 2019. GDP growth in the June quarter fell to a 7-year low of 5 per cent.

MPC Member Chetan Ghate said monetary policy cannot be a permanent form of stimulus. "There is always a tension between pro-active risk management and being data dependent. "Growth impulses, however, continue to be weak. Given this, the MPC has been pro-active in adjusting policy as reflected in the quantum of past rate cuts," Ghate said.

"I had emphasised that while monetary policy is taking the lead as the first line of defence, a full throttle effort by all arms of macroeconomic management is the need of the hour. Over recent weeks, monetary and fiscal actions have been undertaken, and it is important to buttress this coordinated endeavour," MPC Member and RBI Executive Director Machael Patra said.

According to the minutes of the MPC meeting, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said the government has also initiated several measures in recent months, which, together with monetary easing by the Reserve Bank, are gradually expected to work their way through the real economy.

"At the same time, continuing slowdown of the economy requires all out efforts to strengthen private consumption and investment. There is also a need to be watchful of the fiscal situation; however, the government has indicated that it would maintain the fiscal deficit," Das said.

Das said, "As the inflation scenario remains benign with headline inflation projected at below target in the remaining period of 2019-20 and Q1 of 2020-21, there is policy space to address growth concerns."

"I also vote for persevering with the accommodative stance as long as it is necessary to revive growth, while ensuring that inflation remains within the target. This enhanced forward guidance on the stance of monetary policy should strengthen monetary transmission and support the real economy," he said.

Ravindra H Dholakia, MPC member, who proposed a 40-bp reduction in repo rate said, "In my opinion, enough space exists as argued above for a 40 bps reduction in the policy repo rate now with space still existing for future till growth recovers."

RBI Deputy Governor BP Kanungo said, "While the impact of past policy rate cuts by the MPC is expected to transmit to the real sector gradually, there is a need to reinforce the past monetary policy measures and the recent steps taken by the government in supporting domestic demand. As inflation is projected to remain below the target of 4 per cent till the first quarter of 2020-21, policy space is available to support growth."

"Macroeconomic data coming in after the last meeting of MPC in August 2019 have further confirmed our serious concerns about the growth slow-down with continued benign inflation outlook," Dholakia said.

PERFORMANCE WAS AT THE BOTTOM END OF GOVT'S GROWTH TARGET OF 6-6.5%

China's GDP growth drops to 6% in Q3, slowest since 1992

REUTERS
BEIJING, OCTOBER 18

CHINA'S ECONOMIC growth slowed more than expected to 6.0 per cent year-on-year in the third quarter, the weakest pace in almost three decades, hit by soft factory production amid a bruising Sino-US trade war and lacklustre demand at home.

Friday's data marked a further loss of momentum for the economy from the second quarter's 6.2 per cent growth, likely raising expectations that Beijing needs to roll out more measures to ward off a sharper slowdown.

The third-quarter performance was also at the bottom end of the government's full-year economic growth target of 6-6.5 per cent.

Analysts polled by *Reuters* had forecast gross domestic product (GDP) to grow 6.1 per cent year-on-year in the July-September quarter.

China's trading partners and investors are closely watching the health of the world's second-largest economy as the trade war with the United States fuels fears about a global recession.

"There is a lot of uncertainty, still, regarding the U.S.-China trade agreement," said Ho Woei Chen, economist at UOB in Singapore. "I think the December 15 tariffs will have very important implications for Chinese growth in 2020. Beijing's approach has been rather measured and targeted and they will continue to be so."

Downbeat data in recent months has highlighted weaker demand at home and abroad. Still, most analysts say the scope for aggressive stimulus is limited in an economy already saddled with piles of debt following previous easing cycles, which have sent housing prices sharply higher.

The outlook is unlikely to change for the better any time soon even as tensions in the protracted trade war between Beijing and Washington have eased somewhat. US President Donald Trump said last week the two sides had reached agreement on the first phase of a deal and suspended a tariff hike, but officials said much work still needed to be done. A slide in China's exports accelerated in September while imports contracted for a fifth straight month. The drags on demand, both domestic and global, have hit several key parts of the economy with weakness seen in freight shipments, factory power generation, employment and entertainment spending.

No charges on digital payments to biz with turnover over ₹50 cr from Nov 1

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

MOVING AHEAD on its Budget announcement, the government on Friday said banks or system providers will not impose charges or Merchant Discount Rate on customers as well as merchants on digital payments made to establishments having turnover over Rs 50 crore from November 1.

In a notice, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has called for applications from banks and payment service providers operating an authorised payment system under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act 2007 who are willing that their payment system may be taken into consideration.

"In furtherance to the declared policy objective of the government to encourage digital economy and move towards a less-cash economy, a new provision namely Section 269SU was inserted in the Income-tax Act 1971 vide the Finance (No 2) Act 2019, which provides that every person having a business turnover of more than Rs 50 crore shall mandatorily provide facilities for accepting payments through electronic modes," the CBDT notice said. The new provisions "shall come into force with effect from November 1, 2019," it said.

Noting that low-cost digital modes of payment such as BHIM UPI, UPI-QR Code, Aadhaar Pay, certain Debit cards, NEFT and RTGS which can be used to promote less cash economy, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in her Budget speech in July had said that businesses with an annual turnover of over Rs 50 crore can offer these payments options and no charges or Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) would be imposed on them or their customers.

"I propose that the business establishments with annual turnover more than Rs 50 crore shall offer such low cost digital modes of payment to their customers and no charges or Merchant Discount Rate shall be imposed on customers as well as merchants. RBI and banks will absorb these costs from the savings that will accrue to them on account of handling less cash as people move to these digital modes of payment," she had said.

Following the announcement, amendments have been made in the Income-tax Act as well as in the Payment and Settlement Systems Act 2007.

US imposes tariffs on EU goods; targets Airbus, wine and whisky

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 18

THE UNITED States imposed tariffs on a record $7.5-billion worth of European Union goods on Friday, despite threats of retaliation, with Airbus, French wine and Scottish whiskies among the high-profile targets.

The tariffs, which took effect just after midnight in Washington (0401 GMT), came after talks between European officials and US trade representatives failed to win a last-minute reprieve. The WTO-endorsed onslaught from US President Donald Trump also comes as Washington is mired in a trade war with China and could risk destabilising the global economy further. Meanwhile, The EU's top trade official said the bloc would have no choice but to hit back. "We regret the choice of the US to move ahead with tariffs," European Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmstrom said.

G20 FINANCE MINISTERS' MEETING

FM calls for concerted action to reverse global slowdown

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman at a meeting in Washington on Friday. *ANI*

FINANCE MINISTER Nirmala Sitharaman called for concerted action among the G20 industrial nations as well as another wave of reforms to reverse the ongoing global economic slowdown, the government said in a statement on Friday.

Speaking at a meeting of G20 finance ministers and central bank governors in Washington, Sitharaman "emphasized the importance of countries pursuing structural reform measures to counter the growth slowdown", in a subtle indication the government may be willing to undertake further reforms, as a consumption-led growth deceleration deepened.

She pitched the recent decision to cut the standard corporate tax rate sharply to 22 per cent from 30 per cent as a great structural reform, asserting that the move made the country one of the lowest tax-imposing nations that would help spur investment.

Separately, talking to Indian reporters, the minister said trade differences between India and the US had been narrowing and hoped for a deal soon. "I know the intensity with which the negotiations are going on and a few issues on which they could be some differences are being sorted out. I hope there will be an agreement sooner," she said. Reinforcing fears of a protracted growth slowdown, the International Monetary Fund recently cut its India growth forecast to just 6.1 per cent for 2019-20 from 7 per cent predicted earlier. **FE**

BRIEFLY

IMF, World Bank appeal to end trade wars

Washington: The leaders of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank appealed to their 189 member countries on Friday to resolve widening disagreements on trade and other issues. **AP**

L&T to buy Old Lane's stake for ₹48 crore

New Delhi: Larsen & Toubro on Friday said it has signed an agreement to buy the entire stake of Old Lane Mauritius III Ltd in L&T Infrastructure Development Projects for Rs 47.9 crore.

IBA elects Rajnish Kumar as chairman

Mumbai: SBI chief Rajnish Kumar has been elected as the chairman of the banking industry lobby Indian Banks' Association for 2019-20.

Bhatia files petitions for info in US

New Delhi: In deepening rift between IndiGo promoters, Rahul Bhatia has filed petitions in US courts seeking evidence from Rakesh Gangwal and InterGlobe Aviation's independent director Anupam Khanna. **PTI**

Libra faces new hurdle from G7 nations

New Delhi: Facebook's plans on Libra faced a new hurdle when the G7 nations said such "stablecoins" should not be allowed until risks are addressed. **REUTERS**

Oracle co-CEO Mark Hurd passes away

New Delhi: Oracle Corp's co-CEO, Mark Hurd, passed away on Friday, according to an internal company email. **REUTERS**

'Boeing internal messages suggest staff may have misled US FAA on 737 MAX'

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 18

The US FAA said it found the messages 'concerning' and 'is reviewing this information to determine what action is appropriate'

BOEING CO turned over instant messages from 2016 between two employees that suggest the airplane maker may have misled the Federal Aviation Administration about a key safety system on the grounded 737 MAX, according to documents seen by *Reuters*. The FAA confirmed Friday that Boeing told it a day earlier about internal messages it had discovered "some months ago" that characterise "certain communications with the FAA during the original certification of the 737 MAX in 2016."

The FAA said it found the messages "concerning" and "is reviewing this information to determine what action is appropriate." It prompted a letter from FAA Administrator Steve Dickson to Boeing Chief Executive Dennis Muilenburg demanding an "immediate" explanation for the delay in turning over the documents.

A person briefed on the matter said Boeing failed to turn over the documents to the FAA for four months and that the Justice Department is also in possession of the messages.

The Boeing internal messages raised questions about the performance of the so-called MCAS anti-stall system that has been tied to the two fatal crashes in five months.

The messages are between the MAX's then-chief technical pilot, Mark Forkner, and another Boeing pilot, the sources said, and raised questions about the MCAS's performance in the simulator in which he said it was "running rampant."

Forkner has since left Boeing. The Seattle Times reported in September that Forkner repeatedly invoked his Fifth Amendment right to not turn over documents subpoenaed by the Justice Department.

Boeing said in a statement the company "brought to the Committee's attention a document containing statements by a former Boeing employee."

Forkner said in one text message, "I basically lied to the regulators (unknowingly)." The other employee responded that "it wasn't a lie, no one told us that was the case" of an issue with MCAS.

Singh brothers tell court they want to settle matter

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Deepak Sherawat took note of the submission and issued production warrant for the accused persons for Tuesday

FORMER PROMOTERS of Religare Enterprises Ltd (REL), Malvinder Singh and Shivinder Singh, arrested by the EOW for an alleged diversion of funds and causing a loss of Rs 2,397 crore to Religare Finvest Ltd (RFL), sought interim bail from a Delhi court, saying they wanted to settle the case with the complainant.

Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Deepak Sherawat took note of the submission and issued production warrant for the accused persons for Tuesday. The court posted the matter for hearing on October 22. The court on Thursday sent Singh brothers and other accused — Sunil Godhwani, Kavi Arora and Anil Saxena — to judicial custody till October 31.

Counsel for Malvinder, Manu Sharma, told the court that his client was willing to settle the matter.

"The complainant was willing to talk to me and find a resolution. Let us find a solution, but I can't be sitting inside. I can't come out and talk".

Senior advocate Vikas Pahwa, appearing for RFL's Manpreet Singh Suri who is the complainant, said he wanted the proposal in writing.

"We are open to any kind of settlement. Let them give a proposal. They are saying let me come out on bail and then we will cooperate is vague ... there are some elements of criminality also here," Pahwa told the court.

Counsel for Shivinder, DP Singh, told the court, "I can assure this court with some confidence the police is also not clear with what the case is. Let them come on interim bail only to talk to mediators and talk directly. What will be important is I (Shivinder) will come out, and I sit with them chalk out the entire thing".

Sebi tightens rules for statutory auditors

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

The norms have been issued against the backdrop of rising instances of auditors quitting companies

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) on Friday put in place stricter norms for auditors, including prompt disclosures about reasons for their resignation and requirement to approach chairman of audit committee directly in case of any concerns with management of the firm concerned.

The norms have been issued against the backdrop of rising instances of auditors quitting companies as well as those of auditors coming under the scanner in connection with alleged financial irregularities at firms.

The circular on 'Resignation of statutory auditors from listed entities and their material subsidiaries' will come into force with immediate effect.

According to Sebi, resignation of an auditor of a listed entity before completion of the audit of financial results for the year due to reasons such as pre-occupation may seriously hamper investor confidence and deny them access to reliable information for taking timely investment decisions.

Coming out with the circular, Sebi has asked all listed entities and material subsidiaries to ensure that an auditor issues the audit report, if he or she is tendering resignation, within 45 days from the end of a quarter.

Besides, those resigning after 45 days from the end of a quarter have to issue audit reports for the quarter concerned as well as the successive quarter. The auditors who have signed the limited review or audit report for the first three quarters of a financial year, before resignation need to issue the audit report for the last quarter as well as for the complete financial year, Sebi said in a circular.

However, an auditor who has rendered as disqualified as per the relevant provisions of the Companies Act, would not be required to comply with the directions.

Passenger vehicle retail sales fall 20% in Sept: FADA

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

AUTOMOBILE DEALERS' body Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations on Friday said passenger vehicle retail sales in September declined 20.1 per cent to 1,57,972 units against the same period last year as the onset of festival season and never-seen-before discounts failed to lift demand. Commercial vehicle sales dropped 18.5 per cent to 63,518 units.

J&J to recall some baby powder as US FDA finds traces of asbestos

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 18

JOHNSON & Johnson said on Friday it is recalling around 33,000 bottles of baby powder in the United States after the US health regulators found trace amounts of asbestos in samples taken from a bottle purchased online.

The voluntary recall is limited to one lot of Johnson's Baby Powder produced and shipped in the United States in 2018, the company said.

The company's shares fell 3.6 per cent to $131.40 in early New York Stock Exchange trading.

J&J also said it has started an investigation into the matter and is working with the US Food and Drug Administration to determine the integrity of the tested sample as well as the validity of test results.

A spokesperson for the FDA was not immediately available to comment.

Reuters on Dec. 14 published a special report detailing that the company knew for decades that cancer-causing asbestos could be found in its talc.

J&J has repeatedly said that its talc products are safe, and that decades of studies have shown them to be asbestos-free and that they do not cause cancer.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION,
U.T., CHANDIGARH

E-TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer C.P Division No.6, U.T. Chandigarh Re-invites online the Percentage rate tenders on behalf of the President of India from eligible reputed contractors/agencies fulfilling the eligibility criteria mentioned below which shall be uploaded and received on http://etenders.chd.nic.in/nicgep.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Tender Amount	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Last Date of Submission of Bid	Date of Opening of Bid
1.	RESTORATION, PRESERVATION, CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF CAPITOL COMPLEX (WORLD HERITAGE), CHANDIGARH - PUNJAB AND HARYANA CIVIL SECRETARIAT BUILDING (COMPOSITE WORK).	(a) Civil Component : Rs. 19,85,15,500/- (b) PH Services : Rs. 2,60,00,000/- (c) Electrical Installation: Rs. 3,06,63,114/- Total: Rs. 25,51,78,614/-	Rs. 35,52,000/-	12 Month	30.10.2019 11.00 A.M.	30.10.2019 12.00 P.M.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
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Sector 9-D, U.T., Chandigarh.
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तिरुनेलवेली जिला TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT– 627 133, तमिलनाडु TAMILNADU

क्रय व भंडार प्रभाग/PURCHASE & STORES DIVISION दिनांक /DATE: 18.10.2019
निविदा सूचना सं. आईपीआरसी/प्र.क्र.व.भं/पीटी/ई-प्रापण/17/2019-20/TENDER NOTICE NO.IPRC/HPS/PT/e-PROC/17/2019-20

भारत के राष्ट्रपति के लिए और उनकी ओर से प्रधान, क्रय व भंडार, इसरो नोदन कॉम्प्लेक्स (आईपीआरसी), महेंद्रगिरि निम्नलिखित की आपूर्ति हेतु ऑनलाइन निविदाएं आमंत्रित करते हैं। For and on behalf of the President of India, Head, Purchase & Stores, ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC), Mahendragiri invites online tenders for supply of the following:

क्र. सं. Sl. No.	निविदा संदर्भ सं. Tender Ref. No.	संक्षिप्त विवरण Brief Description	निविदा प्रस्तुतीकरण की अंतिम तिथि व समय/ Last Date & Time for Tender Submission
1.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019ई0315101 (एक-भाग) IPRC/PUR/2019E0315101 (Single-Part)	व्यायाम उपकरण की आपूर्ति Supply of Gym Equipment	Upto 04.11.2019 11:00 बजे/hrs. तक
2.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019ई0380901 (एक-भाग) IPRC/PUR/2019E0380901 (Single-Part)	लघु एवं भारी वाहनों के अनुरक्षण हेतु दर संविदा R/C for Maintenance of Light & Heavy Vehicles	Upto 01.11.2019 14:00 बजे/hrs. तक
3.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019ई0356601 (दो-भाग) IPRC/PUR/2019E0356601 (Two-Part)	नियंत्रण प्रणाली – आपूर्ति, अधिष्ठापन एवं कमीशन करना Control System- Supply, installation & Commission	Upto 07.11.2019 14:00 बजे/hrs. तक
4.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019ई0355401 (दो-भाग) IPRC/PUR/2019E0355401 (Two-Part)	नम्य होज़ों का प्रापण Procurement of Flexible hoses	Upto 11.11.2019 10:00 बजे/hrs. तक
5.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019ई0371901 (एक-भाग) IPRC/PUR/2019E0371901 (Single-Part)	जंक्शन बॉक्स और क्यूबिकल बॉक्सों की आपूर्ति Supply of Junction Box and cubicle boxes	Upto 31.10.2019 14:00 बजे/hrs. तक

इच्छुक विक्रेता हमारे इसरो नोदन कॉम्प्लेक्स लिंक यूआरएल https://eprocure.isro.gov.in पर जाए और केवल ऑनलाइन द्वारा अपने कोटेशन अपलोड करें। इस निविदा सूचना के प्रकाशन के पश्चात जारी कोई भी शुद्धिपत्र केवल हमारे वेबसाइट में ही देखा जा सकेगा। आप कृपया वेबसाइट नियमित रूप से देखा करें।/The interested vendors may visit our ISRO PROPULSION COMPLEX Link in URL https://eprocure.isro.gov.in and upload your quotations through online only. Corrigendum if any, issued after publication of this Tender Notice, will be hosted in our web site only. You may please visit the site regularly.

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OPEN e-TENDER NOTICE

OFFICE OF THE
Chief Engineer/Transmission System,
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EMAIL: se-ss-design@pspcl.in
E-tendering page: pspcl.abcprocure.com

Online Tenders are invited for the supply of the following material as per Tender Specification No 198/SSD-1/2019 of PSPCL:

Item No.	Description	Qty. Nos.	Enquiry No./Year	Last date & time for downloading of tenders	Last date & time for bid submission	Date & time of opening of bids
1.	70 Nos 66 KV Line C& R panel CL1P (Non-SCADA)	70	198/SSD-1/2019	04.12.2019 11.00 A.M.	06.12.2019 11.00 A.M.	06.12.2019 11.30 A.M.

Detailed NIT and Specifications may be downloaded from PSPCL e-Tendering website: https://pspcl.abcprocure.com.

It is informed that in case tender process is not completed due to any reason, No CORRIGENDUM will be published in newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on PSPCL website www.pspcl.in and www.pspcl.abcprocure.com

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PSPCL, Patiala.

TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF TELANGANA LIMITED
e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

The Transmission Corporation of Telangana Limited invites sealed bids for the following works.

Name of the works: (i) Spec.No.TST-CONST-e-07/2019-20 – Erection of 220KV Twin Moose DC Line (24 KM) for making LILO of existing 220KV Pulukurthy- Bheemghanpur Twin Moose line at Ramappa point (Loc.No.92) to proposed 400/220/132kV SS KTPP in Jayashankar Bhupalapally District.

ii) Spec.No.TST-CONST-e-08/2019-20 – Lot-I:- Erection of 220KV Twin Moose DC Line (22 KM) for making LILO of existing 220KV Salivagu - Bheemghanpur Twin Moose line at Ramappa point (Loc. No. 66) to proposed 400/220/132kV KTPP SS in Jayashankar Bhupalapally District.

Lot-II:- Erection of (i) 132KV Single Moose DC line (2 KM) on 220kV Multi-circuit towers from proposed 400/220/132KV SS KTPP to existing 132/33KV SS Chelpur and (ii) 2Nos. 132KV Bay extensions at 132/33KV SS Chelpur in Jayashankar Bhupalapally District.

iii) Spec.No.TST-CONST-e-09/2019-20 - Erection of (i) 220kV Single Moose DC line (53 KM) to proposed 400/220/132kV KTPP SS from existing 220/132kV Mantharni SS and (ii) 2Nos. 220KV Bay extensions at 220/132KV SS Mantharni in Peddapally District. NOTE: - Further details can be seen @ http: // www.eprocurement.telangana.gov.in. PHONE NO. 040-23396000, Extn: 3356, 3351 / FAX NO. 040-23336171.

RO No: 30/19 Sd/- CHIEF ENGINEER, CONSTRUCTION (OSD)

Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited
(A Government of India Enterprise)
Khurshid Lal Bhawan, Janpath, New Delhi-110050

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

On behalf of MTNL, New Delhi vide Tender enquiry:
1. No.AGM(IT-TP)/Bill Print/2019-20 Online tenders are invited for Printing of Bills of PSTN & GSM LOB of MTNL, Delhi (Estimated Cost Rs. 78,00,149/- Approximately)
2. No. AGM(MPL)/5 Pair PIJF Cable/2018-19/01 Online tenders are invited for Supply of 5 Pair PIJF Cable (U/A) in two Parts(Part-A Techno Commercial and Part-B Financial Bid) (Estimated Cost Rs.19,58,000/-)

For detail information, please log on to website: http://www.eprocure.gov.in, http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app, www.mtnldelhi.in and http://www.tenders.gov.in

सीएसआईआर- केंद्रीय खनन एवं ईंधन अनुसंधान संस्थान (CSIR-CIMFR)
(वैज्ञानिक तथा औद्योगिक अनुसंधान परिषद/ Council of Scientific and Industrial Research)
बरवा रोड, धनबाद, झारखंड/ Barwa Road, Dhanbad, Jharkhand - 826015

NO. CIMFR/EOI/19 Date : 17.10.2019

रुचि की अभिव्यक्ति / Expression of Interest (EoI)

निम्नवत के चयन के लिए ऐसे योग्य फर्मों से रुचि की अभिव्यक्ति आमंत्रित की जाती है/ EOI is being invited from the eligible firms for selection of :

1. Industrial Collaborators to up-scale the process for extraction of Potassium from ash.

तकनीक का क्रियान्वयन विभिन्न कार्यक्षेत्रों में किया जाना है। इससे संबंधित निबंधन और शर्तों का विवरण संस्थान के कुंज www.cimfr.nic.in/tenders पर उपलब्ध हैं। इच्छुक पक्षकार दिनांक 04.11.2019 तक सायं 5.00 बजे तक या पहले अपनी रुचि की अभिव्यक्ति प्रमुख, बीडीआईएल, सीएसआईआर-सीआईएमएफआर, धनबाद, झारखंड- 826015 के पते पर भेज सकते हैं।

Technology is to be implemented in different fields. The details of other terms and conditions are available on the website www.cimfr.nic.in/tenders. Interested firm may send EOI on or before 04.11.2019 till 5.00 pm to the Head, BDIL, CSIR-CIMFR, Barwa Road, Dhanbad, Jharkhand- 826015.

Sd/-
प्रशासनिक अधिकारी / Administrative Officer
सीएसआईआर- सीआईएमएफआर / CSIR-CIMFR

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Department, Project Division,
Near Shamily, Mandavi Towers , 1st Floor , Ambalapady, Udupi - 576103. Land line /Fax: 0820-2532704 E-mail. kn-udu@pmgsy.nic.in
No:EE/PD/U/NGNRY-IV/Additional/Tender Notification/2019-20/259 Date: 10.10.2019

Short Term Tender Notification

On behalf of Government of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, Project Division, Udupi invites short term tender for the NGNRY-IV Additional work mentioned below as per standard tender document in two cover system. The tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in I.T.I. caluse-3 of standard tender document to qualify for award of the contractor. Tender document may downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka viz . www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

Sl. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost(in Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Period of Completion
1	Package-KS 26-55 Improvements to road from Ayyappanagara-Anandi Maidan-Nakre road and Improvements to road from Varanga -Soorimannu-Shivapura road in Karkala Constituency of Udupi District	10,00,00,000.00	17,60,000.00	11 Months (Including Rainy Season)
2	Package-KS 26-56 Improvements to road from Hosmar to Idu Main road and Improvements to road from Renjala-Panjala-Nellikaru road in Karkala Constituency of Udupi District .	10,00,00,000.00	17,65,000.00	11 Months (Including Rainy Season)
3	Package-KS 26-57 Improvements to road from Kanthavara to Marigudi in Karkala Constituency of Udupi District	5,00,00,000.00	8,70,000.00	11 Months (Including Rainy Season)
4	Package-KS 26-58 Improvements to road from Mala-Sunkadakatte-Hogehithlu in Karkala Constituency of Udupi District	5,00,00,000.00	8,63,000.00	11 Months (Including Rainy Season)

Calendar of events: (1) Date from which tender documents: 18.10.2019 downloaded from e-portal. (2) Date of pre bid meeting & Place: 24.10.2019, 11:30 hours, Office of the Executive Engineer Project Division, Udupi. (3) Last date for clarification: 25.10.2019. (4) Last date for receiving bids: 04.11.2019, upto 16.30 Hours. (5) Time & date of open tender bids: 05.11.2019, upto 16.35 Hours. (6) Place of opening tender bids: Office of the Executive Engineer, Project Division, Near Shamili Hall, Mandavi Tower, First Floor, Udupi.

Information: (1) The Class-1 contractors who have registered in PWD/CPWD and enrolled in Panchayat Raj Engineering Department (Government of Karnataka) are eligible in participation of tendering Award of contract depends on technical capacity, work carrying capacity and financial resourcefulness of the bidders. (2) The Contractors who are terminated from KRRDA for non completion of works and who have been terminated for not maintaining PMGSY/NGNRY roads are not eligible for participating in the tendering. (3) For any further information, the concerned Executive Engineer, Project Division may be contacted. (4) Details can be obtained from the http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project Division, Udupi

Parenting and the art of selective watering

It is not a technique but a deep faith that each child is worthy. Just the way he or she is

IMAGINE

BY SHELJA SEN

MANY YEARS ago, I went for a five-day retreat with the Zen Buddhist Master and peace activist, Thich Nhat Hanh, that was like a paradigm shift for me as a human being, a parent and a therapist. There is one simple and beautiful metaphor that I would like to share that can transform the way we live, teach and, definitely, parent our children. According to Thay (as he is called by his followers), each one of us has both negative seeds (for example, anger, rage, jealousy, hatred) and wholesome seeds (love, joy, gratitude, compassion, courage) and what will grow depends on the seeds we water.

Similarly, in our relationship with our children, the seeds that will sprout and gain strength are the ones that we nurture. Simple.

At the core of this philosophy is the faith that there is immense inner wealth in each and every child.

For many children, this inner wealth of greatness is very obvious as they shine in studies, sports, talent and social situations. Like magnets, these children immediately make us water their wholesome seeds with their charm, pleasant ways and attractive qualities. There are many other children whose wholesome seeds are not visible to us. They are sunk deep in the mud and need some intentional watering so that they can be nourished and continue to grow. Naturally, they are the ones who end up attracting a lot of our negative energy as we struggle to come to terms with their 'messiness'. They seem to be grappling with their studies, are uncoordinated and have no obvious appeal, and we end up trying to fix them by cranking up our negative energy towards them – 'you are wasting your life', 'why can't you be more responsible'!

I find Nurtured Heart Approach (NHA) by Howard Glasser, a psychologist and therapist, very much in alignment with the Buddhist art of selective watering. I have tweaked it a bit over the years to give it a different twist.

Active recognition

Do you remember the way Na'vis greeted each other in the film Avatar? 'I see you!'. Wow! So simple, but so difficult. In our frantic world of multitasking, who has the time for 'I see you'? But can you imagine how our lives would be enriched if we did more of 'I see you'.

Illustration: Suvajit Dey

Active recognition is the 'I see you' of the Na'vis. I like to believe that my grandfather was a Na'vi as he relished every moment of our being on this earth. No matter how busy he was, or how many times he had seen us in a day, he would always smile when we entered the room, his eyes lighting up and sparkling with pure love.

As he grew very old, at times, we could hear him softly chuckling and murmuring our names under his breath as if just saying them out gave him immense pleasure and peace. That is active recognition!

When just the presence of the other person fills you with expansive gratitude and joy. This is a small gesture but it works like magic in building a sense of 'I am valued' for children and goes a long way in strengthening the connect which is at the core of every relationship.

Choose one day and make it a 'Light Up' day. Go about your daily activities but keep your eyes and ears open for your children. Look at them more often, make more eye contact, listen to them, touch them, smile at them, light up and notice the small activities they are involved in (Tone it down for the teenagers otherwise you might spook them out.). At the end of the day, notice if you see any changes in them, or in yourself. For that little extra kick, try it with your spouse too!

Value recognition

In value recognition, we go one step further. We connect their behaviour, actions, choices to a strength, a quality or a value. 'I appreciate your honesty in telling me that you did not prepare for your exams,' 'It takes a lot of courage to stand up to the bullies,' 'You showed a sense of responsibility in submitting this project on time.'

Children thrive when they feel they are being appreciated, recognised and valued as human beings.

However, it is also very important to differentiate between recognition and praise. Praise like 'you are so pretty', 'you are so intelligent', 'you are so smart' is like junk food, which does not really nourish a child. Carol Dweck from Standford University, in her decades of research in this field, calls praise - fixed feedback (i.e., something that can't be changed), which ends up breeding a generation of praise junkies who are resistant to growth. Fixed feedback does not help the child to grow and, on the other hand, can just make her complacent and reluctant to work on her skills. However, recognitions, which highlight effort, persistence, compassion, etc., are like process feedback (i.e., something that can be changed), which enhances the growth mindset in children.

Creative recognition

Going back to the core philosophy that I write about , 'Each child is wired and inspired differently', we have to accept that there are many children who are shy, scattered, disorganised, dreamers, clumsy and noisy. They might still have huge reservoirs of creativity, talent, ability, generosity, etc., but all that is lost behind cobwebs of mis-wiring that keep them from connecting and showing their sparkle.

Creative recognition is about creating spaces for all children to shine. It is about making time for each child to be celebrated. We could stretch ourselves a little and water the seeds of every child in the classroom too -- Sahil's poem to be read out to the class; Richa's story to be sent to the school magazine; Ayesha's artwork to be put up on the notice board; Zoha's recipe to be put up on a school's website. Let childhood and school not be congratulatory just for children who are visible to all, but also for those who can easily get lost in the crowd. Through recognition, we become active agents in helping children weave their stories and identities with vibrant and colourful threads that speak to

them of their worthiness. The art of selective watering is about accepting and celebrating the child as he is and not as you wished he was. It is not a technique but a deep faith that each child is worthy. Just the way he or she is.

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DIET DIARY

Changing concepts of wellness over the years, and coming a full circle

BY ISHI KHOSLA

ABOUT HALF-a-century ago, between the 1950s and 1970s, wellness was about eating simple, non-oily, non-spicy home food, not smoking, not drinking and taking a regular morning walk. Practicing yoga was a bonus and this pretty much worked for most people. The number of people who had medical issues was few.

Infectious diseases like small pox, cholera and polio were on their way out. The only wellness retreats that existed in the hills were to nurse patients of tuberculosis. Before we could settle in with political and economic security, improved levels of affluence in the 1980s brought in the epidemic of lifestyle-related conditions like heart diseases, hypertension, diabetes and obesity. More cases of autoimmune diseases and cancer followed. This set the stage for a whole new concept of health and wellness.

Gyms, diet clinics, wellness spas and health resorts began to emerge. Dieting caught up with calorie-counting, low-fat and low-cholesterol diets. Thousands of diets for weight loss also became popular, such as G M, Atkins, South Beach etc.

The food industry responded to this by literally driving out traditional fats like butter, ghee, mustard and sesame oils, and opting for refined oils and margarine. Refined flour, processed breakfast cereals, fruit juices, margarine and sugary transfat-laden bakery items, along with sugar substitutes, took up shelf spaces in super markets.

But the epidemic of diseases continued to climb exponentially. Trends of obesity and other lifestyle diseases remained disturbing, to say the least. The increasing number of wheelchair-bound middle-aged people at airports, youngsters with transplanted hair or balding heads, or artificial nails, adults with acne, and those popping anti-acids or thyroid pills, stand proof of a growing health crises.

Deeper understanding and rethinking gave birth to alternative and complementary medicine. This marked the resurgence of traditional systems of healing like Ayurveda, naturopathy and yoga. Diet clinics, resorts and spas mushroomed. Holistic healing came of age, and it defied several existing beliefs.

From busting saturated fat, cholesterol myths to going deeper into the connection between the gut and our health, this truly redefined health. Virtues of wheat, dairy, low-fat and cholesterol-free food were challenged.

All diseases begin in the gut, and the gut-brain connect and the importance of gut flora is now the focus. High-fat keto diets, fasting, organic, local, gluten-free, dairy and paleo diet trends are catching the attention of health-seekers. Genesis of the genome and its importance in customised diets has created a paradigm shift in healthcare practices. Supplements and novelty foods emerged as an integral part of this growing trend.

Wellness and health have become the top drivers of elite spending. Holistic and sustainable healthcare practices are the new mantra. Never before has this business of health and wellness been so specialised and the growing numbers of facilities are proof.

Detoxification of the body is certainly a good way to protect yourself. Not surprising that the age-old practices of fasting, panchkarma, oil-pulling etc are witnessing a revival. Remember the old words of wisdom. You are what you eat and all diseases begin in the gut.

We surely have come a full circle.

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Exercise useful for surviving cancer, and maybe avoiding it

New guidelines say exercise may help cancer patients live longer, or help you avoid getting cancer in the first place

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EVEN A little exercise may help people avoid and survive many types of cancer, according to new exercise guidelines that focus on how exercise affects cancer outcomes.

The guidelines, issued jointly by the American College of Sports Medicine, the American Cancer Society and 15 other international organisations, update almost decade-old recommendations with new science and specific advice about how much and what types of exercise may be the most needed, helpful and tolerable for anyone facing a cancer diagnosis.

Cancer is, of course, one of the world's most common major diseases, with more than 18 million people globally diagnosed with some form of the condition in 2018. It also is often treatable and today, millions of people are cancer survivors.

ut there are high fiscal and physical costs related to cancer. Treatments, while frequently effective, can leave people feeling ill, anxious, exhausted and frail, and may cause collateral damage to the heart or other parts of the body.

So, physicians, therapists and scientists, working with cancer patients, continue to look for accessible, inexpensive ways to improve the lives of cancer patients and also, more fundamentally, reduce the risk that someone will develop cancer in the first place.

Exercise was an obvious candidate. Whether aerobic or resistance, exercise is known to build strength, fight fatigue and lift gloom. But many researchers, clinicians, patients and their families have worried that it might be unsafe for people with cancer; that it might, somehow, make people's condition worse. In 2008, a large group of researchers convened to comb through the available science about exercise and cancer and decide if there was enough evidence to tell patients that they could and even should work out. In 2010, the group published its recommendations, which amounted to saying that exercise appeared to be safe for most people with cancer and they should try, in general, to be active.

Since then, however, there has been "exponential growth" in research related to exercise and cancer, says Kathryn Schmitz, a professor of public health and cancer control at Penn State University and the immediate past president of the American College of Sports Medicine. So, last year, she and almost 40 other researchers from 17 international health groups gathered to determine whether there was sufficient evidence now to refine the recommendations about cancer and exercise. The group wound up gathering hundreds of studies involving animals and people that examined the impacts of exercise on dozens of aspects of cancer risk and cancer recovery.

And they concluded that there was more than enough evidence to start suggesting that exercise should be a part of standard treatment for most people with cancer. They also found that exercise should be considered a means to substantially drop the risk of developing cancer in the first place.

Specifically, the scientists, in separate reviews being published in *Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise* and *CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians*, report that physically active people have as much as 69 per cent less risk of being diagnosed with certain cancers than sedentary people. Exercise seems to be especially potent at lessening the likelihood of developing seven common malignancies, the new recommendations add: colon, breast, endometrial, kidney, bladder, esophageal and stomach cancers.

The recommendations also point out that, in multiple recent studies, exercise changed the trajectory of cancer once it began. In animal experiments cited in the new reviews, exercise altered the molecular environment around some tumors, stalling or even halting their growth. And in people, exercising during and after cancer treatment was associated with longer subsequent life spans, the reviews found.

Based on these findings, the authors of the new recommendations conclude that people with cancer should aim to exercise at least three times per week at a moderate intensity, such as by brisk walking, for at least 30 minutes.

Exercise also seems to lessen cancer patients' feelings of anxiety or depression and their sometimes debilitating fatigue, the new recommendations report.

And while there had been some concern that exercise might increase the risks for or severity of upper-body lymphedema, the swelling and fluid retention that is common among women recovering from breast cancer, exercise was not associated with an increased risk.

Based on these findings, the authors of the new recommendations conclude that people with cancer should aim to exercise at least three times per week at a moderate intensity, such as by brisk walking, for at least 30 minutes, and also try to lift weights twice a week, if possible.

These recommendations are a bit lighter than the standard, governmental guidelines for the general public, which call for moderate aerobic exercise five times per week, plus several sessions of weight training.

Dr Schmitz says the available science indicates that working out three times a week is the most likely to be feasible and safe for almost everyone with cancer. "The evidence is clear that going from nothing" — from being totally sedentary — "to something is helpful" for people completing or recovering from cancer treatment, she says. Check with your doctor before starting an exercise regimen, but for those who are able to, she adds, "more is better."

She and her colleagues hope that future studies will help to pin down more precise, granular doses of exercise that doctors can prescribe to aid in cancer treatment and prevention in general and against specific types of cancer in particular. They also hope to determine whether or not there is any upper limit on the amount of healthy exercise for people with cancer.

But for now, Dr Schmitz says, the primary recommendation she and her colleagues would offer to anyone dealing with or hoping to avoid cancer is: "Get up. Move. It's so simple and so essential. Get up and move."

NYT

SHORT COURSE

[0-20 YEARS]

Occasional drinking in pregnancy may be harmful

A NEW Australian study has suggested that even small amounts of alcohol consumed occasionally could cause insulin resistance during pregnancy, which increases the likelihood of diabetes and could be harmful. The study on rats mimicked 'special occasion drinking', such as a family barbeque or birthday party, where a pregnant woman might be encouraged to have one or two alcoholic drinks. "There are a couple of potential reasons for this, one being that during pregnancy, the placenta adapts to prenatal stress differently depending on, if it's a male or female fetus, and this can have an impact on fetal growth and development," said a researcher. "The other factor is hormonal changes as the offspring grows into adulthood. In this case, we know that oestrogen protects against insulin-resistance, and because males don't have high oestrogen, they don't experience the same protection." PTI

[20-50 YEARS]

Weight gain in mid-20s linked to early death risk

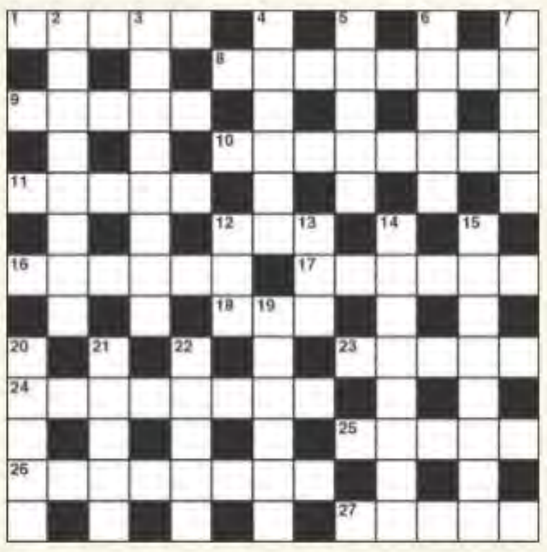
GAINING WEIGHT from your mid-20s into middle age is associated with an increased risk of premature death, according to a study of US adults. The study, published in the journal *BMJ*, also found that weight loss at older ages — from middle to late adulthood — was also linked to higher risk. Researchers based in China set out to investigate the association between weight changes across adulthood and mortality. After taking account of potentially influential factors, the researchers found that people who remained obese throughout adult life had the highest risk of mortality, while people who remained overweight throughout adult life had a very modest or no association with mortality. Weight gain from young to middle adulthood was associated with increased risk of mortality, compared with participants who remained at normal weight, the researchers said. PTI

[50+]

Early menopause may hike heart disease risk

WOMEN WHO reach menopause before the age of 50 have an increased risk of cardiovascular diseases like heart attack, angina or stroke, according to researchers. "Women under 40 who experience premature menopause are nearly twice as likely to have a non-fatal cardiovascular event before the age of 60," said the researcher. "This is compared to women who reach menopause between the ages of 50 or 51, during what is considered the standard developmental period". The study, published in *The Lancet Public Health journal*, found that women who were aged between 40 and 44 in menopause were 40 per cent more likely to suffer from a cardiovascular condition. "Smoking, being overweight or obese, and having lower education levels can also strengthen the link between early menopause and a woman's risk of cardiovascular disease," said a researcher. PTI

CROSSWORD 3941



ACROSS

1 Deception is a part of playing cards (5)
8 Dressing a boy buried in the earth (5,3)
9 Furious about Eastern control (5)
10 They don't knock off. So going-home time (4,4)
11 The fruits of office? (5)
12 Are out for a time (3)
16 Islander comes out of a trance (6)
17 A miracle colour now being put about (6)
18 An expert well served (3)
23 Original way to create rifts (5)
24 Old port in Labrador, perhaps (8)
25 Fish around in wet conditions (5)
26 Potential pile boss may make (8)
27 Lists some rogues (5)

Down

2 Rare lily found broken in the chaff (8)
3 Great misfortune for Jane? (8)
4 Work hard for the party (6)
5 Bets on footballers and retires (5)
6 Loves an anagram to work out (5)
7 Very light, for example (5)
12 Female penal centre (3)
13 We are under a feeling of wonder (3)
14 Pass on information that's personal (8)
15 Impression about a child according to the time of year (8)
19 Band in the theatre (6)
20 Falls into errors (5)
21 Give rank and number (5)
22 Boy gets pass in (5)

Solutions Crossword 3940: Across: 1 Lighterman, 6 Clue, 10 Norma, 11 Undertake, 12 Moralist, 13 Isaac, 15 All agog, 17 Drivers, 19 In store, 21 Regimen, 22 In tow, 24 On safari, 27 Ideal gift, 28 Islam, 29 Side, 30 Insomniacs. **Down:** 1 Lynx, 2 Gargoyles, 3 Tiara, 4 Routing, 5 Audited, 7 Llama, 8 Exercising, 9 Trailing, 14 Facilities, 16 Goodwill, 18 Esmeralda, 20 Emotion, 21 Risotto, 23 Tread, 25 Feign, 26 Amis.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis

CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson

MARVIN by Tom Armstrong

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Two regions of your chart are stimulated today, one dealing with lovers, the other with friends. What links the two is the thought that it is people who are older, or otherwise more experienced, who prove most attractive. Perhaps you're just impressed by their wisdom.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
Only you know what you require in order to feel emotionally secure and eventually other people will come round to the idea that you must be allowed to do as you please. If you have any sense, you'll set out your personal demands sooner rather than later.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You may look far afield for adventure and interest. If you're travelling today the end results could be very far-reaching, perhaps because the people you meet or the places you see will transform your life's ambitions. And don't let today's tension get to you.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
A continuing planetary emphasis on money, in all its forms, eclipses any other consideration in your chart. Sooner or later every question will come back to a matter of value, cost and material security. Even intimate relationships could run aground when it comes to deciding who pays for what.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
One factor still holds supreme — your emotional and dramatic lunar aspects. If you're feeling sorry for yourself then you've picked up the wrong end of the stick, so get up, get on out there and play the game of life for all it's worth. It's simpler than it seems.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
Don't shrink from taking on more responsibilities but, by the same token, if you are to fulfil all promises and obligations, you may have to shed a few marginal commitments. It's all a matter of good organisation. A partner may cause confusion, but nothing you can't handle.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
The only possible area of concern or commitment involves work so, if this doesn't apply to you, you may take this opportunity to indulge yourself in any and every enjoyable activity you can think of. And, if younger relations need help, make sure it's constructive.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
You may feel that all is not quite right at home, but there are as many indications of helpful developments as of unhelpful ones. It's important to focus on formal arrangements and on those relationships which display a genuine degree of commitment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)
Any discussions will very easily become bogged down in details, excessive caution or cries of 'you'd never get away with it' or 'you couldn't afford it'. There may be a point to such objections, but you'll have to summon up your courage and take your own decisions.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
You could still be forced to deal with financial issues which may be too big for any one person, but a new and helpful factor is now introduced into the equation. You should therefore consider the ethical issues and assert your own unique and individual rights.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
Serious developments should now be conferring certain benefits upon you. However, the first lesson you must learn is that change is not always easy, and that other people may not share your ambitions. That's something they'll have to come to terms with.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
Spend as much time as you like by yourself, and if that means spending the day in bed, that's your business. Just for once other people will have to learn that you're not a soft touch — unless you want to be, that is. You can set the pace and call the shots.

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

___govern the world. - George Bernard Shaw (9)

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LDOLBY

SOLUTION: SAUTE, LOUSY, MULLAH, BOLDLY
Answer: **Syllables** govern the world. - George Bernard Shaw

SUDOKU 4004

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

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

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	7			9	3		1	
6		8	1					3

SOLUTION SUDOKU 4003

4	1	8	9	5	2	7	3	6
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6	3	5	7	1	8	9	2	4
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7	6	2	8	9	4	1	5	3
8	5	9	1	2	3	4	6	7
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BID End Date : 13.11.2019 upto 5 PM*

Industrial Plots

Name of Unit Office	Industrial Area	No. of Plots to be Auctioned
EPIP Sitapura	Prahladpura	26
Ajmer	Sawar (Kekri)	6
	Ajaymeru Palra	10
	Roopangarh	8
	Shrinagar	9
Alwar	Agro Food Park	11
	Rajgarh	1
	South East Zone Ext.	1
Bharatpur	Brij Ind. Area-I	8
	Jurhera	2
	G.C Dholpur	9
	G.C Dholpur Ext.	15
	Odela Road, DLP	3
	Bari	1
Banswara	Peepalwa	3

Commercial Plot (Petrol Pump)

Name of Unit Office	Industrial Area	No. of Plots to be Auctioned
Ajmer	Ajaymeru Palra	1

Warehouse

Name of Unit Office	Industrial Area	No. of Plots to be Auctioned
Bharatpur	Brij Ind. Area-I	2

BID Start Date : 13.11.2019 from 10 AM
BID End Date : 15.11.2019 upto 5 PM*

Industrial Plots

Name of Unit Office	Industrial Area	No. of Plots to be Auctioned
Abu Road	Sarneshwar	4
Bhiwadi - II	Pathredi	12
	Karoli	15
Boronada	Boronada Ph IV	6
Sriganganagar	Raisinghnagar	17
Udaipur	Sanwar	6
	Dohinda	1

Commercial Plots

Name of Unit Office	Industrial Area	No. of Plots to be Auctioned
Abu Road	Growth Center Ph II	4
Boronada	Boronada Ph IV	8
	Agro Food Park	4
	EPIP	4

BID Start Date : 11.11.2019 from 10 AM
BID End Date : 14.11.2019 upto 5 PM*

Industrial Plots

Name of Unit Office	Industrial Area	No. of Plots to be Auctioned
Balotra	Mokalsar	16
Bhilwara	G.C Hamirgarh	10
	Raila	1
	Bijolia	7
	Chittorgarh Ext.	2
Bhiwadi - I	Kaharani	9
Bikaner	Napasar	1
	Nokha	2
Jhunjhunu	Taranagar (Churu)	1
	Bidasar (Churu)	10
	Ratangarh	7

Industrial Plot (Only for Textile Units)

Name of Unit Office	Industrial Area	No. of Plots to be Auctioned
Balotra	Balotra Ph IV	7

Commercial Plots

Name of Unit Office	Industrial Area	No. of Plots to be Auctioned
Balotra	Balotra Ph III	10
	Mokalsar	5

BID Start Date : 15.11.2019 from 10 AM
BID End Date : 19.11.2019 upto 5 PM*

Industrial Plots

Name of Unit Office	Industrial Area	No. of Plots to be Auctioned
Ghiloth	Ghiloth	14
Pali	Pali IV Phase	3
	Falna Zadri	22
Sawai Madhopur	Malpura	3
	Karauli	8
	IID Center Newai	1
	Newai Ph II	1
	Deoli	1
	Gangapurcity	4
Sikar	SKS Reengas Ext.	7

Industrial Plots (Glass & Ceramic)

Name of Unit Office	Industrial Area	No. of Plots to be Auctioned
Ghiloth	Ghiloth	7

Commercial Plots

Name of Unit Office	Industrial Area	No. of Plots to be Auctioned
Sawai Madhopur	IID Center Hindaun City	2

BID Start Date : 14.11.2019 from 10 AM
BID End Date : 18.11.2019 upto 5 PM*

Industrial Plots

Name of Unit Office	Industrial Area	No. of Plots to be Auctioned
Jaipur (North)	Manda Ph I	9
	Kaladera	2
	Jhotwara Ext. I	2
	Renwal	6
Jaipur (Rural)	Manpura Macheri	1 (Reserved**)
	Bindayaka	2 (Reserved**)
Jaipur (South)	Hirawala, Distt. Jaipur	1
	Kolana (Bandikui) Dausa	3
	Bapi, Distt. Dausa	2
	Lalsot, Dausa	1
Jhalawar	Growth Center	20
Jodhpur	Mandore	2
Kota	Indraprastha	2
	Indraprastha (Readymade Garment Zone)	2
	Agro Food Park II Ranpur	1
	Sumerganj Mandi	2
	Hattipura Bundi	3
Neemrana	EPIP Neemrana	1
	Keshwana	1

Commercial Plots

Name of Unit Office	Industrial Area	No. of Plots to be Auctioned
Jaipur (Rural)	Bagru Ext. Ph II	4
	Bagru Ext.	4
Jaipur (South)	Apparel Park Jaipur	3
	Bassi, Distt. Jaipur	1

Shop Plots

Name of Unit Office	Industrial Area	No. of Plots to be Auctioned
Jaipur (South)	Kolana (Bandikui) Dausa	4
	Bapi, Distt. Dausa	5
Neemrana	Behror	2

Weighbridge

Name of Unit Office	Industrial Area	No. of Plots to be Auctioned
Neemrana	Sotanala	1

Constructed Kiosks

Name of Unit Office	Industrial Area	No. of Plots to be Auctioned
Neemrana	Neemrana	4
	EPIP Neemrana	2

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JALLIKATTU ★★★½

Director: Lijo Jose Pellissery **Cast:** Antony Varghese, Chemban Vinod Jose, Santhy Balachandran

Where the Wild Things Are

SHUBHRA GUPTA

A WATER buffalo is on the loose in a Kerala village, and there is, naturally, an uproar. Groups of men gather to go after the beast. The game is on, and we are let into trademark Lijo Jose Pellissery territory: a layered exposition of masculinity and toxicity, and a savage comment on how power structures keep both men and women captive, and bound to their roles.

The buffalo is a technological marvel. It looks fully real, as it goes crashing through the village roads, and the undergrowth. As the chase heats up and becomes more intense, Pellissery keeps taking moments to create real characters, who display wiles and bile, old animosities and new lustful connections, as we are led towards the question that the film wants to ask: is there any difference between humans and animals? Who is more humane?

Lijo Jose Pellissery manages to create both a carnival and a burlesque in this universe

That people are complicated is a truism. As is what you see sometimes is not what you get. *Jallikattu* works as both real-time exploration of the human psyche as well as a parable, and we are left both laughing and gasping, as the animal seems to be one up on the collective smarts of the humans.

Many familiar faces from the director's previous movies (*Angamaly Diaries*, *Ee.Ma.Yau.*) are here: the good-looking Varghese, the impactful Jose, and many others. And like he did in his older ones, he manages to create both a carnival and a burlesque in this universe where absurdities pile up and up, leading to a climax, which feels just right even while overstating its case, just a tad.

Jallikattu is an exhilarating ride, which also makes you think. At the end of the day, as the cliché goes, is life all about a chase, as we search for grace?

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Down the Alley

DOWNTON ABBEY

★★

Director: Michael Engler
Cast: Maggie Smith, Michelle Dockery, Hugh Bonneville, Elizabeth McGovern, Imelda Staunton, Simon Jones, Geraldine James

RIGHT ABOUT now, one branch of the British royal family is touring Pakistan, and the other, having returned from a successful tour of Africa, is being dissected for suing one of its infamous tabloids. That *Downton Abbey* thinks it can, profitably, make the jump from the small screen to the big, should not come as a complete surprise. However, what may pass off as a nostalgic throwback to genteel times on TV, with always a promise of something to follow in the next episode, is just a sodden apology for royalty in the theatres.

The Crown TV series, which followed *Downton Abbey*, focused on the foibles of the British monarchy, helping us see and feel for those blue-blooded things even within their golden splendour. In this film, the only "treason"/"revolution" (both the film's words) that the Lord and Missus of the Manor face is their servants mounting a minor rebellion against the King's groupies for the "right to serve them".

The film is almost tone-deaf to its grating politics such as this, with the "Downstairs" literally basking and stuttering in the presence of "Upstairs". And no, there is no commentary therein, with everyone concerned happy with their respective situation. On the contrary, more than once, an appeal is made for the status quo — on why Britain needs the royalty ("to brighten our lives with glamour"), and even minor estates like Downton Abbey ("to be at the heart of the lives of its staff, village, county"). When someone questions the morality of the royalty's costly possessions, a loyal retainer asks, in all seriousness, "So your argument being that if everyone can't have them, no one should?"

When it does venture into actual politics, for example, the Republicans who oppose monarchy or the Irish who oppose Britain, it is only to co-opt them in the royalty's "generous" embrace. The 1926 general strike, of the have-nots against the haves, is dismissed as a minor irritant. The film's boldest scene involves a gay bar where men try to inject some enthusiasm with a bit of fox-trot. Okay, they also kiss, giving *Downton Abbey* one shot at appearing "progressive".

Meanwhile, as it makes its way from preparations for the King and Queen's visit, to a parade for them, to a lavish dinner hosted for them, and a ball to round it off, *Downton Abbey* has scraps of a story. The TV show's much-rewarded cast has largely fully seized at this big-screen resurrection (four years after the series wrapped up), including the director and the screenplay writer (Julian Fellowes). Upstairs, they are concerned about an undelivered gown, a "stolen" inheritance, the rain soaking chairs before the King's parade, hot water, a coming child, and an uncouth husband. Downstairs, they are vying to serve their "King and country", with any bitterness only directed at the royal entourage, as they are united when it comes to the larger cause — be it cooking the best meal for their lords, polishing the manor's surfaces to glitter, getting the boiler working, making the dress ready, handling crises such as missing silver, and taking time out for a romance.

Watch only if any of this sets a tingle down your spine. Or, just watch it for Maggie Smith. How about one film based on just the scathing Lady Violet Crawley, who makes the strongest case for why we should have *Downton Abbey* around? Some queens don't require a crown. **SL**

Zombies Stronger, Foursome Deadlier

ZOMBIELAND: DOUBLE TAP

★★★½

Director: Ruben Fleischer
Cast: Woody Harrelson, Emma Stone, Jesse Eisenberg, Abigail Breslin, Zoey Deutch, Rosario Dawson, Luke Wilson

SHALINI LANGER

TEN YEARS and the laughs are still coming. That is no mean achievement for the cast and crew of *Zombieland*, on paper a routine concept about four survivors in a world taken over by flesh-eating monsters. But, like in 2009, Harrelson's Tallahassee, Stone's Wichita, Eisenberg's Columbus and Breslin's Little Rock come riotously back together to killing and loving in *Double Tap*. Director Fleischer makes some inspired additions (Detch is top-class and more, if typecast, in the role of a floozy dressed in pink), while co-writer Rhett Reese also marks a return.

What adds an extra sheen to this venture is that since 2009, almost all of them have built an impressive résumé (Harrelson, of course, having already been there), with Fleischer himself just off *Gangster Squad* and *Venom*. That they have put their collective trust into *Double Tap* says something, and in how the film gets right into the spirit in which it is made, they are proved right.

While the foursome have been surviving somehow, and getting attached to each other in the process despite vowing not to do so, the zombies have been getting stronger, faster and deadlier. Columbus nicknames them T-800, after the unbeatable androids of *Terminator*. Like in the first film, Wichita and sister Little Rock, by a set of circumstances, find themselves taking off on their own, as Tallahassee and Columbus stake it out at the White House — which is in ruins, like everything else. To Tallahassee's disgust, the girls take along their favourite wheels, "The Beast".

More than the presidential dwelling though, much as it lends itself to jokes, it is Elvis and the Graceland where the film's heart lies. It is about Elvis's idea of America vs Bob Dylan's; rock-star tour buses vs lame minivans; originals vs copycats; Native American chieftains vs the Berkeley-wallahs; and the battles to fight and who fights them. You can take a guess which side is heavier, each time. However, *Double Tap* is as much a mockery of all of the above, not meant to be taken seriously, and not taking itself seriously either.

At the end of the day, in Tallahassee's words, "It takes a real man to drive a pink cadillac." And only unexpected survivors like Madison, armed against a zombie apocalypse with just a mace and pink stilettoes, to suggest a business idea that sounds like Uber. Too bad they don't take seriously.

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Red Flags

LAAL KAPTAAN

★½

Director: Navdeep Singh
Cast: Saif Ali Khan, Manav Vij, Deepak Dobriyal, Zoya Hussain, Simone Singh

LAAL KAPTAAN, set in pre-Independence India, tracks a *naga sadhu* who is on a dangerous quest. We follow Gossain (Khan) as he makes his way through the hilly ravines of Bundelkhand, dotted with castles and caves and armed contingents of British, Mughal and Maratha soldiers, battling bandits-with-*inaam*-on-their-heads, and being tasked by masked women with scarred cheeks-and-souls. It is all very picturesque, but it's also quite pointless.

Navdeep Singh has never bettered his debut, *Manorama Six Feet Under*, a *desi* edgy version of *Chinatown*. His *NH10*, despite the bumpy patches, called out patriarchy, while keeping us engrossed. But I'm never sure where he's going with this: there are flashes when you feel the film will finally say something important, but then it lapses back into stodgy set pieces which go on and on.

Saif Ali Khan, who spends most of his time togged out as *naga sadhu*, face streaked with white and black, long dreadlocks snaking down his back, wielding swords and scabbards, is a sight. So is Deepak Dobriyal, who plays a kind of jokey funster, and he has the best lines in the film: so does a little Maratha princeling who is the butt of many jokes. Manav Vij, who was so good in *Andhadhun*, comes off comparitively colourless. Hussain is striking as a kohl-eyed lower-caste dusky woman pitted against a fair, beautiful queen (Singh).

But the plot, such as there is, doesn't hold, making the characters struggle for relevance. The last (and first) time Khan and Dobriyal split screen-time was in *Omkara*, and they played perfectly off each other. In *Laal Kaptaan*, they are both men on the chase, and there's a moment around a large bonfire where they break into a primal jig, that is visually stunning, and you feel, the tone and balance that these two achieve in that sequence is where the film has its beating heart.

The rest is a long meander punctuated by the occasional dialogue about life and death, which is meant to be profound, but ends up being banal. **SG**

BREAKING DOWN NEWS

Prize Story

On how Abhijit Banerjee's Nobel Prize united India and divided social media

BY PRATIK KANJILAL

WITH THE award of a Nobel prize to MIT economist Abhijit Banerjee, six laureates are now associated with West Bengal. Banerjee joins Mother Teresa, Sir CV Raman, Sir Ronald Ross and his own teacher Amartya Sen. Not to mention The Rabindranath, whom the rest of India irritably regards as the inventor of "Ravinder Sangeet", of which they do not get the words and the two-and-a-half tunes it is set to can indeed become wearying on their own. While all of India celebrated the award, the press in Kolkata pulled out all the stops, and *The Telegraph* apparently had something about the Nobel on every page except the sports section. And the Saptaparni apartment complex where Banerjee's mother Nirmala lives was overrun with cameramen accosting people in their homes, in elevators, practically anywhere.

While the award united India, responses on social media divided it. Predictably, Banerjee was identified as a leftie and a political divide emerged. Not many seem to know that Banerjee's approach has been critiqued by his own friends, who happen to be on the left of the spectrum, and in academia, political affiliation does not — or should not — matter. On the sidelines of this political game, a peculiar scrap broke out between supporters of dhokla versus fans of meat (Bengalis love it), at least as intense as the rivalry between supporters of Mohun Bagan and Mohammedan Sporting. And there were snide remarks about how all the Bengalis seem to know Abhijit Banerjee and fondly call him Jhima. It isn't unusual at all. Among Bengalis, knowing other Bengalis is a popular hobby. They collect Bengali friends and acquaintances with the energy with which children collect Pokémon cards. But unlike children, they never trade them. Not one of them would exchange Jhima for someone else's friend.

From this happy story, to a grim report in the internet edition of *The New York Times*, reported from Myanmar by Southeast Asia bureau chief Hannah Beech and photographer Adam Dean. The content is unusual enough, with an unequivocal accusation of a cover-up of the cleansing of Rohingyas. In a briefing, "Officials showed them maps, diagrams and slide shows that were entirely made up." They speak of a camp in Sittwe: "Doctors, lawyers and former politicians live forgotten in ghettos, like Jews once did in Nazi Germany." In locations where the government tried to show investment, "What we saw was emptiness, a missing people." At a reception centre for returning Rohingyas, "Security forces with neatly combed hair sat at desks, ready to receive the Rohingya. But it was a charade. As we left, officials flipped off the lights. A generator juddered to a stop. Men slipped out of their uniforms. The computers, supposedly meant to record all the returning Rohingya, were never even turned on." In Ngan Chaung in Rakhine, they were able to see a real Muslim village only because a breakdown separated their car from the government convoy.

But it is rendered especially striking by the mode of storytelling used by Jin Wu, Jon Huang and Meg Felling, who produced the programme. It is a slideshow made up of video, stills and text, with no sound except the reporter's voice-over. The combination of media makes the story much starker and more telling than it would have been if it had appeared in a single, traditional format, like television or print.

Meanwhile, some unusual formatting was imposed on Mark Zuckerberg's defence of Facebook at Georgetown University, as an enabler of free speech. He took no questions from the press, but only from students. The speech seemed to signify that Facebook is reluctant to do due diligence on hate speech which may lead to real consequences for people, while other platforms have moved on the problem. But it was a mistake to refer to Martin Luther King Jr, while saying that in stressed times, it is human nature to impose curbs on speech, and that people want the benefits of free speech but not the tensions that come with it.

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By way of example, Zuckerberg referred to curbs on campus protest during the Vietnam War, a socialist leader threatened with jail for opposing American involvement in World War I, and the letter written from jail in Birmingham by Martin Luther King Jr explaining the validity of non-violent protest, which became a foundational document of the American civil rights movement. King's daughter Bernice responded caustically: "I'd like to help Facebook better understand the challenges #MLK faced from disinformation campaigns launched by politicians. These campaigns created an atmosphere for his assassination."

Speaking of atmosphere, there was this prime-time programme on AajTak titled "*Janmabhoomi hamari, Ram hamare, masjid-waale kahan se padhare?*" It is scarcely believable that the India Today group, once famed for its even-handed coverage of Nellie, Bhagalpur and other rifts in the body politic, could so readily keel over to the rhetoric of the day.

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Delhi cops to attend bookie Chawla's extradition hearing in London

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ALMOST TWO decades after the one of the biggest match-fixing scandals came to light, a team of two police officers — including one of a CP rank — will attend the court hearing in the extradition case of bookie Sanjeev Chawla, the key accused in the 2000 case, which involved the late South African captain Hansie Cronje.

Apparently, the name of current investigation officer (IO) was dropped from the proposal and an inspector, who had filed the chargesheet in July 2013, was shortlisted by senior Delhi Police officers.

Chawla had filed an application in the UK High Court seeking leave to appeal against his extradition order by Westminster Magistrates' Court. UK home secretary Sajid Javid had also signed off on the District Judge's order in favour of the extradition.

"The next 'short hearing' will be on November 7 and a team of two officers — special CP (crime) Satish Golcha and inspector Keshav Mathur, who was the sixth IO of the case — will reach by November 5. In the proposal, the name of the current IO along with his senior was suggested, but it was turned down and two new names shortlisted," a senior police officer said.

The sixth IO, Mathur, had filed the chargesheet in the scandal, naming Cronje who died in a plane crash in June 2002. Chawla and Cronje were named in a 70-page chargesheet by the Crime Branch for 'fixing matches played between India and South Africa from February 16, 2000 to March 20, 2000 in India'.

"Mathur had also initiated Chawla's extradition proposal and he is even aware of all case-related documents. Police are sending their two officers to attend the short hearing and if the court rejected Chawla's appeal, they will immediately initiate the procedure for his extradition," an officer said.

The scandal broke in April 2000, when Delhi Police intercepted a conversation between blacklisted bookie Chawla and Cronje, in which it was learnt that the South African captain had accepted money to lose matches. Chawla has also been accused of offering money to two England players in August 1999.

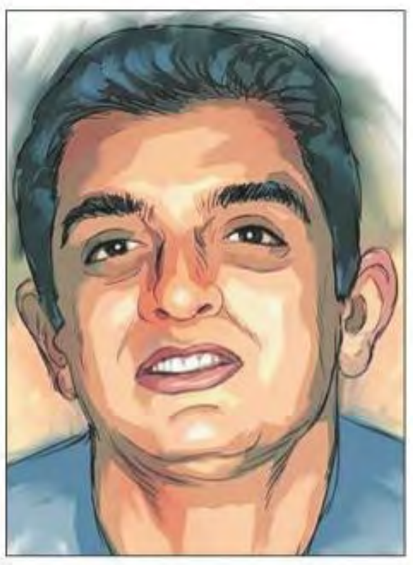
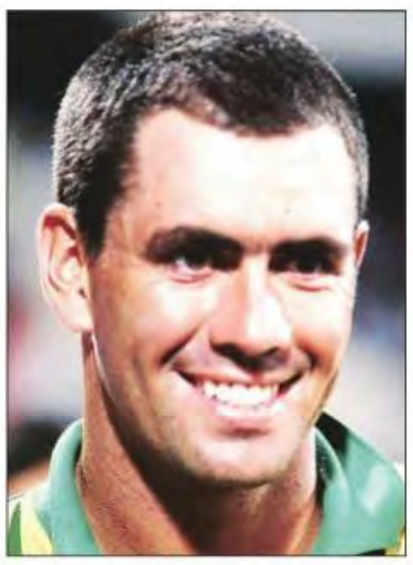
As soon as Delhi Police filed the FIR in the first week of March 2000, Chawla moved to the UK. He had gone there for the first time on a business visa in 1996, but his Indian passport was revoked in 2000, and he obtained a UK passport in 2005.

On June 14, 2016, Chawla was arrested in London following India's request for extradition, and UK officials then asked Delhi Police for details about security arrangements and facilities in the jail he will be kept in. This was done after Chawla raised several questions about security arrangements and facilities in Indian jails.

In response, police informed UK's Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) — through the Ministry of External Affairs — that Chawla would be housed in Tihar Jail, which they described as a central facility following international standards, and he will be provided a special cell with special security personnel, a senior police officer said, adding that in January this year, a lower court issued a fresh order, allowing Chawla's extradition, and it was later sent to the UK home secretary, who formally signs off on the order under the India-UK Extradition Treaty.

Sources said several meetings were also called by senior officers where they discussed the case history and also prepared questions for Chawla.

"In one such meeting, they also called the complainant ACP Ishwar Singh, who had intercepted the phone calls. Singh had filed a complaint with charges of match-fixing against Cronje, London-based businessman Chawla and four of the latter's associates. It had details of how Chawla and Cronje fixed team scores, and mentioned the roles of four other South African players, including Herschelle Gibbs," police sources added.

Bookie Sanjeev Chawla is the key accused in the 2000 match-fixing case, which involved the late South African captain Hansie Cronje (right).

Change of pace

SA was once home of quality fast bowlers while India struggled to respond in kind. But that's not the case anymore

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AT THE JSCA Stadium nets on Friday, Mohammed Shami and Umesh Yadav had short stints, while Ishant Sharma decided to sit out. The Indian team management puts a big emphasis on workload management and recovery of their fast bowlers these days and so, it was an optional training session.

The third Test against South Africa commences here on Saturday and once again India are likely to go with a three-pronged pace attack in Shami, Umesh and Ishant. The pitch will help the fast bowlers initially, but so resourceful is the current crop of Indian quicks that they no longer rely on helpful conditions to make an impact. The ongoing series, which the hosts lead 2-0, has provided further proof of that.

The first two Tests weren't played on dust bowls. Far from it. The Vizag pitch was good for batting. The deck in Pune had good bounce and also offered movement, at least on the first day. Kagiso Rabada made early inroads for the Saffers as well, but barely had any support from the other end.

When South Africa batted in Pune, Umesh struck second ball, accounting for Aiden Markram. He removed Dean Elgar a couple of overs later with a delivery that straightened. Umesh was playing his first Test after a gap of 10 months. He wasn't in the original squad for this Test series and came in as Jasprit Bumrah's replacement when the latter was ruled out with a minor stress fracture in his lower back.

Bumrah carries an x-factor. He is the spearhead of this Indian fast bowling group. When India toured West Indies in August-September, he was so impressive that the great Andy Roberts went to the extent of saying that Bumrah would have sat comfortably in the company of the fearsome West Indies fast bowlers of the 1970s and early '80s. In fact, Roberts even said Bumrah's unorthodoxy was the only missing piece in the famed Caribbean quartet which included Roberts, Michael Holding, Joel Garner and Malcolm Marshall.

Missing Bumrah for the home series against South Africa presented a challenge to the Indian pace bowling trio – Shami, Ishant and Umesh. All of them have risen to the occasion. Shami took a five-for in the second innings in Vizag to help India win the match. Umesh, on his Test comeback, had a six-wicket match haul in Pune, as the hosts secured an innings victory. Ishant, too, has contributed well whenever he was given a bowl. The three fast bowlers combined so far have taken 16 South African wickets in two Tests. In home conditions, the two spinners – Ravi Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja – lead the chart as expected with 24 wickets between them. But the pacers have softened up the South African batting, making the job easier for the spinners.

Muscle endurance

Former South Africa pacer Fanie de Villiers admitted that he didn't expect India's fast bowling to be this good without Bumrah. He lauded Virat Kohli for his attacking mindset that encouraged his quicks to go flat out irrespective of the conditions. But according to de Villiers, the real credit goes to the backroom staff – the biomechanics expert and the strength and endurance coach.

"The system has brought in stronger Indian fast bowlers. Am talking about muscle endurance... It's wonderful to see that you guys have started eyeing into making your fast bowlers strong, who in the process are gaining that 5 kilometres an hour extra (pace). That's what it's all about. If you don't do that, then obviously you can't generate the right pace," de Villiers told *The Indian Express*.

The 55-year-old ex-seamer from Transvaal, with 180 international scalps, was widely regarded as one of the canniest in the business during his time. He is happy that "at long last" India has embraced the "ideology" of fast bowling.

"With the vast numbers you (India) have, the vast interest in the game, you should be producing more fast bowlers than we do. Of course, it's possible and especially with reverse swing... The Indian condition(s) is no excuse, because Pakistan have developed fast bowlers who can bowl at pace. India has followed suit now and have taken their fast bowling to the next level. Why it didn't happen before I don't know," de Villiers said.

For India, it was important to mobilise the system that gave their fast bowlers the licence to bowl quick. The conservatism about line and length at the expense of pace had chained the Indian fast bowling for far too long.

"A captain can change the mindset, but somebody behind the scenes have done the job to make the fast bowlers stronger – the biomechanics expert, the support staff who looks after strength and endurance. Those guys deserve credit. A fast bowler's muscle endurance develops there," de Villiers observed.

Back in 1992-93, when India toured South Africa for the first time, they were battered by Allan Donald and company. An inexperienced Javagal Srinath was the fastest — in the range of 140kph — that India could offer in response. Nearly three decades down the line, India have three 140kph-plus fast bowlers to play with, while the Proteas' tenuous link to world-class fast bowling, after Dale Steyn's Test retirement, is restricted to Rabada only. The tables have turned.

Umesh Yadav bowls during a training session at the JSCA stadium in Ranchi on Friday. The third India-South Africa Test begins here on Saturday. *AP*

Nadeem drafted in as Kuldeep's cover

The selection committee has added left-arm spinner Shahbaz Nadeem to the Indian squad for the third Test as Kuldeep Yadav's cover. "The decision to add Nadeem was made after Kuldeep Yadav complained of left shoulder pain on Friday," a BCCI release said. Nadeem, a local boy, has been playing first-class cricket since 2004 and he is also a regular in the IPL. But despite his consistency in domestic cricket and productive outings for the A team, the 30-year-old is yet to play for India. **ENS**

Wriddhiman Saha attends a press conference in Ranchi on Friday. *AP*

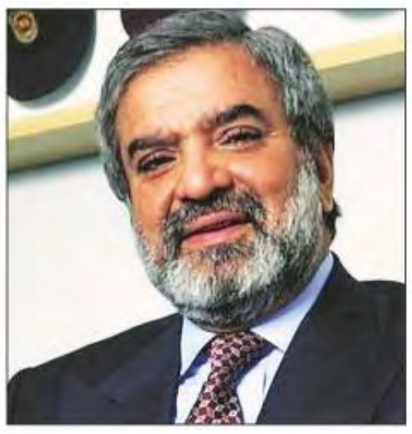
Rishabh and I share a good understanding, says Saha

Ranchi: The cut-throat competition for a place in India's playing XI has not affected Wriddhiman Saha's relationship with Rishabh Pant and the duo frequently exchange notes on glovework. Saha, who was out of the Indian team for 20 months due to a shoulder surgery, is back to his best with some stunning catches behind the wicket in the recently concluded second Test against South Africa in Pune.

Six days short of his 35th birthday, the sprightly Saha is often seen helping Pant with keeping drills after his own training, something that has been directed by the team managed. Asked if it's a mentor-protege relationship, the self-effacing Saha replied in the negative. "There's nothing (mentoring) like that. We just discuss normally the way the wicketkeepers discuss. With Sridhar and Pant, we three jointly decide on how to go about our wicketkeeping on a particular type of wicket," he said.

The rapport between them helps it easier for them to work together. "We always observe each other's wicket-keeping. We work hard in our practice sessions and have a good understanding and co-ordination among ourselves. We always try to point out each other's mistakes. It's been going well so far," he said.

While his keeping has been rated as the best in world cricket, even BCCI president-elect Sourav Ganguly has spoken about the need for Saha to improve his batting. "Whoever plays in the team wants to contribute. As a wicketkeeper, I look to get sometime in the middle and if I get time I try to build a partnership and score a fifty or so. Everyone tries like that. Sometime it works, sometime it does not," Saha said. **PTI**



PCB chairman Ehsan Mani.

'Ganguly's ascension good, but don't expect breakthrough in Indo-Pak ties'

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SOURAV GANGULY becoming the BCCI president is good news for world cricket, Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Ehsan Mani feels.

"He (Ganguly) has been involved with Bengal cricket for some time now. And he is a highly respected player, very good cricket mind. So it can only be good for cricket, not only for India but for world cricket to have a voice of his calibre in the ICC," Mani told *The Indian Express*.

Low expectations

Asked if the PCB has any expectations from the BCCI, with the former India captain taking charge, he said: "No. It's for the BCCI what they want to do. Sourav has already said very clearly that this is a decision that the Indian government seems to control. It's very unfortunate for me that the government interferes in sports like this. But we have to respect that, as that's what the BCCI wants. We do not have that sort of political interference in Pakistan."

India-Pakistan bilateral cricket ties are frozen for over six years now. The last time a bilateral series took place was in 2012-13, when Pakistan crossed the border to play two T20 Internationals and three ODIs.

On Thursday, Ganguly addressed the issue of India-Pakistan bilateral cricket, saying it is subject to approval from the Prime Ministers of both countries. "Of course we have (to take permission), because international exposure (tours) is all through governments. So we don't have an answer to that question," Ganguly had said.

Despite cross-border tension and the often strained political ties, the BCCI and PCB have shared a good rapport over the years. That, however, got affected after Committee of Administrators (CoA) head Vinod Rai called for Pakistan's isolation in world cricket in the wake of the Pulwama terror attack. But the arch rivals met in a World Cup group game in Manchester that India won comfortably.

Diana fumes in letter to BCCI CEO over 'favouritism' in support staff hiring: 'Wonder if you'd do this to men's team'

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IN A scathing letter to the BCCI CEO Rahul Johri, CoA member Diana Edulji and the board's apex council member Shantha Rangaswamy blasted the hiring of the support staff of the women's national team without consultations with the selection committee, which they reckoned was unconstitutional. It was a blatant procedural lapse, they said in a letter that *The Indian Express* has accessed.

According to the constitution, it's the selectors led by Hemlata Kala who have the final say in their appointment. But it was the GM (Cricket Operations) Saba Karim, who is in charge of the women's team, who oversaw the proceedings, irking the women cricket fraternity.

"I am shocked reading the article quoting the e-mail from women selectors to you regarding the sham process being followed for selection of the video analyst. It is even more worrisome that the person Mr Pushkar Sawant, wanted by Saba Karim (GM cricket operations) and NCA, is already booked on the flight to West Indies. The whole process looks like an eyewash," Edulji wrote.

Worse, Kala and Co were not even informed about the new group — only their opinion on the appointment of the video analyst was sought. His was the only role for which applications were invited. It was only later that they learned of the appointments of NCA bowling coach Narendra Hirwani and T Dilip, as bowling and fielding coach respectively.

Diana alleged that Karim was showing favouritism. "I have also received an e-mail from Shantha Rangaswamy, a nominated member on the BCCI apex council, which has been marked to you and the selectors, wherein she has stated that these things are been done deliberately to accommodate persons chosen by the powers that be and not following the established practices. A very serious allegation."

She also cast aspersions on his credibility. "The article and the mail cast serious aspersions and doubts about the dealings of the cricket operations especially Saba who is heading it and despite repeated instructions by COA, he is defying and wanting to place persons to these positions without due process. I am marking this to my colleagues so that they are aware of what is happening behind the COA's back. I will not be giving my consent to this sham interview that is taking place today for the video analyst as Mr Pushkar Sawant has already been nominated for the tour.

"This is the national Indian Team that is travelling and such shabby treatment is being doled out to them. I wonder if you would do this to the men's team," she added.

Pakistan drop 'keeper-captain

Sarfaraz Ahmed sacked as T20 & Test skipper, to continue to lead in ODIs; Babar Azam, Azhar Ali handed reins

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BABAR AZAM has replaced Sarfaraz Ahmed as Pakistan's Twenty20 captain until next year's T20 World Cup in Australia, and Azhar Ali has been appointed Test captain for the 2019-20 season.

The change in captaincy comes after Pakistan was beaten 3-0 by Sri Lanka last week in a Twenty20 series in Lahore.

In the T20 series, Sarfaraz had scores of 24, 26 and 17 against a second-string Sri Lanka as Pakistan failed to chase in all three matches. "His (Sarfaraz) loss in form and confidence is visible and in the best interest of the team it has been decided to leave him out and provide him the opportunity to reflect and regroup himself and try to reclaim his form away from international cricket," Pakistan Cricket Board chairman Ehsan Mani said in a statement on Friday.

Pakistan is due to leave for Australia next week to play three Twenty20s and two Test matches and the PCB said the squads for both series will be announced on Monday.

Babar was the vice-captain during the T20 series against Sri Lanka and is presently leading Central Punjab in the National T20 Cup, where he scored a 59-ball 102 against Sindh. Babar previously led Pakistan in the Under-19 World Cup in 2012. However, he has no experience leading the national team in big time international cricket.

But the world's top-ranked Twenty20 batsman said he was ready for the challenge.

"To be named captain of the No.1-ranked side in the world is the biggest thing that has happened to my career to date," Babar said. "I am ready for this challenge and also willing to learn more in the process. I feel it has been a natural progression for me and I am delighted that the PCB has put faith in my capabilities."

Pakistan, ranked No.7 in Test cricket, had an unimpressive record since Sarfaraz took over from now-head coach and chief selector Misbah-ul-Haq three years ago. Pakistan won only four Test matches and lost eight during that period. "These are exciting times in Pakistan cricket with a new team management," Azhar said. "As a captain, I feel comfortable that there will be number of knowledgeable people in the hut who I can rely on for advice and guidance."

The 34-year-old Azhar has played 73 Test matches and scored 5,669 runs with 15 centuries. The PCB also said it will name the ODI captain at a later date because Pakistan's next international assignment is against the Netherlands in July.

Azhar felt it was the greatest honour he ever had and he hopes to make the best of it.

"There could be no greater honour This is an opportunity for me to leave a legacy. The amount of cricket I have played for Pakistan, the next four-five years are very important for me both as a player and a captain," he said.

With the Test Championship coming, it's time they rapped the knuckles and came up with a solid performance.

"The Test Championship is coming up, and that's like a World Cup for Test cricket. Right now, we are No.7 in the rankings, so we have a fair distance to travel. The teams we'll play in the Test Championship will almost all be higher ranked than us. So there are many challenges, but it's also a great opportunity to play fearless, exciting cricket and get the desired results," he said.

He also thanked the outgoing Sarfaraz: "Secondly, I'd like to thank Sarfaraz. The way he's led Pakistan, and the services he's provided Pakistan with, are excellent. I spoke to him after today's announcement and my full support lies with Sarfaraz."

Though the PCB conveyed him the decision on Thursday, he said the media had prepared him for the eventuality. "I was only spoken to yesterday but the media had sort of prepared me over the last few days. I had spoken to senior cricketers and the elders in my household, and sought their advice. It wasn't a difficult decision, therefore, and I took this great opportunity."

The change in captaincy comes after Pakistan was beaten 3-0 by Sri Lanka last week in a Twenty20 series in Lahore. *File*

Karachiness, lack of form and poor tactics hurt Sarfaraz

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

THE EXPULSION of Sarfaraz Ahmed is more than a cosmetic change, and a larger cultural shift for Pakistan cricket, at a time when they're striving to break away from the recent past and construct a new identity. They have a new coach, chief selector—one and the same man—and a new skipper was only expected, as it was imperative. Hence, the appointment of Azhar Ali and Babar Azam should be viewed through multiple prisms.

A question of identity

FOREIGN COACHES and Pakistan cricket—they've seldom been a stickable match. South African Mickey Arthur, who has lugged around with most teams in the world, even more so. His tactical inflexibility and school headmaster-like rigidity didn't quite bode well for Pakistan cricket, which produces its best when unshackled.

Arthur, together with Inzamam-ul-Haq, the chief selector, and Sarfaraz Ahmed, formed an awkward trio. Inzamam, terrific a cricketer as he was, was often detached and conventional with his choice. Sarfaraz lacked the charisma Pakistan cricket-audience is fixated with.

Pakistan cricket, since its early days, has been obsessed with the charismatic captain narrative, a team formed in the grander qualities and image of its leader.

Pakistan cricket likes to see itself shining in the Lahoriness of its cricket than the Karachiness, which Sarfaraz embodied. Sarfaraz didn't exude the body of work to command the unadulterated respect of his teammates. While he embodies the more workman-like virtues of Karachi cricket, his own image didn't help.

Like his aversion to gym work, the yawn that launched the collective laughter of the cricket fraternity during the World Cup, his clumsiness behind the stumps and the not-so-nuanced sledging (Andile Phehlukwayo incident) didn't quite strike a chord back home.

It didn't help either that he couldn't coerce results. Though his record is still impeccable in T20Is—29 wins in 37 games—he couldn't inspire them in Tests. South Africa blanked them 3-0, before New Zealand, surpassed them 2-1 in their UAE fortress.

Azhar Ali is the opposite, Lahore-born, educated and sophisticated, much like Misbah, who were teammates in Sui Gas Limited as well as national teammates. Quite early in Ali's days, Misbah had anointed him as his potential successor, Ali credits him for finetuning his batting, especially against fast bowlers on bouncy tracks. Unlike Arthur, whose coaching style had split verdicts, Misbah is the most revered Pakistani cricketer of this decade.

Ali is 34, but they're grooming Babar Azam to succeed in the future. Giving him the captaincy in T20Is is a step in that direction. On paper, it looks a recipe for success, though, in Pakistan cricket, the narratives seldom unfurl on a predicted, linear pattern.

A question of form

Sarfaraz is often considered an accidental captain. Some reckon he's an accidental wicketkeeper too. It was his razzle-dazzle with the bat that gave him a head start over his contemporaries. But once the returns with the bat diminished, allied with his reluctance to bat any higher than No 5, his place in the team began to be scrutinised.

Around the same time, Mohammad Rizwan, a technically sound 'keeper, began to put more work in his batting and improved to such an extent that since the 2016-17 season, he has averaged 72 in 37 innings. In the same span, Sarfaraz's returns digressed. As skipper, he averaged only 25 in Tests, 32 in ODIs and 27 in T20Is. The last one was not a bad number, but the overall listlessness couldn't be masked for long.

Misbah, in his very first press conference, had asserted that he wouldn't be averse to assign leadership duties to domestic veterans, even if they're callow in international cricket (Rizwan has just featured in a single Test, 32 ODIs and 13 T20Is). Significantly, Rizwan had inspired his domestic side Sui Gas to three titles in four years. Keen as a follower of domestic cricket, his achievements wouldn't have escaped the notice of Mishah, also a Sui Gas player.

A question of change

Having won their last, and only, 50-over World Cup in 1992 and their T20 triumph a decade ago, their Test fortunes plummeting, it was time Pakistan team got a makeover. Sarfaraz could be construed as a scapegoat for their failures in the latest World Cup, but Pakistan has been quite stuck under his leadership. Soon after a coaching change and system shake-up, it was only anticipated that Pakistan needed a new skipper, one who would bring new ideas and fresh outlook.

Misbah has already laid out his plans, with an emphasis on fitness. Already, he has changed the diet and nutrition plans, one of the reasons for his longevity in international cricket. After he turned 40, he cut out carbs, rotis, biriyanis and dinner from diet. He expects a similar level of discipline from his wards, and the pudgy Sarfaraz didn't quite fit into the new image that Pakistan cricket aspires to.

A question of future

Sarfaraz's form hasn't been laudable in 50-over cricket, so if he doesn't bounce back with a string of big scores, his last slice of international cricket too might evaporate. Meanwhile, he needs to file timely reminders to the selectors so that if Rizwan struggles, he could chart his was back. It doesn't help that he's 32.

Sarfaraz had led Pakistan to 29 wins from 37 T20 Internationals but failed to inspire the team in Test cricket and One-Day Internationals. *File*

It's much better to take that pressure off him, just let him regroup: PCB chief

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
RANCHI, OCTOBER 18

ON FRIDAY, the Pakistan cricket hierarchy sacked Sarfaraz Ahmed as their Test and T20 captain. The decision came ahead of their tour of Australia, starting next month. Talking to *The Indian Express*, Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Ehsan Mani said the decision was taken to help Sarfaraz regroup and regain his form. *Excerpts:*

Is it a case that Sarfaraz has failed to meet fitness standards?

His form is struggling. There's a lot of pressure on him. He voluntarily stepped down as captain (of his team, Sindh) in our (national) T20 tournament.

It's much better to take that pressure off him, just let him regroup and, hopefully, he will come back very strongly. So it's just to make sure he gets back in the right frame of mind and not under pressure for a tough tour coming ahead.

So the decision to drop Sarfaraz is basically on form?

It's only on form, nothing else.

Is this the end of the road for him, or you expect him to bounce back?

I hope not. We would very much like to see him come back. He is a very, very good player.

Why do you think Sarfaraz's form has gone awry of late?

Look, it happens. It's a sport. Some very great players over the years have had their struggles sometimes. So we have to give him every opportunity. He plays domestic matches here and then comes back strongly, I hope.

Did the pressure of the World Cup and the media trolls following a failed campaign force the PCB's hand?

No, no. Media doesn't bother me. It's purely for the interest of the team and Sarfaraz's best interests.

Azhar Ali as the Test captain, isn't it going backwards? Babar Azam is the T20 captain. Don't you think he would have been a better choice in the long form as well?

Azhar is very experienced. He has got a very good record in Australia. He has got a very good Test record. He is doing very well in our domestic tournaments. He is the most experienced player in the side and a world-class player. His batting average is very high (43.27). He has over 5,000 (5,669) runs in Tests. He has got 15 hundreds, a couple of them in Australia. He is a seriously good player.

Is his appointment Australia tour-specific?

He is a Test cricketer rather than just (a) short-form (player).

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Bencic inches closer to WTA finals spot

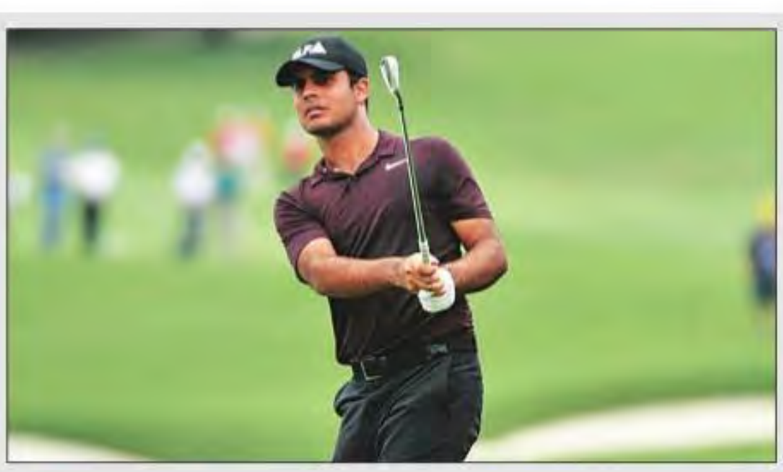
Belinda Bencic is on the verge of claiming the last spot at the season-ending WTA Finals after winning her Kremlin Cup quarterfinal on Friday. Bencic saved two set points in the opening-set tiebreak in beating Kirsten Flipkens 7-6 (8), 6-1. The Swiss player's hope of reaching the tour finals had earlier been given a boost when fellow contender Kiki Bertens was beaten 6-4, 2-6, 6-1 by Kristina Mladenovic. If Bencic beats Mladenovic in the semifinals on Saturday she will secure the eighth and final place ahead of Serena Williams at the Oct. 27-Nov. 3 tournament in Shenzhen, China. Bertens now needs at least one player to withdraw to play in the tour finals.

Before final clash, India held by Britain

The Indian junior men's hockey team and Britain played out an entertaining 3-3 draw in their final round robin match of the 9th Sultan of Johor Cup here on Friday. In a cagey first quarter, India controlled the pace of the game and were at the forefront of most attacks but unable to breach the Britain defence in the final third. They won the first penalty corner of the game in the 11th minute. From the injection the ball fell to Dinachandra Singh whose shot on goal was parried by Oliver Payne. The two teams went into the break locked at 0-0. India picked up pace in the second quarter and slowly started asserting themselves more in the midfield. The first clear opportunity fell to Gursahibjit Singh, released by a superb pass from Sudeep Chirmako..

Junior boxers notch up 21 medals at Asian event

Indian boxers packed quite a heavy punch at the Asian Junior Championships, clinching a bumper tally of 21 medals, including six gold and nine silver, to end with the best medal haul among 26 competing countries in Fujairah, United Arab Emirates. The Indian men's squad fetched two gold, three silver and an equal number of bronze, while the women claimed four gold, six silver and three bronze medals to round off a stupendous performance on Thursday evening.



Sharma shot an even par 71 in the second round of Amundi Open.

Shubhankar hit by double bogeys

India's Shubhankar Sharma suffered two double bogeys on the back nine but also had a hat-trick of birdies as he shot an even par 71 and was one-over 143 for two rounds at the Amundi Open de France on Friday. On Thursday, he was cruising along and doing well before running into a quadruple bogey on Par-4 17th and to end with a card of 72. Though the second round is still in progress, Sharma should make the cut. SSP Chawrasia, who was one-under on first day, was two-over through 12 holes, and is one-over and tied 49th but with six holes to play. Gaganjeet Bhullar, who shot 75 on the first day, pulled out due to a hamstring injury. Overnight rain meant Le Golf National was playing longer than on day one and with increased winds and cold weather also in play, conditions were far tougher. American Kitayama had opened with a 66 and followed that with an arguably more impressive effort, making five birdies and two bogeys for 68 and got to eight under. Nicolas Colsaerts who had 67 in first round was four-under through 13 holes and was with Kitayama at eight-under.

S Korea seeks N Korea axe for WC qualifier

The South Korean soccer association has requested that North Korea be punished for blocking rival fans and media from attending a World Cup qualifier between the countries at an empty stadium in Pyongyang. The Seoul-based KFA says its letter to the Asian Football Confederation argues that the North failed to uphold rules requiring host nations to grant visas and entries for traveling supporters and media without discrimination. The KFA did not share the actual letter with journalists. South Korean Unification Minister Kim Yeon-chul, Seoul's point man on North Korea, told lawmakers on Thursday that the way the North handled the game was "very disappointing"' and reflected the standstill in relations.

Thomas leads CJ Cup with 'very easy 63'

Justin Thomas shot a stunning nine-under 63 Friday on Jeju Island to take control of the CJ Cup from home favourite An Byoung-hun as world number one Brooks Koepka's title defence evaporated with a 75. Overnight leader An was reeled in by the relentless Thomas who started four shots behind but finished two in front after setting the South Korea event's 36-hole tournament record on 13-under 131. "That was, I would say, overall one of the better rounds I've played in a while," Thomas declared.

Bulgaria coach quits after racism row

Bulgaria's coach quit Friday over the 6-0 loss to England in a Euro 2020 qualifier which was overshadowed by racist abuse that sparked a storm of protest. Monkey chants and apparent Nazi salutes during Monday's match in Sofia caused indignation in the football world and led to the resignation of Bulgaria's football federation chief. Bulgaria coach Krasimir Balakov, who took over the team in May, said he handed in his resignation during a meeting of the Bulgarian Football Union (BFU) executive committee. "I said that if I am the problem of Bulgarian football, I am handing in my resignation. There is no way back," the former midfielder told reporters after the meeting. "I will keep my fingers crossed for the next manager as the situation is not rosy at all."

No quarter given

While Australia vs England has the edge to its rivalry, the other match-ups — New Zealand vs Ireland on Saturday and Wales vs France as well as Japan vs South Africa on Sunday — are no less dramatic; Here are the talking points from the Rugby World Cup

The ABs 'Black lash' or beautiful retribution?

STEVE HANSEN'S New Zealand are the best team in the world, and have a level of World Cup nous and experience to clinically drown out Ireland. But Joe Schmidt's Irish won two of their last three against the ABs, including their last meeting in 2018 November. What Ireland are used to seeing after such wins are brutal clampdowns from the ABs, so the quarters are expected to be a rampaging scythe. Writing for the New Zealand Herald, Gregor Paul points to New Zealand's reaction to a loss by the Irish on one such avenging tempestuous night in 2016, which was out of character.

"The All Blacks needed to respond and they needed to win. Ireland had out-muscled them in Chicago so the All Blacks, feeling the most intense pressure for the first time under Kieran Read, decided they needed to meet Ireland's fire and fury with their own and 80 minutes of carnage ensued at Aviva Stad." "The All Blacks tackling bordered on reckless at times. They pushed the boundaries at breakdowns and attempted to intimidate Ireland out of the contest." Last year's 16-9 defeat has rankled the All Blacks — so their response on Saturday, on the biggest stage of all, is keenly awaited.

Irish talisman Johnny Sexton was asked about the 'black lash' of 2016 by Irish Times, and how ABs turned on the cynical quotient in the subsequent match. "I am sure they will bring that physical edge that they always do...it's what they will be speaking about leading into the game. As far as that last game went [2016 in Dublin] I think that was almost the turning point in a lot of the law changes. High tackles. Some of the yellow cards that were given out, some of the things that were missed, would now be red [Malakai Fekitoa got a yellow card for a forearm to neck contact with Simon Zebo and Sam Cane cited but not suspended for shoulder to head contact that knocked Henshaw unconscious]."

Sexton however doesn't believe they were intentional at the time but if it happened now there would be bigger consequences and ABs won't repeat that after playing with 14 men against Australia this year. Paul in NZ Herald suggests a disciplined ABs will be Ireland's biggest fear. "That's what Ireland fear the most – an All Blacks side that under pressure reverts to trait, but with the confidence to trust itself to be appropriately physical and disciplined. The All Blacks don't need to reinvent themselves to win this game. They don't need to respond to pressure by re-thinking who they are or how they should be playing. Their natural game should be able to put all the pressure back on Ireland and if it does, the All Blacks can be certain about what they will be facing."

He also says losing to the Irish last time might help ABs more. "Ireland's blueprint is so basic that they could hardly lock up their intellectual property by slapping a patent on it. Others would see and others would copy and potentially those who replicated would reap the rewards. He reckons the loss last year instilled in the All Blacks a ferocious desire to rebuild their attack game and exact not so much a terrible revenge in Japan as one that would be inspired, creative and innovative.

Ireland meantime are keen on breaking their quarter-final duck. "After more than 100 years of trying, the Irish have beaten the All Blacks twice in two years (in 2016 and 2018). They will bring their own form of pressure with their famous defensive wall, but can they handle the mental pressure after losing their previous six World Cup quarter-finals? Against a team that hasn't lost a world cup game since [losing to France in the 2007 quarter-final].

France -Wales: 2011 once again

SUNDAY'S FRANCE vs Wales Rugby World Cup quarterfinal is the one with the least buzz. But what binds the two teams is memories of an unforgettable 2011 World Cup when they met in semis. Wales will be driven by the pain of that loss to France, according to Welsh backs coach Stephen Jones, who missed a conversion in that 9-8 defeat in New Zealand.

The game's highlight was the then-Wales captain and talisman Sam Warburton's red card, which left the Welsh with an endless lament about the agonising defeat. His sending off has been grieved copiously. "It's great fuel to drive you forward to achieve your goals," BBC quoted Jones. During his playing career, Jones lost nine of his 12 matches against Les Bleus but Warren Gatland's 11-and-a-half year reign as Wales boss has brought with it unprecedented success: Three Grand Slams and a Six Nations title.

France are to rugby what Pakistan are to cricket - unpredictable and exciting. French newspaper Midi Olympique is quoted by Stuff.co.nz as saying that the Bleus campaign is threatening to descend into turmoil after French club Toulon owner Mourad Boudjellal told the players to overthrow the coaching staff and Guilhem Guirado was reportedly ousted from the captaincy by the management having lost the confidence of head coach Jacques Brunel and assistant Fabien Galthie. Stuff adds this comes eight years after France did exactly that in the 2011 World Cup, with coach Marc Lievremont sidelined as the team recovered from a humiliating pool-stage loss against Tonga and reached the final, losing 8-7 to New Zealand. Boudjellal urged, "Kick the coaches out, take control, tell your own story, because we are ready to follow you." He also had words of advice for coaches: "Our coaches who are there, I invite you to visit Japan, go and look around, treat yourself and leave the players to tell their own stories because for years I have not understood the game plan of this France team. Something is going wrong, so it's over to you guys [the players]. Tell the coaches to go on holiday. Write your story yourself."

Post-script: Boks jammed by J for Japan

Springboks are exasperated that, before their quarter-final on Sunday, the questions they are asked are invariably about their rivals and tournament hosts Japan, not the team rated New Zealand's closest challengers for the trophy, writes The Guardian. An article on their union's website complained that "almost no questions" had been asked about the Springboks at their media conferences. "Japan, Japan, Japan has been the focus of attention. Expect more of the same." Boks forwards coach Matt Proudfoot issues the first warning:

"If you think it is ing to be one-dimensional, then you have not noticed our evolution," he said. Boks were beaten by the Brave Blossoms at Brighton in 2015. "We know that most people want Japan to win," Proudfoot said.

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716	01* (पीडब्ल्यूबीडी-ओएच / पीडब्ल्यूबीडी-एचएच / अनारक्षित PWBD-OH/ PWBD-HH/ Un-Reserved)	यांत्रिक इंजीनियरिंग में बी.ई / बी.टेक या समतुल्य + टर्बो मशीनरी में एम.ई / एम.टेक या समतुल्य B.E / B.Tech or equivalent in Mechanical Engineering + M.E / M.Tech or equivalent in Turbo Machinery.	
717	01	यांत्रिक /रासायनिक इंजीनियरिंग में बी.ई / बी.टेक या समतुल्य + औद्योगिक सुरक्षा / अग्निशमन एवं सुरक्षा इंजीनियरिंग में एम.ई / एम.टेक या समतुल्य B.E/B.Tech or equivalent in Mechanical / Chemical Engineering + M.E/M .Tech or equivalent in Industrial Safety / Fire & Safety Engineering.	
718	01	यांत्रिक / उत्पादन / औद्योगिक इंजीनियरिंग में बी.ई / बी.टेक या समतुल्य + उत्पादन / निर्माण इंजीनियरिंग में एम.ई / एम.टेक या समतुल्य B.E / B.Tech or equivalent in Mechanical / Production / Industrial Engineering + M.E / M.Tech or equivalent in Production / Manufacturing Engineering.	

* पद 716 के तहत उल्लिखित रिक्ति पीडब्ल्यूबीडी-ओएच (संयत) के लिए आरक्षित बकाया रिक्ति है। अगर उपयुक्त पीडब्ल्यूबीडी-ओएच अभ्यर्थी उपलब्ध नहीं है तो पीडब्ल्यूबीडी-एचएच (संयत) अभ्यर्थियों पर विचार किया जाएगा तथा अगर उपयुक्त पीडब्ल्यूबीडी-एचएच भी उपलब्ध नहीं है तो सामान्य अभ्यर्थी द्वारा पद भर दिया जाएगा तथा पीडब्ल्यूबीडी आरक्षण को आगे बढ़ा दिया जाएगा। The vacancy mentioned against Post 716 is a backlog reserved vacancy for PWBD-OH (moderate). If suitable PWBD-OH candidates are not available, then PWBD-HH (moderate) candidates will be considered and if suitable PWBD-HH candidates are also not available, then the post will be filled with General candidate and the PWBD reservation will be carried forward.

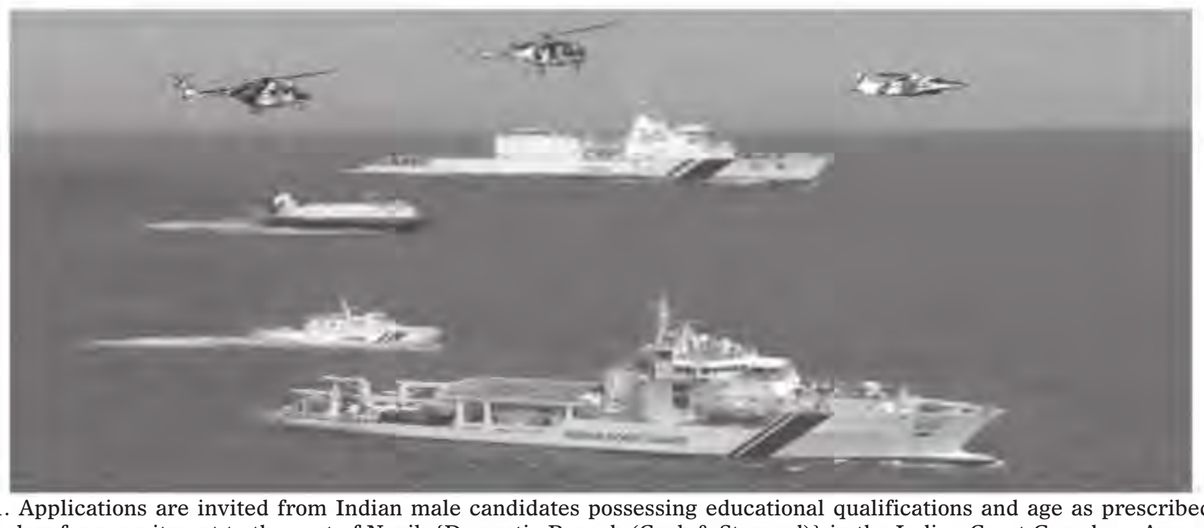
[पीडब्ल्यूबीडी-ओएच: निर्देशित (बेंचमार्क) अपंगता-शारीरिक रूप से अपंग व्यक्ति; पीडब्ल्यूबीडी-एचएच: निर्देशित (बेंचमार्क) अपंगता-श्रवण अपंगता
PWBD-OH : Persons With Benchmark Disabilities -Orthopaedically Handicapped ; PWBD-HH : Persons With Benchmark Disabilities - Hearing Handicapped]

05.11.2019 को आयु सीमा 35 वर्ष होनी चाहिए। पूर्व सैनिक, विभागीय अभ्यर्थी तथा निर्देशित (बेंचमार्क) अपंगता व्यक्ति (पीडब्ल्यूबीडी) भारत सरकार के नियमानुसार ऊपरी आयु की सीमा में ढील के पात्र हैं। पद 731 & 732 के लिए कोई उच्च आयु सीमा नहीं है। आवेदन **केवल ऑन-लाइन** ही स्वीकार किये जाएंगे। इच्छुक उम्मीदवार विस्तृत जानकारी एवं ऑनलाइन आवेदन भरने के लिए वेबसाइट **www.lpsc.gov.in** देखें। ऑनलाइन भर्ती पोर्टल दिनांक 22.10.2019 को अपराह्न 1400 बजे से दिनांक 05.11.2019 को अपराह्न 1400 बजे तक उपलब्ध रहेगा।

Age limit as on 05.11.2019 is 35 years. Ex-Servicemen, Departmental candidates and Persons With Benchmark Disabilities (PWBDs) are eligible for upper age relaxation as per Govt. of India orders. There is no upper age limit for Posts 731 & 732. Applications will be received **only through on-line.** Interested candidates may visit the website **www.lpsc.gov.in** for detailed information and filling-up on-line application form. The on-line recruitment portal will be available from 1400 hrs on 22.10.2019 to 1400 hrs. on 05.11.2019.

JOIN INDIAN COAST GUARD

(MINISTRY OF DEFENCE)
AS NAVIK (DOMESTIC BRANCH) 10th ENTRY - 01/2020 BATCH
APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED 'ONLINE' FROM 30 Oct TO 08 Nov 2019



1. Applications are invited from Indian male candidates possessing educational qualifications and age as prescribed below for recruitment to the post of Navik {Domestic Branch (Cook & Steward)} in the Indian Coast Guard, an Armed Force of the Union.
2. **Educational Qualification**. 10th Class with 50% marks in aggregate from a board of Education recognised by Central/State Government. (**5% relaxation** in above minimum cut off will be given for SC/ST candidates and outstanding sports person of National level who have obtained 1st, 2nd or 3rd position in any field sports events at the Open National Championship/ Interstate National Championship. This relaxation will also be applicable to the wards of Coast Guard uniform personal deceased while in service).
3. **Job Requirements**.
(a) **Cook**. They would be required to prepare food as per menu (both vegetarian and non-vegetarian including handling of meat products) and accounting of ration. In addition, they will also be allotted other duties for efficient running of the organisation.
(b) **Steward**. They would be required to serve food in the Officer's messes as waiters, housekeeping, maintenance and accounting of funds, wine and stores handling, preparation of menu etc. In addition, they will also be allotted other duties for efficient running of the organisation.
4. **Age**. 18 to 22 years as on 01 Apr **2020** i.e. born between 01 Apr 1998 to 31 Mar 2002, both dates are inclusive. (Upper age relaxation of 5 years for SC/ST and 3 years for OBC candidates). Selection procedure includes written examination and physical fitness tests, followed by medical examination.
5. Applications will be accepted 'Online only' from **30 Oct to 08 Nov 2019 till 1700 Hrs**. Candidates are to logon www.joinindiancoastguard.gov.in The Recruitment Zone and State wise examination centres are listed below:-

Ser No	Zone	Examination Centres	States -Candidates Residing/Domicile
(a)	Northern Zone	Noida	Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi and Union Territory of Chandigarh & Ladakh.
(b)	North Eastern Zone	Kolkata	Bihar, Jharkhand, Mizoram, West Bengal, Orissa, Assam, Sikkim, Meghalaya, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Tripura.
(c)	Eastern Zone	Chennai	Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Union Territory of Puducherry and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
(d)	Western Zone	Mumbai	Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Chattisgarh, Kerala, Goa, Union Territory of Daman & Diu and Dadra Nagar Haveli and Lakshadweep.
(e)	North-West Zone	GandhiNagar	Gujarat.

6. **Important Instructions**.
(a) The candidates are to choose only one choice of Centre from the list mentioned against state to which they belong to. Indian Coast Guard reserves the right to cancel/re-conduct the examination of particular Centre/Centres any time or change the Centre of the candidates for administrative/other reasons.
(b) **Cut off percentage (%) of a particular state/centre will be decided depending upon the number of applications with higher percentage received**.
(c) **Last date for 'Online' applications is** 08 Nov 2019 till 1700 Hrs. **For detailed eligibility criteria, filling up of forms and other details download the full Advertisement from Indian Coast Guard website www.joinindiancoastguard.gov.in**
(d) **Candidate needs to read the complete advertisement. Showing ignorance at the time of registration at examination centre and not meeting eligibility criteria will not be entertained.**
Disclaimer: The terms and condition given in this advertisement are subject to change and should therefore be treated as guidelines only. Details are also available on Indian Coast Guard website **www.joinindiancoastguard.gov.in**
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