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Humanitarian crisis in J&K...Pak has to act on terror: DC's Delhi tightrope

Lawmakers raise questions on detentions, Internet shutdown; US diplomats denied access to J&K

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

IN THE first US Congressional hearing on India's removal of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370, the Trump administration walked the diplomatic tightrope, telling the US Congress that there is a "humanitarian crisis" in J&K and adding that the relationship with India is not of "dictation" but of "partnership."

Administration officials also told Congressmen that US diplomats wanted to travel to J&K after August 5 but the Indian government denied permission saying it is not the right time to go there.

On the key issue of change in status, however, US officials backed Delhi saying that the decision to revoke Article 370 was passed by the Indian Parliament where Opposition members "crossed the aisle" and voted in favour of the legislation. And that the matter is under review of the Supreme Court of India.

Wells said US not taking a position on Art 370

US Acting Assistant Secretary (Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs) Alice G Wells made it clear that the US government was not taking a position on the issue of Article 370 but on the manner in which it had been implemented.

Coming down hard on Pakistan, Wells said Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan has been asked to "pull down" the terror infrastructure and take action against terrorist groups like the Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammad. She said Pakistan Army needs to show the same commitment against anti-India

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The suspects were arrested on the Gujarat-Rajasthan border

Tiwari killing: Trail littered with clues, prime suspects held

KAMAAL SAIYED & MANISH SAHU
SURAT, LUCKNOW, OCT 22

FOUR DAYS after Kamlesh Tiwari, former working president of the Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha, was killed at his Lucknow home, the Gujarat Anti-Terrorism Squad arrested the two prime suspects, Ashfaq Hussain Jakir Hussain Shaikh (34) and Farid alias Moinuddin Khurshid Pathan (27), near the temple town of Shamlaji on the Gujarat-Rajasthan border Tuesday.

Gujarat ATS DIG Himanshu Shukla said: "Both accused will be handed over to UP Police in the coming days as the case had been registered with Lucknow Police. They confessed to us about their involvement in the murder of Kamlesh Tiwari last Friday."

The suspected killers: Ashfaq Shaikh, Moinuddin Khurshid Pathan

The ATS, in a press release, said preliminary questioning of the two men revealed that they committed the crime "in retribution to purported statements by the deceased".

A controversial leader who

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Assam announces two-child limit for jobs in govt

New norm applicable from Jan 2021

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, OCTOBER 22

FOLLOWING UP on the population policy passed in the state assembly two years ago, the Assam Cabinet decided Tuesday that those with more than two children will not be eligible for government jobs from January 2021.

Announcing the decision on Twitter, Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal's office posted: "In a revolutionary move, the Cabinet approved Two Child norms and Prohibition of Child Marriage Act norms for entry and continuation in Govt. service."

The move comes two months after Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged the issue of "population explosion" in his Independence Day speech.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, K K Dwivedi, Commissioner and Secretary in charge of the state's personnel department, said: "Two rules have been made. First, those who have a child after two children will not be eligible for a government job after January 1, 2021. Second, after January 1, 2021, action can be taken against those in government jobs who have a child after two children. These rules are applicable to permanent government jobs only. This step is taken for the benefit of the state, the country and society."

Dwivedi said twins will be treated as one unit in the second child category.

Rajasthan, MP and Maharashtra already have a two-child norm in place for government jobs. In 2017, a resolution on the Population and Women Empowerment Policy of Assam was passed in the state assembly.

The policy lists two key norms for government employment linked to population growth: Only candidates with two children will be eligible for

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New move after NRC fears

COMING ON the heels of the NRC, the move to implement a two-child norm for government jobs is bound to trigger a fresh political debate. Assam is also among the states that have a similar norm in place for panchayat elections.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Nobel laureate Abhijit Banerjee in New Delhi on Tuesday. *ANI* **REPORT, PAGE 9**

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Under scanner: Deal between Mirchi's son and Bhushan Steel

KHUSHBOO NARAYAN
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 22

A DELHI-BASED firm set up by Brij Bhushan Singal and Neeraj Singal, the arrested promoters of Bhushan Steel Ltd, had financial transactions with Junaid Iqbal Memon, son of Iqbal Mohammed Memon, alias Iqbal Mirchi, a close aide of gangster Dawood Ibrahim, agencies probing Iqbal Mirchi have found.

Sources told *The Indian Express* that in 2010, Sur Buildcon Pvt Ltd (now Globus Realinfra Pvt Ltd) issued a draft

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Humayun Merchant, an alleged aide of Iqbal Mirchi, has been held. *Amit Chakravarty*

Court orders FIR against Kathua rape investigators

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, OCTOBER 22

A JAMMU court Tuesday ordered an FIR to be filed against members of J&K Crime Branch's Special Investigation Team (SIT), which probed the rape and murder in Kathua of an eight-year-old girl last year. The order is based on a complaint from three persons alleging torture during interrogation to "provide false evidence" against one of the accused, Vishal Jangotra, who was later acquitted in the case.

In their application, Sachin Sharma, Neeraj Sharma and Sahil Sharma, all residents of Kathua and Samba districts, claimed that no action had been taken on their complaint that was lodged on September 24 with the Pacca Danga police station in Jammu.

"From the gist of the complaint, cognizable offences are made out... Therefore, application of the applicants under section 156(3) Cr.P.C. is allowed with the direction to SSP Jammu to register FIR... under relevant provisions of law and report compliance by next date of hearing on November 7," stated the

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Apex court tears into CBI claims as it grants bail to Chidambaram

'Not even whisper on influencing witnesses, no flight-risk'

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

SETTING ASIDE the Delhi High Court order which declined him bail and rejecting the CBI's arguments with the observation that there is not even a "whisper" that he has tried to influence witnesses, the Supreme Court Tuesday granted bail to Congress leader and former Union Minister P Chidambaram in the INX Media case.

Arrested by the CBI on August 21 for alleged corruption and in judicial custody since September 5, Chidambaram will, however, remain in Tihar Jail at least until October 24 because he is in the custody of the Enforcement Directorate till then. On October 17, he was arrested by the ED which is probing money laundering charges separately in the same case. He was remanded in ED custody for a week.

Can't walk out immediately, in ED custody until Oct 24

The bench of Justices R Banumathi, A S Bopanna and Hrishikesh Roy said the findings of the Delhi High Court which had denied Chidambaram bail on the ground that the likelihood of him influencing witnesses cannot be ruled out "is not substantiated by any materials" and is only a "generalised apprehension and appears to be purely speculative".

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In Haryana, it's advantage BJP — but on the ground, some faultlines are blurred

VANDITA MISHRA
PUNDRI (HARYANA), OCT 22

IN ANY other state, Pundri might be seen as more of an exception. For 25 years, this Vidhan Sabha constituency in Haryana's Kaithal district has not elected a candidate on a party ticket, it has sent Independents to the Assembly. A day before voting, a small group of men here offered a snapshot of the fiesty voters who remain unswayed by party appeals and loyalties.

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"Ticket pe vishwas hi nahi hai yahan (we don't trust party symbols here)", says Pappi Kamboj who works in a taxi stand. "Parties distribute tickets under pressure that have nothing to do with the (good of the) constituency", says Chandrabhan Panchal. "We will look at the candidate who stood by us for the last five years, not party affiliation", says Subhash Chand. "How will my work get done, do I know you by face, that's what matters", says Chandrabhan.

It is not as if Pundri is immune to the BJP which conquered Haryana for the first time in the 2014 Assembly election without using the crutch of a regional party. And then stamped its dominance by sweeping all 10 Lok Sabha seats just five months ago.

"Rashtravaad ko toh hamne majboot kar diya (we have already strengthened nationalism). Now, the BJP should have given us a better (local) face", says Kamboj. Even Ram Lal Chaudhary, Mandal president of the BJP, says he is not working for

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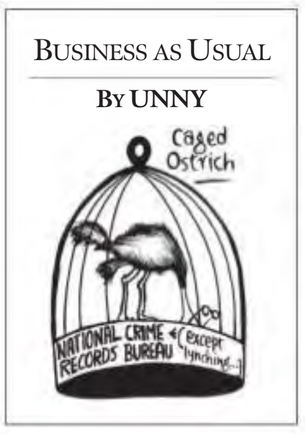

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Guha declines paycheck for cricket stint

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DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 22

HISTORIAN AND AUTHOR Ramachandra Guha and banker Vikram Limaye, who were part of the BCCI's Committee of Administrators (CoA) for limited periods, have declined the remuneration cleared by the Supreme Court Tuesday for the panel that monitored Indian cricket for close to three years.

Guha was to receive Rs 40 lakh and Limaye Rs 50.5 lakh on a pro-rata basis. The CoA will wind up after the BCCI's annual general meeting and elections Wednesday, according to the apex court. The BCCI's consensus candidate, former India captain Sourav Ganguly, is expected to take over as the new board president.

The two other Supreme Court-appointed CoA members — former CAG Vinod Rai and ex-India captain Diana Edulji — will take home around Rs 3.5 crore each. Ravi Thodge, the third member, will get Rs 60 lakh.

Basing its monthly calculation — Rs 10 lakh in 2017, Rs 11 lakh in 2018 and Rs 12 lakh in 2019 — on a variable formula, the apex court asked the BCCI to pay the CoA members within 48 hours of its order.

Guha was part of original CoA, quit in four months

BCCI sources told *The Indian Express* that Guha has sent an email to the BCCI conveying his reservations about accepting the payment. Limaye is expected to inform the board about his decision in the coming days. Guha and Limaye were part of the original four-member CoA, apart from Rai and Edulji, that was put in charge by the Supreme Court in January 2017.

Guha quit the CoA just four months after his appointment. In his resignation letter, Guha had questioned several cases of conflict of interest which, he said, were unaddressed. Limaye was part of the CoA for over five

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Particulars	Quarter Ended 30/09/2019 (Reviewed)	Year Ended 31/03/2019 (Audited)	Quarter Ended 30/09/2018 (Reviewed)
Total Income from Operations (Net)	3296	12397	3193
Net Profit / (Loss) from ordinary activities after tax	115	(4784)	27
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after extraordinary items)	115	(4784)	27
Equity Share Capital	5824	2753	2598
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	1613	1613	6215
Earnings Per Share (before extraordinary items) (of ₹ 10/- each) Basic (in ₹) :	0.20	(14.26)	0.10
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EXPLAINED: WHY BJP WANTS TDP TO 'MERGE' WITH IT IN ANDHRA PRADESH
The BJP has publicly called upon the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) to merge with it. BJP leader G V L Narasimha Rao, who belongs to Andhra Pradesh, has twice asked the TDP whether it was ready to merge with the BJP, and offered to initiate talks if the TDP was willing

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Unpacking crime trends that appear in the data, glaring omissions in the report, and why a timely annual report is the need of the hour

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Tiwari killing

founded the Hindu Samaj Party three years ago, Tiwari had been arrested in 2015 for 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.

In Lucknow, UP DGP O P Singh said his Gujarat counterpart had informed him about the arrest of the two men. "We will take them into custody and bring them to UP," he said.

With this, five persons have so far been arrested — all from Gujarat — in connection with Tiwari's killing. Rashid Pathan, Faizan Sheikh and Maulana Mohsin Sheikh, who were arrested from Surat, were produced before a court in Lucknow Tuesday evening. The court sent them to police custody for four days, Lucknow Police said in a statement.

Ashfaq Shaikh worked as a medical representative for a Mumbai-based pharmaceutical company and had joined Tiwari's Hindu Samaj Party, posing as Rohit Solanki, a colleague in the same company whose Aadhaar card he had forged. Moinuddin Pathan worked for a food supply company.

The Gujarat ATS said the two men ran out of money and approached family members and acquaintances for financial help. "Technical surveillance and physical surveillance was mounted by ATS Gujarat on the relatives and acquaintances of the absconders. On the basis of actionable intelligence obtained through surveillance, ATS successfully apprehended them from the Gujarat-Rajasthan border near Shamlaji," the ATS said.

The two men, ATS said, had fled to Nepal and returned to Shahjahanpur in UP where they were tracked on Sunday, and were proceeding towards Gujarat.

The swiftness in cracking the case has been helped by a long trail of clues, from Lucknow and Kanpur to Surat, left behind by the suspects. This sloppiness is glaring given that police found a lot of planning had gone into the killing. It has made some in the police suspicious that the perpetrators may have wanted their identities known.

The clues that police found:

- On the day of the killing, Ashfaq Hussain and Moinuddin visited Tiwari. They carried with them a local Gujarati sweet from a shop in Surat, with its cash memo. Tracing the memo back, police linked the murder to Surat.
- At Tiwari's house, the two met his wife Kiran and associate Swarastra Deep Singh. Kiran has told police she can identify both of them if they are brought before her.
- Before meeting Tiwari, Ashfaq and Moinuddin kept in touch with him using a SIM card purchased a day earlier from Kanpur, with one of them giving the shopkeeper a photocopy of his original ID proof. Police recovered CCTV footage from the shop, and matched it with other CCTV images of the alleged assailants. The Gujarat Police revealed their identities.
- Ashfaq and Moinuddin went on to use the same SIM to call up associates, leading to arrests. Police say the "co-conspirators" had corroborated that Hussain and Ahmed were the killers.
- During their Lucknow stay, Ashfaq and Moinuddin booked a room in a hotel three kilometres from Tiwari's residence, located in a busy area of Lucknow. They gave their actual names and addresses in Gujarat. A hotel staff said, "The two gave me their original Aadhaar cards when asked for identity proof. I got a photocopy done and returned the original copies to them."
- After the killing, Ashfaq and Moinuddin returned to the hotel and, before disappearing, left behind the knife allegedly used in the crime and their kurtas, both with bloodstains.
- The hotel's CCTV footage has the suspects entering and exiting the hotel and talking to the staff at the reception, with no attempts to hide identity. The staff said the two had said they were from Surat and asked the way to the Baba Abbas Mazaar. A senior staff member said when he told them he did not know where the mazaar was located, they asked for direction to the Chowk. "I later came to know the mazaar was in Khurshed Bagh area. Kamlesh Tiwari's residence is near the mazaar."
- Police also collected CCTV footage from near Tiwari's residence which shows the two men moving about on a road without covering their faces. Police say the two persons caught in separate CCTV images are the same.

Mirchi's son

of about Rs 19 crore in favour of Junaid Iqbal Memon, which was later cancelled. The Enforcement Directorate is examining the nature of transaction between Junaid Memon and Globus Realinfra to see if the money was paid to Mirchi's son in cash through hawala, said sources.

Earlier this year, both the promoters of Bhushan Steel Brij Bhushan Singal and Neeraj Singal were arrested by the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO).

The SFIO has alleged that the Singals used illegal means to receive bank loans to the tune of Rs 45,800 crore between 2013 and 2017. Bhushan Steel owed Rs 56000 crore to a clutch of banks and creditors in India. It has now been acquired by Tata Steel for Rs 35,232.58 crore through the insolvency process.

The SFIO report has found that in 2011-12, Bhushan Steel sold one of its foreign subsidiaries, Bhushan Steel Global FZE in Dubai, to an associate firm Globus Realinfra and changed the name of Bhushan Steel Global FZE to Shree Global Steel FZE.

The SFIO report said that as a result of this transfer, "profit earned" by Shree Global was "kept by the promoters (of Bhushan Steel) in their hands". The SFIO also found that Globus Realinfra employed "dummy directors" and the actual control of the company was with Neeraj Singal.

According to records, Globus Realinfra is in the business of real estate and has immovable assets of around Rs 41 crore.

The SFIO probe report said that Globus borrowed around Rs 70 crore from a private bank by mortgaging 4 acres in Delhi and on a personal guarantee of Neeraj Singal and invested about Rs 65 crore of the borrowed money in Bhushan Steel. Globus Realinfra booked a loss of around Rs 5.29 crore in fiscal 2018.

The SFIO probe found that funds were siphoned off from Bhushan Steel through a web of 157 companies directly or indirectly controlled by the Singals.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) is currently probing the alleged land deals of Mirchi and his family in India.

The ED has alleged that NCP Leader and former Civil Aviation Minister Praful Patel's Millennium Developers Pvt Ltd constructed Ceejay House in 2006-07 and its third and fourth floor were transferred to Mirchi wife Hazra Iqbal in 2007 "towards beneficial interest of Mirchi in the land" on which Ceejay House was built.

The ED alleged that the sale of the land to Millennium Developers is "through dubious means" and the sale proceeds have been "laundered" by Mirchi. Patel has been questioned by ED and he has denied any wrongdoing and 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 a Mumbai-based real estate firm — Sunblink Real Estate Pvt Ltd, for Rs 225 crore.

The ED has alleged that out of this at least Rs 190 crore was paid to Mirchi through hawala. The ED also raided Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd (DHFL) for its loans to Sunblink. Sunblink is run by Sunny Bathija, brother-in law of Dheeraj Wadhawan, promoter of DHFL.

On Tuesday, the agency arrested Humayun Merchant, an aide of Mirchi, who allegedly played a crucial role in negotiating on behalf of Mirchi with Sunblink Real Estate.

Responding to The Indian Express, Global Realinfra sent an email statement: "Sur Buildcon (Globus Realinfra) never had any transaction with Junaid Iqbal. Sur Buildcon was contemplating to buy a property on 4th floor of C J House, Worli, Mumbai for which M/s. Kathlawala, Bombay based lawyers were engaged for carrying out due diligence. However the due diligence report did not come to be favourable therefore the purchase of property was never made. With respect to the DD (demand draft) of Rs 19 crore, it was prepared on request of their lawyers as an expression of financial strength, however, when the due diligence did not turn out favourable the DD was cancelled and no agreement/transaction was made."

J&K: US walks diplomatic tightrope

or anti-Afghan terrorist groups that it shows against terrorist groups attacking Pakistan.

US officials maintained they have "persistently" and "urgently" expressed concern to the Indian government that they are "concerned about detention of local politicians, including "three Chief Ministers" and "Internet blackouts" and that they have asked New Delhi to "balance between its security priorities and human rights".

These were some of the broad takeaways from the two-and-half-hour long US Congressional hearing chaired by US Congressman Brad Sherman, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Asia, on the topic "Human Rights in South Asia: Views from the State Department and the Region".

Several Congress members, including Indian-American Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (who is a member of the Pakistan caucus), Congresswoman Ilhan Omar and other members questioned Wells and Robert Destro, US Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labour. Besides Kashmir, the NRC issue also came up for discussions, and as Sherman asked whether it is a serious legislative proposal or a "crackpot idea", Destro responded: "It is a serious legislative proposal." Probed further by Sherman "have we condemned it?", Destro replied, "We are doing it right here."

Sherman said that he has for years condemned the terror attacks in Kashmir, and has also spoken about the Kashmiri Pandits. He said India's decision with respect to Article 370's revocation was not in direct response to these terror attacks.

Jayapal, the first Indian-American lawmaker in the House of Representatives, said she was visiting India to meet her parents, when the Kashmir decision was made. She said that she had raised the issues related to minorities and human rights situation in India with Prime Minister Narendra Modi about two years ago. "I recognise that the situation is complex. I recognise that Pakistan is not without its share of responsibility." However, India as the world's largest democracy and a critical ally for the US, needs to uphold its commitment to human rights, she said.

Lawmakers Ted Yoho, Abigail Spanberger and Mike Fitzpatrick also expressed concern over the human rights situation in Kashmir and urged India to take steps to lift restrictions on movement of people, communication restrictions and detention of political leaders.

When Jackson Lee asked Destro whether it was a "humanitarian crisis", he replied, "Yes, it is a humanitarian crisis".

Wells, in response to questions, said, "We have attempted to send a delegation", but added they "have not received permission". She said that "it will be better to report first hand".

She said the US was "disappointed" that it did not have the opportunity, and the Indian government said it is not the right time. She said the US is not comfortable with the "trade off between national security and human rights". However, she also said that they can't dismiss the fact that communication can be "misused".

"We share your concerns, we are concerned about detention of local politicians, Internet blackout... still Internet and mobile services are shut, although it has been lifted partially," she said. She said the only tool they have is "persuasion", and this hearing will deliver the powerful message to the Indian government. "We have been very persistent and urgent," she said.

Saying repeatedly that the US administration is "focussed" on the situation in the Valley, she reeled out numbers that with regard to communication, there has been easing of restrictions — with 4 million cellphones being active, which is half of the total cellphones in J&K. She acknowledged that Internet and SMS remain restricted, and the Indian government has told US interlocutors that it is "security based", and to prevent malafide intention on the part of terrorist groups.

When Congresswoman Spanberger identified herself as a former intelligence official and asked how are they getting the information, Wells said that while she appreciated the concerns, she had heard directly from the Kashmiris. She, however, said there can be "gradual improvement", to overcome "actual hardship and inconvenience". And, she made the point that the communication shutdown prevents even the Indian government from understanding the impact on the ground.

Wells also said that while the Indian government said that it is "an internal issue", "but we realise that it has external ramifications". She said that President Donald Trump has engaged with Prime Ministers Modi and Khan, and had expressed concern, and offered his services to mediate if both sides are willing.

She also said that the US has urged Pakistan to implement Khan's commitment to take action against terror groups, which are "irreversible and sustainable". She also pointed out that Khan said that anyone who crosses to Kashmir is the "enemy of Pakistan, enemy of Kashmir", and she will watch closely whether Pakistan is true to its word. When Spanperger pointed out that young children were being detained, Wells said there were "allegations" that children have been taken into custody, but also added that "statistics remained ambiguous". At another point, she said these are "muddied waters", indicating that the picture is not clear. When one of the Congressmen asked whether the US was "leveraging" its position to put pressure on India, Wells said, "We have a wide ranging conversation with India on human rights." She said the issue of cow lynchings are reported by the media and decried by human rights groups in the country.

She said that to give some context, India is a country of 1.4 billion people and has survived four wars and suspension of Constitution under Indira Gandhi, but has survived. "This is not a relationship of dictation, it is a relationship of partnership," she said.

When Spanberger asked for security threats assessment, Wells said that she will not be able to comment on that and added that "There is a militancy in Kashmir. Terrorist groups do try to take advantage of disaffection." Stressing that Indians are taking a "conservative approach", she said they have been "able to reach out to activists, journalists, and are engaging with them". She said the US administration is also reaching out to a cross-section of Indian society, and is cutting across all ministries.

Asked about the Line of Control, she said the US regards the LoC as the de-facto line of separation. As such, the US recognises the de-facto administration on both sides of the LoC. "We don't take a position on the type of government on either side," she said.

When Congresswomen Ilhan Omar called the NRC issue an "anti-Muslim project" comparing it to the Rohingya crisis, Wells said the matter dates to a 2013 Supreme Court ruling to address the issue of illegal immigration. She said that 1.9 million people excluded from the NRC include "Muslims and Hindus". Adding that 300 appeal panels have been set up, she said they will continue to watch this and the judicial process is "still working".

On NRC, Destro said that "due process takes a long time", and the US is engaged with the Indian government, and that there are "independent courts in India".

Chidambaram

"The appellant is not a 'flight risk' and in view of the conditions imposed, there is no possibility of his abscondence from the trial. Statement of the prosecution that the appellant has influenced the witnesses and there is likelihood of his further influencing the witnesses cannot be the ground to deny bail to the appellant particularly when there is no such whisper in the six remand applications filed by the prosecution," the bench said.

"The chargesheet has been filed against the appellant and other co-accused on 18.10.2019. The appellant is in custody from 21.08.2019 for about two months. The co-accused were already granted bail. The appellant is said to be aged 74 years and is also said to be suffering from age-related health problems. Considering the above factors and the facts and circumstances of the case, we are of the view that the appellant is entitled to be granted bail," the bench said.

Directing that Chidambaram be released from jail if he is not wanted in any other case, the bench directed him to execute bail bonds for a sum of Rs 1 lakh with two sureties of like amount. It also asked him to deposit his passport with the special court if it has not been deposited already, and that he should not leave the country without its permission. He should also make himself available for interrogation.

While declining Chidambaram bail, the Delhi High Court had rejected the CBI argument that giving him relief would pose a flight risk and that he may tamper with evidence.

Agreeing with this, the Supreme Court said the case was registered on May 15, 2017 and the High Court had granted him interim protection from arrest on May 31, 2017 which remained in force till August 20, 2018 when the High Court finally dismissed his anticipatory bail plea.

"Between 31.05.2018 and 20.08.2019, when the appellant was having interim protection, the appellant did not file any application seeking permission to travel abroad nor prior to the same after registration of FIR any attempt is shown to have been made to flee. On behalf of the appellant, it is stated that the appellant being the Member of Parliament and a senior member of the Bar has strong roots in society and his passport having been surrendered and 'lookout notice' issued against him, there is no likelihood of his fleeing away from the country or his abscondence from the trial. We find merit in the submission of the learned senior counsel for the appellant that the appellant is not a 'flight risk'; more so, when the appellant has surrendered his passport and when there is a 'lookout notice' issued against the appellant," the bench said.

Opposing his bail plea, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the CBI, had referred to many high-profile accused in economic offences fleeing the country and urged the court to take this into account.

On this, the bench said "...we are unable to accept the contention... that 'flight risk' of economic offenders should be looked at as a national phenomenon and be dealt with in that manner merely because certain other offenders have flown out of the country. The same cannot, in our view, be put in a straight-jacket formula so as to deny bail to the one who is before the court, due to the conduct of other offenders, if the person under consideration is otherwise entitled to bail on the merits of his own case."

It said "there has been no allegation regarding influencing of any witness by the appellant or his men directly or indirectly" till his anticipatory bail plea was dismissed.

"In the number of remand applications, there was no whisper that any material witness has been approached not to disclose information about the appellant and his son," the bench said, adding that the plea that he was likely to influence witnesses if enlarged on bail seems to have been raised "only at the time of opposing the bail and in the counter-affidavit filed by the CBI before the High Court".

"CBI has no direct evidence against the appellant regarding the allegation of appellant directly or indirectly influencing the witnesses," the bench said and agreed with Chidambaram's contention that "no material particulars were produced before the High Court as to when and how those two material witnesses were approached. There are no details as to the form of approach of those two witnesses either SMS, e-mail,letter or telephonic calls and the persons who have approached the material witnesses. Details are also not available as to when, where and how those witnesses were approached".

The bench said its comments should "be construed as expression of opinion only for the limited purpose of considering the regular bail in CBI case and shall not have any bearing in any other proceeding".

Kathua rape

order issued by City Judge Prem Sagar.

While the SIT was headed by a Kashmir Pandit officer SSP Ramesh Kumar Jalla, his deputy ASP Naveed Peerzada was from the Valley while DSP Shwetambari Sharma, the only woman police officer in the team, was from Jammu. Apart from them, the court's order covers DySP Nassir Hussain, Urfan Wani and Kewal Kishore.

Of the officers, only DySP Hussain is still with the Crime Branch. SSP Jalla has already retired, Additional SP Peerzada is part of a UN mission in South Sudan, and DySP Sharma is posted at the police headquarters in Jammu.

SSP (Jammu) Tejinder Singh told *The Indian Express* that he is yet to receive a copy of the court order. "I have heard about it only on social media so far. Let the order come, we will see," he said.

The SIT was constituted by the then PDP-BJP government headed by Mehbooba Mufti to investigate the rape and murder of the girl belonging to the nomadic Bakherwal community in Kathua early last year.

The incident had triggered nationwide outrage and split the local population along religious lines. Two BJP ministers in the state government at the time, Choudhary Lal Singh and Chander Parkash Ganga, had publicly endorsed demands from family members of the accused for a CBI probe in the case. Facing a backlash, the two were made to quit the Cabinet.

The case was also shifted to Pathankot following a Supreme Court order after lawyers in Kathua prevented Crime Branch officials from filing a chargesheet.

The SIT's investigations led to life terms in June for the three main accused: Sanji Ram, the caretaker of the prayer hall where the crime took place, Special Police Officer Deepak Khajuria and Parvesh Kumar. Three other accused — Sub Inspector Anand Dutta, Head Constable Tilak Raj and special police officer Surender Verma — were charged with destruction of evidence and awarded five years' jail.

Jangotra, who is the son of Sanji Ram, was given the benefit of doubt and acquitted by the special court hearing the case. The eighth accused was declared a juvenile and tried under related provisions.

In their complaint against the SIT, Sachin Sharma, Neeraj Sharma and Sahil Sharma claimed that the investigators tortured them to depose against Jangotra. The three had first recorded their allegations during investigations in the case when they were produced before a magistrate for recording their statement. Following Jangotra's acquittal, they lodged their complaint with the SHO of Pacca Danga station. "On October 5, we approached SSP (Jammu) but nothing has been done in the matter so far," said their advocate Ankur Sharma.

Assam policy

government jobs; government servants shall strictly follow norms of two children to serve as role models for society.

The policy also covers the electoral process. It states that the government may legislate on legal provisions to bar those with more than two children from participating in panchayat and municipal body elections.

It proposes that the state will take up with the Centre guidelines for MLAs to adhere to family planning norms, and that the two-child norm will be proposed as a yardstick for any contestant to the State Legislature. "...MLAs having more than two children may be disqualified from his/her membership and be debarred from contesting polls in future," it states. Referring to Census 2011, the policy document also refers to Assam's demographics: "The population of Assam increased to 3.12 crore (2.66 crore in 2001 Census). Although there is a decline in the decadal growth of population, the rate of increase of 17.07 is at an unsustainable level. The state's population density is 398 as per 2011 census as against 340 in 2001. In 2013, Assam recorded a Total Fertility Rate of 2.3 (source: SRS) against a target for replacement level fertility rate of 2.1; its crude birth rate is approximately 21.3 (Annual Health Survey 2011-12)."

According to government data, Assam's TFR of 2.3 on par with the national rate.

"Assam's average family size is 5.5, which is above the national average. Its MMR ratio is the worst amongst all states in India at 300 (SRS 2013). The State's infant mortality rate (IMR) is also considerably high with 54 (SRS 2013). In under-5 child mortality rate (U5MR) also, Assam tops the chart amongst the states of India with 73 per 1,000 live births against the national average of 49 (SRS 2013)," the policy states.

"The Government of Assam... recognises that rapid population growth could severely derail progress in reaching our primary goal to achieve a high quality of life for all our population in Assam that is sustainable with available resources," it states.

A senior official said that although the department of health and family welfare had devised the policy, it is being implemented for government jobs by the personnel department.

Reacting to Tuesday's announcement, Congress spokesperson Rhituporna Konwar said: "The government had announced this two years back also. Why did they announce it again? They should focus on education and awareness programs — that will help reduce birth rate."

Aminul Islam, general secretary of AIUDF which has a large support base among the Bengal-origin Muslims of Assam, said that curtailing the right to government job of people with more than two children "is not the correct way to go about things". "The government should instead focus on education, eradicating poverty and making people aware of family planning," Islam said.

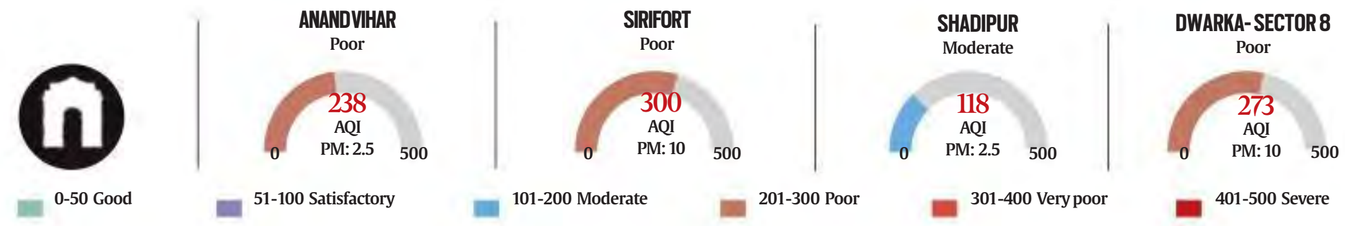
Last year, Assam had passed the Assam Panchayat (Amendment) Act, 2018, according to which those contesting panchayat polls cannot have more than two children. Other states with similar norms for local body polls include Uttarakhand, Odisha, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan.

Guha

months before leaving to head the National Stock Exchange (NSE).

"We have received Guha's email informing us that he won't be taking any money from the board for his services as COA member," a BCCI official told The Indian Express.

Tuesday's order has also provided legal cover to the CoA and officials who functioned under it. "No proceedings shall be initiated against any members of the said committee individually or the committee jointly without leave of this court... The officers who have carried the directions of the Committee of Administrators shall also be immune while acting as such," the order stated.



ON ORDER FROM PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT

DMRC takes over Gurgaon Rapid Metro

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, OCTOBER 22

THE DELHI Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) took over operations and maintenance of the 11.6-km-long Rapid Metro in Gurgaon Tuesday night, a month after the High Court of Punjab and Haryana directed the Rapid Metro Rail Gurgaon Limited (RMGL) and Rapid Metro Rail Gurgaon South Limited (RMGSL) to do the same.

According to a DMRC spokesperson, "adequate staff" has been deployed to maintain station and train operations, signalling and telecom, safety and security, as well as electrical and traction aspects of the project.

"The DMRC is committed towards providing the best possible services to commuters of the Rapid Metro line. The DMRC management has already deployed adequate staff, so that passenger service may be maintained in a smooth manner," said the spokesperson.

The takeover has brought the operational Metro network in Delhi-NCR to 389 km, with trains covering 285 stations.

Officials said the service will follow the earlier schedule — trains will begin operations at 6 am from Sector 55-56 station, and the last train will depart from the same station at 10 pm. While trains will run at an interval of 4.30 minutes during morning peak hours, the frequency will be 5.15 minutes during evening peak hours.

The service had commenced operations in 2013, with Phase I covering the stretch between Cyber City and Sikanderpur Metro station. Phase 2 was launched four years later, in 2017, and runs between Sikanderpur Metro station and Sector 55-56.

With the two phases, the Rapid Metro provides connectivity between Cyber City, which houses several offices as well as restaurants and shops, and Golf Course Road, where several gated condominiums, malls and MNCs are located.

The takeover has brought the operational Metro network in Delhi-NCR to 389 km, covering 285 stations. *Archive*

EXPLAINED

Behind move, tussle between firms and Haryana authorities

THE MATTER of operation of the Rapid Metro reached the court on September 6, with the Haryana Shahari Vikas Pradhikaran and the companies handling the Metro issuing termination notices to each other, alleging "material breaches" in the contract. The court had then directed the firms to continue operations until midnight of September 9 and resolve the dispute by negotiation. On September 20, the court initiated the process of handing the line to DMRC. This deadline was extended to October 23 last week.

In a first for RML Hospital, a woman is medical superintendent

ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

DR MINAKSHI Bharadwaj, who joined RML Hospital as a specialist in pathology in 1991, has become the first woman to take over the post of medical superintendent in the hospital's history. Established in 1932, the hospital has had 24 heads so far — all of them men.

Before starting her new stint as the hospital's 25th medical superintendent, she was working as the head of the department of pathology, and as the hospital's additional medical superintendent before that.

"I have worked here for 28 years. I feel privileged to be the first woman to take charge. This also sends a positive message that the government believes in gender equality. Women employees will feel free to approach me easily," she told *The Indian Express*.

Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, formerly known as Willingdon Hospital, was established by the British for their staff and had only 54 beds. After Independence, its control was shifted to the New Delhi Municipal Committee. In 1954, control was transferred to the central government. The hospital now has 1,420 beds.

Dr Bharadwaj said ongoing projects in the hospital will be top priority. The hospital is set to start work on a new super-speciality block on campus, which will add 500 beds.

"Several important projects are in the pipeline. Before starting anything new, I want to ensure those are completed on time. The tender for the upcoming super-speciality project was floated Monday. We are also working on starting construction of an MBBS college, and it may take two-three years," she said.

Situated in Central Delhi, the hospital caters to 8,000-9,000 patients in the OPD on a daily basis. The Union Health Ministry has decided to construct a 300-bed super-specialty wing of the hospital at Moti Bagh.

"If the Moti Bagh campus is given to us, it will offer special services in oncology, as we lack oncology services... but clearances are yet to be received," she said.

Dr Minakshi Bharadwaj is the hospital's 25th medical superintendent. *Express*

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100 CNG buses to join cluster fleet

New Delhi: After a month's delay, around 100 standard-floor CNG buses are set to join the cluster fleet this Friday.

SDMC nod for free certificates

New Delhi: The SDMC Tuesday green-lit a project to provide free birth and death certificates to South Delhi residents.

Complaint over CM photo on bus tickets

New Delhi: The Delhi BJP has filed a complaint with the Lokayukta accusing CM Arvind Kejriwal of "misusing his power" by getting his photo printed on tickets that would be issued to women passengers availing free bus rides. However, an AAP leader said: "The CM holds a Constitutional post. His image is there as the head of the Delhi government."

Event pays tribute to police martyrs

New Delhi: In a bid to pay tribute to Delhi Police martyrs, a musical event, '*Ek Shaam Shahdat Ko Salaam*', was organised by the force at Siri Fort Monday evening. It was attended by Commissioner of Police Amulya Patnaik. **ENS**

FOCUS ON NON-MOTORISED VEHICLES, PEDESTRIANS

Bid to decongest 9 arterial roads to begin with AIIMS-Ashram stretch, says Kejriwal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

NINE ARTERIAL roads in Delhi will be redesigned to get rid of bottlenecks and to add separate lanes for non-motorised vehicles, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said Tuesday. The Delhi government project, stuck for over four years, will take off with the stretch between AIIMS and Ashram being redesigned first.

"All roads of Delhi will be entirely redesigned as per international standards. We have been trying to do this for a few years now, and our hard work has paid off. Nine stretches spanning 45 km will be redesigned on a pilot basis. Work orders for one road have been given today, and will be given for two more tomorrow. For the rest, orders will be given in November. We hope to improve the condition of these roads and tackle the problem of traffic congestion by redesigning them within a year. The cost for these nine stretches will be Rs 400 crore," Kejriwal said.

After AIIMS-Ashram stretch, Vikas Marg and Narwana Road will be redesigned.

While the changes include streetscaping, they will not just be about making stretches pedestrian-friendly, but will also look at the issue of bottlenecks.

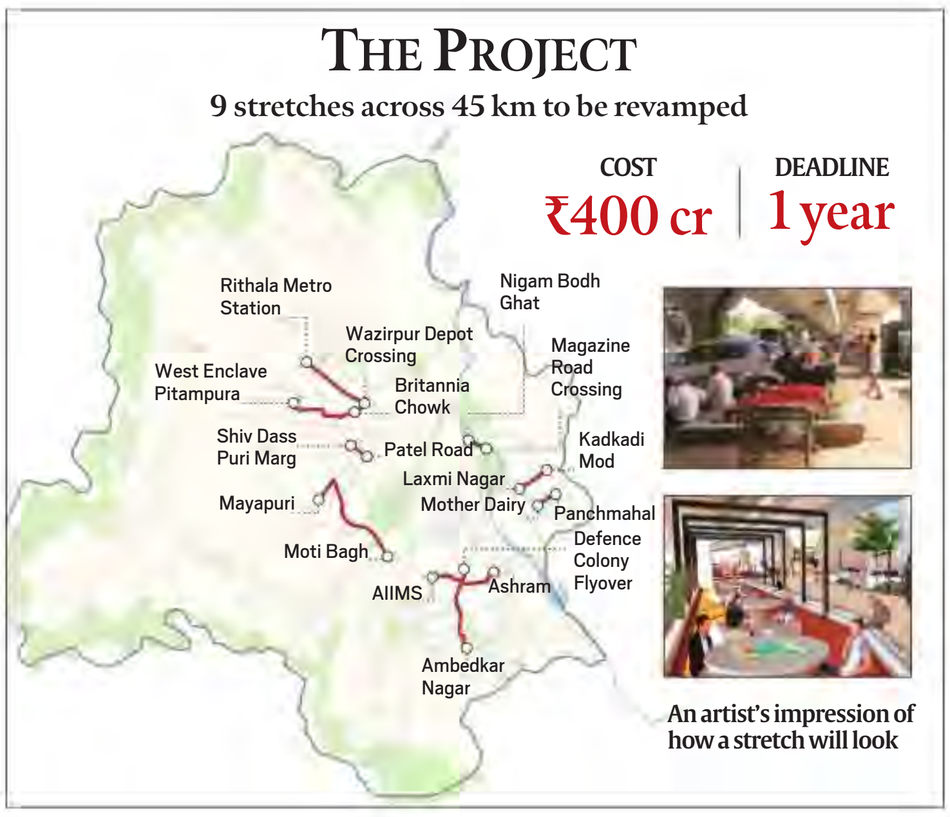
"Wide roads in Delhi turn into significantly narrow lanes after a few miles, and then back into wide roads, which creates a bottleneck and heavy traffic at some locations. Our priority will be to remove bottlenecks first for smooth flow of traffic and an organised lane system. Our second work would be to increase efficiency of space on the roads, so they are best utilised," he said.

Pradeep Sachdeva, the consultant for the first three projects, said geometric improvement of roads is the primary concern.

"According to the new Indian Road Congress guidelines, width of car lanes can be reduced to carve out a special lane for non-motorised vehicles. We also plan to improve pedestrian access and create space for those who want to cycle. On our roads, the width of the lane keeps varying, and a road is only as good as the narrowest stretch. This has to be rectified," Sachdeva said.

The BJP, meanwhile, hit out at the project, with Rajya Sabha MP Vijay Goel saying that through these announcements, Kejriwal was accepting that he did not do anything in Delhi for five years. "There is no drainage system on roads, no space to park autos and rickshaws. They are issuing tenders despite knowing they will not be able to complete the project during their term," he claimed.

The project was first mooted in 2015 and a creative team was put together for planning. The then L-G, however, did not clear the project and the team disbanded. After the SC judgment earlier this year, that said the elected government was the primary decision maker in areas except law and order, land, police and services, the project was revived.



Atishi plea on Gambhir dismissed

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

A DELHI court Tuesday dismissed AAP leader Atishi's complaint against East Delhi MP Gautam Gambhir who, she had alleged, was enrolled as a voter in two constituencies — Karol Bagh and Rajinder Nagar.

Atishi filed the complaint against the cricketer turned politician in the run-up to the Lok Sabha polls in May, when the two faced each other in East Delhi. She procured physical copies of electoral rolls of both constituencies to confirm this fact.

The complaint states that as per Section 17, read with Section 31, of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, it is an offence for a person to have more than one voter ID card if the same has been obtained by making false declaration/statement.

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Samar Vishal agreed that Atishi's allegations were prime facie correct. However, the ACMM noted that Section 17 is "not a penal provision but a legal mandate", and "a candidate cannot even be disqualified for its violation".

Protests and clashes rock Jamia

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

PROTESTING STUDENTS at Jamia Millia Islamia Tuesday accused university-backed people of physically assaulting them, even as the administration denied the charge.

Protests have been raging on the campus for the last nine days, with students demanding revocation of showcause notices issued to five students, who participated in a protest against an invitation to Israeli delegates for an event.

Students had gheraoed the Vice-Chancellor's office Monday, following which they alleged they were beaten up.

However, the Jamia administration denied the allegations. They said it was a "scuffle" that "broke out between the group of students" and that the "protesting students damaged vehicles parked in the complex where they have laid the siege".

"A group of students backed by some student organisations gheraoed the V-C's office, laid siege to the office complex and physically blocked all the gates of exit," the university alleged in a statement, adding that the students refused to reason with teachers as well.

CP traders oppose 'pedestrianisation plan' during Diwali, approach Delhi govt, NDMC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

TRADERS OF Connaught Place Tuesday spoke out against the Delhi government's proposal to close the Inner Circle and parking lots to traffic for the Diwali laser show between October 26 and 29, and said they will hold protests if it is done.

Claiming that the move will hit businesses during the festive season, Atul Bhargava, president of the New Delhi Traders' Association (NDTA), said, "We are the main stakeholders of the place, and we were not included in the discussion or informed at all. If they block vehicles, we will protest... maybe even close CP."

Traders claimed business will take a hit. *Praveen Khanna*

Announcing the event Monday, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had said the laser show will take place from 6-10 pm over the four days. While cars will not be allowed in the Inner Circle, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia had said special parking facilities at nearby locations have been made. "Why do you need cars in the Inner Circle? Traders should in fact thank us for doubling sales," Kejriwal said.

The association has approached Sisodia, the New Delhi Municipal Council, traffic police and the district magistrate over the decision. "While we support the show, we don't want road and parking closures. We are trying to find a middle path," said Bhargava.

An AAP spokesperson said, "The CM addressed this issue at the press conference Monday and said traders will only profit from the move." NDMC secretary Rashmi Singh said: "The Delhi government is organising this. We are playing a supportive role."

Roopak Sharma, owner of a Raymond showroom in the Inner Circle, said, "Business has been stagnant... this move will hit it further."

Amarjeet, manager at a Bata store, said, "Diwali is good business time. If cars are not allowed, footfall will decrease."

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PUB/1259/19

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Sl.No.2 e-tender No.: SCRCONMLT8616 **Description of Material & Quantity:** Manufacturing and supply of combination Metal liners for use of ERC-MK-V,25T Concrete sleeper [RT-7008 and RT-8527] suitable for 60 kg, [UIC] Rails, to RDSO Drg No. T-8616 and T-8617 and specification: IRS for Metal Liners for use of ERC [Prov] 2013 with corrigendum No.1 of Oct.2016. [1 set comprises of T-8616-1 No. and T-8617 – 1 no.] N.B. latest means as on tender closing date.] – **Qty:1316240 sets. Tender Value in:** ₹119251400-00 **EMD in:** ₹20,00,000 **Due date of opening & Time:** 18-11-2019@ 11.30 Hrs

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All other details can be seen from DTCN available at Govt. web site **www.tendersorissa.gov.in.** The Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
30005/11/0077/1920 **General Manager (Civil)**

उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि. ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना अनुभवी क श्रेणी कार्यदायी संस्थाओं/ आपूर्तिकर्ताओं से विद्युत पारेषण मंडल, ग्रेटर नोएडा के अन्तर्गत निम्न सामग्री/ कार्यों हेतु ई-निविदायें ई-पोर्टल etender.up.nic.in पर दो भागों में निविदा खोलने की दिनांक को 12.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। जिसका प्रथम भाग उसी दिन क्रमशः 02.30/ 02.45/ 03.00 बजे (यदि अवकाश/ अन्य कारण हो तो अगले कार्य दिवस में) खोला जायेगा। निर्धारित निविदा शुल्क आर.टी.जी.एस./ एन.ई.एफ.टी. तथा धरोहर राशि आर.टी.जी.एस./ एन.ई.एफ.टी./ बैंक गारंटी के माध्यम से (निविदा शुल्क एवं धरोहर राशि पृथक-पृथक हस्तांतरित की जानी है) अधिशासी अभियंता, विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र खण्ड, ग्रेटर नोएडा के पक्ष में पंजाब नैशनल बैंक की आई.सी.डी. तिलप्ता, दादरी (गौतमबुद्ध नगर), उ.प्र. शाखा में संचालित चालू बैंक खाता संख्या 0109012100000756 **(IFSC Code PUNB0466300)** में जमा कराया जायेगा। निविदा के प्रथम भाग में आर.टी.जी.एस./ एन.ई.एफ.टी. द्वारा जमा किये गये निविदा शुल्क एवं धरोहर राशि की पे-इनस्लिप यथा योज्य यू.टी.आर. संख्या की प्रति, निविदा प्रपत्र, पैन कार्ड, जी.एस.टी. संख्या, इन्कम टैक्स रिटर्न की स्वयं प्रमाणित छाया प्रति, तकनीकी अनुभव यथा क श्रेणी अद्यतन (विद्युत सुरक्षा उ.प्र. सरकार द्वारा प्रदत्त), ई.एस.आई., ई.पी.एफ., बीमा संबंधी प्रपत्र (जो कि अनिवार्य है) इत्यादि ई-पोर्टल पर स्कैन्ड प्रतियॉ (PDF format) तथा ई-निविदा के द्वितीय भाग में दरें एवं वाणिज्यिक नियम व शर्तें ई-पोर्टल पर अपलोड की जायेंगी। निविदा की वैधता खुलने की तिथि से 90 दिन होगी। 1. निविदा संख्या टी-138/ 2019-20: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, बुलन्दशहर के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, सिकन्द्राबाद- दनकौर लाइन के टावर लोकेशन संख्या 06 (डीसी+0) पर रिवेटमेन्ट का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 10,000/- (रु. दस हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 11,80/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 23.11.2019। 2. निविदा संख्या टी-139/ 2019-20: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, बुलन्दशहर के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न 132 के.वी. पारेषण लाइनों के जंग/ क्षतिग्रस्त टावर लेगो के सुदृढ़ीकरण का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 4,700/- (रु. चार हजार सात सौ मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 23.11.2019। 3. निविदा संख्या टी-140/ 2019-20: विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र खण्ड, ग्रेटर नोएडा के अन्तर्गत विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, ग्रेटर नोएडा पर मल्सीफायर स्टोरेज टेंक की एकरालाईकशीट कवर बदलने का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 5,900/- (रु. पांच हजार नौ सौ मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 11,80/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 23.11.2019। 4. निविदा संख्या टी-141/ 2019-20: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, हापुड के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न उपकेन्द्रों पर अग्नि शमन यन्त्रों की रिफलीग एवं अनुरक्षण का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 1,600/- (रु. एक हजार छः सौ मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 23.11.2019। 5. निविदा संख्या टी-142/ 2019-20: विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र खण्ड, ग्रेटर नोएडा के अन्तर्गत विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, ग्रेटर नोएडा पर अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2,000/- (रु. दो हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 23.11.2019। 6. निविदा संख्या टी-143/ 2019-20: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, हापुड़ के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न उपकेन्द्रों पर हॉट स्पॉट स्कैनिंग का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2,000/- (रु. दो हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 23.11.2019। 7. निविदा संख्या टी-144/ 2019-20: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, खुर्जा के अन्तर्गत 220 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र जहांगीराबाद पर अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2,000/- (रु. दो हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 26.11.2019। 8. निविदा संख्या टी-145/ 2019-20: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, खुर्जा के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र जहांगीराबाद पर अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 1,800/- (रु. एक हजार आठ सौ मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 295/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 26.11.2019। 9. निविदा संख्या टी-146/ 2019-20: विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र खण्ड, ग्रेटर नोएडा के अन्तर्गत विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र ग्रेटर नोएडा पर अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2,000/- (रु. दो हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 26.11.2019। 10. निविदा संख्या टी-147/ 2019-20: विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र खण्ड, ग्रेटर नोएडा के अन्तर्गत विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र ग्रेटर नोएडा पर सामग्री की आपूर्ति। धरोहर राशि रु. 2,000/- (रु. दो हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 26.11.2019। ई-निविदा के प्रथम भाग उसी दिन निर्धारित समय पर सार्वजनिक रूप से खोला जायेगा एवं भाग द्वितीय (प्राइजबिड) खुलने की तिथि तदोनुसार वेबसाइट पर सूचित की जायेगी। निविदा भाग प्रथम में सम्बधित प्रपत्रों का अपलोड ना किये जाने की स्थिति में निविदा का भाग द्वितीय (प्राईस बिड) नहीं खोला जायेगा। ई-निविदाओं को बिना कोई कारण बताये अस्वीकार/ विभाजित करने का अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के पास सुरक्षित रहेगा। कृपया विस्तृत जानकारी, डाउन लोड, अन्य संशोधनों एवं ई-निविदा प्रस्तुत करने के दिनांक तक विस्तार आदि के सम्बन्ध में कृपया etender.up.nic.in पर लॉग आन करें। **हस्ता./- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत पारेषण मंडल, उ.प्र.पा.ट्रा.का.लि., 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, पाली, ग्रेटर नोएडा, "राष्ट्रहित में ऊर्जा बचायें" पत्रांक** 1907/ **वि.पा.मं./ ग्रे.ना./ T-138 to 148/ 2019-20/ दिनांक:** 22.10.2019

DELHI JAL BOARD GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (EAST) I
M 16 MAYUR VIHAR PKT E PHASE II NEW DELHI 110091
PRESS NOTICE TENDER
NIT NO. 36/East-I/(2019-20)

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Contract Value (ECV) / Amount put to tender	Earnest Money (EMD)	Tender Fee	Date of Release of tender in E-Procurement Solution & Tender ID No.	Last Date/Time of receipt of tender E-Procurement Solution
01	Providing and laying 450/400 mm dia M.S. lined water line fomr Ranney Wells Shakarpur Chungi to BPS Mandawali in AC-57 in East-I (Re-invited)	2,71,42,181/-	5,42,850/-	1500/-	21.10.2019 2019_DJB_182619_1	13.11.2019 At 03:15 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at **https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in**

ISSUED BY P.R.O (WATER) Sd/-
Advt. No. J.S.V 465/2019-20 **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (EAST)-I**

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA,
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, SAMBALPUR.
O-461 **Office order No. 1872** **/ Dated. 18.10.2019**
1st corrigendum to Bid Identification No. Road Tender online RWCSBP-09

The summary of key dates which was invited vide bid Identification No. Road Tender online RWCSBP-09 is modified as below due to un-avoidable circumstances. All other terms and conditions of DTCN remain unchanged.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender online for bidding		Last date & time for clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical	Financial
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur	Road Tender Online-RWCS BP-09	Present 30.09.2019 at 11.00 AM **previous** 30.09.2019 at 11.00 AM	Present 26.10.2019 up to 4.00 PM **previous** 21.10.2019 up to 4.00 PM	Present 25.10.2019 up to 4.00 PM **previous** 19.10.2019 up to 4.00 PM	Present 28.10.2019 at 11.00 AM **previous** 22.10.2019 at 11.00 AM	Present Will be intimated later **previous** Will be intimated later

25091/11/0007/1920 **Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur**

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
Open e-Tender Notice No TRD/OT/26/50KM/19-20

E-tender are invited from reputed contractors having proven experience, electrical license, and sound financial standing supported by the valid documents for the work as per details given below:-

Items : Description : Sl. No. 1. Name of work with location : Replacement of overhead equipement between GYA-SEB (50KM) (Phase-1) **2. Approx. cost of the work :** Rs. 34,31,63,228.07 **3. Earnest Money to be deposited :** Rs. 18,65,800/- **4. Last date and time for submission of tender :** Upto 20/11/19 on 15.00 hrs. **5. Website particulars from where the details of e-tender can be obtained :** www.ireps.gov.in

Sr. Divnl. Elect. Engineer (Tr-D)
E.C.Railway, Mughalsarai
PR/01492/MGS/ELEC/ T/19-20/28

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
E- Tender Notice

e-tender is invited on Behalf of the Presiden of India for the under mentioned work:-

SN.1. e-Tender No.: ECR-CAO-C-S-ETEN-32-19-20 in Single Packet System **Name of work :** Linking of BG Track, Points & Crossing and P.way related works, Supply and Spreading of Stone ballast and other misc. works etc. in connection with yard remodelling of Kiul and Lakhisarai. **Approx cost of the the work in (Rs.) :** 3,16,90,440.42 **Cost of tender form in (Rs.) :** 10,000.00 **Earnest money in (Rs.) :** 3,08,500/- **Perod of work completion :** 06 [Six] months **Date and time for closing of tender :** 08.11.2019 at 15.30 hrs. Any e-tenders which is sent by Post/Courier/ Fax or by hand will not be accepted. All such manual submission of tender even if it is on firm's letter pad or received in time will not be accepted. The above e-tender document alongwith full information is available on website http://www.ireps.gov.in **Note:** In case of any descripencies found in tender notice, English version will be final. Tenderers are requested to visit the website http://www.ireps.gov.in, atleast 15 days before last date of closing, for latest corrigendum/ corrections etc in connection with this e-tender

CAO/Con/North
EC Rly. MHX, Patna
PR/01498/CON/ENGG/ T/19-20/40

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION, KATHUA
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. 91 of 2019-20/8444-8517/G **Dated: 18.10.2019**

Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Kathua on behalf of Governor of J&K State, invite tender by e-tendering mode from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Govt./other States/Central Govt./CPWD Railways/BRO and MES upto **1600 Hrs** on **07-11-2019** for the following work.

S. No	Name of Work	Estd. Cost (INR lacs)	Cost of document (INR)	Earnest Money (INR Lacs)	Time Allowed for completion	Schedule Time and date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor	Position/ Head of Funds
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Construction of Degree College at Marheen (Kathua) Phase-I (G.F+F.F) including Gatekeeper Hut, Chowkidar Hut, Canteen and Compound wall.	1154.13	10,000/	23.08	24 Months	08.11.2019 at 12:00 hrs.	"A" Class	4202-Hr. Edu.

Note:- Qualification criteria, critical dates, scope of bid, tender documents, BOQ, Drawings and all other terms and conditions can be seen and downloaded on www.jktenders.gov.in from **1000 Hrs** on **19.10.2019** to **07.11.2019 (1600Hrs).**

No: e-NIT No. 91 of 2019-20/8444-8517/G
Dt: 18.10.2019
DIPJ-8029
Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PWD (R&B) Division Kathua

भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण
AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA
Notice Inviting E-Tender

E-tenders are invited on behalf of Chairman, AAI for granting the following licenses at Jaipur Airport: **Name of facility :** Executive Lounge License Tender ID 2019_AAI_34326_1, **E.M.D.:** ₹ 2,64,000/-, **Minimum Reserve Licence fee Per Month + Applicable Tax :** ₹ 3,56,000/- PM + Applicable Taxes, **Period of Licence :** Up to 31.03.2020, **Tender Cost :** ₹ 10000/-, **Period of Tender Sale:** 23.10.2019 to 29.10.2019. Tender documents indicating full details of the licence are available on **www.aai.aero** & **https://etender.gov.in/eprocure/app**

Airport Director, Jaipur

TAMILNADU MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD.
No.417, Pantheon Road, Egmore, Chennai-600 008.
Phone : 28191890 / 28190259; Fax: 044 –28190636
E-Mail: equipment.tnmsc@tn.gov.in

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING – TENDER EXTENSION NOTICE

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

S. N	Description	IFB No	Sale period	Last date and time for receipt of bid	Date and time of opening of bid
1.	Angiography C-Arm based with Angiosuite (1)	RSP2/NCB/ TNRSP-II/ TNMSC/ENGG/19 dt.02.05.19	Upto 05.11.19	06.11.19, 03.00 PM	06.11.19, 04.00 PM

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

DIPR/3696/Tender/2019 **General Manager (E)**

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE

The Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Const./Northern Railway, 4th Floor, DRM Office, New Delhi-110001 **invites e-tender** under **Single Packet System** for the under noted work:-

1.	**Name of work and location**	Design, Supply, erection, testing & commissioning of 25 kV AC single phase OHE for the Electrification work of Ghaziabad-Road Over Bridge at Dhobi Ghat in lieu of L-Xing No. 153 & Modification work in lieu of ROB at L-Xing 31 Garhi harsaru on DLI-RE section.
2.	**Completion period of the work**	9 Months
3.	**Approx. Cost of work**	Rs. 64,47,789.97/-
4.	**Earnest Money amount (to be deposited Online)**	Rs. 1,29,000/-
5.	**Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender**	Tenders may be uploaded upto 11.30 hrs. on date 13.11.2019 on IREPS website i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in** The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11.30 hrs on 13.11.2019.
6	**Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document**	The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway web site i.e. **www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in** and tender document is available on **www.ireps.gov.in** Above tender document will be available for submission of offer on IREPS web site i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in** from **30.10.2019 to 13.11.2019.** All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

No. 302 Mod.- Dy.CEE/C/NDLS/2018-19(R5) Dated: .10.2019 3372/2019

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26th to 29th October, 6 PM onwards, Central Park, Connaught Place

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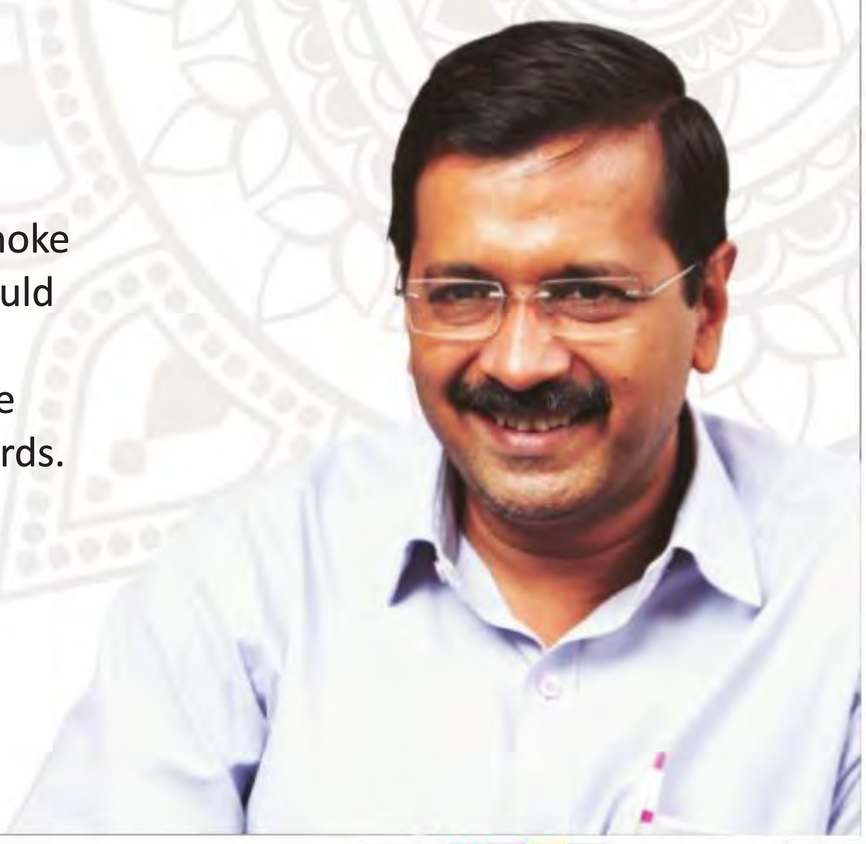
Delhi Tourism

Dip/shabdarth/d/0201/19-20

LET'S MAKE THIS DIWALI SPECIAL! CELEBRATE WITH THIS LASER SHOW, KEEP DIWALI POLLUTION FREE!

ENTRY FREE

After bringing down pollution in Delhi by 25%, our next challenge is the crop burning smoke from neighbouring states that increases pollution manifold. And Diwali celebrations should not make pollution levels worse in Delhi. To celebrate Diwali responsibly, the Delhi Government is organizing a spectacular laser show. Come with your family and enjoy the laser show from 26th to 29th October at Central Park, Connaught Place from 6pm onwards. Entry to the event is absolutely free. Come, let's celebrate a smoke-free Diwali with this laser show and do our bit in making this festival pollution free!



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Visually challenged students, volunteers and trainees make candles at the Blind Relief Association on Lodhi Road. The candles are sold during Diwali. *Abhinav Saha*

Delhi co-op bank has 38% NPAs, assembly panel told

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

THE REGISTRAR of Cooperative Societies (RCS) of the Delhi government has granted sanction to prosecute the CEO of Delhi Nagrik Sahkari Bank, after finding him guilty of lapses during his stint as the bank's audit team head and causing "significant loss" in the form of ballooning non-performing assets (NPA).

The RCS, under which the bank falls, Tuesday informed a Delhi Assembly panel that the bank's NPAs have climbed to 38%. In comparison, State Bank of India had a net NPA of 3.07% and gross NPA of 7.52% as of June 2019 quarter.

Sanction against CEO Jitender Gupta, under section 121(2) of the DCS Act, 2003, was granted by RCS Virendra Kumar on September 24. Gupta moved the court of the Delhi Financial Commissioner (FC) and secured a stay on sanction, as per the office of the RCS, which has filed an application against the stay order.

The House petitions committee, chaired by Greater Kailash MLA Saurabh Bharadwaj, Tuesday observed that the bank, which has deposits of around Rs 560 crore, was going down the path of the Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative Bank, which has been barred by the RBI from doing business over several irregularities. Gupta, who joined the bank as a clerk in 1984, had taken over as CEO in January, 2018 despite adverse reports against him, said Bharadwaj.

Key allegations include sanction of loans based on forged ITRs and fake property papers, and purchases of gifts using bank money. Based on a complaint by a whistleblower, inquiries zeroed in on 717 cases of loans, of which 72 were probed. They found that 59 of these cases were instances of fraud, the RCS confirmed.

The court of RCS took into account multiple probe reports, including one produced by a team formed by the RBI. As per the RCS court order, the reports found that the bank "already knew all frauds, all those responsible to check these frauds were also involved, therefore, no action was taken".

The alleged frauds pertain to the period between 2011-14, when Gupta headed the audit team. Inquiries found that Gupta dissolved a panel of three managers, which had submitted a report covering the issues. "Gupta has not produced adequate documents to the auditors, and there has been a significant loss to the bank due to increase in NPA to the extent of more than 25%.

"The inquiry officer concluded that... malpractices running in the bank and weakness in internal control system could not be reported or identified in the course of internal audit.... The IO, in his report, has further opined that allegation against the head of audit department Jitender Gupta are sustained..." says the RCS order.

Subsequently, 54 FIRs were filed but the cases have not seen much progress so far, Bharadwaj said. The RCS now wants the Delhi government to take over the bank, for which it has secured a no-objection certificate from the RBI. However, the court of FC, headed by IAS Rinku Dhugga, has imposed a stay on it based on an application filed by Gupta.

During the hearing, Gupta accepted that NPAs of the bank was 38%. Asked why he did not initiate a probe into the remaining cases of allegedly dubious loans, Gupta said audits are carried out regularly. His counsel also claimed "natural justice was being denied" to his client as many papers based on which he was questioned were not provided to him.

27-YEAR-OLD, MOTHER FOUND DEAD

Week before suicide, teacher spoke to relative about stepfather's death

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A WEEK before he and his mother allegedly committed suicide, the 27-year-old St Stephen's College teacher, Alan Stanley, had spoken to a relative about seeking a CBI inquiry into the death of his stepfather Wilson.

On Sunday, Alan's body was found on the railway tracks in Sarai Rohilla and his mother, Lissy (55), was found hanging from a ceiling fan inside her house in Pitampura. Police believe he helped her commit suicide before killing himself. A post-mortem was conducted Monday, and the bodies of the two were given to their family.

Alan was an ad-hoc teacher of philosophy at St Stephen's College and had been in Delhi for a year and a half.

Around eight months ago, Lissy joined him in the capital. Police said a purported suicide note, written in Malayalam, referred to an "abetment to suicide case" going on against the mother-son duo after Lissy's second husband, Wilson, died in December 2018.

Kerala Police have maintained that Wilson killed himself. However, Lissy had, in a letter to police earlier this year, claimed he may have been murdered.

On Tuesday, Lissy's brother Babu Cherian claimed that Alan had called him a week before the incident and told him that "Kerala Police didn't investigate Wilson's death properly; we want CBI to look into the matter".

The family contacted a friend to talk to lawyers about the investigation. "I was in talks with lawyers when we heard about their suicide," said T D Thomas, the family friend.

Following his death last year, Wilson' family had moved the court in April 2019, alleging that Lissy and her son drove him to commit suicide and stole important documents from the house.

Delhi Police investigation has so far revealed that the purported suicide note left behind by the mother and son names 11 people, including two Kerala Police personnel.

"We are sending the suicide note to handwriting experts to ascertain which one of them wrote it. In the note, they have referred to the 'harassment' they faced after the registration of an FIR against them. They also named some of Wilson's relatives," a senior police officer said.

Investigation has also revealed that Alan allegedly tried to commit suicide inside the house by cutting his wrist, but later decided to jump in front of a train.

A police officer also said the note states that "we haven't done anything", and that "Malayalam media outlets were deliberately troubling the family, causing depression".

DCP (Outer) Dr A Koan said, "We are probing the case from all possible angles and appropriate action will taken after the autopsy report is received."

When contacted, Wilson's brother-in-law Joshy Francis said: "We don't know anything about their complaint. We were not in touch with Lissy or her family. Two weeks after Wilson's death, Lissy had left the home. We hadn't heard from her since."

Alan Stanley's body was found on the railway tracks at Sarai Rohilla station, while his mother was found hanging at their Pitampura flat. *Express*

Farmers awarded for conserving plant genomes

New Delhi: An award for conserving plant genomes was given to five farming communities and nine individual farmers by Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar during an event at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute Tuesday.

The award is given every year by the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority from the National Gene Fund, in order to reward farmers engaged in conserving plant varieties.

Those who received the award include Mahan Chandra Borah, a farmer from Jorhat in Assam, who is conserving 220 traditional rice varieties; Lilaram Sahu from Dhamtari in Chhattisgarh who is conserving the 'Niranjanbhata' brinjal variety; and P V Jose from Thrissur in Kerala who is conserving various types of nutmeg and fruit plants. **ENS**

Among metros, 35% of crimes against children in Delhi: Data

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OF THE 19 metro cities in the country, Delhi reported the highest crime rate against girl child victims in 2017. Sexual offences in this category are dealt with under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. The capital recorded 19.2 such cases per lakh population - ahead of Pune (17.4) and Nagpur (17.1), the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data of 2017, released Monday night, shows.

As per the data, Delhi recorded 6,844 crimes against children in 2017. The 19 metros, which included Bengaluru, Mumbai and Kochi, recorded a total of 19,544 cases — which means 35% of crimes against children were recorded in Delhi alone. The previous years, however, saw more crimes against children — 8,035 in 2015 and 7,392 in 2016.

Murder cases, too, showed a dip from 2015, when 464 cases were lodged, to 2017, which saw 400 cases. In 2017, Delhi reported 2.5 murder cases per one lakh population — better than Patna (8.9) and Bengaluru (2.8) but worse than Mumbai (0.7) and Kolkata (0.5).

One in four murder cases in 2017 were over disputes ranging from property to money to family, while 29 were over illicit relationships and 14 over love affairs. The bulk of victims were men in the age group of 18-30.

"Delhi Police files each FIR that comes its way; that reflects in the numbers. It's a sign of a robust police force. Overall, numbers indicate high registration of cases due to systems such as e-FIRs. It's a revolutionary idea," said DCP (PRO) Mandeep Singh Randhawa.

In crimes against women in 2017, Delhi reported 152.4 cases per one lakh population, second to Lucknow, which reported 178.5 cases per one lakh population. But this was less than 2016 (13,803 cases) and 2015 (14,766 cases).

A GRADUAL DIP

MURDERS
2015: 464
2016: 479
2017: 400

CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN
2015: 14,766
2016: 13,803
2017: 11,542

CRIME IN THE CITY

Four held for stealing wire worth Rs 1 cr

New Delhi: Four men were arrested for allegedly stealing aluminium wire, weighing up to 20 tonnes, from an under-construction power-grid site in North East Delhi's Sonia Vihar Monday. Police said the incident took place on October 5, when the accused tied up the guards and stole four bundles of wire worth Rs 1 crore.

Man involved in car theft held

Noida: A member of a car-jacking group was arrested Tuesday for his alleged involvement in stealing over 100 Toyota Innovas over the past few months in NCR.

22-year-old arrested for killing mother

New Delhi: Four days after a 22-year-old man allegedly killed his mother with an iron rod inside their home, police arrested the accused from UP's Modi Nagar Monday. Police said the accused hit her after she refused to give him money.

Man attempts suicide at sports stadium

New Delhi: A 52-year-old man climbed the flood light on the roof of Chhatrasal Stadium, allegedly to commit suicide, Tuesday and was rescued hours later. DCP (North West) Vijayanta Arya said, "He was working as a peon on contract basis at the stadium, but was removed three years ago. He protested in February and on Tuesday to resume his duty. His demand was accepted and he agreed to come down." **ENS**

Citing security, JNU now restricts access to common rooms

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

THE REDUCTION in the number of security guards in Jawaharlal Nehru University due to a change in contract has resulted in the administration restricting timings of the common rooms and reading room of the School of International Studies (SIS).

Like in the case of Parthasarathy Rocks, where access has been restricted as well, the reason being given for limiting timings is "security". The administration had earlier cited 'legal reasons' to lock the JNU Students' Union (JNUSU) office.

In a notice dated October 21, SIS Dean Aswini K Mohapatra said that the reading room would be open from 9 am to 9 pm and common rooms from 9 am to 5.30 pm.

"The main gate of the School of International Studies-I will be closed at 6 pm. The gate connecting SIS-I and SIS-II will remain closed during day time and will be opened between 6 pm and 9 pm. The security guard posted at the entrance after the closure of the gate at 6 pm will be seated near reading room, ground floor to check identity cards of students and make necessary entries in the register... Caretaker of the building will ensure common room (basement) is locked at 5.30 pm," he wrote.

Mohapatra said the move had been taken for security reason since there was a shortage of guards. "This is being done for security of university property. I recently got a complaint, which is why we have restricted entry. A girl and boy, both outsiders, had entered the building and the boy was inebriated. He misbehaved with the guards," he said.

"We have a shortage of security guards. Instead of two-three guards per school, we only have one. It's not possible to monitor all," said Mohapatra.

JNUSU councillors from SIS Vishnu Prasad and Himadree Sonowal said: "No one has the right to decide when and where a student should read on campus."

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Tirunelveli (H) NABARD and Rural Roads Circle
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.08/2019-2020/ D-1 / Dated: 22.10.2019

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamilnadu sealed **percentage tender through online only will be received by the Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD and Rural Roads, Tirunelveli circle** for the works approved in G.O.No.2(D) No.45 and 2(D) No.46 Highways and Minor Ports (HF1) Department dated **15.10.2019** in **Packages No.19 to 30 under Upgradation of Panchayat Union / Panchayat Roads to ODR standards in Paramakudi (H), NABARD and Rural Roads Sub Division in respect of Paramakudi (H)** NABARD and Rural Roads Division.

Details such as Name of works, approximate value of works, EMD, documents to be uploaded, critical dates and all other details related to the works are available from **04.11.2019** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in** If any changes / Corrections / Amendments etc related to this tender arises, it will be published on the above Government website only.

Superintending Engineer (H)
NABARD and Rural Roads, Tirunelveli.
DIPR/3755/Tender/2019

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
NABARD AND RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, CHENGALPATTU
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No. 11/2019-2020/SDO/Dt.21.10.2019

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 **Package No.10** in respect of **Vellore (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division** and **Packages No.11, 12 & 13** in respect of **Chengalpattu (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)
NABARD AND RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, CHENGALPATTU-1
DIPR/3746/TENDER/2019

SEARCH OF MISSING

Md. Hasmi

General public is hereby informed that one person (depicted in the photo), **Namely:** Md. Hasmi, **S/o:** Nizzamuddin, **R/o:** Jhuggi No. 68, Railway Line Jhuggi, Azadpur, Delhi, **Aged:** 50 years, has been missing since 26.09.2019 **vide DD No. 21A, Dated 30.09.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Adarsh Nagar, Delhi.** His physical description is as under:
Complexion: Shallow, **Height:** 5'6" Feet, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **Clothing:** Khaki Shirt and Pant.
Any person is having any information/clue about this missing person, may inform SHO, Adarsh Nagar, Delhi at **E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.nic.in or website : http://cbi.nic.in Tele No. : 11-24368638 or 24368641**

S.H.O
P.S. Adarsh Nagar, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27495198
DP/9483/NW/19.

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

संख्या : 1/Re-NIT/पार्सल हैण्डलिंग / उदयपुरसिटी / 19 दिनांक : 18.10.2019
उदयपुरसिटी स्टेशन पर दो वर्ष हेतु पार्सल हैण्डलिंग ठेका देने हेतु ई निविदा आमंत्रण
निविदा संख्या : । कार्य का नाम एवं स्थान : Parcel Handling Contract for loading, unloading of Good, Parcels & Luggage Work for Udaipur City Railway Station of Ajmer Division for the period of Two Years. बयाना राशि : रू. 75,000/- (रू. पिचत्तर हजार मात्र) 1. ई-निविदा में भाग लेने की अंतिम तिथी एवं समय : दिनांक 06.12.2019 को 12.00 बजे तक 2. ई-निविदा खुलने की अंतिम तिथी एवं समय : दिनांक 06.12.2019 को 15.00 बजे तक 3. वेबसाईट जहाँ से निविदा के संबंध में पूर्ण जानकारी प्राप्त की जा सकती है : www.ireps.gov.in नोट : 1. अन्य जानकारी के लिए कृपया उल्लेखित वेबसाइट पर अपलोड किया गया टेंडर फॉर्म देखें। 2. सभी सभावी निविदाकर्ताओं से अनुरोध है कि इस निविदा से संबंधित किसी भी शुद्धि पत्र हेतु वे नियमित रूप से वेबसाइट देखें।
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Sh. Sachin Gaurav Rathi s/o Sh. Sachinder Rathi (Sr.TE/NDLS),H.No. 269, Sector-06,Bahadurgarh,District Jhajjar, Haryana who was working under CTI/Station/New Delhi is unauthorized absent from duties from 12.04.2019 to till date. Despite various reminders you have not responded. Through this notification you are advised to report to your controlling officers within ten days of publication of this notice in failure to do so it will be presumed that you are no more interested to serve the railway and Railway is free to take ex-Parte disciplinary action against you as per extent rules.

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/Coaching
Northern Railway/DRM Office
New Delhi
No. 607/STE/D&AR/15/2019 Date 22-10-2019 3379/19
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e-Procurement Cell
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER COMBINED OFFICE BUILDING, BUILDING CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT JHARKHAND, RANCHI
Corrigendum
Letter No-37 Date:-22.10.2019

The BOQ of the work" **Proposed Construction of ITI and Hostel Building at Chirudih under Nawadih Block ,Dist-Bokaro.**" floated vide Tender Reference no **BCD/CE/33/Bokaro /2019-20** shall be published from **23/10/2019.** Accordingly the Last Date of submission of bid is extended up to **30/10/2019 till 11:00 AM.**
PR.No:-219408

Nodal Officer
e-Procurement Cell,
Office of the Chief Engineer
Combined office Building.
Building Construction Department,
Line Tank Road, Ranchi
PR 220645 Building(19-20)D

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Moradabad for & on behalf of the President of India, e-tender for the following work:-

S. N.	Name of Work & Place	Area (in sq. meter)	Reserve Price for 01 year (Excluding GST)	Earnest Money (2% of reserve price of 3 years)	Completion period	Cost of Tender Form (with 18% GST)	Address of website from which tender documents can be downloaded	Last Date & time of submission
1.	Contract for Cycle, Scooter, Motor-Cycle Stand at Bareilly 2nd Entry Railway Station ('A-1'-Category)	264.34 Sq.m	Rs. 4,55,400/-	Rs. 27,400/- to be paid through online payment gateway	3 Years	Rs. 2,360/- to be paid through online payment gatway	www.ireps.gov.in (E-tendering mode)	Upto 14.00 hrs. on 13.11.2019 and will be opened on the same day
2.	Contract for Cycle, Scooter, Motor-Cycle Stand at Shahjahanpur 1st Railway Station ('A' Category)	388 Sq.m	Rs. 5,76,000/-	Rs. 34,600/- to be paid through online payment gateway	3 Years	Rs. 2,360/- to be paid through online payment gatway		
3.	Contract for Cycle, Scooter, Motor-Cycle Stand at Moradabad 1st Railway Station ('A' Category)	948.72 Sq.m	Rs. 12,83,928/-	Rs. 77,100/- to be paid through online payment gateway	3 Years	Rs. 3,540/- to be paid through online payment gatway		
4.	Contract for Car Parking Stand at Moradabad Railway Station 2nd Entry ('A' Category)	800 Sq.m	Rs. 1,20,000/-	Rs. 7,200/- to be paid through online payment gateway	3 Years	Rs. 1,180/- to be paid through online payment gatway		
5.	Contract for Cycle, Scooter, Motor-Cycle stand III at Moradabad Railway Station 2nd Entry ('A' Category)	622 Sq.m	Rs. 2,28,000/-	Rs. 13,700/- to be paid through online payment gateway	3 Years	Rs. 2,360/- to be paid through online payment gatway		
6.	Contract for Cycle, Scooter, Motor-Cycle stand at Bulandshahar Railway Station ('D'- Category)	400 Sq.m	Rs. 18,396/-	Rs. 1,200/- to be paid through online payment gateway	3 Years	Rs. 1,180/- to be paid through online payment gatway		

Note:- The pre bid conference regarding to the tenders will be held at **31.10.19** in DRM's Office, Commercial Branch, Moradabad at 11:00 am. **1.** Single packet system shall be adopted in this tender. **2.** In case of any difficulty helpdesk and learning centre available on the website IREPS may be aproached. **3.** Tenderer(s) are advised to read tender document carefully before participating in the tener. **No.: 21-10/Parking/MB/2019/C-21 Date: 22.10.2019.** 3380/2019
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NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
No. : -74-W/2/3/WA/Publication Dated : 19.10.2019

SRDEN/C/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against following tenders closing date 18.11.2019 16:00. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money **only through online payment modes,** available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

Tender No. Date	158-DRM-MB-19-20 Date - 10.10.19
Name of work	Manufacturing, supplying & loading of 60900 cum Machine crushed stone ballast of 65mm gauge as per Rly specification at Khurja city depot under DEN/Track
Tender Closing Date Time	18.11.2019 16:00
Advertised Value (Rs.)	83000001.00
Earnest Money (Rs.)	565000.00
Tender Doc. Cost (Rs.)	10000.00
Bidding Start Date	04.11.2019
Validity of offer (Days)	45 Days
Period of completion	6 Months

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TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS :: TIRUPATI
CHITTOOR (DIST) ANDHRA PRADESH
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER
'e'-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
Adv No:16/D3/CE/TTD/TPT/2019-20

S. No	NIT No.	Name of the work	Estimate Amount Rs. in Lakhs & Time for completion	Schedule Download strat date	Down load end date & last date for bid submission
1	2	3	4	5	6
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER-I					
1	67 /SE-I/ TTD/ 2019-20	Procurement of 12,000 no.s of 2gram Gold Dollars for the calendar year 2019 and 2020 in 12 spells at 1000 no.s for each month	e-Open Tender 12 Months	23-10-2019 5.00PM	07-11-2019 1.00PM & 3.00PM
2	68 /SE-I/ TTD/ 2019-20	Construction of Additional Hostel block for S.V. balamandir school at Tirupati	1075.00 9 Months	13-11-2019 5.00PM	28-11-2019 1.00PM & 3.00PM
3	69 /SE-I/ TTD/ 2019-20	Construction of sports complex near TTD press Building at Tirupati	1000.00 12 Months	18-11-2019 5.00PM	03-12-2019 1.00PM & 3.00PM
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER -II					
4	252 /SE-II/ TTD/ 2019-20	Construction of 5.0 MLD Sewage treatment plant at Pachikalva Gangamma gudi near outer ring road, Tirumala	960.00 (Open Tender+ 2 years)	30-10-2019 5.00PM	15-11-2019 1.00PM & 3.00PM
5	253 /SE-II/ TTD/ 2019-20	Construction of Crash Barriers, CR masonry to central dividers, formation of foot path, slope stabilization works and other ancillary works to the Tiruvenkata padam Phase-III Ring Road at Tirumala (Narayanagiri Rest House-I Junction to GG Dam Junction)	880.00 9 Months	31-10-2019 5.00PM	16-11-2019 1.00PM & 3.00PM
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER -IV					
6	82 /SE-IV/ TTD/ 2019-20	Construction Sri padmavathi Ammavari Temple at G.N.Chetty street, chennai, Tamilanadu state.	525.00 24 Months	28-10-2019 5.00PM	12-11-2019 1.00PM & 3.00PM

Note: For full details log on to the website https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in/or http://www.apeprocurement.gov.in/
Roc.No.PR4/13911/ADV No:276/PRO/2019, Dt.22-10-2019 EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SC to hear all cases seeking social media data access for govt agencies

Don't want to invade privacy but need balance: Centre

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THE SUPREME Court on Tuesday transferred to itself petitions seeking to make social media platforms such as Facebook and WhatsApp more accountable in fighting crime and terror by allowing agencies access to encrypted data, even as the Centre stated that it does not want to invade privacy of citizens.

Appearing for the Centre, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told a bench of Justices Deepak Gupta and Aniruddha Bose: "We (government) do not want to invade privacy, but no intermediary can say their platform is so secure that it cannot be used for crime (or) terrorism. If information is required to protect sovereignty of the country and is in national interest, it has to be provided...

"A balance has to be struck between national interest, sovereignty, police investigation and individual privacy."

Mehta sought three months for the government to firm up new rules on obligations of intermediaries. The court fixed the matter for further hearing in January 2020.

Earlier, Facebook and other social media platforms had approached the apex court and urged it to transfer to itself four petitions pending before the High Courts of Madras, Bombay and Madhya Pradesh which sought linking social media accounts with Aadhaar number of users.

Scope of plea before Madras HC was subsequently expanded during the hearing to consider how to make intermediaries more accountable to the law and order machinery to curb crime, fake news and anti-national activities.

When the Facebook plea came up, the Tamil Nadu government had opposed transferring the case and said that the hearing before Madras HC had progressed considerably and urged the top court to let HC decide the matter.

On Tuesday, Attorney General K K Venugopal, appearing for Tamil Nadu, said the state was not opposing the transfer plea any more. Following this, the bench directed that the petitions be transferred from the HCs.

Venugopal said, "Intermediaries can't come into the country, establish their system...and then say...they cannot facilitate decryption. This is an offence under law.... Otherwise they should not come to the country."

He said Section 69 of Information Technology Act, 2000, mandated the authorities to lawfully intercept any information transmitted through any computer resource if it the authorities are "satisfied that it is necessary or expedient so to do in the interest of sovereignty or integrity of India, security of the State...", etc.

The subscriber is bound to extend all facilities and technical assistance to decrypt information if called for, he added.

Justice Gupta said that according to the Act, intermediaries are not required to decrypt the information for the government. "My brother (Justice Aniruddha Bose) says that even in the US they are sending it to an outside agency to decrypt the information. You (government) can also have some agency to do encryption."

Justice Bose added, "Let's say it is like a locked door. You are daring them to open it. The intermediaries are saying open it yourself. Whether they are obliged to give the key to you is the question".

Venugopal said, "Your Lordships may just say that they will have to facilitate and leave it at that. Rest we will ensure they will comply."

Senior Advocate Shyam Divan, appearing for the NGO Internet Freedom Foundation, urged the court not to make any observation on the question of decryption and restrict itself to transferring the petitions for now.

Appearing for Facebook, Advocate Mukul Rohatgi said the matter should be decided in view of privacy ruling in Aadhaar case. "Rules say only if I have the key, I will give the key," he said, "but I don't have it. The rules don't mandate that I must give the key..."

Govt not asking for decrypted data: IT dept official

KARISHMA MEHROTRA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

THE LATEST draft of amendments to the Information Technology (IT) Act will require "proactive monitoring to a very limited extent" and will require companies such as WhatsApp to provide metadata to the government without breaking platform encryption, according to senior official of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) who is overseeing the draft process."

"Any proactive monitoring that we are looking for is technically feasible within the encrypted environment," the official said.

Stating that the government is "not asking for decryption at all", the official said, "This is wrongly being conveyed in court that we are demanding decryption. Metadata is not encrypted, and so metadata that is relevant, and as required by the government, should be provided. That is a government's right to know."

According to this official, no further consultations will take place on proposed amendments to rules under Section 79 of IT Act, unless required by Union IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad.

The previous draft, publicly released for consultation in December 2018, stated, "The Intermediary shall deploy technology-based automated tools or appropriate mechanisms, with appropriate controls, for proactively identifying and removing or disabling public access to unlawful information or content." It also said an intermediary is required to enable tracing the origin of a forwarded information.

After the draft release in December, WhatsApp had stated that these amendments would require the company to "re-architect our systems leading to a different product" and to collect far more data than it does already.

WhatsApp did not respond to questions for this report."

"Privacy is not absolute," the official said. "The Supreme Court has said it is a fundamental right but not an absolute right..."

Phone tapping allowed only in case of public emergency: HC

ENS & PTI
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 22

TELEPHONE TAPPING is permissible only in situations of public emergency or in the interest of public safety, the Bombay High Court held on Tuesday, and quashed orders passed by the Union Home Ministry allowing agencies to intercept phone calls of a businessman booked by the CBI in a bribery case.

A division bench of Justices R V More and N J Jamadar was hearing a petition filed by the businessman, Vinit Kumar, challenging the three orders — passed between 2009 and 2010 — that allowed tapping of his phone calls.

Kumar's counsel Vikram Nankani and Sujay Kantawala had argued that the interception orders were in violation of Telegraph Act and fundamental rights. The CBI had registered a case in 2011, accusing Kumar of paying a bribe of Rs 10 lakh to a public servant.

"We are of the view that as per Section 5(2) of the Telegraph Act, an order for interception can be issued on either the occurrence of any public emergency or in the interest of public safety. When either of the two conditions are not in existence, it was impermissible to take resort to telephone tapping," the bench said. "...the impugned three interception orders neither have sanction of law nor issued for legitimate aim, as sought to be suggested."

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A VIEW ON ROOM

MINISTER OF State for Animal Husbandry Sanjeev Balyan will move to room 199J on the first floor of Krishi Bhawan. Balyan, it is learnt, was keen for a room on the second floor of the building, but that room is occupied by his senior minister, Giriraj Singh. The new room Balyan has been assigned is next to the one that had his office when he became a Union minister first in 2014. But he had to vacate it in July 2016 after being moved from Agriculture and to the Water Resources Ministry. That old room is now occupied by MoS (Agriculture) Kailash Choudhary.

STATUS UPGRADE

THE HRD Ministry is considering converting several higher education institutions into central universities. It has almost wrapped up work on a Cabinet note to convert three existing Sanskrit deemed universities —- Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan and Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth in Delhi and Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth in Tirupati —- into central universities. It now emerges the ministry is also considering central university status for Gandhigram Rural Institute (GRI) in Tamil Nadu. The Union government is celebrating the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, and the proposal to convert GRI into a central university is part of that.

APPOINTMENT UPSHOT

LYING VACANT for more than nine months, the post of Union Law Secretary was filled up last week when the Union government appointed District and Sessions Judge and former Delhi Principal Secretary (Law) Anoop Kumar Mendiratta. But Mendiratta, who had earlier locked horns with the Delhi government and cleared the sanction to prosecute JNU students in an alleged sedition case, has not officially joined the ministry despite the order of appointment passed on October 14. It is learnt that Mendiratta had sent a representation to the government that his appointment as Law Secretary on "contract basis" should instead be replaced with "on deputation". The government has accepted it and passed a fresh order on October 22. The change is important, as Mendiratta will still be eligible for being elevated as a judge of Delhi High Court, if the collegium recommends his name to the President.

FOOD FOR HEALTH

URGING 151 new recruits into Rajya Sabha Secretariat to keep fit by eating healthy food, Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu has stressed that instant food leads to constant disease and is better avoided. Naidu said as head of the Secretariat family, it is his duty to advise new members of the family on keeping good health. He made it clear that he is not suggesting any food code, and said India's food habits inherited over the ages offers a diverse range based on seasons and regions, and there is no need to take to fast food.

Officials skip meet again, Governor asks if there is 'censorship' in Bengal

Trinamool says Dhankhar must stay within constitutional limits

ATRI MITRA
DHAMAKHALI (BASIRHAT), OCTOBER 22

AFTER FINDING senior administrative officials of North 24 Parganas and South 24 Parganas missing at a meeting called by him, West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar on Tuesday accused the Trinamool Congress government of "unconstitutional behaviour" with him and wondered whether some "sort of censorship" was in place.

Dhankar, who was visiting Dhamakhali in Basirhat, had called a meeting of senior administrative officials of the two districts on Tuesday as part of his visit. The officials, the Governor said, had told him that permission to attend the meeting with him is not available as all senior government officials are presently in north Bengal, where Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is on an administrative tour.

As senior officials and locals MPs and MLAs did not turn up at the meeting, an upset Governor hit out the state government. "I am not the subordinate. Then, why necessary permission (by the officers) would be needed? This is unconstitutional. They are saying senior officers are busy with the Chief Minister's meeting in north Bengal. If Chief Minister (Mamata Banerjee) is in a meeting, will the whole government be on a holiday? This is very unfortunate. There should be a free flow of information," Dhankar told mediapersons here.

West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar at Dhamakhali on Tuesday. *Partha Paul*

"I don't think this scenario will continue. All the stakeholders will assess them and will change their mindset," the Governor added.

Although a guard of honour was accorded to him at Dhamakhali in North 24 Parganas, none of the senior government officials of the district attended his meeting. Basirhat Sub-Divisional Officer Vivek Vasmi, Additional District Magistrate (General) North 24 Parganas Sudhir Kuntham and Additional SP Chandan Ghosh were the only senior officers present at the venue. While Opposition MLAs had come to attend the meeting, none of the ruling legislators came. Later, an angry Governor cancelled the meeting.

At Sajnekhali in South 24 Parganas, too, none of the senior government officials or public representatives came for the meeting.

"I am astonished to receive the letters from the district officials in which they have expressed their inability to attend the meetings, that too four days after my intimation. I do not know whether some sort of censorship is in place in West Bengal... Despite this, I will continue my tour of the districts," PTI quoted Governor as saying.

He also mentioned that the District Magistrate had sent a letter stating that "state government's" permission was necessary to call the participants of the meeting.

On the heels of Dhankhar's remark, BJP general secretary Kailash Vijaywargia said that the way the Governor was being "insulted" by the state government. "There are some constitutional norms, which every state government has to follow. But from the behaviour that Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar faced, it seems the Mamata Banerjee's government has created a new set of rules and does not abide by the country's Constitution..." Vijaywargiya said.

But the Trinamool Congress leadership hit back. Senior Trinamool leader and state minister Rabindra Nath Ghosh said, "We have never seen this kind of administrative meetings. Here, such meetings are chaired by CM Mamata Banerjee. I think the Governor has no idea how many administrative meetings our chief minister has held over the last few years. The Governor should remain within his constitutional limits..." said Ghosh.

Ex-BJP MLA warns of massacre over 'love jihad', booked

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BHOPAL, OCTOBER 22

FORMER BJP MLA Surendra Nath Singh on Tuesday warned of a "qatl-e-aam" (massacre) over "love jihad". He has been booked under Sections 153A (promoting enmity between two groups on ground of religion) and 505 (statements conducing to public mischief) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

Last week, Singh had filed a missing person's complaint claiming that his daughter, who is in her thirties, had disappeared. On Saturday, his daughter, in a video clip, accused Singh and other relatives of torturing her for refusing to marry a man of their choice.

Singh had alleged that his daughter had become a victim of "love jihad" and blamed Congress MLA Arif Masood for encouraging it. Singh had also claimed that his daughter was mentally challenged, but she had denied this.

Police traced his daughter to a village in Maharashtra and brought her to Bhopal on Tuesday. She was taken to a government counselling centre, and Singh was called there. She later agreed to return home with him.

But, speaking to local reporters, Singh said: "*Agar love jihad hoga to qatl-e-aam hoga* (If there is love jihad, there will be a massacre)... If someone thinks that by spreading terror one can form organisations like al Qaeda or ISIS, we can also form such organisations."

City Superintendent of Police, Habibganj, Bhupendra Singh said a case has been registered against Singh for making the inflammatory statements. He said police would collect recordings of his statements before proceeding further.

Pankaj Kumar appointed CEO of UIDAI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

THE GOVERNMENT on Tuesday appointed Pankaj Kumar, a 1987-batch IAS officer, as the new Chief Executive Officer of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), as part of a major reshuffle in the top bureaucracy that saw the appointments of new secretaries in crucial ministries.

The government also appointed former journalist Ashok Malik, who was press secretary to President Ram Nath Kovind until recently, as Policy Advisor in the Ministry of External Affairs in the rank of Additional Secretary on contract basis.

Kumar, the new UIDAI CEO, has been serving as Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. He was on Tuesday transferred to the UIDAI in the rank and pay of Secretary by temporarily upgrading the post.

Sanjeev Nandan Sahai, a 1986-batch IAS officer of the Uttarakhand cadre, is the new Secretary, Power. Sahai has been serving as Special Secretary in the ministry and will succeed incumbent Subhash Chandra Garg upon his retirement on October 31.

Jammu and Kashmir cadre IAS officer B R Sharma, who has been serving as Secretary in the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) under the Home Ministry, was appointed Chairman, Staff Selection Commission. Nagendra Nath Sinha, a 1987-batch IAS officer who is Chairman of National Highways Authority of India, will take Sharma's place in the BRO.

Ten IAS officers got promoted and ranks of 13 were upgraded to Special Secretary in the reshuffle.

Sharma will be in the rank and pay of Secretary by temporarily upgrading the post and keeping the recruitment rules of the post in abeyance, said the order issued by the Ministry of Personnel. The decisions were taken by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Special Secretary, Internal Security, in Home Ministry, Sanjeev Gupta, has been transferred to Inter State Council Secretariat of the ministry as its Secretary.

Sailesh who holds charge as Secretary in MHA, will now be Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises in Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises.

Alok Tandon, a 1986-batch Uttar Pradesh-cadre IAS officer, who is presently Secretary in the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, was given additional charge of the post of Secretary, Department of Pensions and Pensioners Welfare.

Pramod Kumar Das who is Special Secretary, Department of Expenditure in Ministry of Finance, was made Secretary, Minority Affairs Ministry.

Rajesh Bhushan, who is currently Additional Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, has now been made Secretary, Coordination, in the Cabinet Secretariat.

Nobel laureate calls on PM Modi, gets red-carpet welcome in Kolkata

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, KOLKATA, OCTOBER 22

NOBEL LAUREATE Abhijit Banerjee called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday.

PM Modi said he had an "healthy and extensive" interaction on various subjects with Banerjee. "Excellent meeting with Nobel Laureate Abhijit Banerjee. His passion towards human empowerment is clearly visible. We had a healthy and extensive interaction on various subjects. India is proud of his accomplishments. Wishing him the very best for his future endeavours," the PM said in a tweet, sharing a picture of their meeting at his official residence.

Nobel laureate Abhijit Banerjee arrives at his house in Kolkata on Tuesday. *Partha Paul*

During a media interaction after the meeting, Banerjee said, "I had a cordial and good meeting. Prime Minister Modi started by cracking a joke on how media is trying to trap me to say anti-Modi things. He's been watching TV and he's been watching you guys. And he knows what you are trying to do." He was asked about the meeting taking place in the backdrop of a debate over his comments on an economic slump.

In the evening, Banerjee landed in Kolkata for the first time since the award was announced. He received a rousing reception at the airport —Mayor Firhad Hakim and state ministers welcomed him with a bouquet while people held placards saying "*Banglae swagato, Nobel joyi, Bangla tomae niye gorbito* (Welcome to Bengal, Nobel winner, Bengal is proud of you)". From there Banerjee went to his paternal house at Ballygunge in south Kolkata and met his mother Nirmala Banerjee, also an economist. At the apartment block, he was welcomed with conch shells.

On Wednesday, Banerjee, an Indian-American professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is likely to visit his alma mater Presidency University for a felicitation programme. He will leave for the US in the early hours of October 24.

Last week, The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences announced the Nobel Prize in Economics for Banerjee, Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer "for their experimental approach to alleviating global poverty".

HC seeks EC reply on plea over Tamang's disqualification

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

THE DELHI High Court Tuesday sought the response of the Centre and Election Commission of India on a plea against the poll panel's decision to reduce the disqualification period of Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang, convicted and sentenced in a graft case, from six years to 13 months.

A bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice C Hari Shankar also issued notice to the state government and Tamang, seeking their replies on the plea challenging a provision of the Representation of People Act which gives power to the poll panel to remove or reduce the disqualification period.

The court has now fixed the matter for further hearing on December 24.

The petition by Dek Bahadur Katwal, General Secretary of the Sikkim Democratic Front, states that Section 11 of the RP Act, 1951, is unconstitutional as it gives arbitrary power to the EC to remove or reduce the disqualification period. He also challenged the EC's September 29 order, passed a day before the last date of filing nomination, by which Tamang's disqualification period was reduced to 13 months.

BJP leader's disqualification period reduced by poll panel

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

THE ELECTION Commission has reduced the disqualification period of BJP leader Muniraju Gowda from three years to nine months and nine days.

Gowda, secretary of the Karnataka BJP, was barred from contesting elections for three years, starting January 9 this year, for improper filing on his expenses incurred during 2014 Lok Sabha polls.

In an order on October 17, the EC stated that Gowda filed an appeal under Section 11 of the Representation of the People Act before the Commission on September 9 and pleaded his case in person on October 9.

Section 11 empowers the EC to remove or reduce any disqualification period, except for that attracted on grounds for indulging in corrupt practices. The Commission, in the past, has exercised its right to reduce disqualification given on account of filing incorrect poll expenses.

After considering Gowda's representation, the EC passed an order reducing his disqualification period and removing his name from the list of disqualified candidates.

Tripura medical prof suspended for post against CAB, CM Deb

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

THE TRIPURA government has suspended a senior faculty of the state's biggest medical college over his tweet opposing the Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) and a Facebook post criticising a remark by Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb.

Kaushik Chakraborty (39), assistant professor at Agartala Government Medical College, was placed under suspension on Monday, under the Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965. He was issued a memorandum by the state Health Department on August 2 over "objectionable remarks against the CAB" on social media, "which will definitely create a rift among the communities in the state".

The notice also stated that Chakraborty has "obliquely criticized the CM of Tripura by making derogatory remarks on social media which is unbecoming of a public servant".

In his response, dated August 17, Chakraborty sought copies of his allegedly objectionable posts, which were not provided by the government in its first notice.

On August 31, the department sent another notice, with the screenshots attached.

Chakraborty's February 10 tweet stated: "I'm a proud Indian citizen frm #Tripura & oppose #CitizenshipAmendmentBill as it would alter vulnerable demography in NE India & create unwanted tensions betwn many communities. On this issue I m with @PradyotManikya to protect interests of legal citizens over illegal immigrants," referring to former state Congress chief Pradyot Manikya Debbarman.

On the CM, Chakraborty had posted on Facebook on May 2018: "Dear Biplab da (brother), there is no Nobel prize for making absurd comments. So, please do not make a Constitutional post a laughing stock of the entire country..."

Chakraborty was criticising Deb's remark that Rabindranath Tagore had "returned his Nobel" protesting British atrocities.

In response to the September 11 notice, Chakraborty stated he wrote the posts in his personal capacity, as a "free citizen of a free country. However, if those comments caused any harm to anybody unintentionally, I tender my sincere apologies."

In the suspension order, the department rejected the explanation and said it reflected "arrogance". Disciplinary proceedings will now be initiated against him, the order stated.

Meghalaya CM meets Shah, discusses CAB

Guwahati: Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma on Tuesday met Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Delhi and discussed his concerns regarding the CAB, an official statement from Sangma's office said.

Sangma and Shah also discussed "matters related to the Amendment to the Sixth Schedule", the statement said. **ENS**

Talks with all groups on Oct 24, govt hopes to end Naga crisis

Biggest group NSCN (IM) yet to agree with final peace draft; officials express hope

ESHA ROY & LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

WITH TEAMS of insurgent leaders arriving in New Delhi to attend a high-level meeting between the Union government and Naga insurgent groups, most notably NSCN(IM), the government is pinning hope on the meet, scheduled for Thursday, to be the final phase of the 22-year dialogue with the IM and bring an end to decades-long insurgency in the state.

Sources said the government has also called leaders of the Naga National Political Groups (NNPG), an umbrella organisation of seven insurgent groups such as NSCN(K) and other factions of NSCN like Unification and Reunification, for the meeting.

"The government wants a final solution, and for that it was important to call all groups. This is despite the fact that IM has so far sought to be the only party involved in the talks," a source said.

Although there is no official word yet on the signing of the long-awaited Naga peace agreement, Nagaland Governor N Ravi's statement that the Union government is determined to conclude the peace talks with Naga insurgent groups have given indications of fresh developments.

Earlier this week, Ravi said that a mutually agreed draft comprehensive settlement, incorporating all substantive issues and competencies, was ready for signing the final agreement.

While the bone of contention between the Centre and IM has been over the outfit's demand for a separate flag and constitution for Nagaland, sources said NNPG has been far more flexible in its conditions, giving up this demand. Instead, NNPG has demanded that seats in the Assembly be increased from 60 to 90, that the number of members from Nagaland in both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha be increased, and that an "Upper House system" — with Members of Legislative Council - be introduced in the state.

NNPG has also demanded development packages and accommodation for both its leaders and cadres in the government.

Kilonser K Chawang, former convener of the ceasefire monitoring committee in IM, however, told *The Indian Express* over telephone from IM headquarters in Hebron: "There is no question of compromising on a separate flag and constitution. To us, the meeting is not a final meeting if the demands are not met."

He also said IM is not looking at abrogating the ceasefire agreement in place. ₹₹We are not looking at picking up arms again. But we will continue the talks," he added.

A top government source familiar with the development said, "Efforts are still on to bring them (IM) on board with the final draft, as an agreement without it will not make much sense. The government is keen to conclude the agreement soon."

Meanwhile, security across Nagaland has been tightened in light of the impending meeting as tension rises over uncertainty of its outcome.

Nagaland Governor Ravi, who is also the Centre's interlocutor to the Naga peace process, has directed Deputy Commissioners and administrative officers to remain on duty and recalled all police personnel on leave. Nagaland DGP T John Longkumer has issued an order cancelling the police sports meet on account of "exigent and unavoidable circumstances".

Leaders from ruling NDPP said measures have been taken to cover any kind of eventuality. A senior party leader said there is also speculation that the present state government may be asked to step down in order to accommodate leaders of NSCN-IM as well as commanders of other insurgent groups.

In Delhi, ruling BJP is equally concerned about repercussions of any agreement with the Naga rebel groups in neighbouring Manipur, where Ukhrul, Tamenglong and Senapati districts are expected to come under the Territorial Council for Naga-inhabited areas under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution. "The move could trigger violent protests in Manipur. Several civil society groups are opposing this and have already warned against any such move," a BJP leader said.

—INPUTS FROM ABHISHEK SAHA, GUWAHATI

EXPLAINED

Momentum gained under Modi, BJP keen on agreement

SIGNING OF the Naga peace agreement would be a major achievement for the BJP leadership, as PM Narendra Modi took initiative and the Centre signed a framework agreement on August 3, 2015, to find a solution to the decades-long crisis. Party leaders point out that although ceasefire has been on for 17 years, efforts to get a framework for the agreement were expedited after the Modi government took office in 2014.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Navy chief Admiral Karambir Singh in New Delhi on Tuesday. *Anil Sharma*

'Will give befitting reply to anyone who casts evil eye on India'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

DEFENCE MINISTER Rajnath Singh on Tuesday India has never been an aggressor, but is capable of giving a befitting reply to "anyone who casts an evil eye" on the country.

Speaking after the Naval Commanders' Conference - the biannual discussion of the force's leadership - Singh said that by keeping the sea route secure, the Navy has ensured that another "26/11-style" terrorist attack is never repeated.

"India's character is such that India has never attacked any country of the world, and neither has India ever annexed even an inch of land of any country of the world," the Defence Minister said. But, he said, the country's "armed forces have the capability and strength to give anyone who casts an evil eye on us a befitting reply".

Regarding the threat of terrorists entering the country from the sea, he said, "The Navy has resolved that a 26/11-like incident does not happen again and the sea route is safe under Navy's tight vigil."

A statement from the Defence Ministry said that Singh mentioned that terrorism continues to a challenge for all security forces, and that sea routes have their own vulnerability. He said the Navy has made concerted efforts to strengthen security and stability of India's waters and coastal regions, and enhance inter-agency cooperation and coordination after the 26/11 terror attacks.

Stressing on the importance of the Sea Lines of Communication, which the statement called "the economic lifeline", Singh said the Navy has to safeguard it and there is a need for a stable environment for India to achieve the target of becoming a $5 trillion economy in the next five years.

The Naval Commanders Conference, which began on Tuesday, will last for three days.

At stakeholders' meet, India, Bangladesh call for improved connectivity

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GUWAHATI, OCTOBER 22

INDIA AND Bangladesh on Tuesday called for developing better connectivity between the two countries to strengthen economic ties, and for the growth of the region.

Speaking at the India-Bangladesh Stakeholders' Meet in Guwahati, Minister of State for Road, Transport and Highways Gen V K Singh (retd.) said that the Union government's new Act East Policy has placed the north-east at the Centre of India's emerging relations with the countries of South and South East Asia. He said, "The Assam government's initiative to reopen the railway links with Bangladesh will be instrumental in enhancing business and commerce between India and Bangladesh."

He also stressed on the importance of Border Haats in strengthening economic ties to help generate livelihood for people at the border areas of the two countries.

Bangladesh Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi said the "absence of seamless connectivity" between the two countries is a crucial barrier towards increase in trade. He said the full benefits of projects like the South Asia Sub-Regional Economic Cooperation and agreements like BBIN Motor Vehicle Agreement and agreement on ports can't be reaped yet.

"Better connectivity will enhance consumers' welfare through access to goods at a competitive price, enhance profit of the firms through access to cheaper inputs and enhance opportunities of the exporter of finished goods to a new market," he said.

84 ENVOYS VISIT GOLDEN TEMPLE

A total of 84 heads of foreign missions from New Delhi along with Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri visited the Golden Temple on Tuesday to take part in celebrations for Guru Nanak's 550th birth anniversary. All the foreign mission heads paid obeisance at the temple's sanctum sanctorum and spent a few minutes inside. "All of them experienced a spiritual ambience as Sikh priests recited religious hymns," a Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee official said. *Rana Simranjit Singh*

Two-child policy in other states

Assam Cabinet has decided that those with more than two children will be ineligible for government jobs from 2021. Other states with similar norms:

RAJASTHAN: For government jobs, candidates who have more than two children are not eligible for appointment.

The Rajasthan Panchayati Raj Act 1994 says that if a person has more than two children, he will be disqualified from contesting election as a panch or a member. However, the previous BJP government relaxed the two-child norm in case of a disabled child.

MADHYA PRADESH: The state follows the two-child norm since 2001. Under Madhya Pradesh Civil Services (General Condition of Services) Rules, if the third child was born on or after January 26, 2001, one becomes ineligible for government service. The rule also applies to higher judicial services.

MP followed the two-child norm for candidates of local body elections until 2005, when it was discontinued by the then BJP government after objections were raised on the ground that such a rule was not applicable in assembly and parliamentary elections.

TELANGANA AND ANDHRA PRADESH: Under Section 19 (3) read with Sections 156 (2) and 184 (2) of Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, a person with more than two children shall be disqualified from contesting election. However, if a person had more than two children before May 30, 1994, he or she will not be disqualified. The same sections in the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, apply to Andhra Pradesh, where a person having more than two children shall be disqualified from contesting election.

GUJARAT: In 2005, the government amended the Gujarat Local Authorities Act. The amendment disqualifies anyone with more than two children from contesting elections for bodies of local self-governance — panchayats, municipalities and municipal corporations.

MAHARASHTRA: The Maharashtra Zilla Parishads And Panchayat Samitis Act disqualifies people who have more than two children from contesting local body elections (gram panchayats to municipal corporations). The Maharashtra Civil Services (Declaration of Small Family) Rules, 2005 states that a person having more than two children is disqualified from holding a post in the state government. Women with more than two children are also not allowed to benefit from the Public Distribution System.

UTTARAKHAND: The state government had decided to bar people with more than two children from contesting panchayat elections and had passed a Bill in Vidhan Sabha in this regard. But the decision was challenged in the High Court by those preparing for village pradhan and gram panchayat ward member elections, and they got relief from the court. Hence, the condition of two-child norm was applied to only those who contested the elections of zila panchayat and blocks development committee membership.

KARNATAKA: The Karnataka (Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj) Act, 1993 does not bar individuals with more than two children from contesting elections to local bodies like the gram panchayat. The law, however, says that a person is ineligible to contest "if he does not have a sanitary latrine for the use of the members of his family".

ODISHA: The Odisha Zilla Parishad Act bars those individuals with more than two children from contesting.

CONG ACCUSES BJP OF RELEASING 'HABITUAL OFFENDER'

Home Ministry revokes NSA imposed on Ujjain adulterator

MILIND GHATWAI
BHOPAL, OCTOBER 22

MORE THAN two months after the Madhya Pradesh government invoked the National Security Act (NSA) against an Ujjain trader for selling adulterated ghee, the Union Home Ministry has revoked his detention, prompting the Congress state government to accuse the BJP of using its influence to secure the release of a "habitual offender".

The Ujjain administration had slapped NSA on Kirtivardhan Kelkar (41) after more than 100 bottles of chemicals and 450 liters of hydrogenated oil were recovered from his unit in Bahadurganj locality during a raid on July 30. Kelkar was sent to jail after the Ujjain District Magistrate passed the order on July 31.

In mid-July, the Congress government launched the 'Shuddha Ke Liye Yudha' (war for purity) programme, under which 89 FIRs have been lodged against various people for adulterated food items. Kelkar was the first to be detained under the NSA, and the stringent provisions of the Act were invoked against a subsequent 30 people.

However, the Union Home Ministry, using powers under Section 14 of the NSA, directed the MP Home Secretary to release Kelkar forthwith "unless he is required to be kept in jail in connection with some other case".

The order dated October 10, which was also copied to the Ujjain District Magistrate and Jail Superintendent, Indore, said Kelkar may be tried in the cases registered under the normal law of the land, and his activities may be kept under discreet watch. The order asked the state authorities to inform the Central government of compliance with the order.

On Tuesday, Congress leaders Shobha Oza and Abhay Dubey said Kelkar was a habitual offender and had been booked for a similar offence in 2015 and penalised in July 2016. Dubey alleged that Kelkar was associated with the BJP, and that a senior RSS leader and the BJP had used its connections to secure his release.

However, the BJP alleged under the guise of a crackdown against adulteration, the Congress government was targeting some people associated with the saffron party.

BJP spokesperson Deepak Vijayvargiya said the Congress government can challenge the order in court, but it was not proper to bring politics in legal matters. He said the NSA was not meant for adulteration, and therefore, the Union ministry must have found the detention in violation of law.

Signing of Kartarpur agreement deferred

New Delhi: India and Pakistan have deferred the signing of the agreement to operationalise the Kartarpur corridor by a day due to logistical issues, and the deal is now expected to be signed on Thursday, sources said.

They said a joint secretary-level officer in the Union Home Ministry will meet Pakistan officials at zero point near the site of Kartarpur corridor on Thursday and sign the MoU on India's behalf.

The Ministry of External Affairs had on Monday had said India would be ready to sign the agreement on the corridor on Wednesday.

India is going ahead in signing the pact though it was strongly opposed to Pakistan's decision to levy a service charge of $20 on each pilgrim. **ENS**

FROM PAGE ONE

In Haryana, advantage BJP — but some faultlines are blurred

the party candidate in Pundri but the independent, formerly with the BJP, denied a ticket by the party.

So why, on the day after most exit polls have predicted a BJP sweep of Haryana, must one listen to a group of voters who seemed all set to choose an Independent again?

Because in varying degrees, Pundri's scepticism, its disbelief of party politics, echoes in the state's other constituencies.

You hear it in the sheer lack of scandal with which voters talk about candidates changing party loyalties. And in their casual predictions that the winning candidate, whichever symbol he is elected on, will switch to the victorious party. Haryana did not just give the politics of defection a catchy name, "*Aya Ram, Gaya Ram*", it lends it a patina of normalcy.

You see it in the acceptance of dynasty as a fact of political life.

In all parties, including the state BJP — in which Narendra Modi and Manohar Lal Khattar are seen as exceptions to the rule — family is attached to the candidate, or the candidate to the family, and the party comes in a distant second.

In Rohtak, bastion of Congress heavyweight and former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda, the party posters prominently feature him with son Deepender, even though Deepender, defeated in the last Lok Sabha election, is not in the fray.

Asha Hooda, B S Hooda's wife, played a key role in her husband's campaign this time, as in previous elections. "In my speeches I spoke of unemployment, education, water. I didn't mention Article 370 because it is sensitive. My tone is of a social worker but in the end I speak for my party," she says.

In village Chautala, district Sirsa, home of the Devi Lal clan, whose members are now fighting from different parties — including the BJP, which has fielded Devi Lal's grandson Aditya from this seat — K V Singh, grandson of Devi Lal's uncle, campaigned this time for his son, Amit Sihag, who is the Congress candidate. He spoke about what he would do if his son got elected: "Give me a chance and I will show you a politics of decency and development. I have been true to the legacy of Chaudhary Devi Lal, the others only take his name..."

You hear voter disbelief, most of all, in that difficult-to-translate word you hear in Haryana, over and over again: *Chaudhar*.

It is used most often to refer to the dominance of Haryana's powerful land-owning caste, which has also been central to its politics, the Jat right of way. But it speaks, matter-of-factly, about the politics of power, and power play.

In this political landscape, the BJP has risen in the last couple of elections, not because it presented an alternative to Haryana's fluid power politics but because it harnessed it to its own advantage, most visibly through the politics of defections — with one notable exception.

The recruitment to 18,000 Group D posts this time, the manner in which it took place, was the exception to politics-as-usual. In the Khattar regime, it happened without recommendation or bribe, "*na parchi, na kharchi*", many voters say. The message, mostly, has been of a break from the past.

For the rest, the BJP strategy has banked on a consolidation of resentments — of the non-Jat castes — combined with an appeal to *rashtravaad* (nationalism), specifically on Article 370.

In and around Rohtak, the epicentre of the Jat agitation for quotas that turned violent in 2016, the BJP found fertile ground among the non-Jat castes for a campaign that played upon their festering grievances. While Jat voters grumble about the collapse of "*bhaichara* (brotherhood)" among Haryana's "*chhattis biradari* (36 castes)", and accuse the BJP of ranging "35 against 1", voters belonging to non-Jat groups talk about the excesses and exploitations of Jat raj.

Like in the SC mohalla in village Kiloi in Hooda's own constituency where, Ajay, young and unemployed, says "*goondagardi kam hui hai* (there is less lumpenism)" in a BJP regime led by a non-Jat chief minister.

Jat and non-Jat voters, divided as they may be, agree on one thing: The removal of Article 370 is good, PM Modi has done well to remove the special status of Kashmir.

"Now we can go and buy land, do business in Kashmir"; "there will be no terrorism, no stone-pelting on our soldiers"; "now they will have to accept they are subject to Indian law, not Pakistan's" — in a state with a strong military tradition, where roadside dhabas proclaim special discounts for customers in uniform, the removal of Article 370 is viewed by many almost exclusively from the prism of security. There is little or no empathy with the Kashmiri people, still under lockdown.

On the other side, the Congress can only hope that raging unemployment and evident farmer distress will brighten its electoral prospects. In a state where farmer anger over rising costs of inputs, limits on government procurement, and uneven access to MSPs, is palpable, the Congress's best hope is to be at the right place at the right time. Organisationally, it is a waning presence in an erstwhile bastion.

In a state where farmer anger over rising costs of inputs, limits on government procurement, and uneven access to MSPs, is palpable, the Congress's best hope is to be at the right place at the right time. Organisationally, it is a waning presence in an erstwhile bastion. "Congress has appointed no district president, no block presidents, in any of the state's 22 districts for 5 years", says Jagdish Nehra, a prominent leader of the Congress in Sirsa region since the 1970s, who is one among the many leaders of the Congress and INLD who have switched sides to the BJP.

Politically, the party has presented no new face, no new idea, that could help it combat or divert attention from the old charges of regional and caste discrimination (for the Rohtak region, and for Jats) attracted by the Hooda regimes. And it is incoherent, when it is not silent, on Article 370.

The new face in Haryana is a chip off the old block. The Jannayak Janata Party formed by young Dushyant Chautala, Devi Lal's grandson, a breakway from the INLD, is generating some enthusiasms. Its main promise speaks to pessimistic times: Haryana for Haryanvis.

On the eve of results, then, the question is: How much of an echo do the voices from Pundri find across Haryana?

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NORTH

Two Hizbul overground workers arrested

Jammu: Two overground workers (OGWs) of the Hizbul Mujahideen were Tuesday arrested for allegedly indulging in unlawful activities in Kishtwar district. With this, the total number of militants and OGWs arrested in Kishtwar over the last month has risen to 20. Those arrested were identified as Karim of Saroor and Danish of Dachhan area, police said, adding that the former is the brother of Jehangir Saroori — the militant allegedly involved in the killing of BJP leader Anil Parihar and RSS functionary Chander Kant Sharma.

ENS

Villagers with an elephant that was suspectedly poisoned, at Kondoli in Assam's Nagaon district. *PTI*

EAST

One held, 27 gelatin sticks seized in Assam's Diphu

Diphu (Assam): One person was arrested in connection with the recovery of explosives, including 27 gelatin sticks, from a house in Diphu town in Anglong district, police said on Tuesday. Acting on a tip-off, a joint team of the state police and the CRPF personnel raided a house in Dilaji area of Diphu town on Monday night and dug out explosives from its compound, said district DSP Nahid Karisma. One Lalchandchok F Tusingh was arrested, the officer added. Some 27 gelatin sticks, six packs of other explosives and electric wires were recovered. Tusingh claimed that he had procured the explosives to sell them to people trying to catch fish.

PTI

WEST

5 injured, 25 held as cops try to stop protest during funeral

Mumbai: Twenty-five people were arrested after police personnel were attacked by people during a funeral procession in Chembur on Tuesday. It was the funeral of a 44-year-old man who had committed suicide allegedly due to tardy investigation by police into kidnapping of his teenage daughter, officials said. Those participating in the procession wanted to hold a 'rasta roko' to protest against the alleged police inaction in the abduction case which allegedly triggered the 44-year-old to take the extreme step, sources said. Police said they were attacked when they tried to stop the participants from staging a protest. Five police personnel were injured.

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SOUTH

Questioning of Kalki 'Bhagwan' likely: I-T dept

Chennai: As curtains came down on the nearly week-long searches in multiple premises linked to wellness guru Kalki "Bhagwan", Income Tax department sources said undisclosed income detected during the searches could exceed Rs 600 crore and the self-styled godman may be summoned for questioning. The trusts and companies led by the spiritual guru, who propounded what he called "oneness philosophy", were also likely to face probe under the Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of Tax Act, 2015, the sources said on Tuesday.

PTI

'RICH ARE ROTTEN POTATOES, DON'T DONATE TO EDUCATION'

Pressure, there's fear of Delhi... a Governor is very weak: Malik

'Intelligence agencies don't give correct info; Hurriyat, parties misleading youth'

ARUN SHARMA
KAKRIYAL (JAMMU), OCT 22

WITH NINE days left for the bifurcation of Jammu & Kashmir into two new Union Territories, Governor Satya Pal Malik Tuesday went public saying pressures are brought on him, that the "Governor is a very weak office... a poor fellow who has no power to address a press conference or speak openly" and "my problem is many a time when I do end up speaking, I remain scared for three days wondering if I have annoyed anyone in Delhi".

Speaking at the convocation of Shri Mata Vaishnodevi Shrine Board University, Malik, while urging the youth to empower themselves and the state with education, hit out at leaders of Hurriyat and mainstream parties, religious clerics who, he said, have used their influence to get the children of ordinary Kashmiris killed while none of them lost their own to terrorism.

He also accused intelligence agencies of not giving correct information to both the Centre and the state government. "After coming here, I did not take inputs from intelligence agencies as they do not tell the truth to Delhi or us. I spoke directly to 150-200 youths and tried to identify those in colleges and universities who do not stand up for the national anthem. I spoke to them and those in the age group of 25 to 30 years, whose dreams have been crushed, who have been misled and are angry... they do not want Hurriyat, mainstream parties, Delhi government or autonomy because they are being told that the way to paradise is by getting killed," he said.

J&K Governor Satya Pal Malik

Stating that he told them he will not say anything on their religious belief, but "I did say that it is a matter of debate whether or not death will get them paradise. But I am giving you two paradises, one during your lifetime which is Kashmir and another that you will get after a lifetime of doing good."

"You have a beautiful place in the world to live.... Come forward and be part of the new phase and tread the path of progress and development," he said.

Referring to the days leading to the appointment of the university's vice chancellor, Malik spoke of the pressure that was brought on him: "I do not want to share many things here about how much pressure you face during the selection of a vice chancellor... I was very perturbed. I went to Delhi after seeking time from the Prime Minister and told him that his people visit me with lists containing people right from Director General to a police constable, many of whom they do not even know... I asked him as what were his orders for me."

"I want to praise the Prime Minister of India that he told me these people will keep coming. It is their right as they have made the party. However, if there are candidates with a difference of 20-21, give a thought to the latter as well, but not the one who is 19. At the time of selection of (vice chancellor R K) Sinha... even those people who were for someone else said that though their recommendation did not work, the one appointed as vice chancellor is a very good choice," he said.

He criticised the rich in the country for not donating to education of children. "There are seths, people with money who spend Rs 300 crore on an engagement, but will not give a penny to a university. Big people in our country do not have the habit of donating..." he said. "They spend on their comforts... but they are not ready to pay a single penny for the education of children of the country," he said.

"Many times, people call them with respect and political leaders run after them to shake hands. But I say they are poorer than even a common man. They are rotten potatoes," he said.

Three militants killed in Awantipora

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SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 22

THREE MILITANTS were killed in an encounter in Awantipora on Tuesday evening — the second in South Kashmir since mobile phone services were restored in the Valley.

While police did not reveal the identity of the militants, sources said they belong to Jaish-e-Mohammad.

On Tuesday evening, a joint team of J&K Police, Army and paramilitary forces launched an anti-militancy operation in Awantipora after inputs were received about the presence of militants at Rajpora village.

As the joint team was zeroing in on the target house, the hiding militants opened fire. The joint team retaliated, triggering a gunfight in which all the three militants hiding in the village were killed.

"Three terrorists were killed and the bodies were retrieved from the site of encounter," stated a police statement. "The identity and the affiliation of the terrorists is being ascertained," it added.

Police said they have recovered "incriminating material, including arms and ammunition" from the encounter site.

On October 8, two militants were killed in an encounter at Brawbhandina village of Awantipora. Both of them were local residents.

Ghulam Hassan in his house which was destroyed in shelling, at Gundishat village in Tangdhar. *Shuaib Masoodi*

Over 60% attendance at NIT-Srinagar as classes resume after more than 2 months

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

A LITTLE over 60 per cent of the total students have reported at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) in Srinagar, a week after it reopened.

NIT-Srinagar reopened on October 15, more than two months after the abrogation of certain provisions of Article 370 forced it to shut down indefinitely. The institute closed on August 3, when close to 1,500 students were asked to vacate the campus overnight.

However, classes resumed only Monday since attendance among students and teachers was weak for the first few days, said an official who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

NIT-Srinagar reopened on October 15

Of the total strength of 2,892 engineering students, 1,802 had reported at NIT-Srinagar by Monday. Of those who have joined the institute, 553 are first-year students, 399 second-year, 172 third-year and 213 final-year students of B.Tech. Attendance is weakest among PhD scholars and M.Tech students — 19 of 358 PhD scholars and 73 of the total 329 M.Tech students were present.

"Some o f the final-year students are preparing for GATE and GRE outside the state. We are expecting more (undergraduate students) to join after Diwali," institute director Rakesh Sehgal told *The Indian Express*. Another official attributed weak attendance among postgraduate and PhD students to the lack of internet connectivity. "It's difficult for research students to work without the internet, so their absence from the campus is understandable," the official said.

While the Union government has restored mobile communication in Jammu and Kashmir, internet and SMS services remain blocked. Central, as well as state educational institutions in Jammu and Kashmir, are learned to have requested the administration to restore the National Knowledge Network (NKN) which interconnects all higher education institutions with high speed data for knowledge sharing and collaborative research. However, the administration hasn't responded favourably yet, according to a source in the HRD Ministry.

JCO killed in Pak shelling in Nowshera

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JAMMU, OCTOBER 22

A JUNIOR Commissioned Officer (JCO) posted in Jammu and Kashmir's Nowshera sector was killed after Pakistani troops resorted to unprovoked mortar shelling and small arms fire at various places along the Line of Control (LoC).

The identity of the JOC was not immediately known, sources said.

Meanwhile, students at nearly half a dozen schools along the LoC in the Mendhar sector remained stranded at their respective institutions for nearly an hour following mortar shelling by Pakistani troops. Sources said that Pakistani troops initiated small arms fire in Mendhar and Balakote areas at around 11.30 am, followed by intense mortal shelling around 1.20 pm.

A 55-year-old woman working in a maize field, identified as Phoolan Jan, was injured in the shelling at Golad in Mendhar.

The Indian Army also destroyed three unexploded 120 mm mortar shells in Mendhar area, fired by Pakistan during the past two days.

J&K govt employees to get salaries as per 7th Pay Commission from Oct 31

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

AS PROMISED by PM Narendra Modi and spelt out in the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, government employees of the state will get salaries and benefits as per recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission from October 31, when the Union territories of J&K and Ladakh will come into existence, the Union Home Ministry said on Tuesday.

The Home Ministry has issued orders in this regard after Home Minister Amit Shah's approval.

The move will benefit 4.5 lakh government employees in Jammu and Kashmir who will become the employees of UT of Jammu and Kashmir and UT of Ladakh, the MHA said in a statement.

On August 5, the Central government had announced the abrogation of the special status to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 and its bifurcation into UTs.

After Parliament passed the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Bill, 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the nation on August 8 when he announced that all the financial benefits being given to the employees of other Union territories as per the recommendations of 7th CPC would soon be extended to the employees of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir and UT of Ladakh.

Kashmir situation, if not arrested, will have serious implications: Tarigami

MANOJ C G
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

EVEN AS shutdowns continued in Kashmir for the 79th day, senior CPM leader Mohammed Yusuf Tarigami on Tuesday said that the fact that shops and establishments are not opened through the day and schools work without children and teachers signal some sort of "unorganised" protest by the people.

He said the people of Kashmir, both mainstream and separatists, feel humiliated and if the situation is not arrested it "might lead to something more for the rest of the country".

In Delhi for a medical check-up, Tarigami said that "Kashmiris are going through a scenario which is terrible in our history", and that the people of J&K, particularly those in the Valley, have lost faith in the present dispensation in Delhi.

Asked why large-scale protests are not taking place, he said, "how many times have you seen protests taking place in Tihar jail?" There is silence even in graveyards, he said. "Don't make my Kashmir, our Kashmir a graveyard," he said in a free-wheeling conversation at CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury's 36, Canning Lane official residence here.

Yechury said he plans to file a fresh affidavit in the Supreme Court seeking clarification on the restrictions on Tarigami. Yechury also said the apex court had said that Tarigami was not under house arrest and there was no charge against him, but the authorities in Srinagar are not permitting him to move freely.

'How many times have you seen protests in Tihar jail?'

Tarigami, on the other hand, hit out at the government. "The situation, if not arrested, I have a firm belief that it might lead to something more for the rest of the country as a whole. It will have very serious implications for the future of our country and our polity... the shock and distress which our people are facing now is unprecedented."

He added, "It is unprecedented in the sense that Kashmiris, irrespective of the earlier divides between mainstream, separatists, this group and that group... the whole community we feel we have been humiliated... betrayed..."

He said the situation is such that leading newspapers have become government gazettes and only one political party is allowed to function. He asked "leaders and parties who are still committed to secular democratic ethos of the country to come out of the slumber before it is too late".

GOVT AGENCY SAYS COMPLAINTS BASELESS

In Sivakasi, fireworks makers say caught in green cracker haze

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, OCTOBER 22

WITH DIWALI just days away, firecracker manufacturers from the Rs 4,000-crore industry's hub in Tamil Nadu's Sivakasi say they are struggling to cope with the curbs imposed after the Supreme Court last year called for "green crackers" with chemical formulas approved by government agencies.

Manufacturers complain about "confusion and lack of clarity" and that there has been "no adequate response" from agencies on "green cracker formulations".

They also claim that "several chemical formulas" submitted by CSIR-NEERI (National Environmental Engineering Research Institute) were rejected by the Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO). CSIR-NEERI had been asked to develop formulations for green crackers according to the apex court's directions, and PESO is the approval agency.

One leading manufacturer told *The Indian Express* on condition of anonymity that some of them have reverted to conventional firecracker compositions, defeating the very purpose of the court's ruling — to curb pollution and use of harmful chemicals.

However, Rakesh Kumar, director of CSIR-NEERI, described the complaints as "baseless". "Not a single case of rejection has been reported so far," he said.

Yet, manufacturers say many units have been shut down and while tougher rules are in force, especially in Delhi-NCR region which is under the national spotlight, the idea of green crackers nationwide remains on paper.

Both sides are now waiting for a final judgment from the Supreme Court to clear the air, possibly as early as November 5 — a week after Diwali.

Sivakasi supplies about 80 per cent of firecrackers used in the country, with a market size of about Rs 4,000 crore in 2018, according to industry estimates. Early this month, a factory that claimed to have followed a CSIR-NEERI formulation reported an accident that killed one — an official probe is on.

At a firecracker factory in Sivakasi district. *File*

"Forget about hundreds of smaller units, even the 1,070 licensed units and about 3 lakh employees in Sivakasi are struggling to survive. All factories were closed for the first five months after last Diwali as we were told to wait for green formulations. But CSIR-NEERI could not come out with formulas for a variety of products," said Kalirajan Mariappan, who owns Sri Arumugam fireworks in Sivakasi and is a member of the Tamil Nadu Fireworks and Amorces Manufacturers Association.

"After the Supreme Court order, several chemical formulas submitted by CSIR-NEERI were rejected by PESO. Currently, only one formula is accepted by PESO and only 28 of the 1,700 manufacturing units in India have got approval to manufacture this, including just three in Sivakasi," Mariappan said.

"The approval of PESO is a must for bulk commercial production. The entire industry is in crisis," said A S Rajendra Raja, secretary, The Indian Fireworks Manufacturers Association (TIFMA).

"The situation has forced us to go with conventional models as it is an industry that sustains thousands of families. Several lakh cartons of green crackers are lying idle as PESO clearances have not been given," claimed a leading manufacturer in Sivakasi, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

A senior official of PESO said: "We rejected several formulas of CSIR-NEERI because of the presence of barium nitrate as it would have been contempt of court. The only formula approved by PESO was for a single-sound cracker."

Responding to the complaints, Rakesh Kumar of CSIR-NEERI clarified that the Institute develops "generic compositions" which manufacturers "use in different ways for different models".

"They are saying this during Diwali because it is a huge market and they want to confuse people to make it appear that green crackers are impossible. If PESO has rejected our formulations, they should inform us, or the manufacturers should come to us. Even if PESO rejected our compositions, we can prove that they were by definition, and in terms of reduced emission, green crackers," he said.

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MHA on NCRB report: Data on 25 categories withheld as it was unreliable

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RESPONDING TO *The Indian Express* report that the NCRB had left out data on mob lynching in its latest report, the Home Ministry on Tuesday clarified that it did not include such data as it was "unreliable" and "prone to misinformation".

It also said it had withheld data with regard to 25 categories, including offences like rape during communal riots, laws related to cows, hate crimes and attack on journalists and RTI activists.

"It was observed that data received for certain newly created additional parameters / crime heads are unreliable and their definitions are also prone to misinterpretation (list attached). Accordingly, data related to the certain parameters / crime heads have not been published," an MHA statement said.

It also listed a number of categories under which data was collected but not published. These include mob lynchings, crimes committed by khap panchayat and crimes by religious preachers. NCRB also collected data on rape during communal violence, hate crime, cow slaughter laws, human rights violations by Central Armed Police Forces and honour killing. Some other categories include crimes against journalists/media persons, crimes against RTI activists, crimes against whistleblowers/informers, crimes against social workers/activists, crime against witnesses.

Kerala actress files case against director: Threat to life, online defamation

VISHNU VARMA
KOCHI, OCTOBER 22

NATIONAL-AWARD WINNING actress from Kerala Manju Warrier has filed a police complaint, alleging that she faced a threat to her life from advertisement and film director V A Shrikumar Menon.

In her complaint, handed over to Kerala Police chief, DGP Lokanath Behera, on Monday, Warrier also accused Menon of defaming her through orchestrated campaigns on social media, particularly after the December 2018 release of his film *Odiyan*, in which she was cast opposite renowned actor Mohanlal.

The actress has appealed for professional assistance from the directors' unit of the Film Employees Federation of Kerala, and the Association of Malayalam Movie Artists, the actors' organisation.

In an emotional Facebook post, Menon wrote that he heard about the complaint through news reports, and that he is ready to comply with the probe. "Even as I stood with you overcoming threats and challenges, you have defeated me..." he posted.

Manju Warrier

DGP Behera told reporters in Thiruvananthapuram, "I have received the complaint. Let us examine it; we will do whatever is legally possible."

A special cell headed by Deputy SP Rajkumar has started preliminary investigation into the complaint. "I cannot comment on contents of the complaint right now," Rajkumar said.

Warrier, who has acted in nearly 40 Malayalam films, was earlier friends with Menon and had returned to the film industry after a decade-long hiatus. The 41-year-old had left the industry in late 1990s after marrying actor Dileep, now accused of criminal intimidation and rape in a 2017 actress abduction case.

In 2012, she returned to public spotlight with Menon's help through an advertisement for a jewellery chain that he directed. Two years later, around the time she filed for divorce from Dileep, Warrier made a comeback to films through the critically acclaimed *How Old Are You?*. She has acted in several films since then.

Their 2018 film *Odiyan*, Menon's debut as a feature film director, was a commercial success, but they reportedly fell out over the involvement of his firm, Push Integrated Communications, in charitable activities of her philanthropic organisation, Manju Warrier Foundation. In her complaint, Warrier has alleged that Menon may be misusing the organisation's records through blank letterheads and cheques, and trying to siphon off money.

Warrier did not respond to requests for a comment.

Menon wrote on Facebook: "...When you left your home stating that you had only Rs 1500 in your bank account, I gave you a cheque for Rs 25 lakh as advance payment for the advertisement. You forgot that you had broken down then, saying that I was God's messenger to you."

Ex-journalist also accused

Menon's friend Mathew Samuel, a former managing editor of *Tehelka* magazine, has also been named in Warrier's complaint in connection with allegations of cyber-harassment. Samuel, who was later CEO of online media outlet Narada News, was behind the sting operation that showed Trinamool Congress leaders allegedly taking bribe in exchange for favours.

Kolkata Police has filed two cases against Samuel, who is the CBI's prime witness in the Narada sting case.

Menon posted, "Yes, Mathew Samuel is my close friend of many years. But why should our friendship trouble you?"

Samuel shared a video on Facebook and claimed that could be the reason Warrier has accused him. He claimed that Warrier had promised to build homes for poor Adivasi and Muslim families in a Wayanad village through her foundation but was unable to do so. "In this video, 52 poor Adivasi families and 7 Muslim families are telling how they have been cheated by celebrity publicity. Manju Warrier destroyed these families..." Samuel wrote, adding that he is ready to face any legal battle.

INPUTS FROM ENS, KOLKATA

HC bars Twitter, media from publishing on allegations against Luv Ranjan

PRITAM PAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

THE DELHI High Court has restrained Twitter and various media houses from further publishing articles or comments based on any anonymous sexual harassment accusations against film director Luv Ranjan that emerged during last year's #MeToo movement.

Justice Prateek Jalan extended an ex-parte relief to Ranjan after it was apprised about three different orders of its coordinate bench, one of which held that the right to be forgotten and the right to be left alone are inherent aspects of the fundamental right to privacy and that #MeToo campaign cannot become a 'Sullying #UToo' campaign forever.

Recently, artist Subodh Gupta obtained an ex-parte order asking social networking sites and an Instagram handle to take down alleged defamatory posts pertaining to him.

"Given the potential damage to the plaintiff's reputation from the aforesaid publication/republication in the circumstances... the balance of convenience is also in favour of an injunction being granted to this extent. I am satisfied that the plaintiff would suffer irreparable loss and injury, if further publications of this nature are not injuncted," Justice Jalan said.

Senior advocates N K Kaul and Dayan Krishnan and advocate Himanshu Bagai, appearing for Ranjan, submitted, "In view of the fact that the original publication was made more than one year ago, they do not press the application for ex-parte injunction insofar as taking down of any publications which have already been made on the internet is concerned."

Ranjan, director of films like *Pyaar Ka Punchnama* and *Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety*, was accused of harassment by a female actor. In an interview to a newspaper in October last year, the actor had said she was allegedly asked to strip at the audition while Luv was casting his leads for *Pyaar Ka Punchnama*.

2 BSP leaders paraded on donkey by party workers

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JAIPUR, OCTOBER 22

BSP WORKERS Tuesday garlanded two party leaders with shoes, blackened their faces, and paraded them on a donkey outside the party office in Jaipur, allegedly over a financial dispute.

BSP National Coordinator Ramji Gautam and party's former state president Sitaram were at the state office in Jaipur's Bani Park when some men allegedly barged in the office, indulged in sloganeering, and blackened their faces.

Expelled BSP leader from Bharatpur, Pooran Singh Parnami, who was allegedly among those who blackened the faces of Gautam and Sitaram, told *The Indian Express* that Gautam had convinced him to spend money on a Mayawati rally earlier this year but did not return the money. "I spent about Rs 7.5 lakh. He told me that he will return it after the LS polls but did not," Parnami said. "I have all the bills. And when he did not return the money, I filed a police complaint here. Then I was subsequently expelled from the party. Moreover, they don't communicate anything to Mayawati," he said. He, however, claimed Sitaram's face was inadvertently blackened when he tried to protect Gautam.

Parnami also blamed Gautam for demoralising party cadres after six BSP MLAs left the party last month. Sitaram refused to comment on the development.

Meanwhile, BSP chief Mayawati took to Twitter to blame Congress for the incident, saying that the party took away six BSP MLAs and is now behind the attack on senior leaders to hurt the "Ambedkarite movement" which is "condemnable and shameful".

SEARCH FOR MISSING

Raju

General public is hereby informed that a man namely **Raju**, **S/o** Shiv Murat, **R/o** WZ-105, Tihar Village, New Delhi has been missing since 26/09/2019 at about 2:30 PM from his house. In this regard **D.D. No. 29-A, dated 09/10/2019 has been registered at P.S. Hari Nagar, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing man but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing man is as under:

Name: Raju, **Gender:** Male, **Age:** 27 years, **Height:** 5', **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Strong, **Hair:** Black **Identification Mark:** Right leg is affected by polio, **Wearing:** Slippers in feet.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing Man, kindly inform SHO/ Hari Nagar, Delhi.

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Trichy (H) NABARD and Rural Roads Circle
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.23 /2019-20 / SDO /Dated: 22.10.2019.

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamilnadu percentage tender will be received by the Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Circle **Trichy** for **Package No.28 to 29 under** Upgradation of Panchayat / Panchayat union roads for (Additional list - Phase-II - 2018-2019 and 2019-20) works in respect of **Thanjavur** (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division upto 14.00 hours on **29.11.2019** through online only.

Details 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 web site **http://tntenders.gov.in.** If any changes / Corrections etc in the tender, it will be published on the above website only.

Superintending Engineer (H)
NABARD and Rural Roads circle, Trichy.
DIPR/3763/Tender/2019

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
O/o SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PWD, BUILDING (C & M) CIRCLE, MEDICAL WORKS, CHEPAUK, CHENNAI-5.
FORM OF CONTRACT: LUMPSUM (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
NIT No. 17/2019-2020/BCMC/MW/CHENNAI Date : 22.10.2019
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, the Superintending Engineer, PWD., Buildings (Construction and Maintenance) Circle, Medical Works, Chepauk, Chennai-5 invites tender for the following works, at his Office upto **3.00 P.M.** on **06.11.2019** in two sealed covers and put into one common sealed cover. The prequalification will alone be opened at **3.30 P.M.** on the same day. Tender documents can be downloaded at free of cost from the Govt. designated website (viz) **http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in.** The Tender documents can also available in the Office for sale during Office hours from **28.10.2019** to **05.11.2019** upto **5.45 P.M.**

Name of work : Construction of Bi-Centenary Building for the Regional Institute of Ophthalmology and Government Ophthalmic Hospital at Egmore, Chennai. (Appx. value of work - Rs.6165.00 Lakhs)

The E.M.D. remittance and other details can also be available from the Government designated website and Office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD., Building Construction & Maintenance Circle, Medical Works, Chepauk, Chennai - 600 005.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PWD,
Building Construction & Maintenance Circle,
Medical Works, Chepauk, Chennai - 600 005
DIPR/ 3775 /TENDER/2019

Government of Jharkhand
Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute
Department of Schedule Tribe, Schedule Caste, Minorities, and Backward Classes Welfare Department, Morabadi, Ranchi - 834008
Tel: 0651-2551824 e-mail- tri.directorate@gmail.com

Lt. No- 1323 Ranchi, Dated: 22.10.2019
Corrigendum
P.R. No. 216877

The Expression of Interest on **Ref. no. 1244 Dated 04.10.2019** has been deferred due to unavoidable circumstances. The last date of submission and opening of the tender has been rescheduled as given below:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Date of Submission As per Tender	Rescheduled date of submission	Date of opening as per tender	Rescheduled date of opening
1.	Study of Tribal Women and Girls of Jharkhand in Sports-Extending Limits to Physical Expression, Establishing Identity, Expression, Establishing Identity, Honour, Economic Security	10/10/2019	08/11/2019	16/10/2019	13/11/2019

In this connection, the eligible firm/ agency /institution/organization are requested to submit their tender and present at opening as per rescheduled date and time.

P.R.220610 Welfare(19-20):D
Sd-
Director

CHENNAI METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Sealed bids are invited from the eligible bidders for the following work as per the procedure of CMWSSB under two cover system conforming to the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 and Rules 2000.

Sl.No	Details of the Tender
1.	Phase 1- Package 21- Rerouting of 450mm dia CI sewage pumping main from Anna Nagar 'A' to Anna Nagar 'B' SPS in Area-VIII- CNT/SEW/NCB/CRRT/Phase-I/055/2019-20, Bid security Rs.2.22 lakhs
2.	Phase 1 –Package 22- Replacement and rerouting of 600mm dia PSC sewage pumping main from Flowers Road to Purasaiwalkam SPS in Area-VIII-CNT/SEW/NCB/CRRT/ Phase-I/056/2019-20, Bid security Rs.3.89 lakhs
3.	Phase 1 –Package 25- Supply and laying of 750mm dia CI force main from Tondiarpet 'B' pumping station to Tondiarpet 'F' New sewage pumping station in Area V-CNT/SEW/NCB/CRRT/ Phase-I /059/2019-20, Bid security Rs.5.63 lakhs
4.	Availability and Cost of Bid document in the form of CD (in person) : 28.10.2019 to 27.11.2019, Grievances Redressal & Facilitation Officer, CMWSS Board, (Telephone: 044-28451300, Extn. 217) for Rs.5,250/- (including GST) Through Website: www.chennaimetrowater.tn.nic.in & www.tenders.tn.gov.in
5.	Date of Pre-Bid meeting : **06.11.2019** at 11.30 A.M.
6.	Bids will be received upto 03.00 PM and opened after 3.30 P.M on **28.11.2019.**

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
(CONTRACTS & MONITORING)
DIPR/ 3743 /Tender/2019

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD
Tender Notice:11PR/Empanelment/2019/2020-22 Date: 21.10.2019
Tender Notice
Attention Advertising Agencies

Chief Public Relations Officer, North Central Railway, Prayagraj for and on behalf of President of India invites sealed open tenders from the INS accredited and reputed Advertising Agencies as follows:-

Name of Work/Details	Earnest Money	Cost of tender form
Empanelment of fully INS Accredited Advertising Agencies for Chief Public Relations Officer's Office North Central Railway, Prayagraj	₹ 1,00,000/-	₹ 5,000/-+ 18% GST = 5,900/-

Period of work: 02 Year. Date & Time of Closing of tender: **15.00 Hrs.** on **29.11.2019.** Date & Time of Opening of tender: On/after **15.30 Hrs.** on **29.11.2019.** • Address of the office from where the Tender Form can be purchased, dropped and opened: **Chief Public Relation Officer's Office Old G.M. N.C.R. Building Nawab Yusuf Road, near Valmiki Chauraha, Civil Lines, Prayagraj** • Date and time for purchasing of Tender Form: Tender Form shall be available for sale from **04.11.2019** to **29.11.2019** on any working day between **10.00** to **16.00 hrs.** and up to **12.00 hrs.** on **29.11.2019** • Website particulars and notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen: Tender Notice and Tender Form (Document) can be downloaded from Railway's website **www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in.** Tender notice is also available at notice board of Chief Public Relations Officer's Office North Central Railway, Prayagraj. Tender document can be downloaded between specified date and time at sr. no. 3 above. **Note: 1.** Cost of tender form and Earnest money shall be deposited with Principal Financial Advisor North Central Railway either through Bank draft drawn on nationalized banks or in cash and original money receipt attached with application. **2.** In case the tender opening date is declared a holiday, the tender can be submitted and opened the next day at the same time as fixed earlier. **3.** Complete Eligibility Criteria and other details are available in the tender document. 1547/19 (R)

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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER, CONSTRUCTION UNIT, U.P. JAL NIGAM, SAHARANPUR
NIT No.:–3114/203/175
Dated–18.10.2019
E-TENDER NOTICE
Online percentage rate e-tenders on two bid system for construction and operation on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis in various villages of District Muzaffarnagar, are hereby invited on behalf of chairman, U.P. Jal Nigam from the reputed contractor and having requisite work experience and financial capabilities. M.D. U.P. Jal Nigam, Lucknow office order no. 4290/क्रय/पंजीकरण/(2021-0261)/2018/1311 **Dated 12.09.2018** have remove the essentiality of registration with U.P. Jal Nigam in requisite class of work in the tender process for which prequalification condition adopted. Tender document shall be available at e-procurement website **http://etender.up.nic.in.** Interested Contractors may view & download tender documents on e-procurement website **http://etender.up.nic.in.** from date **30.10.2019 (15:00 Hrs.)** to **10.11.2019** upto **17:00 hrs.** Upload dully filled online **Dt. 10.11.2019 (upto 17:00 hrs.).** Technical bid opening **Date 11.11.2019 (at 15:30 hrs.)** at Office of the Executive Engineer, Construction Division, U.P. Jal Nigam, Muzaffarnagar.

उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि. निविदा विस्तारिकरण सूचना पर्याप्त निविदाकर्ताओं द्वारा भाग न लेने के कारण ई- निविदा संख्या टी-127/19-20 एवं टी-131/19-20 दिनांक 31.10.2019 तक विस्तारित की जाती है। **हस्ता./- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत पारेषण मंडल उ.प्र.पा.ट्रा.का.लि., 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, पाली, ग्रेटर नोएडा। ''राष्ट्र हित में ऊर्जा बचाएं''।** कृपया वेब साईट etender.up.nic पर सभी सूचना, अन्य संशशोधन/विस्तार हेतु निविदा खुलने की तिथि तक लॉग ऑन करें। **पत्रांक** 1904 **वि.पा.मं./ग्रे.ना./T-127 & 131/2019-20 दिनांक:-** 22.10.2019

उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि. ई-निविदा विस्तारिकरण सूचना पर्याप्त निविदाकर्ताओं द्वारा निविदा संख्या टी-39/19-20 में भाग न लेने के कारण निविदा को दिनांक 01.11.2019 तक विस्तारित किया जाता है। निविदा के अन्य नियम व शर्तें पूर्ववत रहेंगी। **हस्ता./- मुख्य अभियन्ता (पारेषण पश्चिम) 130-डी, पारेषण भवन, विक्टोरिया पार्क, मेरठ। ''राष्ट्रहित में ऊर्जा बचायें''** कृपया वेब साईट etender.up.nic.in पर विस्तार में सभी सूचना, विवरण/संशोधन/विस्तार हेतु निविदा खुलने की तिथि तक लॉग ऑन करें। **पत्रांक** 9566/मु.अ.(पा.प.) **मेरठ/T-39/2019-20 दिनांक:-** 21.10.2019

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
COIMBATORE (CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE
TENDER NOTICE
T.N. No. 13/ 2019 - 20 / HDO, Dated 22.10.2019

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Percentage Tender through online only** will be received up to **11.11.2019, 15.00 hours** by the **Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Coimbatore Circle for CRIDP 2019-20 Works, (Package No. 9,17,64,66) pertaining Coimbatore (H) C&M Division and Udhagai (H) C&M Division.**

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in** from **25.10.2019.** If any Changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

Superintending Engineer (H),
C&M, Coimbatore Circle.
DIPR/3751/Tender/2019

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice
Dy.Chief Electrical Engineer/Colony, N.E. Railway, Gorakhpur for & behalf of President of India Invites "Open" E-Tender through online (e-tendering) for the following work. **S.N.1-, Tender Notice No.:23-2019-Colony, Description of Work:** Electrification work (for 54 nos.) bunglow in connection GKP-Provision of one addition bed room & toilet to provide minimum standard amenities in jurisdiction of Dy.CE/GA for SAG & JAG pooled bunglow. **Approx. Value:** ₹9,48,780/- **E.M.D. Money:** ₹19,000/- **Cost of Tender Form:** ₹2,400/- **Completion time/period from the date of issue of acceptance letter:** 120 Days. **S.N.2-, Tender Notice No.:24-2019-Colony, Description of work:** Electrification work for renovation of MSTC and rewiring of MSTC hostel in connection with Upgradation of Hostel/Mess at M.S.T.C. at Gorakhpur. **Approx. Value:** ₹20,47,211/-, **E.M.D. Money:** ₹ 41,000/-, **Cost of Tender Form:** ₹ 3,200/-, **Completion time/period from the date of issue of acceptance letter:** 120 Days. **Note: 1.** E-tender online will be submitted upto **15.00 Hrs.** on dated **11.11.2019. 2.** Manual offer are not allowed against these tenders and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railway IREPS official website **www.ireps.gov.in**

Dy. Chief Elect. Engg./Colony
CPRO/EL-74 Gorakhpur

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Government of Jharkhand
Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute
Department of Schedule Tribe, Schedule Caste, Minorities, and Backward Classes Welfare Department
Morabadi, Ranchi - 834008
Tel: 0651-2551824 e-mail- tri.directorate@gmail.com/dir-triran@gov.in

Lt. No1322 Ranchi, Dated: 22.10.2019
Corrigendum P.R. No. 216870

The Expression of Interest on **Ref. no. 1305 Dated 21.10.2019** has been deferred due to unavoidable circumstances. The last date of submission and opening of the tender has been rescheduled as given below:-

Sl. No	Name of the Project	Date of Submission As per Tender	Rescheduled date of submission	Date of opening as per tender	Rescheduled date of opening
1.	**Comparative Study of Megalithic cultures in India.**	10/10/2019	08/11/2019	16/10/2019	13/11/2019

In this connection, the eligible firm/ agency /institution/organization are requested to submit their tender and present at opening as per rescheduled date and time.

With reference to the above,
- The Project Name should be read as a 'Comparative study of Megalithic Culture in India' instead of 'Study of Megalithic Cultures in Jharkhand'. All the Objectives and Scope of Work will remain same as mentioned in EOI of Earlier P.R. No.-216870
- The Earlier received tenders will also be treated valid.

*Note:
1. *Remaining all other mentioned terms and conditions in EOI will remain unchanged for details can be obtained from the office of the TRI on any working day during office hours to meet concerned Nodal person and the same can also be downloaded from the website www.prdjharkhand.in or through E-mail tri.directorate@gmail.com by specifying the topic & details of Institution / Organization Interested.*

PR 220609 Welfare(19-20)D
Director

CHENNAI METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

1. NATURE : Sealed tenders are invited in the prescribed form.
2. ADDRESS: PURCHASE MANAGER, Materials Department, No.1, Pumping Station Road, Chintadripet, Chennai - 2. Telephone No. : 044 - 28451300, Extn.272 E-mail: pmcmwssb@gmail.com , website : www.chennaimetrowater.tn.nic.in
3. DETAILS OF TENDER :

Sl. No.	Tender No. and Date	Description	EMD Amount in Rs. P.
1.	MAT/OT/ 040/2019	Supply & Delivery of 40 Nos. of 6000 Litres Capacity & 10 Nos. of 9000 Litres capacity Truck mounted Sewer Suction Machines for Septage Management	Rs. 14,22,000/-

Availability of Tender Schedule : From **24.10.2019** to **13.11.2019** upto **3.00 P.M.**
Due Date & Time for receipt of Tender : **14.11.2019** upto **3.00 P.M.**
Due Date & Time of opening of Tender : **14.11.2019** at **3.30 P.M.**
4. TENDER SCHEDULE:
a) Detailed description of material to be supplied and the terms and conditions of the tender are available in the tender schedule which can be downloaded from the official website of CMWSSB (www.chennaimetrowater.tn.nic.in & www.tenders.tn.gov.in).

DIPR/3745/Tender/2019
PURCHASE MANAGER

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Trichy (H) NABARD and Rural Roads Circle
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.22 /2019-20 / SDO /Dated: 21.10.2019.

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamilnadu percentage tender will be received by the Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Circle Trichy for **Package No.19 to 27 under** Upgradation of Panchayat / Panchayat union roads for (Additional list - Phase-II - 2018-2019 and 2019-20) works in respect of **Trichy** (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division upto 14.00 hours on 28.11.2019 through online only.

Details 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 web site **http://tntenders.gov.in.** If any changes / Corrections etc in the tender, it will be published on the above website only.

Superintending Engineer (H)
NABARD and Rural Roads circle, Trichy.
DIPR/3764/Tender/2019

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Salem (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Circle, Salem -1.
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No. 10 /2019-20 / SDO /Dated: 21.10.2019.

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamilnadu percentage tender through online only will be received upto **21.11.2019 17.00 hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Circle, for **Erode Division Package No.27 to 29** Additional list - Phase-II - 2018-2019 and **Package No.30 to 42** under Upgradation of Panchayat and Panchayat Union Roads 2019-20 pertaining to **Erode** (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from the Government web site **http://tntenders.gov.in.** If any changes / Corrections etc in the tender, it will be published on the above mentioned website only.

Superintending Engineer (H),
NABARD and Rural Roads Cirlce, Salem-1
DIPR/3769/Tender/2019

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Salem (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Circle, Salem -1.
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No. 12 /2019-20 / SDO /Dated: 22.10.2019.

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamilnadu percentage tender through online only will be received upto **25.11.2019 17.00 hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Circle, for Package No.43 to 59 in Coimbatore Division under Upgradation of Panchayat and Panchayat Union Roads 2019-20 pertaining to Coimbatore (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from the Government web site **http://tntenders.gov.in.** If any changes / Corrections etc in the tender, it will be published on the above mentioned website only.

Superintending Engineer (H),
NABARD and Rural Roads Cirlce, Salem-1
DIPR/3768/Tender/2019

SALEM SMART CITY LIMITED
Roc. No : SSCL/ 9672 /2019 **INVITATIONS FOR BIDS** Date : 22.10.2019

I	Redevelopment of Krishna RajendranChatram as a Conventional centre and Photo Gallery Museum along with Green space. Est. Amount Rs. 540.00 Lakhs
II	Bid document and other information available at **www.tntenders.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.salemcorporation.gov.in** Tender document can be downloaded from the above website.
III	**Date, Time and Venue for Tender Procedures.** Submission of bids - **28.11.2019 upto 3.00 P.M** Opening of bids - **28.11.2019 at 3.30 P.M**

Commissioner, Salem Corporation and
Managing Director, Salem Smart City Limited
DIPR/3787 /TENDER/2019

87% of India covered under immunisation programme: govt

ABANTIKA GHOSH
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

LAUNCHED IN December 2014, Mission Indradhanush has pulled up India's immunisation coverage significantly to 87 per cent, Joint Secretary (Health) Vandana Gurnani said Tuesday.

"The immunisation coverage right now, as reported in the HMIS (self-reporting by states) is 87 per cent. A survey is on," Gurnani said in reply to a question.

Officials said the data is not verified at any level, which is why a larger survey has been commissioned. For now, the nearest thing to a survey data - though not statistically significant - is the concurrent monitoring data, which stands at 85 per cent.

Concurrent monitoring is a combination of provider reporting and supervisor surveys done within the system to estimate how a programme is working. The concurrent data for 2014 had showed a full immunisation coverage of 67 per cent, when Mission Indradhanush was launched.

Official data on India's immunisation coverage is still 62 per cent, given as the National Family Health Survey-4 (2015-16). The Pulse Polio campaign was integral to the eventual declaration of India as polio-free in 2014 after three years without a single wild polio case.

Lessons from that were incorporated in Mission Indradhanush programme.

Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan, meanwhile, outlined his ministry's plan to observe 25 years of the Pulse Polio campaign.

Mission Indradhanush is a booster vaccination programme that started in 201 districts with low immunisation coverage. It represents the seven vaccines that were then included in the Universal Immunisation Programme against seven diseases: tuberculosis, poliomyelitis, hepatitis B, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus and measles. The number has since risen to 12 with the inclusion of vaccines against measles rubella, rotavirus, Haemophilus influenza type-B and polio.

In a select few states and districts, vaccines are also provided against Japanese Encephalitis and pneumococcus.

In an article in *BMJ* journal last year, Gurnani wrote: "Owing to low childhood vaccination coverage, India's Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched Mission Indradhanush in 2014 to target underserved, vulnerable, resistant, and inaccessible populations. The programme ran between April 2015 and July 2017, vaccinating around 25.5 million children and 6.9 million pregnant women. This contributed to an increase of 6.7% in full immunisation coverage... In October 2017, the Prime Minister of India launched Intensified Mission Indradhanush — an ambitious plan to accelerate progress. It aimed to reach 90% full immunisation..."

Meanwhile, the ministry has planned a celebration of the silver jubilee of the Pulse Polio Programme on October 31 at Dr Ambedkar International Centre in Delhi. Harsh Vardhan said India being declared polio-free in 2014 was a long and momentous journey.

ONE YEAR OF PMJAY

Govt looks at incentives to close gender gap in heart surgery data

ABANTIKA GHOSH
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

ONE YEAR into Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), heart surgery data from the tertiary care arm of Ayushman Bharat show a gender skew, with women comprising just 29 per cent of total hospital admissions in the country for cardiothoracic and vascular surgery (CTVS) procedures. The National Health Authority (NHA) is looking at incentives such as paying for transportation cost of women patients to close the gap.

Of the 15,168 hospital admissions under PMJAY across India, 10,744 were men and 4,421 women. States such as Tripura (13.33%) and Karnataka (23.45%) are lower than the national average, while the best figure is from matrilineal Meghalaya, where 65% of the total 35 heart surgeries under PMJAY were done on women.

Launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 23 last year, PMJAY is the largest government-funded health insurance scheme in the world, under which the target is to provide 10.74 crore families with an annual health insurance of Rs 5 lakh. With a fifth of the intended beneficiaries reached so far, more than 50 lakh secondary and tertiary level treatments worth Rs 7,901 crore have already been funded under PMJAY. More than 60 per cent of the amount spent has been on tertiary care, with cardiology, orthopaedics, radiation oncology, CTVS and urology having emerged as the top tertiary specialities.

TOP STATES BY NUMBER OF CLAIMS

State	Total claims	% of female patients
Tamil Nadu	5126	25.7
Maharashtra	3231	28.1
Madhya Pradesh	1677	31.3
Kerala	1097	28.2
Gujarat	870	25.6
India	15168	29.1

While there is a difference in the pattern of heart disease in men and women — it develops 7-10 years later in women than in men, though in women above 65 years it remains a major cause of death — cardiologists say this alone does not explain the dramatic gap in hospitalisation figures. Traditional wisdom is that because women are less likely to be breadwinners, especially in families of limited means (who are primarily the targeted PMJAY beneficiaries), families are more reluctant to pay for their treatment. However, PMJAY is cashless for beneficiaries.

NHA CEO Dr Indu Bhushan told *The Indian Express*, "We are thinking of introducing incentives for better gender balance for provision of services. The gender gap is not just about money spent on treatment, there are other expenses such as transportation or livelihood loss for the person accompanying the patient to the hospital. All of these may deter people from bringing women to the hospital. Maybe we can pay for transportation of women patients, and look at incentives for the state or state health agencies to correct the gender balance." He added that the programme would undertake extensive public awareness campaigns to address the skew.

There is a gender gap in the incidence of cardiovascular diseases (CVDs). A 2018 paper by researchers from Public Health Foundation of India, Harvard T H Chan School of Public Health and others in PLOS Medicine, estimated: "Overall, the mean 10-year risk of a CVD event in the (not age-standardized) population aged 30-74 years was 12.7% among females and 21.4% among males." However, published literature warns that the risk of cardiovascular diseases in women is often underestimated, leading to higher mortality and treatment gaps.

According to a 2017 paper in BMJ Global Health, "CVD is still the leading cause of death worldwide. In 2013, 32% of deaths in men and 35% of deaths in women were due to CVD. Despite the higher percentage of CVD deaths in women, CVD is still widely considered as a man's disease.... Men generally develop CVD at a younger age and have a higher propensity of developing coronary heart disease (CHD) than women. Women, in contrast, are at a higher risk of stroke, which often occurs at older age."

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

EXPLAINED

Awareness required among patients, physicians

ADDRESSING THE gender skew requires awareness not just among people but also physicians, experts say. Beyond societal issues, classic medical textbook symptoms may not always relate to women. For example, women with heart attack/angina more often present breathlessness and fatigue rather than typical chest pain. This come from systemic bias in medical studies where women are often highly underrepresented, according to experts.

ED arrests Mirchi aide who arranged for 'dummy tenants'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 22

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) on Tuesday arrested an aide of late gangster Iqbal Memon alias Iqbal Mirchi in connection with the alleged illegal dealing of his properties to the tune of Rs 200 crore.

The ED has alleged that Mirchi gave the power of attorney to Humayun Merchant (70), who had contacted builders and arranged meetings between the gangster and his own family in Dubai.

The ED, through special public prosecutor Sunil Gonsalves, also stated that Merchant arranged for "dummy tenants" at Mirchi's three properties in Mumbai's Worli, eventually sold to Sunblink Real Estate in 2010, and that the Rs 170 crore received for the sale had reached Dubai through hawala transactions.

"Merchant arranged for dummy tenants in the buildings, found to be his close relatives... He has also told us that he received a payment of Rs 5 crore in his bank account from Sunblink Real Estate and transferred this amount to the accounts of Mirchi's son Junaid Memon," the ED stated, seeking four-day custody of Merchant to probe the money trail.

Merchant, through his lawyer Sujay Kantawala, denied the allegations and opposed the remand, stating that he knew Mirchi as they had grown up together. Kantawala also submitted that Merchant had cooperated with the probe and there was no need to arrest him.

Merchant, who addressed the court, denied that he had the power of attorney and said the ED should be able to show the same.

"Iqbal Mirchi had contacted me and said he did not trust his family and had requested me to arrange for tenants from my family. I transferred six tenants and had accompanied the solicitor as was the request. I have told the ED everything from pin to piano. I received Rs 5 crore from Wadhawan (DHFL, housing company being probed by the ED). No other transactions took place. Mirchi kicked me out as he had given me land in Khandala," Merchant said.

The court sent Merchant to ED's custody till October 24.

Another arrest

Late on Tuesday, the ED arrested Rinku Deshpande in connection with the Iqbal Mirchi money laundering case. According to the ED, Ranjeet Singh Bindra, who had negotiated the land deal between Mirchi and Sunblink Real Estate, got Rs 40 to 50 crore as brokerage through Deshpande, a fake representative of the tenant occupying the property sold to Sunblink.

Deshpande, in her earlier statement to the ED, said she had received Rs 25 to 30 crore from Sunblink Real Estate Pvt Ltd on behalf of Bindra, and stated that later on, the same was transferred to Bindra through market operators on his instructions.

Deshpande will be produced before a local court for remand.

Karnataka HC restrains HAL employees from continuing strike

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, OCTOBER 22

THE KARNATAKA High Court on Tuesday passed an interim order restraining the 19,000-odd employees of Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) from continuing their eight-day strike.

HAL employees from across the country have been on indefinite strike since October 14, seeking wage revision on par with executives of the firm in a process pending since 2017. The workers are seeking a 15 per cent hike in fitment benefit and 35 percent in perks while the management has offered a 11 percent and 22 per cent hike respectively.

Last week, the HAL management filed a writ petition in the Karnataka High Court this week, saying HAL trade unions have "no legal right to go on strike under Industrial Disputes Act".

After the court order on Tuesday, the HAL management in a statement said, "In view of the High Court of Karnataka passing an interim order today, HAL management appeals to all its employees to return to work immediately. Let us work together to build a stronger HAL and continue to contribute to nation building."

However, the All India HAL Trade Unions Co-ordination Committee (AIHTUCC) — the umbrella body of trade unions at the public sector firm — did not respond to the appeal made by the management.

Earlier, the HAL management called the strike "illegal" and warned of national security implications since the firm maintains fighter aircraft and helicopters for the Indian Air Force.

Two girls escape from Motihari shelter home

Patna: Two teenage girls have fled a shelter home in Motihari run by the NGO Nirdesh, which had come under the scanner after a report by the Tata Institute of Social Sciences had alleged sexual abuse of inmates at its boys' children home in Motihari.

Police said four inmates fled the shelter home Monday after reportedly jumping from the first floor to the boundary wall and then climbing over. While one girl was found the same night, the other was spotted on Tuesday morning.

Madhu Kumari, in-charge of the shelter home, said, "Four girls fled as I and some other shelter staff had gone to the local court. The local police found two."

The Bihar government took over the boys' home after the TISS report on 15 shelter homes. The NGO Nirdesh was allowed to manage the girls' shelter home against which there were no adverse remarks in the report. **ENS**

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For DSN Legal

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CORRIGENDUM - NOTICE

CSIR-NAL, Bengaluru a constituent Laboratory of CSIR, New Delhi had advertised Walk-in-Interview on 26th - 27th October 2019 for engagement of Project Assistants in Level-I for HANSA-NG and SARAS-MK2 projects vide Advertisement No. 4 / 2019 dated 04.10.2019.

The said Walk-in-Interview stands postponed to 6th - 7th November 2019 at 8.30 AM in view of Administrative reasons. The other terms and conditions as already published in our Website remains unchanged.

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IN THE COURT OF 1ST ADDITIONAL MUNSIFF, SRINAGAR

Present:- Tabraiz Ahmed

Iqra Imtiyaz D/o Mir Imtiaz Ahmad Through her mother Kahkashan Mir W/o Mir Imtiaz R/o Hyderpora, Srinagar. ...Aggrieved Person

Vs

Mian Imaad Ur Rehman S/o Mian Saleem-ur-Rehman Resident of Lal Bazar, near Molvi Stop, Srinagar ... Respondent

In the Matter of

Application on behalf of Respondent, seeking alteration/modification of Order dated 01.06.2019 passed in above titled Petition filed under J&K Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act.

Summons/Notice to:- Iqra Imtiyaz D/o Mir Imtiaz Ahmad Through her mother Kahkashan Mir W/o Mir Imtiaz, R/o Hyderpora, Srinagar.

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THE INTERNET IS BECOMING THE TOWN SQUARE FOR THE GLOBAL VILLAGE OF TOMORROW.

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

THE NREGA SIGNAL

Data that suggests young workers are increasingly turning to the scheme is a sign that must worry policymakers

AFTER THE CONTRACTION of factory output by 1.1 per cent in August compared to the past year, the sharp decline in commercial credit in the year till September and other such gloomy indicators, come fresh signs of the deepening slowdown. As this paper has reported, the proportion of young workers, those in the age group of 18-30, in the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act or MGNREGA scheme, has begun to rise, especially after 2017-18, when the economy was hit first by demonetisation and later by the implementation of the GST. The number of young workers employed under the demand driven social security scheme rose to 70.71 lakh in 2018-19 — up from 58.69 lakh in FY18 and seems to be on an upward trajectory this year too with 57.57 lakh having been employed upto October 21 this year. This is disturbing considering that MGNREGA is a scheme targeted at the hinterland, aiming to provide 100 days of work to each rural household. It is clearly a reflection of the little or limited opportunities for the young in rural India to venture out to bigger towns or cities given the slump in construction, real estate and manufacturing and the informal sector besides services, especially the hospitality business.

The warning signs were evident much earlier, including in the last fiscal, when the demand for work under the MGNREGA, described once by PM Modi as the living monument of the UPA's failure, rose almost 10 per cent compared to the previous year, given mounting rural distress and low farm support prices. The government, however, pegged the allocation for this scheme for FY20 at Rs 60,000 crore, a marginal decline compared to the revised estimates for the last fiscal with a minister saying that the government did not want MGNREGA to be a programme in perpetuity.

Economists have come under fire after the global financial crisis in 2008 for their failure to predict the downturns. Yet, it would be foolish to dismiss them downright when they diagnose problems and offer possible solutions to surmount the challenges of an economy facing major headwinds. Nobel laureate Abhijit Banerjee had recently pointed to what he reckoned is a worrying factor — average consumption expenditure at 2018 prices had fallen from Rs 1,587 per person each month in 2014 to Rs 1,524 in 2017-18 in rural areas, according to NSSO data. Banerjee has suggested raising wages under MGNREGA and farm support prices. Hopefully, the government and policymakers will be alive to some of these suggestions and other measures needed to revive the economy.

KEYS TO KINGDOM

Government seeks to regulate OTT platforms and access communications. But what of its own bona fides?

IN THE SUPREME Court, a matter that was originally a plea for regulatory parity between internet telephony platforms and OTT communications providers like WhatsApp, has turned into a question of national security and the ostensible threat to democracy posed by social media platforms. The government's anxieties about social media date back at least to 2016, when there was a mass exodus of workers from the Northeast from Bengaluru, panicked by rumours that they would be targeted. Recently, the spate of fake news and lynchings across the country has intensified public fears. Now, the government has told the court that the internet is "a potent tool to cause unimaginable disruption to the democratic polity," and will publish rules for its regulation in three months.

The perception of the internet has also come full circle, from the democratic force-multiplier of Arab Spring to the foe of democracy — even in the US, where the attorney general has requested Facebook not to deploy software which makes interception impossible. This turns the spotlight to the two issues in the way of what would seem to be the natural response to illegal actions on the internet, technical and political. Technically, it would mean rolling back or compromising end to end encryption, which would affect the data security of everyone, and not only suspects. This would represent a huge step back for privacy, which has now been recognised as a right, and is protected almost as zealously as public safety. Dismantling or bypassing encryption could work in a climate of political probity, in which governments can be relied upon to limit their attentions to legitimate targets. But if governments snoop obsessively and take arbitrary action?

Social media companies have shown a reluctance to diligently police content, and Mark Zuckerberg's speech at Georgetown University last week spelled it out explicitly. They have opened the door to governments seeking increased access to private communications, in the interest of public safety — and now of democracy. But governments in India have shown themselves to be incompetent at best, and malignant at worst, by incarcerating harmless citizens arbitrarily for trivial communications, wilfully misreading satire as sedition and weaponising the law. This has continued even after Section 66A of the Information Technology Act was struck down as unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, on the ground that it offered too much latitude. Governments must demonstrate that they are able guardians of citizens' data before they demand the security keys.

KOHLI'S MEN

India could be looking at its most winning and winnable side at home in cricket

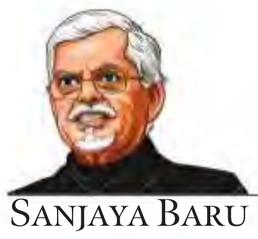
AFTER THE 3-0 win over South Africa, India, under Virat Kohli, have been unbeaten at home for four years. Barring the odd instance of a Steve Smith-fuelled Australian resistance in 2017, no side has come even remotely close to arresting his stupendous streak that now reads thus: Played: 24, Won: 18, Lost: 1. Beating India in India has always been daunting. Only four teams have achieved the feat in the last 32 years. It remains world cricket's final frontier, as Steve Waugh famously said. But few Indian sides have made those defeats routinely clinical like Kohli's.

In this series, the seamers accounted for exactly half of the South African wickets, a rarity in Asia. Kohli's India has a fine collection of bowlers, so well-stocked, versatile and skilled that they take the pitch out of the equation, literally and metaphorically. Kohli can unleash any one of his many prize-horses to hit the jackpot. And this series was achieved with his best bowler, Jasprit Bumrah, injured. He wasn't missed, as Kohli let loose pacer Umesh Yadav, who ended up picking 10 wickets at less than 15 runs. With left-arm spinner, Kuldeep Yadav, injured, Kohli summoned debutant Shahbaz Nadeem. He nailed three and had the legendary Bishan Singh Bedi swooning. He couldn't find good openers. No problem. In stepped Rohit Sharma. It is as if some unnatural force is picking the pieces for Kohli.

That's the sparkle of invincibility radiating from Kohli's men. Kohli has fitted in the daredevil nuts and bolts into the team while extinguishing the mortal character flaws; the careless habit of losing winnable matches. It brooks no argument that Kohli's is the most dominant Indian team ever at home. If they could conquer a few more shores abroad — it's the most opportune time with most sides either rebuilding or transitioning or both — we could be watching the best side yet. It would be heartbreaking if Kohli's men stop short of the peak.

How to make friends

Delhi needs to invest in systematic and sustained outreach to opinion-makers in important countries



SANJAYA BARU

ON BEING INFORMED about India's nuclear test in May 1998, the first thought that had occurred to the late Naresh Chandra, then India's ambassador to the United States, was what he would have to do to limit the fallout of negative political and public opinion in circles that mattered in Washington DC. Chandra called the venerable Henry Kissinger and having informed him of India's actionm, asked him what he thought of it. Kissinger was not only just a phone call away for Chandra but was willing to respond instantly and favourably. He was not surprised by India's decision, he said. He knew that one day or another India would conduct such tests and declare itself a nuclear power. After all both its neighbours, China and Pakistan, had nuclear capability. Pakistan had not yet tested but both the US and India were aware that it had acquired nuclear capability. India did what it had to do.

Chandra wondered if Kissinger would be willing to go on record to say that to the US media. Kissinger was willing. Chandra immediately called a person he knew at the US television channel CNN and, having given him the news, suggested that he may get a scoop interviewing Kissinger and asking the grand strategist what he thought of India's decision. The journalist jumped at the opportunity and within minutes Kissinger was on CNN making supportive statements. That is top class diplomatic outreach.

The Bill Clinton administration did impose sanctions, the Washington DC think tank crowd did go berserk, *The New York Times* did editorially criticise India, but all that the Indian ambassador had to do in response was to quote none other than the doyen of American Cold War diplomacy in defence of India's decision.

I am reasonably certain that institutional memory within the government about such precedents is limited. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar would certainly be aware of the Chandra-Kissinger-CNN story but very few other diplomats would be and, therefore, unprepared for such contingency. It is not surprising that on his arrival in the US, more than six weeks after the August 5 decision of the government to revoke Article 370 of the Constitution, Jaishankar discovered that the US media was still very critical of the decision. "Media was ideological," said Jaishankar, "it didn't present the facts on Jammu & Kashmir."

It is worth checking what effort had been made to secure media outreach in the intervening six weeks, not just in the US but in other countries that mattered. There would have been considerable effort, to be sure. But that is besides the point. Was the Chandra-Kissinger-CNN kind of strategic action taken by diplomats on the ground? How many Indian diplomats around the world have that kind of access and influence in their respective stations?

During my time as Media Advisor to the Prime Minister, I was dismayed to discover how limited was the reach of Indian diplomats within the opinion-making community of the countries they were serving in. Most diplomats assumed their work was only to deal with the host government. Over the past couple of decades many, not all, have devoted time to reach out to local business leaders. Jaishankar was the first Indian ambassador in China to establish friendly relations with top Chinese business leaders. There has been effort at reaching out to think tanks and media, but both the time and funds devoted to that effort is limited.

Embassies of many countries based in Delhi have had a far more active outreach effort. Some even fund think tank activities and research. Many keep in regular touch with senior journalists and make sure they are invited to their home countries and well looked after. Amusingly, I have found some in government criticise Indian media for being available to such outreach. Journalists have been attacked for attending receptions at the home of the Pakistan high commissioner. What is not recognised is that it is the business of media to reach out to anyone who wishes to seek them out. Lend an ear, but be professional in what and how you report.

I have found most Indian diplomats face two constraints. First is a cultural constraint. Many are neither attuned to nor professionally trained to deal with the highly opinionated opinion makers. Second is financial. The government does not provide adequate funds to diplomats to conduct such outreach in an adequately suitable and subtle manner. Media outreach is not conducting a press conference. It requires systematic relationship building that requires considerable investment of time and money. I am aware of some very good examples of such diplomatic outreach by some of our best diplomats, but there is very little institutional effort.

Indian big business, especially those with business interests abroad or with investment in the media business, are equally to blame. Consider the investment multinationals investing in India make in reaching out to Indian public opinion. How many of our big companies do that in countries where they have business interests? Very few. Most are quite happy operating below the radar.

In canvassing support for the US-India civil nuclear energy agreement, the Manmohan Singh government used American and Indian business leaders to step up and secure support for the deal, especially in the US Congress. One of them even secured a Padma Bhushan despite a criminal case pending against him! Going beyond such one-off efforts, the kind that could be mounted in support of issues like the Article 370 decision, Indian business needs to invest more in creating firmer and professional platforms for national outreach.

While Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his team have excelled in creating events that help create global awareness about India — like the Howdy, Modi event in Houston and the extensive TV coverage of Modi's meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping — little attention is paid to more systematic and sustained outreach to opinion-makers in important countries. The task is made more difficult by the fact that not only is media globally more "ideological", a point Jaishankar made, but India too is doing things it has not done before. All the more why it needs a strategy and the capacity to shape global opinion.

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A LEGAL REMEDY FOR PATIENTS

A charter of patients' rights will address power asymmetry between them and doctors

ABHAY SHUKLA

ON GANDHI JAYANTI, nearly 100 people gathered at the Rajghat to conduct a "Patients' Satyagraha". Mobilised by the Jan Swasthya Abhiyan and other patients' rights groups, many of the protestors were from families of patients who had been subjected to malpractice and negligence in private hospitals. Some of them had attempted to seek redressal from bodies like Delhi Medical Council, without much luck. They reported harassment, biased behaviour and knocking, in vain at the doors of appellate authorities. As a method of protest, "satyagraha" insists on the truth; the demonstration by the patients was therefore apt. They were able to share their stories — often shocking ones — with the media and in the process, highlighted a less-recognised infringement of human rights.

The commercialisation of India's health sector in the last two decades has exacerbated the traditional power asymmetry between healthcare providers and patients. Health activists and doctors have pointed out that the existing codes of medical ethics are insufficient to protect patients from excessive misuse of medical power.

Although the Centre has recently drafted a bill to protect healthcare professionals and hospitals against violence — a laudable objective — progress on similar legal protection for patients against violations in hospitals has been much tardier. In April last year, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) formulated a comprehensive Patients' Rights Charter, delineating 17 rights which should be honoured by all public and private healthcare establishments. These pertain to the rights of patients over information about their illness, treatment and costs; their right to access records and reports; the right to seek second opinion; the right to emergency medical care irrespective of paying capacity; the right to transparency in rates; right to choose a pharmacy or pathology laboratory; the right to discharge a patient or receive a dead body, without detention by the hospital; the right to grievance redressal. This document also includes certain patient responsibilities, including the obligation to share required information with healthcare providers, and not to indulge in violence in healthcare institutions.

In June, the secretary, Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), issued a letter to all state governments outlining a smaller set of rights and some additional responsibilities for patients. Some key patients' rights enunciated in the NHRC charter were dropped in this communication. Nevertheless, this set of do's and don'ts must be publicised and implemented by all state governments. To begin with, all public hospitals, charitable hospitals with public obligations, and private hospitals involved in health insurance schemes (like Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY) must display the charter in their premises. This will set the stage for all private hospitals to implement this charter. The MoHFW should include the entire set of 17 patients' rights in the standards related to Central Clinical Establishments Act (CEA); this would ensure that all healthcare facilities in 11 states, which have adopted this Act, will observe patients' rights. Citizens groups, consumer organisations and health rights networks across India should demand the implementation of the Patients' Rights Charter in all hospitals.

Gross overcharging on medicines and consumables — on which some private hospitals are known to make whopping profits — must be restricted by capping margins at reasonable levels, say 35 per cent of the cost price. Given the failure of most medical councils to provide timely justice to aggrieved patients, an independent and unbiased grievance redressal system must be operationalised. Such bodies should have representation from members of civil society and patients and consumer groups. Rates of medical procedures and treatments must be available to users of services in all private hospitals, and attempts should be made to standardise such rates — as recommended in the Central CEA Rules. All state governments must either adopt the central CEA, or enact their own CEA.

The current asymmetry of power in the healthcare sector should be corrected urgently. The implementation of the NHRC Patients' Rights Charter and the MoHFW's circular on patients' rights are good starting points for such a purpose.

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OCTOBER 23, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

INDIAN EXPRESS

POLLS DATES SOON

THE POLL SCHEDULE for the mid-term election to the Lok Sabha will be announced in a few days. With this assurance President N Sanjeeva Reddy has appealed to the people "not to give credence to rumours which suggest that a postponement ol the elections is imminent". Reddy's assurance and appeal were contained in a broadcast to the nation. The brief speech was devoted entirely to the forthcoming elections. He pointed out that all parties were in favour of an orderly poll. Everything possible was being done to conduct it in an orderly and impartial manner. The Chief Election Commissioner would make the formal announcement in a few days, he said.

PM UNHAPPY

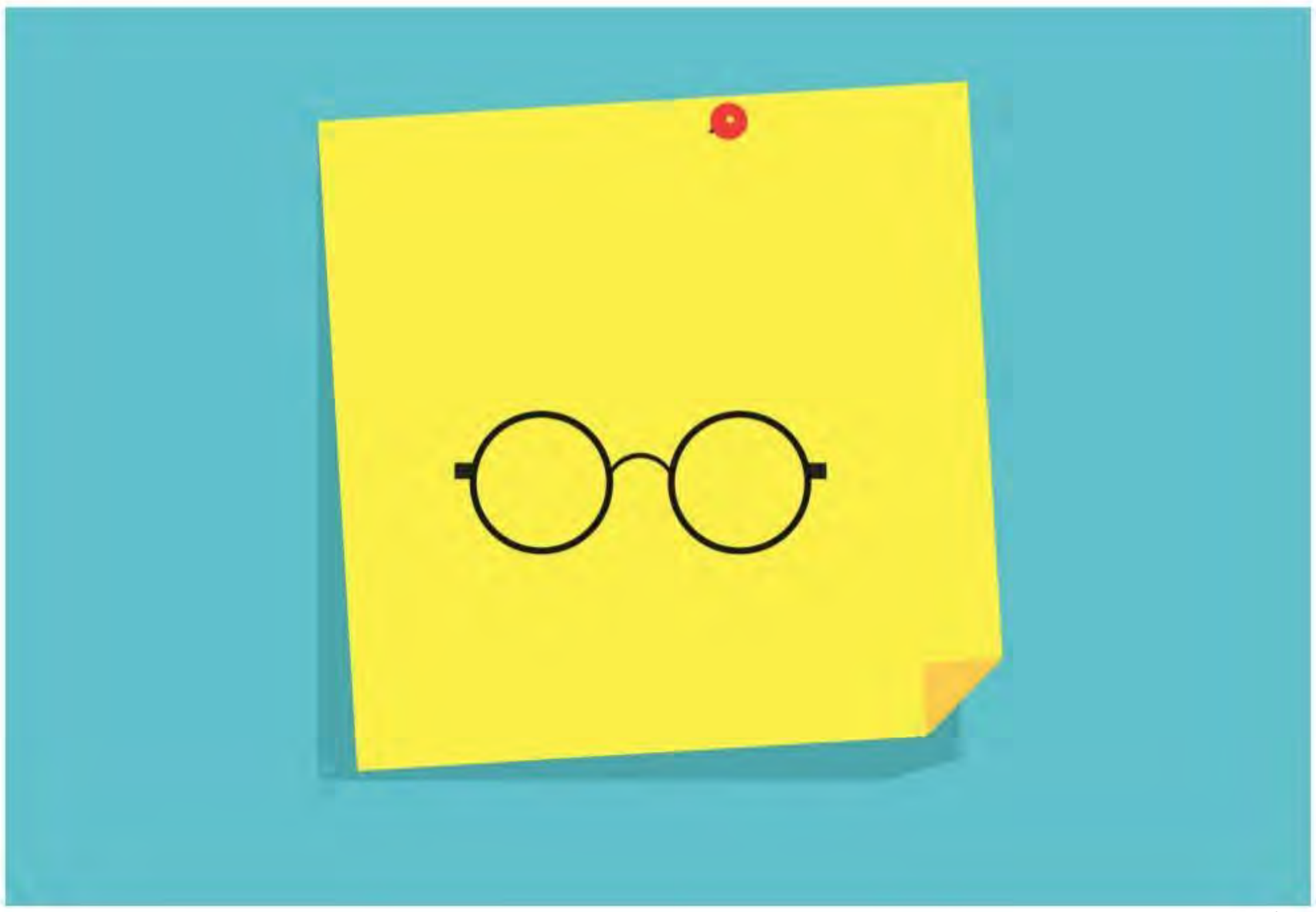
WHILE THE PRESIDENT'S assurance that the elections will not be postponed is bound to be welcomed by the opposition parties, his broadcast to the nation has thrown up an irritant in his relations with caretaker Prime Minister Charan Singh. Available information suggests that the President's address to the nation had not been approved by the Cabinet, nor had a copy of the speech been sent to the caretaker government. Inquiries show that no consultation has taken place between the President and the PM. Charan Singh, in informal conversations , has reportedly expressed surprise as well as unhappiness over the President's speech.

CHARAN MUST EXPLAIN

THE JANATA PARTY demanded that Charan Singh should disclose "other circumstances" which had prompted him to demand H N Bahuguna's resignation from the Cabinet. The party spokesman Piloo Mody said that "this is something which this caretaker government on daily wages will have to explain. Do we return to the status quo-ante and the situation in which Charan Singh and Bahuguna levelled serious charges against each other?" He was referring to a reported remark by Singh in his letter to Bahuguna.

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"It seems that the Indians are attempting to promote a psychological warfare campaign against Pakistan."
— DAWN



C R Sasikumar

When Gandhi took on the mob

He stood against majoritarian passions when it was expedient to look away. There is a lesson in that for secular parties in these times

ASADUDDIN OWAISI

M K GANDHI'S life is well-documented, thanks, in part, to his autobiographical accounts and the frequent interventions he made in his own publications, including *Harijan* and *Young India*. But on his 150th birth anniversary, it is paramount that we look at his influence on others. What does Gandhi mean to the independent India that he never lived to see? How should today's Indians see Gandhi? Most importantly, what do we learn from Gandhi in these times of majoritarianism?

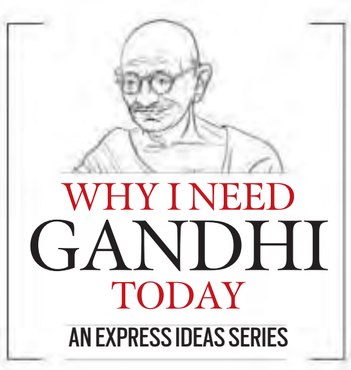
In the wake of the horrors of Partition (in the last few months of his life), Gandhi undertook his last satyagraha. This satyagraha, like the Chauri Chaura incident, demonstrated Gandhi's commitment to his own principles and his willingness to stand against the mob — regardless of how expedient it would be to look the other way.

Gandhi began his satyagraha on January 13, 1948. The fast was in light of the tense communal atmosphere that had gripped large parts of India. There were large-scale reprisals against Muslims (especially those in Delhi). Gandhi, by then, was already sick and frail but said his fast would go on till he was "satisfied that there is a reunion of hearts of all communities brought about without any outside pressure, but from an awakened sense of duty". He set seven conditions for breaking the satyagraha, and all of them pertained to the safety of Delhi's Muslims and security of their property. It was his fast that would result in a mass of Sikhs and Hindus taking a pledge for the protection of Delhi's Muslims.

It takes courage to stand up against majoritarian fervour, and to stand by those who are most vulnerable. Gandhi did not concede to the prejudices and anger of the mob, he used his political and social power to protect the rights of Muslims. Perhaps this is the greatest lesson for today's secular parties as they choose to distance themselves from Muslims while the community faces widespread majoritarian exclusion and violence.

However, this does not mean that Gandhi's life must not be read critically, or that his politics was above criticism. In this regard, we must not forget how Babasaheb Ambedkar saw Gandhi — during, and after his life. If the fast of January 1948 was to remind the majority of their commitment to minorities, the fast of Poona 1932 was to prevent separate electorates for Depressed Classes. Gandhi had agreed to separate electorates for Muslims and Sikhs, but was unwilling to concede the same for Depressed Classes. This, he saw, as separating "untouchables" from the broader Hindu identity. For Ambedkar, political power for his community was "indispensable" for their "survival". He would tell Gandhi "I wish to tell the Hindus that I should be assured of my compensation".

To demand an organic leadership that is independent of dominant class considerations would have been essential for those communities who had faced historical injustice. Gandhi used a tactic meant to speak truth to power against the weakest, most underrepresented class of the time. This legacy of Gandhi's has, unfortunately, only strengthened in India after his death. The unwillingness to see the link between independent leadership and emancipation has resulted in a situation where only pliant or token "faces" of Dalits or Muslims can think of being elected on a major party's ticket today.



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What did Gandhi's absence mean for those closest to him? In March 1950, the then prime minister wrote to Gandhian K G Mashruwala. They were corresponding over the criminal act of placing idols inside the Babri Masjid in 1949. Jawaharlal Nehru minced no words, admitting that the Congress government in UP had done little to either prevent or "taking definite action" against the miscreants. Towards the end of the letter, Nehru confessed: "Today many Congressmen have become communal [.] I just do not know what we can do to create a better atmosphere in the country. Merely to preach goodwill irritates people when they are excited. *Bapu might have done it, but we are too small for this kind of thing*" (emphasis added).

Nehru understood how little one could do when majoritarian passions reigned supreme. More importantly, even the first prime minister of India knew of Gandhi's will and determination, his ability to single-handedly fight the mob.

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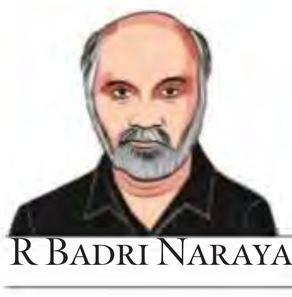
Smooth operators

Private train operators can introduce competition. Separation of infrastructure management from transportation services is not required



R BADRI NARAYAN

INDIAN RAILWAYS IS looking at the prospect of private operators running passenger services on the government-owned network. The Bibek Debroy committee had felt that the rail industry needs to be liberalised by allowing the entry of private operators to provide services. The idea in the report was to encourage growth and improve services. Recent announcements indicate that IRCTC, currently a fully-owned subsidiary, has been roped in to kick-start the process by operating train services with value-added features. This is just the beginning and plans are to scale up by opening up routes to other players in the near future. An empowered group has been constituted to expedite this process. For those of us in the rail industry, this is an exciting moment as it opens up the possibility of letting the market work towards better utilisation of the network, while improving services for passengers.

In 1991, the European Commission (EC) decided to open up the rail market. The Nineties were when it became fashionable to vertically separate the network industries (gas, telecom, electricity and railways). This separation was widely acknowledged as a way of introducing competition in the provision of services. Until then, these network industries were considered natural monopolies and railways were typically state owned. The new institutional framework entailed infrastructure remaining a monopoly while there would be a market of service providers. The EC issued a directive imposing an accounting separation between transport services and infrastructure management. Some countries went in for clear separation with separate organisations while others went in for the softer option of separate accounting. The first question that this poses in the Indian context is whether such separation between infrastructure and operations is a prerequisite for introducing private operations. To answer this question, we need to understand more about the new market that will open up.

The argument for separation stems from the need to move an internal transaction to the market. The EC directive provided a solution whereby even if the organisation continues to be vertically integrated, one could make the transaction to partially mimic the market if there was an accounting separation between services and infrastructure. Then there could be a price associated with the transaction between the two distinct units of accounting with separate cost calculations. In order to understand the importance of separation, we need to look more closely at what is being transacted.

The three basic elements of the market for train operations are: One, what the network owner sells to the private operator; two, how the price is determined for this transaction, and three, the terms of sale, that is, the contract design. Our focus is on the first element wherein the network owner sells a train path to the operator. When a toll road is opened, we as motorists merely drive up to the gate, pay the toll and use the infrastructure. Opening up the railway network does not mean anyone can simply show up at the terminal with a locomotive and coaches and run it on the rail network by paying a fee. The train operator is providing a service to passengers and, therefore, needs to commit to a time schedule for passengers to board. More importantly, safe railway operations require the discipline of central control of train movements and movements strictly regulated by signals demarcating sections and stations. A train path, therefore, has time and space attributes and gives the operator scheduled access to rail tracks which are to be used for running on sections, dwelling at stations and stabling at terminals.

In a vertically integrated railway, based on the assessment of demand by the commercial department, the operations department checks for the availability of a path and schedules a service along that path. Arranging for coaches, locomotives and crew to run the train are part of the solution but not important for this discussion. In the case of a private operator, one can imagine that the demand for a service will come from the operator and thereafter a similar solution is worked out. It is here we must note that even the European Commission has not changed the train path allocation procedure and it remains the same as it was for the monopoly industry. While there is competition amongst train operating companies in Europe, there is not yet a market for train paths. Paths are allocated administratively based on the train service priority criteria that are well established. Given the fact that despite nearly three decades of opening up of the rail sector in Europe, market forces are not determining the allocation of paths, it can safely be argued that the separation between infrastructure and operations is not a pre-requisite for this transaction of a train path.

We can then conclude that competition in train services can be introduced by allowing private train operators to participate and that separation of infrastructure management from transportation services is not essential to bring in this competition. Should Indian Railways attempt a quantum jump and move towards a market-oriented allocation of train paths? On congested routes, can we allow market forces to resolve conflicts between train paths leading to an efficient outcome? These are some of the interesting issues that arise as we move along this path of opening up operations. Could this be an opportunity to alter train scheduling in a way that leads to smoother operations across the length and breadth of the network, coast to coast?

The writer is a senior officer in the Indian Railways. Views are personal

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ABOUT A SONG

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Don't sing in Pilibhit' (IE, October 22). The suspension of the Pilibhit school headmaster was unwarranted. Students singing a hym is quite common in morning assemblies. What difference does it make if they sing it in Urdu?

Varun Das, *Zirakpur*

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Don't Sing in Pilibhit' (IE, October 22). A language is a medium of communication and thinking. When I read Iqbal's *Lab pe aati hai dua*, it evoked feeling of patriotism, just like *Saare Jahn se Achha*. The prayer at Pilibhit was not related to any religion. That said, at times, morning prayers at schools in India are sometimes religious. However, they don't become a matter of controversy. Minority educational institutions such as those run by Jains, Sikhs and Christians have religious prayers. Language should not be made a tool of division.

H Upadhyay *via e-mail*

FAILING STUDENTS

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'JU unlikely to get IoE after Bengal refuses to commit Rs 2,000 crore' (IE, October 19). JU's not getting the IoE tag deprives the university of a fund which would have been invested in its development. This will also have a bearing on the educational prospects of many poor but meritorious students. This comes at a time when impropriety related to university admissions is on the rise. In the US, such incidences of wrongdoing were exposed by the Operation Varsity Blues. In India, authorities must tighten the noose around the perpetrators of such high profile crimes.

Sauro Dasgupta, *Kolkata*

LETTER OF THE WEEK AWARD

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GOOD NEIGHBOURS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'A more equal friendship' (IE, October 22). The key tenets of the Gujral doctrine are at the core of India's Neighbourhood First policy. The external affairs ministry recognises India's neighbourhood as its first circle of priority. New Delhi is pragmatically recasting itself as a facilitator of economic development in the region, where the partnership will be guided by the aspirations of the individual country and without expectations of reciprocity. The India-Nepal friendship is special in its own right and the relationship between the two countries is progressively maturing to accommodate each other sensitivities and national interests.

Sudip Kumar Dey, *Kolkata*

VIEW FROM THE RIGHT

KASHMIR AND 370

ALMOST THE ENTIRE issue of *Organiser* is dedicated to the abrogation of Article 370, the bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir into two union territories and its after effects. Manmohan Vaidya, the joint general secretary of RSS, says in an article that "the deadly combination of Article 370 and 35A, dynastic politics, nepotism and communalism was in play misusing a large amount of funds allocated by Centre for development of entire J&K" and "West Pakistan refugees and SCs/STs were always denied the benefits".

Vaidya provides a historical background for Article 370 and how Jammu and Kashmir became a part of India. He then says that J&K "doesn't comprise of people living in Kashmir Valley alone but also includes people of Jammu and Ladakh region" and that the "benefits or losses due to this special status should be reviewed in its entirety and not just limited to the Valley". Under the cover of this special status, Vaidya continues, "Pak-sponsored terrorism and separatist forces were fostered to keep the state unstable in the name of religion and politics, warring against the Bharatiya security forces that were brought here to protect the people".

He calls the "act of amending Article 370 and removal of 35A to extend all the Constitutional provisions to the state of J&K by the Government of Bharat" as the "fulfilment of the promise given to the people of Bharat".

In the end, he quotes RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat saying that "the Sangh works for the feeling of fraternity and the only basis for this fraternity is 'unity in diversity'" and the world "terms this traditional thought process as 'Hindutva'". Vaidya writes "that is why when we say our nation is a 'Hindu Rashtra', it, in no way conveys that we don't need Muslims".

SANGH CONNECTION

ANOTHER ARTICLE in *Organiser*, is authored by Arun Kumar, the Akhil Bhartiya Prachar Pramukh of RSS, who has been the prant pracharak in J&K earlier. He writes that on August 15, 1947 people in J&K like everywhere else in India "were also breathing in free air after the slavery of centuries" but it did not "appear palatable to the people from a particular class who were inebriated in the communal frenzy. He says that they thought that Kashmir was a Muslim majority state that had to be in Pakistan and had "hoisted the Pakistani flags on the government buildings in Srinagar before the sunrise".

Kumar says that the RSS volunteers came forward and took down those flags and "thousands" of patriotic citizens joined them in chanting Bharat Mata ki Jai.

He writes: "The Kashmir Valley had then and even now has a Muslim majority. Like today, a gang of nuisance makers existed at that time also who were few in number but had the capability to take the Valley hostage. In spite of this, the courage that the citizens showed on August 15, 1947 along with the RSS swayamsevaks by resisting those nuisance makers had the background of a grand programme of the RSS that had started just a few months earlier. The people of Kashmir valley experienced the capability and the discipline of the RSS for the first time in that programme."

He mentions several steps taken by RSS in J&K at that time and says that when the plan to attack on October 22 was being prepared on October 13, 1947, "in the presence of Mohammad Ali Jinnah, a swayamsevak was present there in disguise" and the information was relayed to the "RSS headquarters at Srinagar" which passed it on to Brigadier Rajendra Singh and Brigadier Fakir Singh.

Kumar lists more instances when RSS volunteers were called upon to help during and just after the attack on J&K and several interventions made by RSS in the region ever since. He says that RSS leaders and volunteers started suffering soon after Sheikh Abdullah took over and mentions Syama Prasad Mookerjee's death in Srinagar.

SECULAR ILLUSION

IN ITS WEEKLY column critiquing the media, *Panchjanya* talks about the pending Supreme Court decision on the Ayodhya issue. It says that "it is expected that the 500-year old dispute will come to an end" and the media has a negative attitude even on this. It adds that some media platforms are giving stage to certain people whose inflammatory speeches can vilify the atmosphere. "It is expected that government authorities are keeping an eye on them," it says.

It accuses certain media houses trying to establish a lot of lies. "Among all this, the fake narrative of the communists is also going on," the article states, referring to surveys by "any international agency" to state that India stands lower on Hunger Index compared to Pakistan and Bangladesh". The media is surreptitiously creating doubts about all attempts to build a temple and development.

The article raises questions about the media's attitude towards Rahul Gandhi, stating that there seems to be pressure on them to ignore "funny" speeches by him.

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SIMPLY PUT

What's new in crime report, and the data

Latest NCRB report introduces categories for cyber crimes against women, cases of insult under SC/ST Act, duration of delay in closing police & court cases

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

ON MONDAY, the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) released the much delayed crime data for 2017. While it was without some crucial data categories, the data included were more fleshed out than in the 2016 crime report. The NCRB has introduced more than three dozen new categories and sub-categories of crimes under various heads.

The report omits data on mob lynchings, *khap* killings, murder by influential people and killings for religious reasons. Data on farmer suicides after 2015 are yet to be published although, sources said, the fully compiled data had been sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs 20 months ago.

New categories, broadly

At least four categories where significant diversification of data can be seen are crimes against women and children, atrocities against Dalits, cases of corruption, and time taken by police and courts to take cases to their conclusion.

For the first time, the NCRB has introduced categories of cyber crimes against women and children. In the case of Dalits, the NCRB has for the first time published data on offences registered solely under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act with further categorisation of insult, land grab and social ostracism.

The NCRB has also recorded cases of disproportionate assets against public servants besides introducing new crime heads such as abetment, criminal intimidation, simple hurt, credit/debit card and online frauds, Internet crimes through online gaming and kidnapping for begging among others.

More importantly, for the first time, the NCRB has not merely dwelt on pendency of cases with the police and courts but also the period of such pendency, which has thrown up some rather counter-intuitive data.

Women and children

In the case of women and children, the NCRB has this time recorded data for "murder with rape". In 2017, as many as 33,885 women were reported to have been raped across the country. Of these, 227 were murdered after the rape. As many as 28,152 children were raped with cases registered under IPC and the POCSO Act. Of these, 151 were killed after being raped.

The NCRB has, however, removed the category of gangrape that was introduced to the NCRB database following the December 2012 gangrape case.

In the category of cyber crimes against women, the NCRB has recorded 4,242 offences where women were either stalked, blackmailed or their morphed pictures were uploaded on the internet.

In a sub-category for SLL (special and local laws) cyber crimes against women, the number of women-centric crimes is given as 600, of which 271 relate to publishing or transmitting of sexually explicit material under the Information Technology Act.

The report has also introduced the categories of sexual harassment at the workplace and in public transport. As many as 479 and 599 cases were reported in 2017 under these categories respectively.

Also, 33,606 cases were registered and 40,420 juveniles apprehended during the year. "Majority of juveniles in conflict with law apprehended under IPC and SLL crimes were in the age group of 16 years to 18 years. These cases accounted for 29,194 out of 40,420, totalling 72.2 per cent cases during 2017," the NCRB said.

Justice delayed

While the NCRB has always collected data on pendency of cases with police and in courts, this was largely about the number of such cases. In the latest report, the NCRB has also recorded the period of pendency.

The data show police delayed chargesheets in 40% of cases. For IPC crimes, police are supposed to file a chargesheet within 90 days. But data show that in certain cases such as rioting, which includes communal riots, police delayed filing of chargesheets in 60% of the cases. It says there are more than 3 lakh cases pending investigations for more than one year.

The report says in more than 40% of cases with fast-track courts, these courts have taken more than three years to finish the trial. In fact, in as many as 3,384 cases committed to fast-track courts, the trial was finished in more than 10 years. Of the 38,000-odd cases that fast-track courts completed in 2017, over 4,500 cases had been running for 5-10 years. In only around 11,500 cases was the trial completed within one year.

In courts as a whole, 2,71,779 cases were pending trial at the end of 2017.

Other data

Under the category of rioting, new sub-categories have been added which include vigilante action, disputes over water, power and property and rioting during *morchas*.

Some other new data include spreading of fake news where 257 offences have been recorded. As many as 952 election-related offences were also recorded in 2017 apart from offences relating to religion (1,808) and Obscene Acts and Songs at Public Places (29,557).

DELAYED CLOSURE

CHARGESHEETS
(21.47 lakh chargesheets in IPC cases, 43% filed beyond 3-month deadline)

Within 1 month	32% (6.88 lakh)
1-3 months	25% (5.37 lakh)
3-6 months	20% (4.35 lakh)
6-12 months	14% (3 lakh)
1-2 years	7.5% (1.58 lakh)
More than 2 years	1.5% (29k)

FAST-TRACK COURTS
(38,004 IPC cases disposed of, 40% took more than 3 years)

Less than 1 month	3% (1,000)
1-3 months	4% (1,540)
3-6 months	8% (3,016)
6-12 months	15% (5,911)
1-3 years	30% (11,401)
3-5 years	19% (7,226)
5-10 years	12% (4,526)
More than 10 years	9% (3,384)

CRIME AGAINST WOMEN

3,59,849 CASES 2017 total, including both IPC & special/local laws. Up from 3,29,243 (2015) and 3,38,954 (2016).

CRIME IN THE STATES
(ALL INDIA: 3,59,849)

Uttar Pradesh	56,011
Maharashtra	31,979
West Bengal	30,992
Madhya Pradesh	29,788
Rajasthan	25,993

CRIME RATE/LAKH WOMEN POPULATION (ALL INDIA: 57.9)

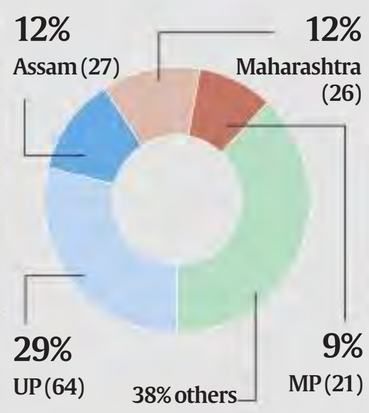
Assam	143.6
Delhi	133.3
Telangana	94.7
Odisha	94.5
Haryana	88.7

IPC CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN
3,15,215 CASES
(CRIME RATE 50.7/LAKH)

CYBER CRIME AGAINST WOMEN
600 CASES (IT ACT ONLY)
271 relating to publication of sexually explicit matter
329 other cyber crimes
4 TIMES Assam's cyber crime cases against women (IT Act only), compared to next highest Telangana

Assam	169
Telangana	39
Karnataka	34
Maharashtra	31
UP	28
Tamil Nadu	27

MURDER WITH RAPE
223 CASES
(227 WOMEN)



Source: All graphics based on data in latest NCRB crime report

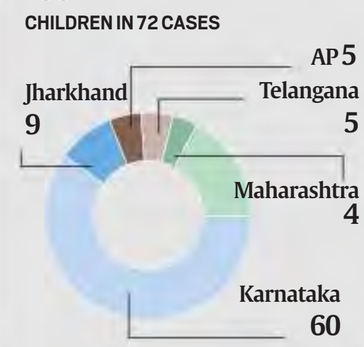
CRIME AGAINST CHILDREN

32,608 CASES
With 33,210 child victims (including 31,668 cases with 32,254 girl victims)

OFFENCES BY CARETAKERS OF JUVENILE HOMES
278 CASES
(328 JUVENILE VICTIMS); UNDER JUVENILES JUSTICE ACT

Maharashtra	97
Rajasthan	61
Telangana	35
West Bengal	25
Kerala	23

KIDNAPPING FOR BEGGING
100
CHILDREN IN 72 CASES



WOMEN, KIDS TARGETS ON WEB

	WOMEN	CHILDREN
Cyber Blackmailing/Threatening	132	1
Cyber Pornography/Hosting/Publishing Obscene Sexual Materials	271	7
Cyber Stalking/Cyber Bullying of Women	555	7
Defamation/Morphing	50	NA
Fake Profile	147	3
Other Crimes	3,087	70
TOTAL	4,242	88

Insults made up 50% of crimes against Dalits; 'traps' of corrupt officials spiked

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

MORE THAN half of all offences registered under The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act where victims were Dalits, were related to insult and humiliation heaped on them, data from 2017 released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) show.

The data released Monday also show a new trend in cases of corruption: "traps" involving lower-level government officials are increasing at the cost of criminal misconduct involving senior officials. This could mean either reduced corruption at higher levels, or increased enthusiasm among law enforcement to go after small offenders.

DALITS: NCRB has for the first time published data for cases in which only the SC/ST Act was invoked without any sections of IPC. Unlike the 2016 data, there are separate figures for 2017 for intentional insult or humiliation of a Dalit, occupation of Dalit land, preventing the use of public space, and social boycott.

Of the 5,775 offences registered solely under the SC/ST Act in 2017 with Dalits as victims, 3,172 (55%) were related to "Intentionally Insult or Intimidate with Intent to Humiliate". There were 47 cases of land grabbing related to Dalits; they faced social boycott in 63 cases; and they were prevented from using public spaces in 12 cases.

The most insult cases were reported from Karnataka (1,175) followed by UP (804), and Bihar (338). Sixteen land grab cases each were reported from Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka. Cases of preventing a Dalit from using public space were reported from Maharashtra, Himachal, Karnataka, Kerala, and Punjab. Fifty-seven of the 63 cases of social boycott or of a Dalit being forced to leave his place of residence were reported from UP.

Countrywide, 43,203 cases of atrocities against Dalits (including IPC and SC/ST Act cases) were reported in 2017, about 6% more than in the previous year. The highest rates of crimes against Dalits (number of incidents per 1,00,000 population) were in Madhya Pradesh (52), Bihar (41), and Rajasthan (35).

Higher numbers for crimes against Dalits also reflect more robust reporting of crimes by victims, which indicates empowerment.

TRIBALS: Of 720 offences registered solely under the SC/ST Act in 2017, 373 (52%) pertained to "Intentionally Insult or Intimidate with Intent to Humiliate". There were 27 cases of land grabbing related to tribals, and 18 cases of tribals facing social boycott.

The highest numbers of insult cases were in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh (25), and Bihar (24). Jharkhand had 13 of the 27 cases of land-grab. Seventeen of the 18 cases of social boycott or of a tribal being forced to leave his place of residence were reported from Jharkhand.

The 7,125 cases of atrocities against tribals (including IPC and SC/ST Act cases) in 2017 were about 9% more than in 2016.

CORRUPTION: Registration of corruption cases has fallen by over 20% since 2015. "Trap" cases have spiked, while cases of criminal misconduct have fallen sharply since 2016.

"Trap" cases, in which bribery is caught red-handed, generally involve lower-level officials who accept gratification in cash. Criminal misconduct cases generally involve higher officials; pecuniary gains in these case are rarely made in cash.

Corruption cases involving "trap" rose by over 100% in 2017 over 2016; criminal misconduct cases fell by 70%. Overall, 4,062 cases of corruption were registered in 2017, compared to 4,439 in 2016. As many as 2,731 (67%) cases in 2017 were "traps"; 801 (20%) were of criminal misconduct.

Cyber crime jumped by 77% in 2017

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 21

THE NUMBER of cyber crimes increased dramatically in 2017 as compared to 2016, and nearly every fifth cyber crime in 2017 was committed against a woman, official data for that year released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) show.

A total 21,796 instances of cyber crime were recorded in 2017, an increase of 77% over the previous year's number of 12,317, says the NCRB report, *Crime in India 2017*. By contrast, the 2016 number was only 6% more than the 2015 number of 11,592.

More than half the incidents of cyber crime in 2017 were motivated by fraud, the report, which was released on Monday, said. "During 2017, 56 per cent of cyber crime cases registered were for the motive of fraud (12,213 out of 21,796 cases) followed by sexual exploitation with 6.7 per cent (1,460 cases) and causing disrepute with 4.6 per cent (1,002 cases)."

Two hundred and six cases of cyber crime were registered for inciting hate against the country, and 139 were committed with political motives. One hundred and ten cyber crimes were related to terrorist activities.

Countrywide, the rate of cyber crime — that is, the number of cyber crimes committed per 1,00,000 population — in 2017 was 1.7, the report shows. The most cyber crimes per 1,00,000 population were committed in Karnataka (5) in 2017; Telangana was next, with a rate of 3.3 cyber crimes per 1,00,000 population, followed by Maharashtra (3) and Uttar Pradesh (2.2).

In absolute numbers, UP, the most populous state, registered the largest number of cyber crimes (4,971), followed by Maharashtra (3,604), and Karnataka (3,174). Among the Union Territories, the most cyber crimes in 2017 were registered in Delhi (162).

Of the 21,796 cyber crimes registered in the country in 2017, 4,242 — about 19.5% — were committed against women, and 88 against children. The cyber crimes against women were related to cyber blackmail or threats, cyber pornography or hosting or publishing obscene sexual materials, cyber stalking or cyber bullying of women, defamation, or morphing and indecent representation of women, etc.

Crimes against children included Internet crimes committed through online games, etc.

This is the first time that NCRB has compiled data on the nature of cyber crimes against women and children.

In 2017, a total 11,601 persons were arrested for cyber crime cases, 8,306 were chargesheeted, and only 162 were convicted.

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Should Aadhaar link to social media accounts? The questions before SC

APURVA VISHWANATH
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

FROM JANUARY, the Supreme Court will hear cases seeking the linking of Aadhaar with social media profiles of individuals. It will be the first big legal battle on the right to privacy after the Supreme Court held in a landmark verdict in 2017 that privacy is a fundamental right. The two significant questions of law that the court will look into are: whether mandatory linking of Aadhaar to social media accounts violates an individual's right to privacy, and the balance between intermediary liability and free speech.

The context

It was in connection with these cases that the government submitted an affidavit on Monday stating that the "Internet has emerged as a potent tool to cause unimaginable disruption to the democratic polity", and informing the Supreme Court that it will take another three months to revise and notify "extant rules" for "effective regulation of intermediaries" such as social media platforms.

Intermediaries, as defined by the Information Technology Act, 2000, include telecom service providers, network service providers, Internet service providers, web-hosting service providers, search engines, online payment sites, online auction sites, online market places, and cyber cafes. Section 87 of the IT Act gives power to the central government to frame Rules; currently, Rules framed in 2011 regulate intermediaries.

The cases

Facebook, WhatsApp and Google had appealed for the transfer of such cases to the Supreme Court from the Madras, Bombay and Madhya Pradesh High Courts, where at least four such cases were pending. The Madras High Court was hearing two writ petitions filed in 2018 by animal rights activist Anthony Clement Rubin and Janani Krishnamurthy for seeking to link Aadhaar of users to their social media accounts, and a direction against intermediaries to provide information to trace individuals. The prayer for linkage to Aadhar was later withdrawn.

In October 2018, Sagar Suryavanshi, an advocate, moved the Bombay High Court seeking a ban on all paid political content online 48 hours before elections. Suryavanshi has withdrawn the case, and informed the High Court that he would join the proceedings before the Supreme Court as an intervener.

In July 2019, advocate Amitabh Gupta move the Madhya Pradesh High Court seeking mandatory KYC of all social media users using Aadhaar and other identity proof.

Facebook argued that these cases involved answering questions related to fundamental rights — specifically the rights to privacy and free speech. If different High Courts heard the cases separately and gave conflicting verdicts, citizens' fundamental rights could be affected, Facebook argued.

New guidelines on the way

The central government informed the Bench of Justices Deepak Gupta and Aniruddha Bose that fresh guidelines for regulating intermediaries under the IT Act were in the pipeline.

"There are various messages and content spread/shared on the social media, some of which are harmful. Some messages can incite violence. There may be messages which are against the sovereignty and integrity of the country. Social media has today become the source of large amount of pornography. Paedophiles use social media in a big way. Drugs, weapons and other contraband can be sold through the use of platforms run by the intermediaries," the court said.

In January, the Ministry for Information and Technology had published draft Rules on regulating intermediaries, seeking responses from the public.

Privacy and sovereignty

The Madras High Court had sought an affidavit from V Kamakoti, a computer science professor with IIT Madras, who said he could provide the technology to enable the intermediary to decrypt the encrypted message when necessary. WhatsApp, on the other hand, has submitted that it is impossible for it to trace the creator of the "questionable content" since it has end-to-end encryption.

While the court highlighted that "de-encryption, if available easily, could defeat the fundamental right of privacy and de-encryption of messages may be done under special circumstances but it must be ensured that the privacy of an individual is not invaded", but at the same time "the sovereignty of the state and the dignity and reputation of an individual are required to be protected".

MELTING ICE

RUSSIA DISCOVERS 5 ARCTIC ISLANDS

Russia's navy said Tuesday it had discovered five new islands revealed by melting glaciers in the remote Arctic. An expedition in August and September charted the islands, which have yet to be named and were previously hidden under glaciers.

Canada's Trudeau wins 2nd term as PM, but party loses majority

Of 338 seats, Liberals win 157 and Conservatives bag 121

NELSON WYATT
MONTREAL, OCTOBER 22

CANADIAN PRIME Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberals held onto power after a closely fought election on Monday but were reduced to a minority government that will need the support in Parliament of a smaller left-leaning party.

The vote showed a deeply divided country with the defeated Conservatives winning the popular vote, while a resurgent separatist Bloc Quebecois made big strides in the mainly French-speaking province of Quebec.

The Liberals had won or were leading in 157 out of 338 seats in Monday's vote, according to Elections Canada. That put the Liberals far short of the 170 seats needed for a second straight majority government.

"You did it, my friends. Congratulations," Trudeau told supporters in Montreal on Tuesday as his opponents were giving concession speeches.

Trudeau, who took power in 2015 as a charismatic figure promising "sunny ways," saw his popularity drop over old photos of him in blackface and his handling of a corporate corruption case. He will now have to rely on the New Democratic Party (NDP) to push through key legislation.

Although the NDP had a disappointing night, with the 24 seats it had won or was leading in down sharply from the 2015 election when it won 44, the party could exercise significant influence over Trudeau's next government.

"I think a Liberal government supported by the NDP is likely going to lean farther left," said John Manley, a former Liberal finance minister who now works in the private sector.

Ahead of the vote, opinion polls showed a tight race between Trudeau and his main rival, Conservative leader Andrew Scheer. The Conservative Party has won 121 seats, up from the 95 it held before.

The Bloc Quebecois saw its support jump in Quebec, the only place where the separatist party contests elections. It was elected or ahead in 32 seats, more than three times what the party won in 2015. **REUTERS**

Canada PM Justin Trudeau and his wife Sophie Gregoire Trudeau in Montreal on Tuesday. *Reuters*

With 24 seats, Jagmeet Singh plays kingmaker

ANJU AGNIHOTRI CHABA
JALANDHAR, OCTOBER 22

INDIAN-ORIGIN CANADIANS have won 18 seats in the federal election that took place on Monday, and a leader from the community is set to play a key role in Parliament as Justin Trudeau's Liberals form a minority government.

With just 157 seats in the 338-member Parliament, the Liberal Party failed to get the 170 seats needed for a majority. But as the largest party, it will form the government. It will, however, need the backing of the National Democratic Party (NDP), which is led by Jagmeet Singh. Singh was born and brought up in Canada, but his family traces its roots to Punjab's Barnala district.

The NDP won 24 seats, substantially less than the 39 that it had won in the last election. But Singh's party will be key for the Trudeau government as the Liberals will need the NDP's support in Parliament to pass any legislation. This gives the left-leaning NDP influence to shape the government's policies.

"Thank you, Canada. What a night — and what an unforgettable journey this campaign has been. With our new NDP caucus in Ottawa, I'm incredibly excited to continue our critical work to achieve the priorities that we've heard from people across this country," Singh tweeted.

The election saw 13 winners of Punjabi-origin from the Liberal Party, four from the Conservative Party and one from the NDP. 12 sitting Punjabi MPs of the Liberal Party won again, including Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan from Vancouver South.

Jagmeet Singh with his wife Gurkiran Kaur. *AP*

Britain's PM Boris Johnson in Parliament on Tuesday. *Reuters*

Brexit in limbo as Johnson wins one vote, loses another

JILL LAWLESS & DANICA KIRKA
LONDON, OCTOBER 22

BRITISH PRIME Minister Boris Johnson won one vote and lost another in Parliament on Tuesday, a result that inches him closer to his goal of leading Britain out of the European Union — but effectively guarantees it won't happen on the scheduled date of October 31.

The good news for the Prime Minister was that lawmakers voted for a Brexit plan, backing by 329-299 a Bill to implement the agreement Johnson struck with the EU last week.

But minutes later, legislators rejected his fast-track timetable to pass the Bill. The vote went 322-308 against the government.

Johnson responded by stopping the legislation dead in its tracks. He had planned to push it through the House of Commons by Thursday. But he said he would "pause" the legislation until the EU had decided whether to agree to delay Britain's departure.

With the Brexit deadline looming and British politicians still squabbling over the country's departure terms, Johnson was forced to ask the EU for a three-month delay to Britain's departure date. He did that to comply with a law passed by Parliament ordering the government to postpone Brexit rather than risk the economic damage that could come from a no-deal exit. **AP**

EXPLAINED

What the 2 votes mean for Brexit

THE TWO votes that took place in the UK Parliament on Tuesday had huge consequences for Johnson's plan to leave the EU on October 31.

INITIAL ASSENT

The first of those votes saw MPs, for the first time, giving their assent to a Brexit plan. Johnson was able to get a majority of MPs to back his Withdrawal Agreement Bill in principle. But this does not mean the Bill has been passed. The passage of the Bill will only come after multiple debates and more votes.

NO HURRIED TIMETABLE

Despite backing the Bill in principle, MPs voted against the tight schedule by which Johnson wanted the Bill to be debated and passed. This essentially rules out Brexit on Oct 31. Now, the Bill will be debated further and possible amendments will be added, which could stretch the Brexit process far beyond the deadline which the PM was adamant on meeting.

TOP OF THE WORLD

Shamima Begum

BRITAIN

Woman who fled to join IS appeals loss of UK citizenship

London: A Bangladeshi-origin woman who fled the UK as a schoolgirl in 2015 to join the Islamic State terror group in Syria, launched an appeal against the government's move to revoke her citizenship and prevent her from returning to London. Shamima Begum left her home in east London with two other teenagers and travelled to Syria when she was 15. She lived under the rule of the IS for three years, before being found in a camp run by Kurdish forces in Syria in February. Now 20, she is fighting a legal battle to return to the UK and her appeal is being heard at the Special Immigration Appeals Commission this week.

USA

Library removes memorial featuring Bhindranwale

New York: A library in the US state of Connecticut has removed a memorial that featured a portrait of slain militant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, with the top Indian diplomat in New York welcoming the "wise decision" taken by it not to allow a divisive agenda to create rift within the Sikh community. The memorial to the Sikhs killed in the 1984 anti-Sikh riots was installed at the Otis Library in Norwich about three months ago and was placed on a wall of the library's main lobby, according to a report in *The Bulletin*. Bhindranwale, head of Sikh religious sect Damdami Taksal, was killed along with his armed followers during 'Operation Blue Star' at the Golden Temple Complex in June 1984.

PAKISTAN

Nawaz Sharif hospitalised

Lahore: Pakistan's jailed former prime minister Nawaz Sharif was hospitalised after his health condition deteriorated in the anti-graft body's detention centre due to critically low platelet count. Sharif, 69, is serving a seven-year prison term after being convicted in a corruption case. "Former premier Nawaz Sharif is detected to have critically low platelet count that could be due to multiple pathologies and requires immediate in-hospital care," Sharif's personal physician Adnan Khan said.

Netanyahu with Israel President Reuven Rivlin

Netanyahu gives up effort to form Israel's new govt

REUTERS
JERUSALEM, OCTOBER 22

BENJAMIN NETANYAHU gave up his effort to form a new government on Monday after failing to secure a majority coalition, creating an opportunity for centrist rival Benny Gantz to replace Israel's longest serving prime minister.

Netanyahu, who heads the right-wing Likud party, said he had been unable to form a government following an election in September, and was returning the mandate back to Israel's president, Reuven Rivlin. Rivlin said he intends to task Gantz with the job of putting together a new government.

"In the past weeks I made every effort to bring Benny Gantz to the negotiating table, every effort to establish a broad national government, every effort to avoid another election," said Netanyahu, who turned 70 on Monday.

Gantz also has no clear path to a majority, and should he come up short, it would almost certainly lead to another general election, the third since April. He will have 28 days to entice potential allies.

Gantz's Blue and White party said it was "determined to form a liberal unity government."

Netanyahu, in power for the past decade and 13 years in total, has seen his political strength wane as he faces a looming indictment on corruption allegations he denies.

JAPAN'S NARUHITO PROCLAIMS HIMSELF EMPEROR

Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe bows in front of Emperor Naruhito during a ceremony to proclaim his enthronement to the world at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo on Tuesday. *Reuters*

- **Japanese Emperor Naruhito formally proclaimed his ascendancy to the throne on Tuesday in a centuries-old ceremony attended by dignitaries from more than 180 countries, pledging to fulfil his duty as a symbol of the state.**
- **Naruhito became emperor and his wife Masako became empress on May 1 in a brief ceremony, but Tuesday's "Sokui no Rei" was a more elaborate ritual at the royal palace in which he officially announced his change in status to the world.**
- **"I swear that I will act according to the constitution and fulfil my responsibility as the symbol of the state and of the unity of the people," the 59-year-old emperor declared, his voice slightly hoarse, in front of about 2,000 guests.**

In jail, Hafiz Saeed plays role of arbitrator

M ZULQERNAIN
LAHORE, OCTOBER 22

UN-DESIGNATED TERRORIST and Mumbai attack mastermind Hafiz Saeed is running the affairs of his banned Jamaat-ud Dawah (JuD) group from Lahore's Kot Lakhpat jail, where he recently played the role of an arbitrator in a high-profile case between the police and the family of a suspected ATM thief who died in police custody.

Salahuddin Ayubi, who was mentally challenged, died in police custody last month due to alleged torture after his arrest on charges of stealing money from an ATM. His death sparked outrage across the country.

Saeed, who has been in the high security jail since his arrest on July 17 on charges of terror financing, last week met the deceased man's family and convinced them to pardon the policemen allegedly involved in Ayubi's death.

The Lashkar-e-Taiba founder also received assurance by the authorities of construction of a carpeted road and supply of gas to the village of the victim's family in Gujranwala at an accumulative cost of Rs 800 million to settle the dispute.

"Since some members of the family of Ayubi were the followers of Saeed, police arranged their 'special meeting' with him in jail. After listening to both sides, Saeed gave the victim's family three options — receive blood money from the accused policemen, pardon them in the name of Allah or pursue legal case against them. The family chose to pardon the policemen," a government official said.

When PTI contacted Ayubi's father Afzaal Ghumman, he confirmed that he and other family members pardoned the accused policemen on the "wish" of the JuD chief.

"When we visited him (Saeed) in jail last week, he gave us three choices. He said pardoning someone in the name of Allah is the far superior act. So we chose to pardon the suspects," Ghumman said.

A Station House Officer, an inspector and some constables named in the case are currently on an interim bail. **PTI**

He was arrested in July on charges of terror financing

Turkey, Russia strike deal to remove Syrian Kurdish YPG, launch joint patrols

Erdogan meets Putin for talks in Russia

DARYA KORSUNSKAYA & TUVAN GUMRUKCU
SOCHI, ANKARA, OCTOBER 22

TURKEY AND Russia agreed on Tuesday to remove the Syrian Kurdish YPG militia to beyond 30 km from the Turkish border, after which their troops will jointly patrol a narrower strip of land in a "safe zone" Ankara has long sought in northern Syria.

Beginning at noon on Wednesday, Russian military police and Syrian border guards will move in to facilitate the removal of YPG members and weapons to beyond the zone in a mission that should take about six days, according to the deal.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov hailed the deal as one that would end the bloodshed in the region, while Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Turkey had no designs on Syrian territory as it continued to push the YPG south.

The YPG, the key component in the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) that have for years fought alongside US troops against Islamic State, will also leave the towns of Tel Rifaat and Manbij under the deal struck between Erdogan and President Vladimir Putin in the Russian Black Sea resort of Sochi. "The main aim of the operation is to take out PKK/YPG terror organisations from the area and to facilitate the return of Syrian refugees," Erdogan told a joint news conference with Putin.

Ankara regards the YPG as terrorists because of their ties to the outlawed Kurdistan Workers Party.

"This operation also guarantees Syria's territorial integrity and political unity... We never had any interest in Syria's land and sovereignty," Erdogan added. **REUTERS**

The Russian President receives his Turkish counterpart in the Black Sea resort of Sochi, Russia. *AP*

US troops leaving Syria cannot stay in Iraq: Baghdad

ASSOCIATED PRESS
BAGHDAD, OCTOBER 22

US TROOPS leaving Syria and heading to neighbouring Iraq do not have permission to stay in the country, Iraq's military said Tuesday as American forces continued to pull out of northern Syria after Turkey's invasion of the border region.

The statement appears to contradict US Defence Secretary Mark Esper, who has said that under the current plan, all US troops leaving Syria will go to western Iraq and the military would continue to conduct operations against the Islamic State group to prevent its resurgence in the region.

In a statement, the Iraqi Kurdish regional government said the positive role played by US-led coalition forces in northern Iraq, protecting and assisting its residents, should not be confused with an "unpopular political decision" that has been taken — a reference to Donald Trump's sudden move to withdraw troops from Syria.

TONNES OF RUBBISH COLLECTED FROM WORLD'S TALLEST PEAK BEING UPCYCLED

Trash to treasure: Everest garbage given new lease of life

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
KATHMANDU, OCTOBER 22

A GROUP of tourists sip water at a five-star hotel in Kathmandu, unaware that the green glasses in their hands were once bottles discarded on Mount Everest — left by climbers eager to make their ascent.

In homes across the Nepali capital upcycled items, from pots to lamps, crafted from Everest waste products are slowly making their way as authorities and businesses look for fresh ways to tackle the damage caused by decades of commercial mountaineering.

Tonnes of trash — including empty cans and gas canisters, bottles, plastic and discarded climbing gear — litter the mountain, which has been dubbed the "highest dumpster in the world".

"Waste doesn't need to be wasted," Nabin Bikash Maharjan of local recycling organisation Blue Waste to Value (BW2V) said.

"We received a mix of materials from Everest — aluminium, glass, plastic, iron — much of which could be recycled," he explained, adding: "We need to upcycle and add value to them."

After heavy criticism for the condition of one of its greatest natural resources, Nepal's government and mountaineering groups this year organised a six-week clean-up.

Scaling almost 8,000 metres (26,300 feet) from base camp to the closest camp to the summit, a 14-strong team retrieved more than 10 tonnes of trash that was flown or driven to recycling centres in Kathmandu.

Workers there manually sorted the materials — each type following a different path to rebirth: Iron was sent to rod manufacturing firms, shredded aluminium cans to utensil makers, and discarded bottles re-fashioned into household items.

"Waste is a taboo in our society, considered as dirt," mused Ujen Wangmo Lepcha of Moware Designs, which upcycles rubbish into light fixtures and glasses.

"When they see these kind of products they are like 'wow', these things can be made and it is possible," she explained.

Their products are now used in upmarket hotels, restaurants, and homes around the capital, and Lepcha says there is growing consumer interest in goods made from salvaged Everest scraps.

Aanchal Malla of Hotel Yak & Yeti in Kathmandu said opting for the upcycled goods was in-line with the hotel's move towards environmentally friendly products. "It is not just better for us..., it is encouragement of everyone who is trying to make the globe into a better place...," Malla said.

Garbage collected at Everest base camp. *Reuters*

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I,Gurvinder Pal Singh S/o Late S.Gian Singh and Sarbjeet Kaur W/o S.Gurinder Pal Singh both R/o H-3/18, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110018 state that our actual names are Gurinder Pal Singh and Sarabjit Kaur which may be corrected in the school records of Garv Pal Singh studying in 7th Class in your school. 0040516936-5

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I,Deepak Sharma,S/o Ramesh Chand,Residing at-T-51,Mool-chand-Colony Adarsh-Nagar,Delhi-110033.,have changed the name of my Deepak Chand aged 35-years and shall hereafter be known as Deepak Sharma. 0040517045-2

I, Priya Verma / Priya Dagar,W/O Vipin Dagar,R/O-B-805 Tower-B,8th-Flr Marigold-Nbcc Township,Delhi,Saharanpur-Highway,Khekra,U.P-250101, Changed My Name To Priya Vipin Dagar. 0040517045-9

I, Pragnya Paramita Tandon,W/O-Lakhan Ram Tandon Address-26/202, East-End Apartments, Mayur-Vihar, Phase I.P.Extn Delhi-110096.,Changed My Name To Pragnya Paramita Jena. 0040516978-9

I, Prabhjot Singh S/o Satpal Singh Gambhir R/o House No.-2, Road No.-51, West Punjabi Bagh, ND-110026 have changed my minor son's name from Pranay Raj Gambhir to Pranayraj Singh. 0040516948-1

I, Nisha Thakur D/o Jagat Ram Thakur R/o L-011 1st Floor Centrum Park India Bulls Sector-103 Gurgaon Haryana-122006 Have Changed My Name to Nisha Singh. 0040517013-1

I, Nilofar Zaki @ Firdose Zaki,W/O Mohammad Zaki R/O-8843 Gali-Nal-Wali Naya-Mohalla Pul-Bangash Delhi-110006,Have Changed My Name To Firdose Begum. 0040517061-1

I, Neetu Grover W/O Sachin Grover R/O G-8/3, 2nd-Floor, Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi-110085. Have Changed My Name To Pushp Preet. 0040516978-8

I, Neelam Kumari W/o Anup Kumar Mishra R/o-4/Pvt-3, Block-A-2, Gupta Colony, Kamalpur, Burari, Delhi have changed my name to Neelam Mishra. 0040516989-1

I, Nafisa Firoz W/o Firoz Uddin R/o 1040, Gali Rajan Farash Khana Delhi-110006 have changed my name to Nafeesa Begum. 0040516939-2

I, Munesh Kumari W/o Hariom Sharma R/o Dahauda, Aligarh, UP-202123, that name of my father has been wrongly written as Devi Singh in my Pan Number FQXPK1442Q. The actual name of my father is Ram Niwas Upadhyay 0070679915-1

I, Mohammed Osama S/o, Mohammad Toqeer R/o 699 1st Floor, Azad Market, Sheesh Mahal, Sadar Bazar, Delhi-110006 have changed my name to Mohammad Usama. 0040517002-1

I, Mohammad Jamal Sadik S/O Mohd Yaseen R/O-1847, Katrasheikh Chand, Lalkuan, Delhi-110006., Changed My Name To Jamal Sadiq. 0040517045-7

I, Mejar Singh S/o Rachan Singh R/o-B/3/482 Duggal-Farm Tara-Nagar Kakraula Delhi-110078. changed my name to Major Singh. 0040516989-5

I, hitherto known as Sachin,S/o Sukhvinder Singh R/o-A-139,Jhilmil-Colony,Delhi-110095,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sachin Singh. 0040516978-3

I, hitherto known as Bharti Joardar alias Bharati Bhowmick D/o Late Amulya Kumar Bhowmick W/o Late Kamlendu Joardar residing at H.No.-32, Second Lane, Zulu Park, P.O-Hazaribagh, Jharkhand-825301 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Bharti Joardar. 0040516957-1

I, Vipin Chand,S/o Om Prakash R/o-C-9/71 Yamuna-Vihar, Delhi-110053, have changed my name to Vipin Kumar Gupta.,For All Future Purposes. 0040516978-4

I, Vikas Kwatra S/o Kharati Lal R/o 27/94-B, Lahori Street, Jwala-Nagar,Shahdara, Delhi-110032.have changed my name to Vikas Kumar. 0040517017-3

I, Vidushi D/o Pramod Paliwal R/o R 45 1st Floor Inderpuri New Delhi have changed my name to Vidushi Paliwal for all purposes. 0040516999-1

I, Vanita D/o Boota Singh R/o-B-159, Madhu Vihar, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 have changed my name to Vinita 0040517017-8

I, Upinder Singh S/O-Malkit Singh R/O-5/9 B, Roop-Nagar, Delhi-7, have changed to my name Upinder Singh Dhindsa forall purposes. 0040517017-4

I, Umar Farooq S/o Haji Matin Qureshi R/o 7399, Gali Lalan Wali Quresh Nagar Sadar Bazar, Delih-6 have changed my name to Umar Matin Qureshi. 0040516939-3

I, Tej Narayan S/O Haldher Mishra R/O N-25a/149, Lal Bagh, Azadpur, Delhi-110033.Have Changed My Name To Tej Narayan Mishra. 0040516978-7

I, Tanseer Ahmad,S/O Sharafat Ali, R/O C-756-A, Gali.No.4, Chauhan-Bangar, Delhi-110053, Have Changed My Name To Tanseer Ahmed. For All Purposes. 0040516971-1

I, Syed Liaquat Ali Subzwari S/o Shoqat Ali R/o 37/3 J-Extn Part-1 Street No-8 Laxmi Nagar Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Liaquat Ali. 0040515081-1

I, Shumaila Parveen W/o Mohammad Salman R/o Z-II/217 Gali No-4 Welcome SeelampurDelhi-110053have changed my name to Anam. 0040515081-2

I, Shujauddin S/O Islamuddin R/O-L-15, D.D.A. Flats, Turkman Gate, Near-Badi Masjid, Delhi-110006.Changed My Name To Shijauddin. 0040517045-6

I, Shubham Pandey S/o Mr Pradeep Kumar Pandey R/o Gram- Ljara, Post samudpur, Thana Balua, Samdudpur ,Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh-221115. Have changed my name shubham kumar pandey to Shubham Pandey for all future purposes. 0040516962-1

I, Shikhar Rakesh Rakesh S/O, Rakesh Kumar R/o Staff Quarter 8, Kirori Mal College, Delhi University, Delhi- 07 have changed my name to Shikhar Rakesh for all purposes. 0040517017-10

I, Sheo Prasad S/O Mani Ram Tiwari R/O-Wz-255/3 Srinagar Street.No-4 Shakurbasti Delhi-110034.Have Changed My Name To Shiv Prasad Tiwari. 0040516989-6

I, Shamim Ahmad Bhat Army No,: 9099202p S/o GH Mohd Bhat R/o VPO-Manzgam, THE-D.H Pora, Distt-Kulgam, J&K-192233, confirm that my minor son is wrongly mentioned in my service record as Ishan Samim Bhat and date of Birth 13/06/2000 whereas actual name is Ishan Shamim and his correct date of birth 12/03/2003 for all purposes. 0040516943-1

I,Ajay Kumar Sethi,S/o Moni lal,Residing at,H.No.189, Street.No-5,Rameshwar-Nagar, Azadpur,New-Delhi-110033,Delhi-have changed the name of my Ajay Sethi aged 54-years and shall hereafter be known as Ajay Kumar Sethi. 0040517045-3

I, Shabnam Khatoon D/o Md. Seraj Ansari now W/o Harinder Pal Singh R/o WZ-111-D, Gali No.11, Guru Nanak Nagar, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018 have changed my name after marriage as Sukhdeep Kaur for all record and future purposes. 0040516936-1

I, Rakhi Vij D/o Surinder Pal Singh R/o 9/15, First Floor, Punjabi Bagh Ext. W.P.B. New Delhi-110026 have changed my name to Simran Suri for all future purposes. 0040516973-1

I, Rajinder Sethi S/o Jagdish Seth R/o-C-25, Gali.No.11, New Mahavir-Nagar, Tilak-Nagar, Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Rajinder Seth. 0040516978-1

I, Rahul Dev Shakya R/o S1-816,carnation Tower, Gaur Sundaram, Plot No. Gh 05c, Sector Tech Zone -4 Greater Noida West Dist . GB Nagar-201318 have changed my minor daughter's name from Lavanya to Lavanya Dev Shakya. 0040517001-1

I, Mohammad Asan,S/O-Mohammad Shafi,R/O-C-9/2-A, Gali No.7,Rishi Kardam-Marg, Chauhan-Bangar, Delhi-110053, Have Changed My Name To Mohammad Ahsan Khan. For All Purposes. 0040516971-4

I, Raj S/o Janki Dass R/o-RL-2, 3rd-Floor, Gangaram-Vatika, Tilak-Nagar, N.Delhi-110018,have changed my name to Raj Kumar. 0040517017-2

I, Kunwer Shehzad Ahmed,S/o-Kunwar Rifaquat Ali R/o-1839,Gali-Chandi,Wali, Mohalla Qabrastan, Turkman-Gate, Delhi, changed my name,to Kunwar Shehzad Ahmed for all,purposes. 0040517017-9

I, Kunwar Faishal,S/O-Kunwar Nazar Mohd R/O-C-834, S/F, Gali. No.5,Chauhan-Bangar, Delhi-110053,Have Changed My Name To Kunwar Faisal Chauhan. For All Purposes. 0040516971-3

I, Kuldeep S/o Ramphal Kaushik R/o-1/7108 Top-Floor, Post-Wali Gali, Shivaji-Park,Shahdara Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Kuldeep Kaushik,for all purposes. 0040516978-5

I, Km.Sahista,W/O-Kunwar Faisal Chauhan, R/O-C-834, S/F, Gali No.5, Chauhan-Bangar, Delhi-110053, Have Changed My Name To Shaista. For All Purposes. 0040516971-2

I, Km.Aasifa /Aasifa W/O Mohammad Talib, R/O K-129, Abu-Fazal Enclave-I, Jamia-Nagar, Okhla, N.Delhi-110025.,Changed My Name To Aasifa Talib. 0040517045-5

I, Kanwal Saifi W/o Sh. Rahis Ahmed R/o Flat No. 138, Pocket GH-12, First Floor, DDA SFS, Paschim Vihar, Sunder Vihar, Delhi-110087 have changed my name from Kanwal Preet Kaur to Kanwal Saifi after my marriage for all purposes. 0040516990-1

I, Kanchan Bala Abrol @ Kanchan Abrol @ Kanchan @ Kanchan Kainth D/o Late Sh. Chaman Lal Abrol W/o Lt. Colonel Vijay Kumar IC 30436A R/o H.No.4, Vasto Tower, Mahagun Mascot Crossing Republic, P.S. Vijay Nagar,Tahshil-Ghaziabad,Distt. Ghaziabad-201009 have changed my name to Kanchan Bala Abrol for all purposes. 0040516933-1

I, Kamini Kumari Gupta W/O Manoj Kumar Gupta R/O 69-H, Third Floor, Block-R, Dilshad Garden, Delhi-110095., Changed My Name To Kamini Gupta. 0040517045-8

I, Inderpreet Kaur W/O-Manmeet Singh Guliani R/O Wz-3b/121 Vishnu-Garden Tilak-Nagar New-Delhi.Have Change My Name To Inderpreet Guliani. 0040516989-7

I, Gogee Devi W/o Shri Om Singh Jakhar R/o VPO Jakharon Ki Dhani, (Narwa) Teh & Distt Jodhpur, Rajasthan-342306 have changed my name to Gogi Devi for all future purposes. 0040516972-1

I, Girish Kumar Sharma S/O Pushap Kumar Sharma R/O.H.No.109/110, Rishal-Garden, Ranholla,Nangloi, Delhi-41, Have Changed My Name To Girish Sharma. 0040516978-10

I, Gautam Rai S/o Mr.Suresh Rai R/o C-91, Bhagya Vihar, Mubarakpur Dabas, Delhi-110081 have changed my name to Gautam Roy. 0040516989-2

I, Deepak S/o Sh.Satyavir Singh R/o-237,Street.No.2 Gopalpur P.O Azadpur Delhi-110009,changed my name to Deepak Singh for all purposes. 0040516989-3

I, Charan Jit Singh Sandhu, S/O-Makhan Singh Sandhu,R/O-F-117/119 B.K.Dutt Colony, Lodhi-Road N.Delhi-110003, Changed My Name To Charanjit Singh Sandhu. 0040516971-5

I, Bintul Islam D/o Late Tarabullah W/o Abdul Hameed R/o H.No. F-178A, Shaheen Bagh, Abulfazal Enclave Part-2, Jamia Nagar, Okhla, New Friends Colony, South Delhi, Delhi-110025 have changed my name to Arshi for all purposes. 0040516933-2

I, Manisha Gautam W/o Subhash Dutt R/o 58-C, DDA Flats, Man Sarovar Park, Shahdara, Delhi-110032 have changed my name to Bhawna Dutt for all future purposes. 0040516955-1

I, Bimla Devi W/o Sh. Jagdish Kumar R/o 6399, Gali-3, Block-7, Dev Nagar, Karol Bagh,Central Delhi-110005 have changed my name to Vimla Devi for all purposes. 0040516933-4

I, Bhole Nath S/o Ram Saran R/o-C-1257, Rajeev-Colony, Mohan-Nagar, Ghaziabad-201007 have changed my name to Bhole Prasad. 0040516989-9

I, Babita Singh W/o DEEPAK SINGH R/o-237,Street.No.2 Gopalpur Delhi-110009, changed my name to Babita Mavi for all purposes. 0040516989-4

I, Atufa D/O Mohd Suheil R/O-1030 Kishanganj Teliwara Gali-Kuan Wali Azadmarket Delhi-110006.Have Changed My Name To Atufa Suhail. 0040517061-2

I, Ashok Kumar Arora S/o Late Sh. Mansa Ram R/o 197-198, G.F. Pkt-10, Sector-21 Rohini, Delhi-86 have changed my name to Ashok Manocha for all purposes. 0040517009-1

I Rahul Arora S/o Ram Lal Arora R/o C-61, Nirmal Puri, Lajpat Nagar-4, Lajpat Nagar, Delhi-110024, have changed my name to Raahul Arora 0070679916-1

I, Anushka Shah,D/o Shri.Jatin Lalit Shah R/o-E-109,2nd-Floor,Masjid-Moth, Greater-Kailash-III, New Delhi-110048,have changed my name to Anushka Jatin Shah,for all purposes. 0040516978-6

I, Akshara D/O Shri Navneet Dhaiya R/O-R-22, Street.no-12A, Swatantar-Nagar, Narela, Delhi-110040, have changed my name to Ritiesha. 0040517017-1

I, Abid Hussain S/o Nazir Ahmed R/o RZ-B-193, Nihal Vihar, Nangloi, Delhi-110041, have changed my name from Abid to Abid Hussain for all purposes. 0040516991-1

I, Abhinav Kumar S/o Vijay Singh R/o-N250, Vijay Singh, 3-Phase, Shivalik-Nagar, Haridwar, BHEL, Uttarakhand-249403.have changed my name to Abhinav Singh. 0040516989-8

I Sunil Kumar/Sunil Agarwal,S/O Sh.Laxminarayan Agrawal,R/O-J-57, Sector-Gamma-2, Greater-Noida, U.P.Have Changed My Name, From Sunil Kumar/Sunil Agarwal To Sunil Kumar Agrawal, For All Future Purposes. 0040517017-6

I Subhash Kumar Nirmal Kumar Lakhmani,S/o Nirmal Kumar Chelaram Lakhmani R/o-10,FF, Gali.No-2, West-Guru Angad-Nagar Laxmi-Nagar Delhi-92,have changed my name to Subhash Lakhmani. 0040517017-7

I Shrishti Gangwar Alias Srishti Gangwar D/o Vijay Gangwar R/o C-61, GF, Old Double Storey, Lajpat Nagar-4, Lajpat Nagar, Delhi-110024, have changed my name to Srishti Gangwar 0070679920-1

I Rakesh Raj alias Rakesh Kumar Kushawaha S/o Dharamnath Prasad R/o E-4, Jhandewalan Extension, Pahar Ganj, Swami Ram Tirth Nagar, Delhi-110055, have changed my name to Rakesh Raj 0070679924-1

I Paramjeet kaur W/o Kanwaljit Singh R/o-551C, Jheel khuranja, Geeta-Colony, Delhi-110031 have changed my name to Rajwant Kaur. 0040516978-2

I Kamaluddin S/o Late Mitthoo Siddiqui R/o 21, Pratap Nagar, Mayur Vihar, Phase-1,Delhi-110091 have changed my name to Kamaluddin Siddiqui for all purposes. 0040516933-3

I Harneet Kaur W/o Rooman Hasan R/o B-61, IIIrd Floor, Tagore Garden, N.D-27 have changed my name to Sheen Hasan. 0040517017-5

I, Shabnam Hayat D/o Mohd Amir Khan R/o D-160, 1st Floor, Khsra No-668, Abul Fazal Enclave Part-2, Shaheen Bagh, Jamia Nagar, Delhi-110025, that name of my mother has been wrongly written as Sonia Khan in my School Certificates of 10th class. The actual name of my mother is Soni 0070679926-1

I, Sarwan Kumar Garg S/o Hem Chander Garg R/o GD-205, Ground Floor, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Sharwan Kumar Garg. 0070679930-1

I, Divjot Singh Sarna, S/O Ripudaman Sarna, R/O S-68, Greater Kailash-1, New Delhi-110048, state that Divjot Sarna and Divjot Singh Sarna are one and the same person. 0070679928-1

I Ajay S/o Prakash Chand R/O C-39 Bindapur Extn have changed my name to Ajay Jain S/o Prakash Chand Jain 0070679927-1

I, Gazalla Parveen W/o Maqeem R/o 21/6121, Gali Sakke Wali Nawab Road, Sadar Bazar Delhi-110006 have changed my name to Ghazala Begum. 0040516939-1

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PUBLIC NOTICE

"Be it informed to the General Public at large that my client Smt. Kiranwati w/o Sh. Harpal Singh R/o B-265, Karan Vihar, Gali No.4, Part-III, Kirari Suleman Nagar, Delhi-110086 have severed all her relations with her son Vinod Kumar and his wife Smt. Kavita Devi & their children, as they all are out of control of my client and also debars and disowned them from all her movable and immovable properties due to their disobedient and quarrelsome nature. Any person dealing with them will be doing so, at his/her own risk and responsibilities. My client shall not be responsible in any manner."

Sd/-
(RAJ KUMAR)
Advocate
Ch. No.- 1405,
Rohini Courts, Delhi-85

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring under the notice of general public that my client Mohd. Suleman S/o Haji Babu Khan has purchased the property/ premises bearing Nos. 1959, 1960 & 1961 situated at Ganj Mir Khan, Chandni Mahal, Darya Ganj, New Delhi-110002, with its terrace/ roof rights measuring about 152 sq. Yds. or say about 127.09 sq. Mtrs., from SHRI DHARM PAL son of Late Shri Jai Ram, resident of 340, Village & Post Office Hiran Kudna, West Delhi, Delhi-110041 on 29.07.2019 vide Sale Deed registered with Sub-Registrar Asaf Ali Road, New Delhi-110002.

Sd/-
Jhum Jhum Sarkar
Advocate
B-19 East of Kailash, New Delhi

LOST & FOUND

I Mamta D/o Sh. Joginder Lal R/o 9/1044, Multani Mohalla, Gandhi Nagar, Delhi-110031 have lost original Agreement to Sell & Receipt executed on 19-01-1987 by Smt. Ram Bai in favour of Sh. Joginder Kumar of abovesaid property. Finders may contact at Mobile No.: 9717124603. 0040516933-5

I, have lost my original Marksheet & Certificate of Class 10th Roll No. 0478168 Year 2010, 12th Roll No.0345734 Year 2012, 10th Urdu Roll No. 4117897 Year 2014 issued by UP Board. Contact : MohammedImran R/O 241-B, Shakti Khand-1, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, UP-201014 Mob. 9910300194 0040516988-1

I, sahil chaudhary,s/o islam chaudhary R/o-B-202 kabir-nagar shahdara delhi-110094.,have lost my original-certificate class-10th year-2014 rollno-8135848 CBSE-Delhi. 0040516989-10

Lost Original Possession Letter of LIG Flat No.9,Pocket-G Group-2 Narela,Delhi issued by DDA favouring Late Smt.Shakuntala Gaur W/o Late Jugal Kishore founder may inform-Ajay Kumar Parashar S/o Late Jugal Kishore R/o-945 Tilak Gali Kashmere Gate Delhi-110006, #8587060035. 0040517045-10

I Komal Dabas D/o Om Prakash Lamba and W/o Mukesh Dabas R/o-WZ-126A, Gali-No.39, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-59, have Lost my original Property Paper(Registry),for Plot.No.A-18-19,WZ-167A,Subedar Market,Arya Samaj Road, Uttam Nagar, Delhi. Founder Contact:9810566332 0040516964-1

Lost original General Power of Attorney for Property No.Z-210, WHS Loha Mandi, Naraina,New Delhi. Founder inform Ram Pal Goel at: 9953409765 0040516936-3

Lost original Last Endorsement Page of Perpetual lease for property No.Z-234, WHS Loha Mandi, Naraina, New Delhi. Founder inform Smt. Krishna Garg. Mobile:9811119375 0040516936-4

Lost original Perpetual Lease Deed for Property No. X-45, WHS Loha Mandi, Naraina,New Delhi. Founder inform Vinod Kumar Jain at:9810040100 0040516936-2

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the public at large that my client Smt. B. Prema W/o Sh. Sudershan Rawat, R/o. B-1/153, Vijay Enclave, New Delhi-110045 hereby cancelled her General Power of Attorney, Agreement to Sell, Will etc. all dated 31.05.2019, which were executed in favour of Sh. Om Prakash S/o Sh. Krishana Dev Prasad, in respect of second floor of the above mentioned property. If any person/s deals with him with regard to the above mentioned property, he/she/they shall be doing so at his/her/their own risk and costs and my client shall not be responsible for any act or deed committed by him.

Sd/- **(SATISH KUMAR TOMAR)**
Advocate
Ch. No. 511, Western Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to general public at large that my client Kulwant Kaur W/o Shanker Singh R/o A-64, Vikas Vihar, Nilothi Extn. Nangloi, New Delhi-110041 do hereby disown and debar her son Ranjeet Singh and daughter - in - law Manjeet Kaur from all her movable and immovable properties with immediate effect because they are out of control of my client. Anybody dealing with them shall be doing so at his/her/their own risk cost and responsibility.

Sd/- DAYA NAND, ADVOCATE
S.R.IInd, B Coumpus,Janakpuri, N.Delhi-

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the public at large that my clients VIJAY KUMAR S/O SHRI SARDARI LAL and his wife SMT. TRIPTA VIG both R/o H.NO.M-140, JAGAT RAM PARK, LAXMI NAGAR, SHAKARPUR, EAST, DELHI-110092 thereby declaring/debarring/ disowning/ severed all relations with their son namely ABHINAV VIG and his wife SMT. SHWETA VIG and their female child from their lies, properties and state, moveable or immoveable situated at Delhi or outside of Delhi because he is not under the control of my clients. My clients are not responsible/liable for any acts, deeds and things done by the above named person since today.

SANJAYA SHARMA-ADVOCATE
Ch. No. 166, Lawyers Chamber, Saket Court, N.Delhi -110017

PUBLIC NOTICE

"Be it informed to the General Public at large that my client Smt. Kiranwati w/o Sh. Harpal Singh R/o B-265, Karan Vihar, Gali No.4, Part-III, Kirari Suleman Nagar, Delhi-110086 have severed all her relations with her son Yogesh Kumar and his wife Smt. Pinki @ Mamta & their children, as they all are out of control of my client and also debars and disowned them from all her movable and immovable properties due to their disobedient and quarrelsome nature. Any person dealing with them will be doing so, at his/her own .risk and responsibilities. My client shall not be responsible in any manner."

Sd/-
(RAJ KUMAR)
Advocate
Ch. No.- 1405,
Rohini Courts, Delhi-85

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Sd/-
(RAJ KUMAR)
Advocate
Ch. No.- 1405,
Rohini Courts, Delhi-85

PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that I Savitri Kumari D/o Aishi Ram R/o BG-6/40B,First Floor, Janta Flat, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063, owner of the above said Property. The original property documents ie DDA Demand Letter, DDA Possession Letter, NOC, Possession Slip in respect of Property No. BG-6/40B,First Floor, Janta Flat, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063 vide File no. J0192(986)86/PP/NP has been lost. An NCR to this effect has been lodged vide LR No. 818712/2017
Any person claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write/ contact with the above named person at above Address/ Phone No. 7042074054 within 15 days from the date of Publication of this Notice or Write to Dy. Director (LAB) Residential, C-Block, 3rd Floor, Vikas Sadan, New Delhi-110023

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for information of general public that my clients Mohd. Tahir S/o Tashim Ahmed & his wife namely Ruksana both resident of House No. F-79, Second Floor, Gali No.10, West Jawahar Park, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-92 have disowned their son namely Mohd. Kaif (Unmarried) & he shall have no right or concern with us or our moveable & immoveable properties. In future we shall not be held liable & responsible for the acts & deeds of said Mohd. Kaif and also all the credits, loans, debts of the said Mohd. Kaif shall be his responsibility & we shall not be held liable for the same.

Tarun Babbar Advocate,
En. No. D-3769/10

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients, Sh. Panna Lal S/o Sh. Dew Ram and Dharmwati Chauhan W/o Panna Lal, both R/o H. No. G-192, Top Floor, Arjun Nagar, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi-29, have disowned their son Sh. Rahul, presently residing at Jhuggi (Near Govt. Flat EF-646), Sarojni Nagar, N. Delhi-23. He is not entitled to reside with my client as well as he is also not entitled to any movable and immovable properties belonging to my client, aforesaid. All the relations of said properties belongings to my client aforesaid. All the relations of said Rahul have bee revoked for all purposes in future today i.a. 21.10.2019.

Brijendra Kulshrestha, Advocate
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सार्वजनिक सूचना

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि मेरे मुवक्किला सुमन पत्नी श्री बालक राम निवासी:-मंo नंo-**5344**, पर्वतिया कॉलोनी, नियर सन्त तारा चन्द स्कूल, सेक्टर-**28**, फरीदाबाद, हरियाणा-**121005**, ने अपने पुत्र राजेश व उसकी पत्नी श्रीमति शीला को उनके दुर्व्यवहार, गलत आचरण व झगडालू व्यवहार के कारण अपने समस्त चल अचल सम्पति से बेदखल कर, अपने समस्त संबंध विच्छेद कर लिये है। भविष्य में उक्त दोनों अपने समस्त कृत्यों व लेन-देन के लिए स्वयं जिम्मेदार होगें, उसके लिए मेरे मुवक्किल या उनके परिवार का कोई अन्य सदस्य किसी भी प्रकार से जिम्मेदार नहीं होगें।

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HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED

"A State Government Undertaking"
Corrigendum-I
Domestic Competitive Bidding (e-mode)
(Payment Gateway Service Provider for collection of electricity bills through online)

No. HPSEBL/CE(Comm)/e-Payment/Vol-V/Part-B/2019-1000284 Date: 11.10.2019

The last date of sale, submission and date of opening of Tender Notice No. HPSEBL/CE(Comm)/e-Payment/Vol-V/Part-B/2019-1000228 dated: 18.09.2019 is hereby rescheduled as below.

Tender No.	Estimate Cost Value (Rs. Lakh)	EMD (Rs. Lakhs)	Start date of sale of tender (after 11:00 AM)	Last date of sale of tender (up to 5:00PM)	Last date of submission of tender. (up to 3:00 PM)	Due date of opening of tender (at 11:00 AM)
HPSEBL/CE(Comm)/ e-Payment/Vol-V/2019-1	65.56	0.66	24.09.2019	19.10.2019	06.11.2019	07.11.2019

NOTES: All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.
2 Get registered at www.tenderwizard.com/HPSEB to obtain the tender documents. For "e-tendering Steps/Manual" please visit www.tenderwizard.com/HPSEB. (tender wizard helpdesk Nos. 8261022200, 8261033300 and 9625033300)

(Er. Ram Prakash)
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Odisha State Medical Corporation Limited (OSMCL)

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EOI Ref. No.: OSMCL/QA/EOI/01/2019-20 **Date: 21.10.2019**

Online Bids through e-Tender portal (https://tendersodisha.gov.in) are invited from interested bidders for **Empanelment of Drug Testing Laboratories** as per the particulars mentioned below:

Sl. No	Particulars	Date and time	
1	Date & time of release of bid	**25.10.2019, 3 PM**	
2	Date & time of Pre-offer meeting	**01.11.2019, 11:30 AM** Venue : Conference Hall, Odisha State Medical Corporation Ltd., Convent Square, Unit - III, Bhubaneswar.	
3	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time **06.11.2019 3 PM**	End Date & Time **03.12.2019, 6 PM**
4	Date & time for submission of EOI Documents and EMD amount as per section-IV of EOI documents	**04.12.2019, 10 AM**	**16.12.2019 till 5 PM**
5	Date & time of online Technical bid opening	**17.12.2019, 11:30 AM**	
6	Date of opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the qualified bidders	

The EOI document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of EOI document, EMD, pre-qualification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites: **www.osmcl.nic.in** and **https://tendersodisha.gov.in**. The Authority reserves the right to accept/ reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-
Managing Director
OSMC Ltd., Odisha

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

Thiruchirappalli City Municipal Corporation

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Main Office, No. 58, Bharathidasan Salai, Tiruchirappalli- 620 001, Tamil Nadu

Date	11 October ,2019
Loan No. and Title:	49107-IND : Tamil Nadu Urban Flagship Investment Program – Tranche 2
Contract No. and Title:	Tender Notice No. 342/2019-20 Providing sewerage collection system in zone – 5 to 12 for UGSS – Phase III in Trichy City Corporation (Thiruverumbur, Ponmalaipatty, Kajamalai K.K.Nagar, Edamalai Patti Pudur and Karumandapam)
Deadline for submission of Bids:	16 December 2019, 15:00 hrs. (IST)

1. India has applied for financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) toward the cost of **Tamil Nadu Urban Flagship Investment Program (TNUFIP) – Tranche 2.** Part of this financing will be used for payments under the contract named above. Bidding is open to Bidders from eligible source countries of the ADB.
2. **"The Commissioner, Tiruchirappalli City Municipal Corporation"** ("the Employer") invites sealed bids from the eligible Bidders for ***Providing sewerage collection system in zone – 5 to 12 for UGSS - Phase III in Trichy City Corporation (Thiruverumbur, Ponmalaipatty, Kajamalai K.K.Nagar, Edamalai Patti Pudur and Karumandapam) (the "Works").***
3. International competitive bidding will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Single-Stage: Two-Envelope bidding procedure and is open to all bidders from eligible countries as described in the Bidding Documents.
4. Only eligible Bidders with the following key qualifications should participate in this bidding:
   - Minimum average annual construction turnover of **INR 1453.50 Million,** calculated as total certified received payments for contracts in progress or completed, within the last five (5) years.
   - Has Financial resources, less its financial obligations for its current contract commitments defined, meet or exceed the total requirement for the Subject Contract of **INR 242.30 Million.**
   - Participation in at least one (1) contract that has been successfully or substantially completed within the last five (5) years and that is similar to the proposed works, where the value of the Bidder's participation exceeds **INR 1453.50 Million.** The similarity of the Bidder's participation shall be based on the physical size, nature of works, complexity methods, technology, or other characteristic as described in section-6 (Employer's Requirements).
   - Meets other Personnel and Equipment requirements as stipulated in the Bidding Documents.

   However, for complete eligibility and qualification requirements, bid documents should be referred.
5. To obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents, Bidders should contact:
   The City Engineer,
   Tiruchirappalli City Municipal Corporation,
   Main Office, No.58, Bharathidasan Salai,
   Tiruchirappalli-620 001
   Telephone: 0431-2415329
   E-mail: commr.trichy@tn.gov.in
6. A Pre-bid meeting shall take place on **25 November 2019 at 11.00 hrs. (IST)** at the address stated above.
7. To purchase the bidding document in English language, eligible Bidders should:
   - Visit the office of the Employer at address stated above and pay a non-refundable fee of INR 1000 + GST towards the cost of bidding document in the form of Bank Demand Draft in favor of the Commissioner, Tiruchirappalli City Municipal Corporation, Tiruchirappalli.
   - In case of written request, the document will be sent by post/courier. The Bidders who wish to receive the bidding document by post/courier shall have to pay an additional amount of INR 4000 for delivery within India or USD 100 for delivery outside India. The method of payment will be through bank demand draft in favor of the Commissioner Tiruchirappalli City Municipal Corporation, Tiruchirappalli. No liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery.
   - Eligible bidders may otherwise download the bidding document in English language from any of the following websites:
     - **https://tntenders.gov.in** • **http://www.trichycorporation.gov.in**
8. Deliver your bids:
   - **To the address above**
   - **On or before the deadline: 16 December 2019 15:00 hrs. (IST)**
   - Together with a Bid Security as described in the Bidding Document.

Electronic submission is not allowed.
Bids will be opened on **16 December 2019 at 15.30 hrs (IST)** in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend, whereas the Financial Bids shall remain sealed and unopened and shall be placed locked. The Financial Bids of only Technically Responsive and Qualified Bidders shall be opened after technical bids evaluation, whereas, the financial bids of those Bidders whose technical bids are not responsive and qualified shall be returned unopened after the contract is awarded.

Commissioner
Tiruchirappalli City Corporation

DIPR/ 3766 /TENDER/2019

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GOLD	RUPEE	OIL	SILVER
₹38,810	₹70.94	$59.56	₹46,690

*Indian basket as on October 21, 2019

SENSEX: 38,963.84 ▼ 334.54 **NIFTY:** 11,588.35 ▼ 73.50 **NIKKEI:** 22,548.90 ▲ 56.22 **HANG SENG:** 26,786.20 ▲ 60.52 **FTSE:** 7,193.90 ▲ 30.26 **DAX:** 12,757.73 ▲ 9.77

International market data till 1900 GMT

POLICY WATCH
DRONES

Anti-drone tech rules finalised; deployment based on sensitivity of installations

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

Full-scale protection model for critical assets such as Rashtrapati Bhawan, Parliament House, nuclear installations, airports

THE GOVERNMENT has finalised National Counter Rogue Drone Guidelines, with an aim to lay down an array of counter-rogue drone measures and guidelines that can be deployed for handling the threats to installations from unmanned aircraft systems. In the guidelines, the Ministry of Civil Aviation has suggested a counter-rogue drone deployment plan, categorised across three levels, based on the sensitivity of vital assets and installations.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued no-permission, no-takeoff (NPNT) regulations for drones that prescribe a built-in firewall, which prevents drones without the necessary permissions from taking off. While NPNT norms are a first in the world across countries flying drones, experts argue that the restrictions can only be made applicable to aircraft that are rolled out now. For those already in the market — estimated to be over half a million as per a government document — anti-drone technology and regulations are deemed necessary to prevent any untoward incidents.

"The strategic installations differ from state to state and place to place, based on their geographical condition, criticality and construction type. In view of the requirement of numerous C-UAS (counter-unmanned aircraft system) systems for protection of strategic installations in the country, a realistic vulnerability analysis of identified VAs/VPs (vital areas/vital points) by specialist security agencies based on impact assessment from different category of drones, natural camouflage and local security scenario etc needs to be conducted by MHA (Ministry of Home Affairs) and state home departments to finalise the requirement of C-UAS protection," as per the document detailing the guidelines that was reviewed by *The Indian Express*.

The three models suggested in the guidelines include the full-scale model for protection of vital assets of critical national importance like Rashtrapati Bhawan, Parliament House, nuclear installations, major airports, etc; the mid-segment model for installations like metro airports, oil refineries, ports, and power plants; and basic model for state secretariats, important official premises, monuments of national importance etc.

In case of the full-scale category, the guidelines suggest a C-UAS model that consists of primary and passive detection means like radar, radio frequency (RF) detectors, electro-optical, and infrared cameras. In addition to this, soft kill and hard kill measures like RF jammers, GPS spoofers, lasers, and drone catching nets are also suggested to be installed. Similarly, for the mid-segment and basic models, lower level of threat mitigation techniques have been suggested.

In addition to the counter rogue drone deployment models, the civil aviation ministry has also suggested a set of legal procedures to handle rogue drones.

"In most countries, signal jamming devices for RF and GPS jamming and seizing control of aircraft, including the more advanced directed systems and other kinetic and non-kinetic means for interception of drones are either illegal or restricted...As the drone industry continues to expand in India, it is essential that necessary legal provisions are framed to authorise the designated law enforcement agencies to protect the public/vital assets from rogue drones. The legislation shall contain safeguards to ensure that the use of Counter-UAS authority will be risk-based and coordinated closely among relevant departments and agencies to mitigate adverse impacts to the safety, efficiency and accessibility to the Indian airspace to the maximum extent feasible," the ministry noted.

It has suggested a legal framework to be prepared for authorised use of C-UAS systems by security agencies for protecting vital assets, safeguarding manned aviation, supporting law enforcement activities, protecting national borders and conducting operations.

The genesis of the counter rogue drone guidelines lies in the rising number of drone-related safety incidents across the world including in India. In the recent years, multiple incidents of sightings of drones in near vicinity to commercial airliners and major airports like New Delhi and Mumbai have been reported. Further, the civil aviation ministry has exhorted that the upsurge in drone use has increased the threat quotient for VVIPs who can be targeted through the rogue drones.

"Recent incidents of utilisation of drones to target VVIPs in Venezuela and operations of such platforms dangerously close to dignitaries in Germany, Japan and the US are a stark reminder of the threat level from errant and rogue drones," it said.

INVESTIGATION INTO WHISTLEBLOWER ALLEGATIONS OF MISGOVERNANCE AGAINST TOP MANAGEMENT

Infy asks CEO, CFO to recuse from probe

JOHNSON T A
BENGALURU, OCTOBER 22

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY firm Infosys has asked CEO Salil Parekh and CFO Nilanjan Roy to recuse themselves from internal investigations into allegations of misgovernance against them. This comes in the wake of emergence of whistleblower allegations of cover up of costs by the top management to boost revenue numbers.

The audit committee at Infosys has assigned the investigation of the "generalised allegations" of wrongdoing by the top management to the law firm Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.

In order "to ensure independence in these investigations, the CEO and CFO have been recused from this matter,'" non-executive chairman of Infosys and co-founder Nandan Nilekani said in a statement shared with the stock exchanges on Tuesday evening.

Anonymous whistleblower allegations of wrongdoing have surfaced at Infosys, with letters of accusations of "unethical practices" and "accounting irregularities" sent to a Infosys board member and US Securities and Exchange Commission's whistleblower program.

Infosys officially acknowledged the whistleblower complaints on Monday, saying it has been referred to an audit committee for considering the next course of action.

On Tuesday, Nilekani provided a broader statement on the nature of the complaints and the course of action the company has taken.

"One Board member received two anonymous complaints on September 30, 2019 one dated September 20, 2019 titled "Disturbing unethical practices" and the second undated with the title, "Whistleblower Complaint," an Infosys statement attributed to Nilekani said on Tuesday.

These complaints were placed before the audit committee on October 10, 2019, and before the non-executive members of the board on October 11, 2019, the Infosys co-founder has stated.

The complaint regarding "unethical practices" states that whistleblower employees were in possession of emails and audio recordings of the company CEO asking for the hiding of costs incurred on visas and reversals of upfront payments in contracts. The undated "whistleblower complaint" contained allegations about the CEO's travel to the US and Mumbai, Infosys has stated.

"Additionally, on October 16, 2019, the company was made aware of a letter dated October 3, 2019, which was purportedly written to the Office of Whistleblower protection program, Washington DC. This letter refers to the September 20, 2019, complaint, and to emails and voice recordings in support of the allegations," the Infosys Ltd chairman said Tuesday.

"Although we have not been provided any of the emails or voice recordings, we will ensure that the generalised allegations are investigated to the fullest extent," says the Nilekani statement.

The audit committee at Infosys, comprising board members, in consultation with independent auditors EY have drawn up the terms of investigation and, on Monday, the committee assigned the investigation to Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co, Nilekani said.

"The Board, in consultation with the Audit Committee, will take such steps as may be appropriate based on the outcome of the investigation. Our statutory auditors, Deloitte, India have also been completely updated on this matter post the board meeting of October 11, 2019," he said.

"Because the investigation is ongoing there will be no further comment so that investigation may be conducted in a thorough and objective manner. At the appropriate time we will provide a summary of the investigations results. The board is committed to uphold highest standard of corporate governance and protect the interests of all stakeholders," Nilekani said.

Infosys has posted positive results for the first two quarters of the current fiscal year.

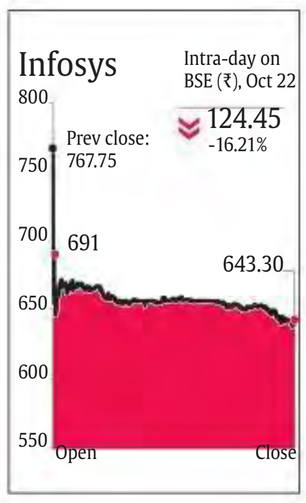
In the quarter ended September 30, the firm reported a revenue growth of 9.9 per cent year on year in dollar terms at $ 3,210 million and an operating margin of 21.7 per cent. In the previous quarter Infosys reported a revenue jump of 10.6 per cent year on year at $ 3,131 million.

American firm readies class action suit to recover losses

New Delhi: Even as Infosys battles whistleblower allegations of using aggressive accounting methods to boost its revenues and margin, a US-based law firm, Rosen Law Firm, which specialises in securities class actions, said it was preparing such a suit to recover losses suffered by the investors.

"Rosen Law Firm is preparing a class action lawsuit to recover losses suffered by Infosys investors," it said in a statement.

These kind of lawsuits are common in the case of stocks listed in the exchanges in the US whenever there's some negative news related to companies which see a drop in share prices. **FE**



Stock plunges 16%

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 22

IT MAJOR Infosys on Tuesday crashed 16 per cent following allegations of "unethical practices" against the company's top officials, pulling down the BSE Sensex 334.54 points, or 0.85 per cent, at 38,963.84.

The tech blue chip closed 16.21 per cent lower at Rs 643.30 on the BSE, wiping out over Rs 50,000 crore (US$7 billion) from the company's market valuation at Rs 2.76 lakh crore. The company's shares tanked nearly 17 per cent in their worst intraday fall in over six years during the day after the company said it is investigating claims by anonymous whistleblowers about irregular accounting. It hit an intra-day low of 38,924.85 and a high of 39,426.47.

Mutual funds which hold 13 per cent stake in Infosys and foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) who account for 33.45 per cent stake were big losers in the Infosys crash. The market value of their holdings has fallen by nearly Rs 23,250 crore. Promoters who hold 13.15 per cent stake have seen a fall of Rs 6,575 crore in the value of their holdings.

An anonymous group of the IT major's employees accused CEO Salil Parekh and CFO Nilanjan Roy of indulging in "unethical practices". The firm confirmed having received the complaint and said that the same had been placed before the audit committee as per the company's policies.

Sectorally, BSE IT and teck suffered a major blow due to Infosys crisis — losing as much as 7 per cent. "IT index was the top loser (down 7 per cent) as IT major Infosys was accused of unethical business practices by a whistleblower group," said Ajit Mishra Vice President, Research, Religare Broking.

The broader NSE Nifty too tumbled 73.50 points, or 0.63 per cent, to settle at 11,588.35. Telecom, metal and auto were among the other sectoral losers. On the other hand, BSE healthcare, consumer durables, bankex, finance, oil and gas, FMCG and realty indices rose up to 1.56 per cent.

EXPLAINED

Stock not out of the woods yet

INFOSYS' SHARES tanked about 16 per cent in their worst intraday fall in over six years during the day, after the company said it is investigating claims by anonymous whistleblowers about irregular accounting. However, the stock is likely to remain under pressure until the audit committee clears the management of any wrongdoing.

'Dhoni, Tendulkar riskiest celebrities to search online'

An online search for cricketer M S Dhoni has the highest possibility of taking you to malicious websites, a McAfee study said

OTHER INDIAN CELEBRITIES IN THE LIST WHOSE NAMES ARE USED TO LURE UNSUSPECTING FANS TO SUCH WEBSITES:
- Sachin Tendulkar, Cricketer
- Radhika Apte, Actress
- Shraddha Kapoor, Actress
- P V Sindhu, Badminton player

PIRATED CONTENT WHICH NETIZENS OFTEN LOOK FOR FREE:
- Major sports events
- Movies
- TV shows
- Images of their favourite superstars

DHONI AND TENDULKAR
The two celebrities occupy the top honours in the Dangerous Celebrity list

SUNNY LEONE
The movie star is fourth on the list, behind TV actor Gautam Gulati

SOFT TARGETS
The young, digital native population continues to spend more time online due to cheaper data, smart devices

SAFETY MEASURES
- Wait for the official release of content on safe websites
- Refrain from using illegal streaming sites
- Use widely available security products

NETIZENS OFTEN look for free and pirated content. They may not be aware of the risks that malicious websites can pose, said Venkat Krishnapur, MD

India 'fundamental' to Uber's growth: CEO

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 22

Dara Khosrowshahi. *Reuters*

UBER ON Tuesday said India is "fundamental" to the ride-hailing firm's growth strategy. The firm that competes with Ola in the market launched its public transport services in the Capital — a first for Uber in Asia and the ninth city globally. In the next 10 years, the company's growth will be defined by markets like India, Africa and the Middle-East, said CEO Dara Khosrowshahi.

"Profitability metric of our business here (India) is improving. We will continue to remain and invest here," said Khosrowshahi.

The public transport service, launched in partnership with Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC), will feature as an option on the Uber app and will allow riders to see the fastest and cheapest routes, real-time schedules as well as departure time for public transportation including the metro, buses and walking directions to and from nearby metro stations and buses (as of now limited to metros, will be extended to buses in near future). **FE**

Axis Bank posts net loss of ₹112 cr in Q2 on tax impact

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 22

AXIS BANK has reported a net loss of Rs 112.08 crore on a standalone basis for the second quarter ended September of the current fiscal due to a one-time tax impact as against a net profit of Rs 789.61 crore in the corresponding of quarter of the previous fiscal.

The net loss of Rs 112 crore for the quarter was driven by a one-time tax impact of Rs 2,138 crore due to changes in corporate tax rate, the bank said.

KEY FINANCIALS

- **The net loss of Rs 112 crore for the quarter was driven by a one-time tax impact of Rs 2,138 crore due to changes in corporate tax rate.**
- **Excluding this extraordinary item, the profit after tax would have been Rs 2,026 crore.**
- **Income (standalone) rose to Rs 19,333.57 crore in Q2, from Rs 15,959.37 crore in the year-ago period.**
- **The bank showed improvement in asset quality, with gross NPAs falling to 5.03 per cent of gross advances at the end of September 2019.**

Excluding this extraordinary item, the profit after tax would have been Rs 2,026 crore, up 157 per cent year-on-year, it said. The bank's total income (standalone) rose to Rs 19,333.57 crore in the second quarter of 2019-20 from Rs 15,959.37 crore in same period last year, it said.

The bank showed improvement on asset quality, with gross non-performing assets (NPAs) falling to 5.03 per cent of gross advances at the end of September 2019 from 5.96 per cent a year ago. Net NPAs stood at 1.99 per cent as against 2.54 per cent a year ago.

Shares of Axis Bank on Tuesday closed 0.49 per cent higher at Rs 712.70 on the BSE.

The bank's net interest income (NII) grew 17 per cent to Rs 6,102 crore during the September quarter from Rs 5,232 crore in Q2 of last year. Net interest margin stood at 3.51 per cent. Non-Interest Income (comprising of fee, trading profit and miscellaneous income) for Q2 of FY20 grew 45 per cent to Rs 3,896 crore as against Rs 2,678 crore during the same period last year.

The bank's advances grew 14 per cent to Rs 521,594 crore as on September 30, 2019. Domestic loans grew 19 per cent, it said.

Kotak Mahindra Bank net rises 51% to ₹1,724 cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 22

PRIVATE LENDER Kotak Mahindra Bank on Tuesday reported a 51 per cent year-on-year rise in its net profit to Rs 1,724.48 crore for the quarter ended September, on the back of a 25 per cent rise in its net interest income and cut in corporate taxes. Net interest income (NII) — the difference between interest earned and interest expended — saw an increase of 25 per cent year-on-year to Rs 3,350 crore. Net interest margin (NIM) stood at 4.61 per cent—higher by 42 basis points y-o-y.

Gross non-performing assets (NPAs) increased 15 bps sequentially to 2.17 per cent, while net NPAs inched up 11 bps to 0.82 per cent. Provisions increased 35 per cent sequentially to Rs 473.10 crore in Q2FY20.

President and Group chief financial officer Jaimin Bhatt said the slippages for H1 stood at Rs 1,800 crore, which is 1.7 per cent of the advances. For the quarter, the figure stands at roughly Rs 1,000 crore, he added. He said the uptick in NPAs were across all segments. The bank's advances increased 15 per cent to Rs 2.13 lakh crore. Average savings deposits grew by 20 per cent to Rs 80,425 crore, and average current account deposits grew 22 per cent to Rs 33,216 crore. **FE**

Centre relaxes gift policy for employees

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

All officials under Groups 'A' and 'B' categories shall not accept any gift without the sanction of the government if the value exceeds Rs 5,000, they said, citing recently amended rules

THE CENTRAL government has increased the monetary limits for accepting gifts for all its employees, relaxing the ceiling by more than three-fold, officials said on Tuesday.

All officials under Groups 'A' and 'B' categories shall not accept any gift without the sanction of the government if the value exceeds Rs 5,000, they said, citing recently amended rules.

The limit to accept gifts for these groups of employees was Rs 1,500 earlier.

Similarly, Group 'C' employees will be able to accept gifts up to Rs 2,000 instead of Rs 500 without taking government approval.

Government employees under Group 'A' are senior officials. Government employees under Group 'B' could either be gazetted or non-gazetted officials. Most clerical posts and multi-tasking staff fall under Group 'C'.

Officials said the ceiling limits were revised to bring them on par with those for the three all India services — Indian Administrative Service, Indian Police Service and Indian Forest Service.

Gifts include free transport, boarding, lodging or other pecuniary advantage when provided by any person other than a near relative or personal friend having no official dealings with the government servant.

A casual meal, lift or other social hospitality is not considered a gift, according to existing rules.

The government has also removed the limit of Rs 1,000 for government employees to receive and retain gifts from foreign dignitaries.

"A government servant, being a member of the Indian delegation or otherwise, may receive and retain gifts from foreign dignitaries in accordance with the provisions of The Foreign Contribution (Acceptance or Retention of Gifts or Presentation) Rules, 2012, as amended from time to time," a Personnel Ministry order said, without citing further details.

Existing rules bar a government servant from accepting any gifts from a foreign firm which is either contracting with the government of India or is one with which the government servant had, has or is likely to have official dealings.

Gifts received from foreign dignitaries, from known or unknown sources are usually deposited with the 'toshakhana' — a repository of such articles.

US yields slide on Brexit, China trade uncertainty

New York: US long-dated Treasury yields dropped from five-week highs on Tuesday, in line with a global trend, as investors turned cautious and awaited further news on Britain's eventual exit from the European Union and more details about the US-China trade deal.

In late morning trading, US 10-year note yields fell to 1.78 per cent from 1.792 per cent late on Monday. Earlier in the global session, 10-year yields hit a five-week high of 1.81 per cent. Yields on 30-year bonds were down at 2.261 per cent, from 2.284 per cent on Monday, touching a five-week peak earlier of 2.299 per cent. On the short-end of the curve, US two-year yields were steady at 1.610 per cent. **REUTERS**

'China offers tariff-free quota for 10 mt of US soybean purchases'

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CHINA ON Tuesday offered 10 million tonnes of tariff-free quota to major Chinese and international soybean crushers to import soybeans from the United States, according to two people briefed on the matter.

The quota to import US soybeans was offered to state-owned crushers, privately owned crushers and major international trading houses with crushing plants in China at a meeting called by the state planner, said the sources who were briefed by people that attended.

No one at the state planner, the National Development and Reform Commission, answered the phone after business hours.

The meeting comes after US President Donald Trump said China had agreed to buy up to $50 billion of US farm products annually during trade talks earlier this month. However in the week following the talks, China bought at least eight cargoes, or 480,000 tonnes worth $173 million, of Brazilian soybeans and steered clear of the US market, traders said.

STRIKE IMPACTS BANKING SERVICES

Posters mentioning bank strike, pasted in front of Allahabad Bank in New Delhi. *Praveen Khanna*

- **Banking operations across India were partially hit on Tuesday as 4 lakh employees of public sector banks, a few old generation private and foreign banks went on a one-day strike to protest the Centre's merger plan for PSBs.**
- **The one-day strike has been called by two bank employees unions — All India Banks Employees Association and Bank Employees Federation of India. In August, the Centre announced a plan to merge 10 PSBs into four.**
- **Last month, officers' unions had called a two-day all India bank strike on September 26 and 27, which was later withdrawn following the intervention of the Central government's. PTI**

2009 SATYAM COMPUTER FRAUD

Sebi moves SC against SAT order quashing ban on Price Waterhouse

INDU BHAN
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

The Securities and Exchange Board of India had in January last year barred Price Waterhouse and two auditors from auditing listed companies

MARKET REGULATOR Sebi on Tuesday moved the Supreme Court, challenging the Securities Appellate Tribunal's order that quashed its two-year ban imposed on audit firm Price Waterhouse (PW) in the wake of the Satyam Computer fraud in 2009.

Sebi had, in January last year, barred Price Waterhouse (PW) and two auditors — S Gopalakrishnan and Srinivas Talluri — from auditing listed companies and had also directed the latter not to engage any audit firm forming part of the Price Waterhouse network. The ban order was passed on the grounds that the auditors had totally abdicated their "duty to follow the minimum standards of diligence and care expected from a statutory auditor, compelling the Whole Time Member (of Sebi) to draw an inference of malafides" and their involvement in the "large scale financial manipulations of Satyam Computer Services Ltd."

The fraud dates back to 2009 when Satyam Computer founder B Ramalinga Raju confessed to cooking the company's books and inflating profits. Satyam's board was superseded and later the company was auctioned and taken over by Tech Mahindra.

On appeal, SAT on September 9 ruled that negligence does not amount to misconduct and if the audit of Satyam was conducted in a careless or reckless manner by the audit firm, then action can only be taken by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and not by Sebi. But SAT upheld Sebi's move on disgorgement of Rs 13 crore from the auditor along with interest of 12 per cent since 2007 for the wrongful gain.

Challenging the tribunal's order, Sebi told the SC that these auditors had ignored vital materials like the internal audit report which flagged material discrepancies in reconciliation of the invoices.

Besides, Sebi found that the auditors had failed to get independent verification of the cash and bank balances done from banks for a period of eight years and had instead relied on purported one-line confirmation given by Satyam itself, it said. Thus, "the current account balance of Rs 1,731.88 crore and the FD balance of Rs 3,318.37 crore projected in the accounts of Satyam as on September 30, 2008, and as audited by PW throughout the previous 8 years and wrongly published to the world at large was without following the procedures mandated under prescribed accounting standards," the appeal filed through counsel Pratap Venugopal stated.

According to the market regulator, the verification of the invoice management system was done in a perfunctory manner by the statutory auditors in total disregard of the accounting standards and the ICAI guidelines, the auditors ignored the internal audit findings on invoices and did not evaluate other audit evidences regarding the financial statement assertion being audited, they also clearly obfuscated the true position to the investors by deliberately skipping other steps of auditing, and all this was sufficient to establish the auditors' complicity, acquiescence, negligence and collusion with the company and its promoters and would amount to "fraud" as contemplated under the Sebi Act." **FE**

BRIEFLY

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank gets IPO nod

New Delhi: Ujjivan Small Finance Bank has received Sebi's go-ahead to raise Rs 1,200 crore through an IPO.

PM meets JP Morgan Int'l Council

New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi has met with members of JP Morgan International Council and told them about efforts being made to make India a $5-trillion economy by 2024-25.

'Govt to change definition of MSMEs'

New Delhi: The Centre will soon make changes to the definition of MSMEs, Minister of MSMEs Nitin Gadkari said on Tuesday. **PTI**

Yes Bank wins Digital Payments Award

New Delhi: Yes Bank won the DigiDhan Mission Digital Payments Award 2018-19 for 'Overall Performance in Digital Payments' at the MeitY Startup Summit 2019 on Tuesday. Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Communication, Electronics & IT and Law & Justice presented the award. Ritesh Pai, chief digital officer at Yes Bank said: "The prestigious recognition ... is a testament to the bank's leadership in the Digital Payments space, backed by robust innovation and technology frameworks. Yes Bank is proud to be at the forefront of innovations by bringing futuristic technologies to the present banking system and redefining customer experience." **ENS**

Toyota plans compact EV with Suzuki

Tokyo: Japanese auto major Toyota Motor Corporation has said it plans to introduce a compact battery electric vehicle in India in association with compatriot Suzuki Motor Corporation. **PTI**

NAA finds Glenmark guilty of not passing GST rate cut on sanitary napkin

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

ANTI-PROFITEERING watchdog has held Glenmark Pharmaceuticals guilty of not passing GST rate cut benefit on sanitary napkin to customers.

The GST Council, in July 2018, reduced the tax rate on sanitary napkin from 12 per cent to nil and it was expected that the companies would pass on the entire benefit of rate cut to customers. The Directorate General of Anti-Profiteering (DGAP) found that the decision of cutting GST rate to nil resulted in additional burden of 8.39 per cent on account of non-availability of input tax credit (ITC).

However, the price should have come down as the rate cut on sanitary napkin was 12 per cent but Glenmark did not reduce the prices. The National Anti-profiteering Authority (NAA), after hearing the contention of the company, ruled that Glenmark has "denied the benefit of rate reduction to the buyers of product sanitary napkin ... and resorted to profiteering" and would be liable for penalty under the GST law.

Govt to introduce online proficiency test for independent directors

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The requirement of test will not be applicable for certain categories of individuals, including those who have served for at least 10 years as director or key managerial personnel

IN A step to bolster corporate governance standards, the government will introduce an online proficiency self-assessment test for independent directors from December 1.

The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), which comes under the corporate affairs ministry, would maintain a data bank of independent directors as well as conduct the proficiency test, according to notifications issued on Tuesday. The requirement of test will not be applicable for certain categories of individuals, including those who have served for at least 10 years as director or key managerial personnel in a company. Individuals, other than those exempted, have to pass the test within one year from the date of inclusion of their names in the independent directors' data bank maintained by the IICA, as per the ministry.

In case of failure to pass the test, the name of the individual will be removed from the data bank. There will be no limit on the number of attempts for an individual to clear the test.

A senior ministry official said these are progressive steps that would enhance corporate governance standards as well as provide a sufficiently flexible framework to comply with.

Independent directors have a substantial role in ensuring good governance practices at corporates. In recent times, many individuals have come under the regulatory lens in connection with irregularities at companies where they were serving as independent directors. Besides, a company has to provide a statement regarding opinion of its board over the integrity, expertise and experience, including proficiency, of an independent director appointed during a particular year.

OPEC, allies to discuss deeper oil cut next week

REUTERS
DUBAI/MOSCOW/LONDON, OCTOBER 22

OPEC AND its allies will consider whether to deepen cuts to crude supply when they next meet in December due to worries about weak demand growth in 2020, sources from the oil-producing club said.

Saudi Arabia, OPEC's de facto leader, wants to focus first on boosting adherence to the group's production-reduction pact with Russia and other non-members, an alliance known as OPEC+, before committing to more cuts, the sources said.

OPEC members Iraq and Nigeria are among the countries that have failed to comply properly with pledged output reductions. Saudi Arabia and other Gulf producers in the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries have been delivering more than their share of promised cuts to stabilise the market and prevent prices from falling.

Riyadh has been pumping some 300,000 barrels per day (bpd) below its output target, taking the lion's share of the curbs.

Framework issued by Sebi for listing of commercial paper

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

MARKETS REGULATOR Sebi on Tuesday came out with a framework for listing of commercial papers on stock exchanges in order to broaden investor participation in such securities.

To enable listing of commercial papers (CPs) and to ensure investor protection, Sebi noted that it is important that issuers, who intend to list such securities, make appropriate disclosures at the time of listing and on a continuous basis. The disclosure framework has been based on the recommendation of the Corporate Bonds and Securitisation Advisory Committee (CoBoSAC), chaired by H R Khan, former deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Sebi said in a circular.

Under the guidelines, Sebi said an issuer who desires to list its CP needs to send an application for listing along with the specified disclosures to the stock exchanges.

The disclosures pertain to details of the issuers, information related to change in directors as well as auditors in past three financial years, including any change in the current year, details of top-10 holders of equity shares, debt securities and CP of the company, any material information and details of borrowings of the company, as on the latest quarter end.

The issuer will also have to disclose financial results, asset liability management and details of the issue.

Boeing makes progress on 737 MAX, but US FAA needs weeks to review

DAVID SHEPARDSON
WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 22

BOEING CO is making progress toward getting its 737 MAX aircraft in the air again, but the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will need at least several more weeks for review, FAA Administrator Steve Dickson said on Tuesday.

Boeing and the FAA are grappling to contain a crisis in the wake of two deadly 737 MAX crashes that have left 346 people dead, forced airlines to ground more than 300 aircraft, and put on hold Boeing deliveries worth more than $500 billion.

Boeing has said it hopes to resume 737 MAX flights later this year, although major US and Canadian airlines have cancelled MAX flights into January or February.

Dickson said at a conference of air traffic controllers in Washington that the agency had received the "final software load" and "complete system description" of revisions to the plane, which was grounded in March.

The FAA is currently using "aircraft production software" in the engineering simulator. The next step is to complete pilot workload management testing and have US and international pilots conduct scenarios to determine training requirements before a key certification test flight. "It is going to be several more weeks before we go through all of that part of the process," Dickson said. **REUTERS**

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH

Tender Notice No. PI(EP)/19-20/08 Phone No. 0172-2756469

Sealed tenders are invited from the manufacturers or their sole authorized distributors/ agents on the prescribed form for purchase of various items against tender No. 1-46 The manufacturers and their authorized dealers / distributors can offer their minimum rates as per terms & conditions contained in the Tender Form:-

Sr. No.	Equipment/ Item Name	Quantity	EMD	Opening Date
	Non Pre Bid cases			
1.	RVG	05No's	60,000/-	03.12.2019
2.	Video Assisted Thoracoscopic Surgery (VATS Instruments)	As per technical specifications	3,00,000/-	-do-
3.	Nephlometer	01No's	20,000/-	-do-
4.	Automated DNA Extraction System	01No's	50,000/-	-do-
5.	Water Purification System	01No's	30,000/-	-do-
6.	Weight Monitoring Beds with Matters	07No's	35,000/-	-do-
7.	Refrigerated Centrifuge (Table Top with Swing Bucket Rotor	02No's	40,000/-	04.12.2019
8.	Refrigerated Centrifuge (Floor Model)	02No's	48,000/-	-do-
9.	Spot Welders	04No's	32,000/-	-do-
10.	Polysomnography with Video EEG Machine	01No's	66,000/-	-do-
11.	TEG Hemostasis System	01No's	12,000/-	-do-
12.	EEG Machine for small animals	01No's	30,000/-	-do-
13.	Exhaled Nitric Oxide Equipment (Fraction of Exhaled Nitric Oxide), FENO Analyzer	01No's	30,000/-	05.12.2019
14.	Microtome	01No's	20,000/-	-do-
15.	Digital Alginate Mixer	05No's	24,000/-	-do-
16.	Clinical and Laboratory Database management Software	01No's	30,000/-	-do-
17.	Electrosurgical Unit	01No's	40,000/-	-do-
18.	Fiber Bronchscapes	01No's	10,000/-	-do-
19.	Rigi Scan Plus	01No's	20,000/-	06.12.2019
20.	Transport Ventilator-02 nos	02No's	40,000/-	-do-
21.	Intra Oral Examination (PMT) Sets	5000 Sets	1,00,000/-	-do-
22.	Research Teaching Dual Head Microscope	01No's	30,000/-	-do-
23.	Electro/ video-Nystagraphy (ENG/VNG)	01No's	84,000/-	-do-
24.	Anaesthesia workstation	01No's	60,000/-	-do-
25.	Anaerobic Gas Jarring System	As per technical specifications	25,000/-	09.12.2019
26.	Power Dermatome-02 nos.	02No's	24,000/-	-do-
27.	Research Microscopy Camera with Digital Data Storage Facility	01No's	32,000/-	-do-
28.	Purchase of Robotic Surgery Instruments	As per technical specifications	70,000/-	-do-
29.	Analytical Microbalance(Electronic)	01No's	24,000/-	-do-
30.	HD Endoscopic Camera and Medical Grade Monitor Grade Monitor-01 No.	01No's	36,000/-	-do-
	Pre Bid Cases			
31.	C Arm Vascular	02No's	3,60,000/-	10.12.2019
32.	CUSA-01 no.	01No's	1,60,000/-	-do-
33.	Laparoscopic Surgery Set-02 nos.	02No's	4,00,000/-	-do-
34.	Electrosurgical unit(Cautery Machine)	04No's	90,000/-	-do-
35.	Benchtop Flowcytometer	01No's	1,80,000/-	11.12.2019
36.	CCTV Camera	43No's	42,720/-	-do-
37.	Dental Chair and Units (Buy back basis)	09No's	2,40,000/-	-do-
38.	3 D Printer	01No's	80,000/-	-do-
39.	Intra Oral Scanner	02No's	1,24,000/-	12.12.2019
40.	Transport Incubator	02No's	60,000/-	-do-
41.	CCTV Camera	93No's	1,76,000/-	-do-
42.	Digital Photography Unit for Gross Specimen	01No's	40,000/-	-do-
43.	Radiation Survey meter cum Contamination monitor with personal dosimeter	01No's	10,000/-	13.12.2019
44.	Pattern Scan Laser-01	01No's	1,60,000/-	-do-
45.	Infant Lung Function Testing	01No's	1,40,000/-	-do-
46.	Ceiling Suspended O.T. Lights-02nos.	02No's	1,60,000/-	-do-

Tender List can also be downloaded from website www.pgimer.edu.in and Item wise Tender Form with specifications can be downloaded from website: **www.eprocure.gov.in**. Cost of Tender is Rs.200/- (non-refundable) which can deposited in the shape of Demand Draft in favour of Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) must be in the form of FDR /TDR valid for a period of one year from any scheduled bank in the name of the Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh. . EMD in any other form will not be accepted. Tender can be dropped in the tender box placed in the Procurement Branch (Import) manually by 2:30 PM on or before the date mentioned against respective item. The tenders shall be opened on the same date at 03:00 PM in the presence of the authorized intending tenders. Tenders not submitted on the prescribed form, not accompanied with valid Earnest Money and tender cost shall be summarily rejected straightway. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders received without assigning any reason thereof. **"PRE-BID CONFERENCE" WITH INTENDING BIDDERS FOR ITEM Sr. No. 31 to 46 shall be held on 01.11.2019 from 2.30 P.M. ONWARDS IN THE PI(EP), OFFICE, PGIMER, CHANDIGARH** For more details contact: 0172-2756469 at Procurement Branch (Import).
NOTE: If any of the tender opening dates happens to be a holiday in PGIMER, Chandigarh, then the same shall be opened on next full working day.

688/PGI **Professor In-Charge (EP).**

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// e-Tender Notice //

BIOM/BC/Contracts/Publication/2019-20/023 Date: 18/10/2019

Bailadila Iron Ore Mines, Bacheli Complex, NMDC Ltd. invites e-bids for the following works. Intending tenderers may visit and download Tender Documents from www.nmdc.co.in or http://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/ nmdc/.
The offer has to be submitted online at the given MSTC portal only till 03:30 PM and will be opened on 04:00 PM on respective last dates.

	MSTC Ref.No. NMDC/Bacheli	NMDC Tender. No. BIOM/BC	Short Description of Work	EMD @1% (Rs.)	Last Date of Submission
1	166/19-20/ ET/521	Civil/ CMC/ OTE/(23)/C-073	Construction of Retaining Wall of PWD Road, Bacheli	75,583/-	07/11/2019
2	167/19-20/ ET/522	Civil/ CMC/ OTE/(23)/C-076	CAMC of Cooler cum Purifier for two years	24,453/-	08/11/2019
3	168/19-20/ ET/523	ELEC/CMC/ OTE/(23)/P-006	Overhauling of C-29 Heavy Duty Critical Gearbox	53,027/-	09/11/2019
4	169/19-20/ ET/524	PLANT/CMC/ OTE/(23)/E-005	AMC for Maintenance and Calibration of Belt Scales	14,868/-	10/11/2019
5	170/19-20/ ET/525	SER/CMC/ OTE/(23)/SER-002	NDT, Structural Stability Test and proof Load Test	69,667/-	11/11/2019
6	171/19-20/ ET/526	ELEC/CMC/ OTE/(23)/E-006	Oil Testing of Power & Lighting Transformers	19,723/-	11/11/2019
7	-N/A-	CAMC/Appolo Hospital CMC/EOI/2019/01	Expression of Interest for CAMC of Medical equipments at NMDC Appollo Hospital, Bacheli Complex	-N/A-	15/11/2019

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BIOM, Bacheli Complex

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001
Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website: www.pspcl.in

E-Tender Enquiry No.: 241/P-3/EMP-W 11652 dt. 18.10.19 & **ID: 46475**
Scope of Work: Breakdown/Preventive Mtc. of ID/FD/PA/Seal Air Fans, ESPs, Ducting, Dampers and Gates including Overhauling of PA, SA Fans of 4x210 MW BHEL make units at GGSSTP, Ropar.

Completion Period: One Year.

EMD: 1.6 Lac.

Date & Time upto which Tender shall be Received : 26.11.2019 & 11.00 A.M.
Date & Time of Opening of Tender : 26.11.2019 & 11.30 A.M.

Tender Specification can only be downloaded from PSPCL website: https://pspcl.abcprocure.com/ & No Hard Copy of the same will be issued by this Office.

Note:
1. In case any difficulty regarding uploading of the Tender the prospective Bidders are requested to get Clarification from this Office and or M/s. e-Procurement Technologies Ltd. Contact No. **+91-(79)-6813 6833/54/48/49/50.** It is also requested to get their Digital Signature well in time so as to submit tenders through e-Tendering only.
2. 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 Official PSPCL website:- **www.pspcl.in**.

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M&A activity sluggish in Sept qtr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 22

MERGERS AND acquisitions (M&As) deal activity in the third quarter of calendar year 2019 witnessed a downtrend, with total values falling by more than half, compared to the same period last year, according to the Dealtracker report by Grant Thornton.

The report pointed out that total M&A values in Q32019 stood at $6.025 billion, compared to $13.185 billion in the same period last year. The downtrend was largely due to a 70 per cent fall in cross-border deal values, driven by a sharp fall in the outbound deal values that fell from $8 billion in Q32018 to $0.1 billion in Q32019. However, domestic and inbound M&A deal values retained their essence during the quarter. Volumes saw a drastic 28 per cent fall on the back of a 37 per cent fall in domestic deal volumes, the report said.

Though the M&A deal value levels in Q32019 did not match the levels seen through any of the quarters of 2018, the quarter recorded a strong 11 per cent increase in deal values compared to Q22019, which recorded deal values lowest in the last seven quarters. The start-up sector led the M&A deal values, driven by Ritesh Agarwal's acquisition of OYO rooms worth $2 billion, the largest deal for the quarter. Q32019 was dominated by M&A deals in the IT and ITeS sector, pushed by consolidation in the software development and IT solutions segment.

Further, core sectors like energy, infra, banking, pharma and manufacturing have succeeded in executing high-value deals with a view to build synergies, pare debt, for inorganic expansion, market capitalisation and divestment of non-core businesses amid stiff competition and uncertainties.

Pankaj Chopda, director, Grant Thornton India, said that despite the government's effort to revive sentiments, market performance remained muted due to global and domestic growth concerns. "Regardless of this drop (in M&A activity), it is encouraging to witness a steady pipeline of deals pushed by distressed asset acquisitions, acquisitions to accelerate topline growth through new and attractive market segments and new capabilities, and divestment of non-core assets or businesses, particularly in capital-intensive industries," he said. **FE**

'SoftBank clinches deal to take over WeWork'

REUTERS
ZURICH, OCTOBER 22

SOFTBANK GROUP Corp agreed to spend more than $10 billion to take over WeWork, doubling down on an ill-fated investment and paying off its co-founder Adam Neumann to relinquish control, people familiar with the matter said on Tuesday.

The deal represents a stunning reversal of fortune for the U.S. office-space sharing start-up, as well as its largest shareholder, SoftBank, which with the latest commitments will have spent more than $19 billion on a company that is now valued at just $8 billion.

The setback comes as SoftBank Chief Executive Masayoshi Son is seeking to convince investors to participate in the Japanese company's second mammoth Vision Fund, for which he is seeking to raise $108 billion. To stem WeWork's bleeding, SoftBank will need to reverse its widening losses and find a way to make it profitable.

The rescue financing also marks a dramatic fall from grace for Neumann, who as recently as last month was preparing to take WeWork public as chief executive after attaining a $47 billion valuation for it in January.

SoftBank to pay off WeWork co-founder Adam Neumann to relinquish control. *AP file photo*

While WeWork employees now face the prospect of thousands of layoffs, Neumann has secured a $685 million side deal with SoftBank to step down from the board of WeWork's owner, The We Company, the sources said. Neumann faced margins calls on his personal borrowings against WeWork's private stock as a result of the collapse of the company's valuation. SoftBank has agreed to give him $500 million to refinance his personal loans, as well as pay him a $185 million consulting fee, one of the sources said.

Reuters first reported on Monday that Neumann was negotiating stepping down from the board and would serve as an adviser.

SoftBank will provide $5 billion in new money to WeWork in the form of debt, the sources said. WeWork picked SoftBank's offer over an alternative $5 billion debt package submitted on Monday by JPMorgan Chase & Co, the sources added.

SoftBank will also accelerate a previous $1.5 billion equity commitment to WeWork in the form of warrants that are due in April, the sources said.

SoftBank will additionally launch a tender offer for up to $3 billion to acquire WeWork shares from existing investors and employees, the sources said. Neumann's ability to tender his shares will be capped at $970 million, one of the sources added. He currently owns a little over a fifth of WeWork, and is expected to retain a stake.

Based on the outcome of the tender offer, SoftBank could own between 60 per cent and 80 per cent of WeWork but will seek to avoid consolidating the company on its books, one of the sources added. SoftBank and its first $100 billion Vision Fund already own about a third of WeWork through previous investments totaling $10.6 billion.

HOMELESSNESS IS DECLINING IN AMERICA

Urban myths

But it is worsening in the country's most prosperous cities

FIFTEEN-HUNDRED RUBBISH bins fill a room that stretches the length of an entire city block. Each one of the 60-gallon containers is neatly labelled and arrayed in a perfect line. Each holds the possessions of a homeless person or family. The facility, fittingly called The Bin, was set up by Chrysalis, a charity, to provide free storage for those living on the streets of Skid Row in Los Angeles.

There are few harsher vistas of America's homelessness problem than this neighbourhood, which adjoins a flourishing downtown and arts district. The city says that 4,800 homeless people live there, of whom 23% have an addiction and 43% have a mental illness. They are a fraction of the 50,000 homeless people estimated to live in the Los Angeles area, who are seen not just in Skid Row but also on the bustling pier of Santa Monica and along Venice Beach, where a peaceful-looking woman in her 50s wears plastic bags for shoes and a young man clothed in too many layers gestures to himself on the sand.

Despite significant public efforts — such as a surcharge on sales tax directed entirely towards homeless services and a $1.2bn bond issue to pay for affordable housing — the problem of homelessness is worsening in Los Angeles. It has emerged as the greatest liability for Eric Garcetti, the mayor, and may have hindered his ambitions to run for president. After spending hundreds of millions, the city was surprised to learn in July that the number of homeless people had increased by 12% from the previous year (city officials point out that this was less than in many other parts of California). Though it can be found everywhere, homelessness, unlike other social pathologies, is not a growing national problem. Rather it is an acute and worsening condition in America's biggest, most successful cities.

Every year in January, America's Department of Housing and Urban Development mobilises thousands of volunteers to walk the streets and count the unsheltered homeless. Along with data provided by homeless shelters, these create an annual census of types of homeless residents. Advocates think that the methodology produces a significant undercount, but they are the best statistics available (and much higher quality than those of other developed countries). Since 2009 they show a 12% decline nationally, but increases of 18% in San Francisco, 35% in Seattle, 50% in Los Angeles and 59% in New York.

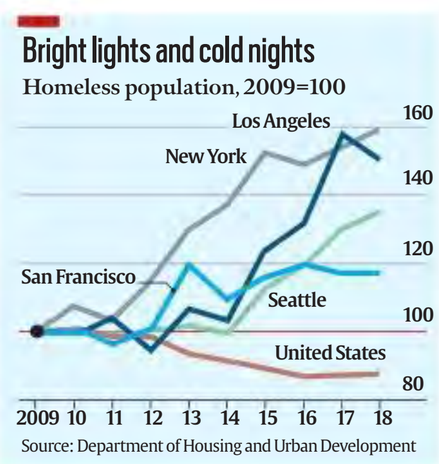
On the surface the problem of homelessness looks intractable. This prompts policy misadventures. In September, just before the Trump administration was subsumed by impeachment chaos, the White House began publicly flirting with intervening in California's homelessness predicament (one in four homeless Americans lives in the state). However, the suggestions they floated — more arrests, and warehousing those living on the streets in unused aeroplane hangars — would not have been helpful. The real aim seemed to be more to embarrass prominent Democrats than to help. Around the same time, the Council of Economic Advisors put out a report suggesting that spending on shelters would incentivise homelessness.

The pessimism is the result of three widely believed myths. The first is that the typical homeless person has lived on the street for years, while dealing with addiction, mental illness, or both. In fact, only 35% of the homeless have no shelter, and only one-third of those are classified as chronically homeless. The overwhelming majority of America's homeless are in some sort of temporary shelter paid for by charities or government. This skews public perceptions of the problem. Most imagine the epicentre of the American homeless epidemic to be San Francisco—where there are 6,900 homeless people, of whom 4,400 live outdoors—instead of New York, where there are 79,000 homeless, of whom just 3,700 are unsheltered.

A homeless person sleeps on the sidewalk in the Skid Row area of downtown Los Angeles in California. *Reuters*

The second myth is that rising homelessness in cities is the result of migration, either in search of better weather or benefits. Homelessness is a home-grown problem. About 70% of the homeless in San Francisco previously lived in the city; 75% of those living on the streets of Los Angeles, in places like Skid Row, come from the surrounding area. Though comparable data do not exist for Hawaii — which has one of the highest homelessness rates in the country — a majority of the homeless are ethnic Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders, suggesting that the problem is largely local.

The third, and perhaps most pernicious, myth is that nothing can be done about it. Much of this results from conflating temporary, sheltered homelessness — the majority of cases — with chronic street homelessness. Most bouts are short and sheltered, driven chiefly by an inability to pay rent and likely to stabilise after rapid rehousing and time-limited housing vouchers. For the most challenging cases of triple affliction — homelessness, addiction and mental illness — more exhaustive interventions are needed.



One promising approach is the "housing first" model. This seeks to place people in supportive housing without preconditions, such as sobriety, and to provide social services afterwards. Although America pioneered this approach, it has not been scaled up. Instead, the Finns have adopted it and nearly halved their homelessness rates in the past decade. Homelessness among ex-servicemen in America has been cut substantially by dedicating federal funding to this sort of service, suggesting that the approach can work outside the Nordic countries. Houston also credits the approach with reducing its homeless counts by more than half in less than a decade. A study of Denver's programme suggests that permanent supportive housing, though costly, ultimately saves public dollars because it avoids the huge costs of policing, hospitalisation and providing emergency shelter for the homeless.

All this obscures the chief culprit, however, which is the cost of housing. Even among the poor — of which there are officially 38m in America — homelessness is relatively rare, affecting roughly one in 70 people. What pushes some poor people into homelessness, and not others, remains obscure. So too are the reasons for the sharp racial disparities in homelessness; roughly 40% of the homeless are black, compared with 13% of the population. But remarkably tight correlations exist with rent increases.

An analysis by Chris Glynn and Emily Fox, two statisticians, predicts that a 10% increase in rents in a high-cost city like New York would result in an 8% increase in the number of homeless residents. Wherever homelessness appears out of control in America — whether in Honolulu, Seattle or Washington, DC — high housing costs almost surely lurk. Fixing this means dealing with a lack of supply, created by over-burdensome zoning regulations and an unwillingness among Democratic leaders to overcome entrenched local interests.

Unaffordable rental markets make homelessness harder to fix, because housing vouchers go only so far. High housing costs also erase signs of progress. If the engine driving homelessness is left running, the problem in high-cost cities only gets worse. "We effectively remove 133 people from the streets each day, only to be met by an inflow of 150 people each day," says Mark Ridley-Thomas, of the Board of Supervisors for Los Angeles County. "Our homelessness budget is $462m, which is 25 times what it was in 2015," says Christina Miller, the deputy mayor of Los Angeles for the issue.

The ideal way to get stable housing, as is the case with most anti-poverty programmes, is a stable job. But that proves difficult. Chrysalis, the charity that runs The Bin, also maintains an entirely voluntary job-skills-and-placement programme, which they say helped put 2,100 people to work last year (of whom 70% were still retained six months later). One of them is Marshall May, who was recently promoted to a manager's job at The Bin after years of prison and homelessness. With the bigger pay cheque comes greater financial stability, but also a new source of angst. The rent, he says, is worryingly high.

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CONGO'S ENORMOUS RAINFOREST IS GETTING SMALLER

That shrinking feeling

Poverty and bad governance are largely to blame

JAGGED, CHARRED tree stumps jut out of blackened earth in what was once part of the rainforest in the Democratic Republic of Congo. One man, Rafael, standing amid the devastation, reckons he has set fire to around 40 sections of the forest near the city of Bandundu in the past two months. He bags the scorched wood and flogs it as charcoal in the capital, Kinshasa, some 250km away. Most of the city's 12m residents, unable to afford gas or electric ovens, rely on charcoal for cooking.

The Congo basin rainforest is the second biggest tropical forest in the world, after the Amazon. It stretches across six central African countries (though more than half its trees are in Congo). Its absorbent peatlands hold the equivalent of three years' worth of global carbon emissions, mitigating global warming. But it is shrinking fast. Between 2001 and 2018 Congo lost 13m hectares of tree cover (around 6% of the entire rainforest), an area almost twice the size of Ireland.

The charcoal trade is partly to blame. Most of Congo's 85m people are poor. Entire villages subsist by selling burnt wood. The rainforest hugs the Congo river, so it is easy for sellers to pile charcoal onto boats and float it to Kinshasa. Farmers add to the problem. Over two-thirds of Congolese grow what they eat. Many chop down trees to make space for crops. The population is growing fast. More mouths will require more farmland — and less forest.

At the United Nations General Assembly in September the president of Congo, Félix Tshisekedi, said he was committed to saving his country's trees and asked for more money to do so. "Nature has made my country the depository of 47% of the continent's forests," he said. "It is incomprehensible that the forests of the Congo basin...capture only 1% of available financing."

But even if Mr Tshisekedi gets more money, he may not have the clout to fulfil his promises. The election that he "won" in December was widely deemed to have been rigged. He and his predecessor, Joseph Kabila, are now glued together by a secret power-sharing deal. Mr Kabila has allowed corruption to flourish. And he has done little to protect the forests. Shortly before leaving office he approved a contract that allows two companies to explore for oil in the peatlands. His government was also loose with logging permits.

Mr Tshisekedi may face more scrutiny. "We're watching him and we will remind him of his words at every possible occasion," says Raoul Monsembula of Greenpeace, an environmental group. More of the world is watching, too. In August, as fears over fires in the Amazon grew, people began checking NASA's satellite maps and noticed that there were even more conflagrations in central Africa.

In central Africa, though, fires in August are common, as farmers burn their fields to make way for new crops. Most of the fires appear to have been lit on purpose in savannah, outside of the rainforest. They were much smaller than those in the Amazon, which spread quickly into sensitive areas. Congo's rainforest is damp enough to stop blazes from tearing through it.

A Congolese park guard wanders through the wreckage of a recently destroyed section of Virunga National Park in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. *Reuters*

There are far fewer fires now in Congo, but worries remain. As clusters of trees disappear and dry patches take their place, the risk of big fires increases. Hunters often burn grass to trap animals at the edge of the forest. These blazes can grow out of control. "There is no mechanism to stop those fires from taking down the forests," says Don Madikani, an environmental expert working for the Congolese government. "We don't have the technology to fight them."

Using fires to hunt is forbidden, as is chopping down trees for charcoal without a licence. But both are common. Congo is enormous and its police are corrupt. The enforcement of forestry laws is lax. All along the muddy road from Bandundu to Kinshasa there are pockets of smoke and burnt trees. Tarpaulin bags filled with charcoal line the roadside. Until more jobs are created and governance improves, Congo's trees will continue to go up in smoke.

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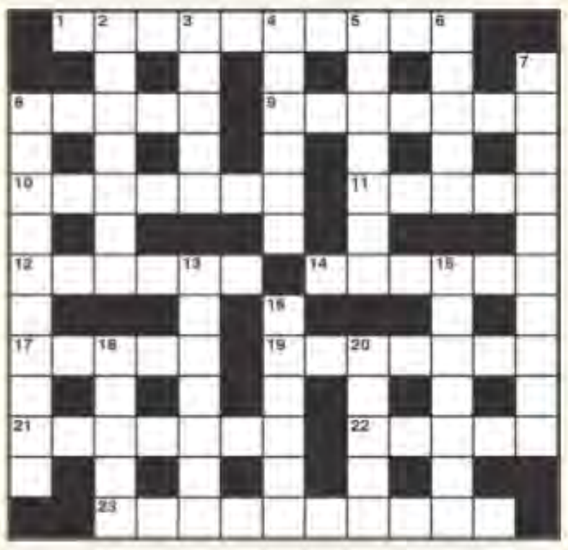
CROSSWORD 3944



ACROSS

1 Magic may concern transformations (10)
8 Agreed to lose a selfish characteristic (5)
9 Brutality involving cutlery? (7)
10 Inspect what was once a mineral deposit (7)
11 Ron is out to be useful to the violinist (5)
12 Tell us if Tony gets upset (6)
14 All for making a sort of arrangement (6)
17 Going with some hesitation to tender (5)
19 Easier form of ignition (7)
21 Producing some scaffolding (7)
22 The scope of a Western film? (5)
23 Well in front, not left behind (5,5)

DOWN

2 A gentle arrangement exhibiting good taste (7)
3 More than one spoke (5)
4 He joins a Scandinavian in a drink (6)
5 Not the sort of gear for go-ahead people (7)
6 Shouts out agreement about a fifty-fifty arrangement (5)
7 Generally speaking, any garbled version will do (2,3,5)
8 He urges one to change to facilitate quick growth (10)
13 Continual growth is essential to this industry (7)
15 Type of building well-known in architectural circles? (7)
16 Minor offence (6)
18 A special aptitude for illuminating targets, say (5)
20 Measure right round (5)

Solutions Crossword 3943: Across: 1 Stripe, 4 Strain, 9 Sputnik, 10 Guard, 11 Midst, 12 Lash out, 13 Spirit-level, 18 Oarsmen, 20 Extol, 22 Drift, 23 Emulate, 24 Nelson, 25 Seance. **Down:** 1 Sesame, 2 Round, 3 Punster, 5 Tagus, 6 Anatole, 7 Nudity, 8 Skeleton key, 14 Partial, 15 Execute, 16 Jordan, 17 Allege, 19 Motto, 21 Twain.

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)
Your attitudes and opinions have to alter. Probably what's needed now is a period of self-questioning. Even a momentary lapse of confidence over the next month or so could prove useful if it saves you from a rash move. It may seem strange to say it, but a rejection could also make space for a future offer.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
Feelings of guilt or self-doubt may relate to the fact that you've let someone down. Yet at times like these you must always think whether you could have behaved in a different manner. If there was no real alternative, you know you have not done wrong.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
There are times when we all must come forward and take control. Today is your moment to shine at the moment, so don't evade your responsibilities. Remember that emotional power carries with it obligations to those who are relying on you: you can't let other people down without storing up problems for yourself.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
There are two major options today. Either you will be shelling out on some worthy charitable cause, or you will be the lucky recipient of a discreet show of generosity. In each case the regions of your chart ruling money, selflessness and generosity are linked.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
Perhaps the most difficult thing for you to accept at the moment is that other people may be right. May I ask you to remember over the next three months that in this imperfect world of ours the truth is always relative. All points of view may therefore be equally valid.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
Harmonious professional relationships are now crucial, so whatever the changes or disturbances taking place on the work front at the moment, it is safe to forecast they will all have a very favourable outcome — even if you have to wait longer than you expected.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
What took place recently may have reminded you of just how good life is. Actually, from the spiritual point of view it is always useful to be reminded of our place in the scheme of things, so count yourself lucky. A loyal partner deserves your thanks, by the way.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
A little judicious spending will go a very long way towards solving a couple of knotty problems. If you want to get ahead at work, for example, investment in a new image may pay dividends. And if you want to win support at home, a well-targeted gift could do the trick.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)
The reason why some partners or business associates are so charming may be difficult to fathom. Why not just put it down to the fact that Venus, planet of polite behaviour and gracious manners, is making a powerful aspect to your sign? Good old-fashioned etiquette may be best.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
If you are to make sense of your worldly ambitions then you must get back into the mainstream and start again. However, within about four days you will realise that a period of contemplation is not only desirable, but is essential. The answers to your questions may lie within.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
You have everything to gain and nothing to lose by going in for a bout of sheer self-indulgence. It really doesn't matter whether your pleasures are sober and serious or utterly frivolous. All that matters is that you set out to enjoy yourself.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
No-one can accuse you of being a dispassionate observer. Indeed, I'd say it's one of your strengths that you get so intimately involved in other people's problems. One of the best things you can do now is cheer partners up with your sunny disposition.

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.

If you have a___and a___, you have everything you need.
- Marcus Tullius Cicero (6,.,7)

NAAER

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SOLUTION: ARENA, RIVER, FONDLY, BIGAMY
Answer: If you have a **garden** and a **library**, you have everything you need.
- Marcus Tullius Cicero

SUDOKU 4008

Difficulty Level 4s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

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

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SOLUTION SUDOKU 4007

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

Restriction on sale of platform tickets at New Delhi, Delhi, Hazrat Nizamuddin and Anand Vihar Terminal stations

It has been decided by Northern Railway that there will be no sale of platform tickets at Delhi Jn., New Delhi & Anand Vihar Terminal stations with effect from **25.10.2019 to 02.11.2019** due to Deepawali & Chhat Puja rush and Hazrat Nizamuddin station with effect from **25.10.2019 to 27.10.2019** due to Deepawali festival. However, persons coming to the stations to assist the aged, illiterate and lady passengers etc. who are not in a position to fend for themselves at railway station shall be exempted from this restrictions.

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Notice No.: 13/GM-4/UPPCL/2019-20 Dated: 19-10-2019

Short Term e-Tender Notice

U.P. Projects Corporation Limited (A U.P. Government undertaking) invites percentage rate Tenders (two envelope system) from eligible contractors/firms registered with U.P. Projects Corporation Ltd. (category specified in column 9) under e-Tendering Procurement Rule for following work.

Lot No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost Approx (in lacs)	Bid Earnest Money (Rs. In Lacs)	Tender Processing Fee (in Rs.)	Time of Completion	Address of Unit	Address of tender Receiving Officer	Category of Registered Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Construction of Boundrywall at Shastri Bhawan and Renovation of Godown at Dairy Farm of Veterinary University, Mathura, (U.P.)	Rs. 51.29	Rs.01.03	3000.00+ 18% GST	6 Months (including rainy season)	Project Manager, Unit-32, U.P. Projects Corporation Ltd. Behind Maharshi Vidhya Mandir, Kishanpur, Aligarh (U.P.)	General Manager, (Zone-4), U.P. Projects Corporation Ltd. 2B/109, Sector-2, Avas Vikas Colony, Sikandra, Agra (U.P.)	"D" & above

The tender documents can be downloaded from the website **www.http://etender.up.nic.in** during the period **21-10-2019** to **29-10-2019**. The tender should be submitted up to **05.00 P.M.** on **29-10-2019**. The technical bid shall be opened on **30-10-2019** at **10.00 A.M.** Pre bid meeting will be held at **22-10-2019** on **11.30 A.M.** at the office of General Manager, U.P. Projects Corporation Ltd., Zone-4, Agra. Prospective bidders are advised to regularly check through U.P. Projects Corporation Ltd. website **www.upprojects.org** and e-tendering web site **www.http://etender.up.nic.in** for all other terms and conditions, qualifying criteria, corrigendum / amendments etc., if any and separate advertisement will not be made for the same. For any clarifications/ queries the prospective bidders may contact office of the person given in col. No. 7 & 8. Undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason.

GENERAL MANAGER
U.P. Projects Corporation Ltd., Zone-4, Agra

OFFICE OF SUPERITENDING ENGINEER, FIRST CIRCLE, U.P. JAL NIGAM, MEERUT

Letter No.: 2356/731/147
Date.: 18.10.2019

TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are invited for the execution of work in different Villages Water Supply Scheme under **"NATIONAL RURAL DRINKING WATER SUPPLY"** programme District Meerut, as per following date schdule:- **Sl. No. 1. Activity-** Uploading bid document at website **Original Date- 31.10.2019** at **17:00 hrs. 2. Activity-** Online submission of e-bids **Original Date- 01.11.2019** to **07.11.2019** at**17:00 hrs. 3. Activity-** Submission of E-tender fee/ Earnest Money would be deposited by RTGS **Original Date-** Upto **06.11.2019** at **15:00 hrs. 4. Activity-** Opening of application for pre-qualification **Original Date- 08.11.2019** at **15:30 hrs. 5. Activity-** Opening of application of pre-qualified bids **Original Date- 11.11.2019** at **12:30 hrs.** Tender cost is **Rs. 10000.00 with 18% GST**. The detailed description of this tender has been obtained from website **www.upjn.org** or concerned office.

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MSTC WILL HOLD E-AUCTION OF BUILDING AND STANDING STRUCTURE AT **PLOT NO. 142D/1 ON 05.11.2019** ON LEASE BASIS ON BEHALF OF NOIDA SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY. FOR DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT **MR. SOURABH KUMAR (MSTC)**, MOBILE NO. **9811146516, R. P. VERMA (NSEZ)**, TELEPHONE NO. **0120-2567270**.
For details log on to **www.mstcecommerce.com** or **www.mstcindia.co.in**

U.P. Council of Sugarcane Research, Shahjahanpur

Latter No. 4205-6/VII-17 Dated Shahjahanpur 22.10.2019

शुद्धि पत्र

दिनांक 16.10.2019 को टेल्कम पाउडर/शोप स्टोन के आमंत्रित टेण्डर को प्राप्त करने की तिथि दि. 30.10.2019 निर्धारित की जाती है।

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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
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E-TENDER ABBREVIATED NOTICE

e-NIT No.: EPC-II/05/2019-20

For and on behalf of Governor of Jammu and Kashmir State, Superintending Engineer, Electric Purchase Circle-II, Srinagar, invites online e-Bids from original Govt. Registered Manufacturers/ Authorized Distributors for Supply of 66/11KV, 6.3 MVA, Three Phase Copper wound Power Transformer with on-load tap changer for the requirement of J&K PDD as under.

Sr. No.	Material Description	For ECSD Jammu (No's)
	Purchase of 66/11KV, 6.3 MVA, Three Phase Copper wound Power Transformer with on-load tap changer	
1.	6.3 MVA	02

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

i)	Date and Time of downloading/ Sale (Start) of Tender documents	21.10.2019; 10.00 hrs.
ii)	Date and Time of download/ Sale (End) of Tender documents	11.11.2019; 15.00 hrs.
iii)	Date & Time of Bidding Queries/ Clarifications	22.10.2019; 10.00 hrs. to 27.10.2019; 16.00 hrs.
iv)	Date & Time of Bid Uploading (Start/ End)	28.10.2019; 10.00 hrs. to 11.11.2019; 15.00 hrs.
v)	Submission of Hard Copy (End) Date & Time	Will be notified after opening of Financial Bids
vi)	Commercial/Technical Bid Opening Date & Time	13.11.2019; 14.00 hrs.
vii)	Financial Bid Opening	Shall be declared later on for the technically qualified bidders
viii)	Venue of Commercial/Technical Bid Opening	Soft Copy Electronically
ix)	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs. 500.00 (Rupees Five Hundred only) for local Firms of J&K State and Rs. 2000.00 (Rupees Two Thousand only) for Firms outside the State (Non-refundable)
x)	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 5000.00 (Rupees Five Thousand only) for local Firms of J&K State and Rs. 190000.00 (Rupees One Lac Ninety Thousand only) for Firms outside the State.

Sd/-Superintending Engineer,
Electric Purchase Circle-II, Srinagar.

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e-TENDER ABBREVIATED NOTICE

e-NIT NO: EPC-II/06/2019-20:

For and on behalf of the Governor Jammu and Kashmir state, Superintending Engineer, Electric Purchase circle-II, Srinagar invites online e-bids from original Govt. registered manufacturers/Authorized Distributors for supply of 66/11KV, 10MVA, three phase copper wound power transformer with on-load tap changer for the requirement of J&K PDD as under:

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Sd/-
Superintending Engineer
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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER
P.W.D. (NH WORKS) : ASSAM : GUWAHATI- 3

No. BRD/BR/61/2019/2

EXTENSION NOTICE

In partial modification of the EOI issued vide no. BRD/BR/61/2019/01 dated 10th Oct 2019, this is for general information to all concerned that the details of the work "Feasibility Study and Preparation of Detailed Project Report for Construction of 4-lane Fly over at Mission Chariali, Tezpur junction point of NH 52 (New NH 15), NH 37 A (New NH 715) and other urban arterial road under SOPD" will be seen in the website **www.assamtenders.gov.in** from 11:00 hrs of 25.10.2019 instead of 11:00 hrs of 22.10.2019 and also in the office of the undersigned.

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer, NH (P)
For, Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (NH Works)
Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati- 3

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER ROAD CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT ROAD DIVISION, DUMKA

Very-Very-Short time e-Procurement Notice

Tender Reference No.RCD/DUMKA/1660 Date 22.10.2019

1	Name of Work-	IRQP Work with Construction of Drain of Vivekanand chowk to Annapurna chowk via Tin Bazar chowk and Tata Showroom chowk road for the year 2019-20.
2	Estimated cost(In Rs)	Rs 1,53,51,398.00 (Rupees One Crore fifty three lac fifty one thousand three hundred ninety eight only)
3	Time of completion	Three Months
4	Date of Publication of Tender on Website	25.10.2019 at 10.30 AM
5	Last date/Time for receipt of bids	31.10.2019 Up to 12.00 Noon
6	Date of opening of Tender	01.11.2019 at 12.30 PM
7	Name & address of office Inviting tender	Office of The Executive Engineer Road Construction Department Road Division, Dumka
8	Contact no. of Procurement Officer	9431178289
9	Helpline number of e-Procurement cell	0651-2401010

Further details can be seen on website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

Executive Engineer,
Road Construction Department,
Road Division, Dumka

PR 220597 (Road)19-20 (D)

FIRST STEPS

Rembrandt's discovered painting, *Let the Little Children Come to Me*, will be displayed at the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford from February 27. It will be a part of the exhibition 'Young Rembrandt' that chronicles the artist's first decade at work from 1624-1634.

SNAP SHOTS

A Voice for Children

ACTOR AYUSHMANN Khurrana (*pictured*) has been chosen by UNICEF and Ministry of Women and Child Development to become a voice that raises awareness about sexual abuse of children. By becoming a part of the Ministry's initiative, the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO), the *Andhadhun* actor will strive to highlight the legal support entailed under the act. After being part of a video on the subject, Khurrana said in a statement, "As a socially conscious citizen, I would always want to spread the word on matters that are important to our country and matters that need urgent attention. POCSO is a hugely important step taken by the Ministry to make people aware of the protection and legal support that the act offers against child sexual abuse".

Sky Full of Sun

AFTER A gap of four years, Coldplay has announced the release of their new double album, *Everyday Life* on November 22. The creators of *A Sky Full of Stars* have confirmed that the first half of the LP is named *Sunrise* and the other half as *Sunset*. In a typed letter to their fans, signed by the four members of the Grammy-winning band, Chris Martin (*pictured*), Jonny Buckland, Guy Berryman, and Will Champion wrote, "For the last 100 years or thereabouts we have been working on a thing called *Everyday Life*." *A Head Full of Dreams* was the British band's last album which they brought out in 2015, before coming out with the EPs *Kaleidoscope* and *Global Citizen*.

Shame on Who

ACTIVIST MONICA Lewinsky (*pictured*) is readying to produce a documentary titled *15 Minutes of Shame* for HBO Max that chronicles the effects of public shaming. The documentary will feature key high-profile figures from across the globe who have been caught in unforeseen circumstances and subjected to public humiliation, and trace its aftereffects. A former White House intern, Lewinsky had faced severe backlash in 1998 for her relationship with former US President Bill Clinton, and had later turned into an anti-bullying advocate.

Time Travellers

NORWEGIAN NOVELIST Karl Ove Knausgaard (*pictured*), best-known for his autobiographical novel, *My Struggle*, is the latest contributor to the 100-year-long Future Library, whose work will remain unread until 2114. A brainchild of Scottish artist Katie Paterson, the project entails the publishing of new works by participating authors a century later, in books made using the 1000 trees that have been planted in Nordmarka forest in Oslo in 2014. Margaret Atwood, Elif Shafak, Han Kang and David Mitchell are part of the project, with Knausgaard being the sixth addition.

Handing Over the Baton

On Sunday, Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's 'music director for life', Zubin Mehta, retired after 50 years. A look at the maestro's life

SUANSHU KHURANA

Zubin Mehta during his 2016 concert in Mumbai

ON SUNDAY, the famed Bronfman Auditorium, the largest concert hall in Tel Aviv and home to the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, resonated with one of Gustav Mahler's most popular and successful works — *Symphony Number 2* — better-known as *Resurrection*. The five-movement symphony talks about the beauty of afterlife. It opens with a symphonic poem called *Funeral Rites*, asks questions about life after death and goes on to remember the joyous times that life offered, their significance and concludes with an intense hope for an eternal regeneration, a sort of rebirth after death has been dealt with. Ace music maestro, 83-year-old Zubin Mehta, chose Mahler's legendary and large work to take his final bow after a 50-year stint with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, which bid goodbye to its "music director for life". It was apt as Mehta's retirement is unlikely to make sense quickly. Even to him, we are sure.

Addressing the audience, Mumbai-born Mehta said, "Among all the things I was able to achieve in the past 50 years, there is one thing I could not accomplish. I cannot speak Hebrew. I am sorry for that. Let me express it with music now." He followed it with *Piano Concerto Number 2* by Hungarian composer Franz Liszt. An emotional Mehta finished with "goodbye to my family". He will be succeeded by 30-year-old Lahav Shani.

In the life of western classical music, Zubin Mehta has, and will, remain a significant figure. Not just for being one of the greatest music conductors in the world with a reputation for interpreting the music of the Romantic-era titans like Mahler, Tchaikovsky, Brahms and Beethoven among others but also because he never shied away from taking a political position or voicing his views on Israel, war and other matters. Be it performing with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in a war-torn Sarajevo where he conducted a charity concert amid the ruins of the National Library and presented Mozart's *Requiem*, his Mass to commemorate the dead and lost, or in 1978 asking the then Israeli PM Menachem Begin to send the Orchestra to Cairo as a gesture of goodwill and the controversial concert in Kashmir which happened among much criticism, politics and music were never more intertwined. He also conducted a group of Israeli and German musicians near the site of the Nazis' Buchenwald concentration camp in 1999. Then there was playing Wagner in Israel in 1981.where the German musician's music and ideas are considered anti-Semitic (it never happened again). Before he began, Mehta told the audience that anybody who felt uncomfortable could leave the room. He had just begun when a Holocaust survivor walked in front of the podium and bared his stomach. 'Play Wagner over my body,' he screamed.

"I'm sorry that we are not playing Wagner (anymore), but it will happen again one day. But one has to consider the emotions of the people. People are still living with numbers on their arms. They don't want to be transported back to the days of terror. One can understand that. As for Kashmir, we didn't do anything wrong except make music there. I'm glad we did it. I would do it all over again," he had told this reporter in an interview.

It was also interesting that unlike the other Israeli musicians of the Orchestra, Mehta has been able to travel to the Palestinian territories. He often visited Ramallah in the West Bank. Israelis could not teach beyond the West Bank. But in the town of Nazareth and Shwaram, about 150 young students study Arabic music and are coached by Arab teachers. They are supervised by members of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Mehta also has a music school at the University of Tel Aviv, which has about eight Arab students, who are being taught full-time by the Philharmonic members. "My dream is to have an Israeli-Arab track in the Israel Philharmonic. And it will happen one day. We have an Arabic soloist. A very fine Arabic pianist plays with us sometimes," Mehta had said. He has often rued how some great artistes didn't visit Israel because they did not agree with the politics of Israel.

Born and raised in Mumbai in a Gujarati family, Mehta always wanted to be a musician. His parents persuaded him to become a doctor and he even studied two semesters of medicine at St Xavier's college but left midway. His father Mehli Mehta founded the Bombay Symphony Orchestra, which was hardly a well-knit orchestra. It comprised Parsi amateurs, Goan folk musicians and some members of the Navy band. Mehta was shocked when he heard a real orchestra play in Vienna for the first time. It was the Vienna Philharmonic, which remains one of the world's greatest orchestras. He chanced upon Israel when he was filling in for the ill conductor. He stayed on.

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra appointed Mehta as music adviser in 1969 and music director for life in 1981. He was music director of the Los Angeles Philharmonic from 1962 to 1978 and of the New York Philharmonic from 1978 to 1991.

Mehta's musical career will be remembered for his immense knowledge, charisma on stage and interpretation of some great music with much intensity. Whenever he got on that rostrum (for an orchestra) or in the pit (for an opera), he could breathe in rhythm with the musicians. "We have to have the knowledge, technical command and control to convince 100 musicians of our interpretation," he had said. The baron of the baton has retired, at the pinnacle of his career. Mahler, Tchaikovsky and Beethoven will always be thankful for him. So are we.

Neil Nitin Mukesh, Gul Panag and Naman Nitin Mukesh (above) ; Neil Nitin Mukesh in a still from *Bypass Road*

'I wanted to make content with international appeal'

Brothers Neil and Naman Nitin Mukesh on their upcoming film, *Bypass Road*, and their relationship on and off the sets

PARTH KHATAU

THE RELEASE of *Bypass Road* spells a lot of firsts for brothers Neil and Naman Nitin Mukesh. Being Neil's first film as writer and producer and Naman's first as director, it is unknown territory for the brothers to tread on. They, however, feel their love for thrillers and want to constantly churn out good content. Excerpts from an interview:

Naman dropped out of college because of his passion for films and has been working since an early age. How much did his hands-on experience help?

NEIL: I was the reason behind him dropping out of college. I knew he was ready to enter the fray quite early and with all due respect to the education system, I am not someone who follows norms. I don't feel that one has to be a graduate and have a degree on paper and then not learn much actually. I took Naman under my wing from an early age and saw the passion he had for films. In college, I felt he was there simply because there was pressure to be there. However, he started coming with me to the sets since he was 15 and he loved it. So when he was 20, I felt he was ready to take the plunge. I gave him the option to work with me and he agreed and so did our family.

NAMAN: I was in class 10 when I decided I wanted to be a film director. Neil *bhaiya* always says that he brought to fruition our grandfather's dream of becoming an actor. I'm now proud to be able to live my father's dream, which was to be a director. I was never a good student in college but always excelled in extra-curricular activities and projects related with films. However, I hated the theory part of it. I decided a couple of weeks before my final year board exams that I did not wish to appear for them and joined Eros Films. The head of the mass media department of Jai Hind College came over to convince my dad and brother to change my mind but I had horse blinders on. I did not budge. Looking back, I think I took the right call.

Coming from a well-known family, have you ever felt the added pressure to deliver? What were the challenges?

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>
> NEIL NITIN MUKESH

NEIL: Well, it certainly wasn't easy for me being the son and grandson of such famous singers. This is because when you take the leap, people expect you to hit the heights of success almost immediately. Living up to those expectations is very hard and I had to knock on a lot of doors and endure a lot of struggle and bagged *Johnny Gaddaar* (2007) — which I would say was me announcing myself in the industry. I feel it is harder for Naman as he has always been known to be the brother of a Bollywood actor.

NAMAN: I was never treated differently when I was working and dropping out of college was not as easy as it seems. I did feel guilty. It often happens that when I meet someone, I tell them I am Nitin Mukesh's son, or Mukesh Chand Mathur's grandson and they tell me how much they enjoy their music and all of that comes from the goodwill my family has created. So, when *bhaiya* started acting and I started directing, the bar was already so high, it was like jumping onto a running train.

The film has been produced as part of your new venture, NNM Films. When did you start writing the film? And when did Naman come on board?

NEIL: I started writing the story while shooting for *Prem Ratan Dhan Payo* (2015) and it took me a year to complete it. During that time, I kept Naman in the loop and he kept sharing his inputs. There was a lot of back and forth. I wanted to make content for Indian cinema which had international appeal to it. I also wanted it to be something that belongs to a platform we are already exposed to. Naman shares my love for thrillers and reads a lot. He knows the industry better than me and I felt he was ready to be the main man. Looking back now, I am pleasantly surprised at the job he has done.

NAMAN: When I heard the plot, I was instantly hooked. The film is a thriller which revolves around a fashion prodigy Vikram Kapoor and his life. There is a twist when Vikram meets with an accident the same night that a woman named Sarah (Shama Sikander) gets murdered and he is now a prime suspect in the case. The story is about a looming threat that surrounds Vikram in the aftermath of the incident. I know that thrillers are my brother's forte and it was a pleasure directing him.

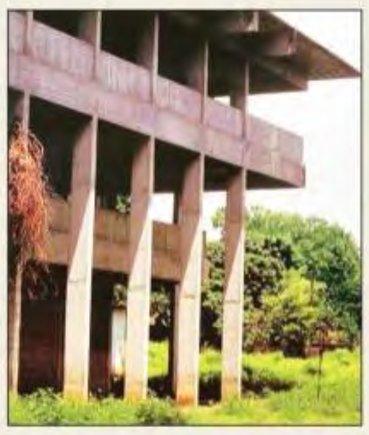
What is the relationship that you two share on and off set?

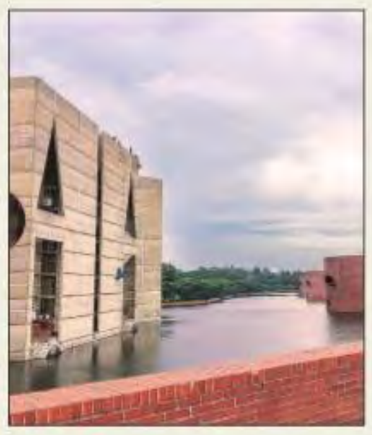
NEIL: On the sets we were always on the same wavelength and had a very good working relationship. Of course we had creative arguments. But he is also my baby brother and I am very protective of him. Another thing I was worried about during this film was the commercial side of things and there have been some stressful times.

NAMAN: I am glad that he is back doing what he does best and that is thrilling the audience. I feel lucky to have him around both on and off the set. On many occasions, he chose not to overrule me even though I am sure he felt like.

'Urbanism is about imagining futures'

Kazi Khaleed Ashraf on the architecture of Bangladesh and living with water





SHINY VARGHESE

"WE CANNOT believe that as architects we do stunning buildings and the city can go to hell," says Kazi Khaleed Ashraf. Director of the Bengal Institute for Architecture, Landscape and Settlements, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Ashraf was in India for the Frame Conclave held in Goa recently. In a free-wheeling conversation, Ashraf, 60, shares his insights on urbanism and its challenges and the giants — Louis Khan and Muzharul Islam — who influenced architecture in Bangladesh. Excerpts:

How did the city become the focus of your attention?

I was part of Muzharul Islam's group, Chetana, which was initiated to foster an enquiry into the profession and the city. I began to envision what a city should be, trying to understand the structure of places and their networks. My book *Designing Dhaka* (2012) was written as a manifesto to better Dhaka. My books on the making of modern South Asian architecture and Louis Kahn, and essays on architecture in India and the subcontinent, made the city my lab.

(Clockwise from above) Kazi Khaleed Ashraf; Muzharul Islam's NIPA building; Louis Kahn's National Parliament

What are the challenges facing the cities in Bangladesh?

The city itself is a challenge. We use words like urbanisation which brings with it connotations of violence, traffic, pollution, and we have this imagination of the rural as an idyllic setting. I believe a city is not a problem to be solved, it's a destination to arrive at. In Bangladesh, we have to deal with water, mud and clay. We never have a clear site, because every June the water comes in. In cities you push the water away, and make embankments. And if you don't map the water flow, it floods the next village. So things do get out of control. Like in India, the real estate gang calls the shots. They fill up massive flood plains and agricultural land to plot housing and build roads. We need to find alternative models of building. We need to have ecological plans and new ways to allow water to flow.

The National Assembly Building by Louis Kahn emerges from the water. How did Kahn and Muzharul Islam come to influence modern architecture?

Kahn was a keen observer and he saw in rural Bangladesh that people built homes on the principle of dig and mound. You scoop up earth and build your house on the mound and the pit then becomes a pond where you can fish and the rest of the land is where you can farm. So conceptually, the Assembly Building comes from that idea. For him landscape was important. He would often say in Bangladesh that you need to be a land architect, you need to sculpt the earth and modulate the land.

Muzharul Islam on the other hand was rational. His thinking was largely influenced by Rabindranath Tagore and Karl Marx. Around the time that Muzharul was practising from the mid-'50s to late '60s, Bangladesh was trying to shake off the dominance of Pakistan. Chetana was born from that need to articulate an identity and demonstrate through architecture what is contemporary and Bengali. Many of the current lot of architects who are winning international awards have been influenced by him. In fact, currently, we have an international travelling exhibition called 'Bengal Stream' (it recently showed in Basel and Frankfurt) that shows works of established and young architectural practices which was done in collaboration with the Bengal Institute.

Tell us about the role of the Bengal Institute.

At the institute we train professionals in an integrated way, there are architects, geologists, planners and geographers. We believe that small towns are where the future lies. We also have research projects in Dhaka, and our job is to take new ideas to the public. It's to mobilise people's imagination. That's what urbanism is about, imagining futures.

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India... daylight... rest of the world

With 240 points from first two series, Virat Kohli's team has taken a massive stride towards World Test Championship final to be played at Lord's in 2021

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
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THE MATCH was over in two overs on the fourth day, inside 10 minutes. South Africa resumed at 132/8 and folded for 133 all out, as India won by an innings and 202 runs to secure a 3-0 clean sweep. Shahbaz Nadeem took the last two wickets off consecutive deliveries and would be on a hat-trick in his next Test. In the Indian dressing room, MS Dhoni dropped in to congratulate the team.

A 2-0 series win in the West Indies followed by a 3-0 hiding of the Proteas at home... With every series in the World Test Championship being allotted 120 points, India now have 240 in their bag. Their nearest rivals, New Zealand and Sri Lanka, are on 60 points each, while Australia and England have 56 apiece. Four teams — West Indies, South Africa, Pakistan and Bangladesh — are yet to open their account.

Yes, the competition is still at its nascent stage and the final at Lord's, involving the top two teams, would be played in June 2021. But after just two series, India's position already appears almost insurmountable.

The World Test Championship's schedule is bereft of balance. For example, India's next series in the competition begins next month; two home Tests against Bangladesh. So, by November end, India are likely to add another 120 points to their tally. The gulf in class between the two Test teams makes the upcoming series a virtual no-contest.

India's first real test may come in February-March next year, when they travel to New Zealand for a two-Test series. Another 120 points would be on offer and theoretically, India can extend their lead even further. Compare this with West Indies... After playing two matches against India at home and losing both, their next assignment in the World Test Championship is in June next year – a three-match series in England. So till then, the Caribbeans stay rooted on nought. The scheduling imbalance can seriously hurt them.

Sri Lanka hosted the Kiwis in August for a two-Test series that ended in a 1-1 stalemate. But they, too, face a lull at least till August 2020. The ICC has released the World Test Championship fixture till August next year and during this period, India are playing four series, England, New Zealand and Australia are playing three each, South Africa, Pakistan and West Indies are featuring in two series each, while Sri Lanka and Bangladesh are playing one apiece.

Australia are hosting Pakistan next month and then New Zealand in December-January. South Africa would host England in January, while England have back-to-back home series against West Indies and Pakistan from June to August next year.

The itinerary for the next season, from September 2020 to March 2021, will balance the books, because under the World Test Championship, each of the nine teams will play three series at home and three away. As for India, the roster includes two marquee series, both during the 2020-21 season – four Tests in Australia and five home Tests against England. But given the headstart they have, Virat Kohli and company will have to choke badly to finish outside the top two. On current form, it appears almost unthinkable.

A lopsided itinerary

A lopsided itinerary, however, cannot take anything away from India's dominance. Their decimation of the Saffers was as ruthless as it was clinical. Batting, fast bowling, spin and fielding — the team ticked all the boxes.

Little wonder then that Kohli described the team's performance in this series as perfect. "I think so. We have had good series in the past as well but I would say this is at par with the most balanced performances we have had in the past. As a team, you can't ask for anything more. Batsmen getting runs, spinners and fast bowlers getting wickets, Saha coming back and 'keeping the way he does," the India captain said after the match on Tuesday.

Back-up players stood to be counted. Umesh Yadav came in for the injured Jasprit Bumrah and bowled with such venom that Kohli rated his partnership with Mohammed Shami as arguably the best for a fast bowling pair in Indian conditions. "If you look at these two guys, their strike rate is probably the best in Indian conditions in history."

Spare a thought for Nadeem, who was drafted into the squad on match eve, when Kuldeep Yadav suffered a shoulder injury. The left-arm spinner from Jharkhand took to Test cricket like a duck to water. He walked into a team culture that makes the whole greater than the sum of its parts.

Kohli isn't looking into the distant future, the World Test Championship final to be precise. But the skipper knows if his team carries on with the process, the goal will be achieved.

"We will always be put under pressure and make mistakes. At the end of the day, we are 11 guys who can be vulnerable. But what is important is that we keep a strong check on wanting to learn from the mistakes. We don't let anyone slide things under the carpet," Kohli said.

Coming back to the World Test Championship, its point system is flawed – 120 points for each series means 60 points per win in a two-Test series, while only 24 points for a win in a five-match series. Four and five-Test series are played between heavyweights but the ICC mandarins failed to put things in perspective. Only recently, Kohli had said points for an away Test win should have been doubled. Maybe, the game's governing body will fix the 'bugs' in the next cycle. For the moment, India already have the Lord's final in sight, cricket's glorious uncertainties notwithstanding.

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SA's Anrich Nortje reacts while Lungi Ngidi shakes hands with Indian players after their team's innings-and-202-run loss on the fourth day of the third Test in Ranchi on Tuesday. India won the series 3-0. *AP*

SCORECARD » India vs South Africa

3rd Test | Ranchi | Toss: India

INDIA	497/9 D IN 116.3 OV
S AFRICA	162 IN 56.2 OV
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(OVERNIGHT)	132/8 IN 46 OV

T de Bruyn c Saha b Nadeem	**30** (49b, 4x4, 1x6)
A Nortje not out	**5** (16b, 1x4)
L Ngidi c&B Nadeem	**0**(1b)
Extras: (b 5, lb 1)	6

Fall of wickets: 1-5 (Quinton de Kock, 1.1 ov), 2-10 (Zubayr Hamza, 2.3 ov), 3-18 (Faf du Plessis, 6.6 ov), 4-22 (Temba Bavuma, 8.3 ov), 4-26* (Dean Elgar, retired not out), 5-36 (Heinrich Klaasen, 16.1 ov), 6-67 (George Linde, 28.3 ov), 7-98 (Dane Piedt, 37.4 ov), 8-121 (Kagiso Rabada, 42.5 ov), 9-133 (Theunis de Bruyn, 47.5 ov), 10-133 (Lungi Ngidi, 47.6 ov)

Bowling:

M Shami	10-6-**10-3**
U Yadav	9-1-**35-2**
R Jadeja	13-5-**36-1**
S Nadeem	6-0-**18-2**
R Ashwin	10-3-**28-1**

Result: India won the match by an innings and 202 runs.

Can Kohli & Co. sustain Test championship lead?

SANDIP G
OCTOBER 22

TEAM INDIA have siezed early advantage in the World Test Championship, sweeping the first two series. *The Indian Express* breaks down what implications these results will have on the tournament.

What does the series win mean for India in the World Test Championship?

Five wins in as many games mean that India are the runaway table-toppers in the World Test Championship. After just five games, they've 240 points, opening up a massive lead of 180 points over New Zealand and Sri Lanka, who are tied on 60 points each. India have played more games than any other team — even so, the points that they have accumulated is a powerful reiteration of their dominance over the last three years, the period in which they have established themselves firmly at the top of the Test rankings table, too. Also, among the teams that have played at least one match in the Test championship, India is the only one that is still unbeaten.

EXPLAINED

But can India sustain its lead for a longer duration?

Given the form that they are in, India can be expected to maintain their lead, and be the odds-on favourite to be in the final of the 2021 World Test Championship. Another 120 points will be up for grabs when Bangladesh tour India for a whistle-stop two-Test series. (Not to take Bangladesh lightly, though.)

After that series, India will play two Tests in New Zealand in February next year -- which would be their first serious test. But having won series in Australia, losing close rubbers to England (closer than the 4-1 scoreline indicates in reality) and South Africa, India are no longer poor travellers.

With their bowling arsenal envenomed by the return of Jasprit Bumrah, India's winning streak would be hard to arrest, irrespective of where they are playing. An attestation lies in the manner in which they have snuffed out their adversaries in the last five games. The margin of victories have been as follows: 318 runs, 257 runs, 203 runs, innings and 137 runs, and innings and 202 runs.

So what makes the current Indian side such an irresistible force on the field?

Seldom has India's bowling stock been so lethal or prosperous. There's quality and depth, experience and expertise, hunger and craft. There is a bowler for every condition, and bowlers who are able to transcend conditions. India's spinners no longer need rank turners to reap wickets, the seamers can purchase wickets even in unfriendly conditions.

Also, now that Rohit Sharma has begun his Test opening career on a resounding note, India's batting looks well-rounded. Although not as lofty as the fab four of Virender Sehwag, Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar, and VVS Laxman, India have one of the most daunting batting line-ups in the world. It is also a line-up that bats deep. Someone like Ravi Ashwin, with four Test hundreds to his names, comes in to bat at No 8.

India were never fortunate to have such an alignment of factors that make a great team.

Kohli bats for five dedicated centres for Test in India

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 22

INDIA SHOULD stick to having five traditional Test centres, while the rotation of venues can take place for ODIs and T20s, said Indian captain Virat Kohli after winning the third Test at Ranchi on Tuesday. "We have been discussing this for a long time now. And in my opinion, we should have five Test centres. Period," he said.

"I agree that, you know, state associations, rotation and giving games and all that. That's fine for T20 and one-day cricket. But Test cricket; teams coming to India should know we are going to play at these five centres. These are the pitches we are going to expect. These are the kind of people… they going to come to watch. Crowds…. So that becomes a challenge already when you are leaving the shores," Kohli said.

"Because we go to any place, we know we would be having four Test matches at these venues. This is what the pitches going to offer. It's going to be a full stadium. The crowd's behind the team… Look, if you want to keep Test cricket alive and exciting, I totally agree with the fact that we need five Tests centres at max."

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VIRAT KOHLI

On Tuesday, India completed a 3-0 clean sweep of South Africa, winning by an innings and 202 runs. However, the turnout at the Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA) Stadium barely crossed a few hundred. According to a JSCA official, there were only 2,000 takers for priced tickets of the match.

The two teams played before virtually empty stands in the previous Test at Pune as well. Visakhapatnam, the venue for the first Test of the series, was no different.

Till the 1980s, the BCCI had six designated Test centres in India — Mumbai, Kolkata, Delhi, Chennai, Bangalore and Kanpur. Later Mohali was added to the list in the 1990s. Over the past 10-15 years, a proliferation of Tests venues on the pretext of rotation — read BCCI's vote bank politics — took the game's oldest form to almost every nook and cranny, while the traditional Test venues missed out.

Mumbai (Wankhede), the home of Indian cricket, hasn't hosted a Test match since 2016. Imagine Lord's and the Oval in England, or the MCG and the SCG in Australia not playing host to a Test match for three years. It wouldn't happen.

Traditional Test centres, where fans of a certain vintage have grown up cherishing the long-form, can still draw decent crowd over five days. For example, even on a dull day at Kolkata's Eden Gardens, at least 20,000 spectators walk through the turnstiles. Numbers rise considerably for marquee series, when India are playing against England or Australia.

With Kohli, refreshingly, addressing the issue, the ball is now in the BCCI's court.

To hell with pitches, says Shastri as India take surface out of equation

VISHAL MENON
OCTOBER 22

MOMENTS AFTER India's 3-0 series win over South Africa, commentator Sanjay Manjrekar asked India head coach Ravi Shastri: "What's the difference between this team and the team that you took charge five years ago?" In his first innings at India's helm, Shastri had seen the team beat South Africa 3-0. But that achievement, unlike this one, was overshadowed by the delivish turners that the hosts had rolled out in Nagpur and Mohali.

"Bhaad mein gaya pitch (to hell with the pitch). 20 wickets and the World Test Championship points are what we are after," thundered Shastri on Tuesday, hammering home the real difference between the two Indian teams. That this current side doesn't need tailored pitches to deliver.

Unlike the past, where India spinners would trap visiting non-subcontinental batsmen on crumbling wickets, India's clinical decimation of South Africa was caused, fundamentally, by their pacers on what could be described as sporting tracks. Just to put things into perspective, Mohammad Shami with 14.76 and Umesh Yadav at 12.18 lead the averages for bowlers in this series. In contrast, off-spinner R Ashwin, who finished as the highest wicket-taker with 15 scalps, averages 25.26, which is at par with his overall career average. Left-arm spinner Ravindra Jadeja didn't quite look the force that he is at home usually, taking 13 wickets at 30.69. These numbers further underline the fast bowlers' dominance, who have hitherto been relegated to the role of the supporting cast on Indian pitches.

The pacers' skill set played a part, no doubt, but it also helped that the tracks at all three venues — Visakhapatnam, Pune and Ranchi — were fair enough to keep them interested. While there was turn on offer, as is traditionally the case in India, they weren't slow and menacing sand-pits that one generally witnesses in this neck of the woods. Consequently, the Indian pacers extracted reverse swing, used the short ball to good effect, and were, overall, more attacking than their South African counterparts.

In a wider context, it also displays the metamorphosis of this unit that rarely relies on external factors to exert its dominance. Instead, India rely on their immensely talented bowling unit to get 20 wickets, which inherently aligns with Shastri's mantra — take the pitch out of the equation.

Pacers Shami and Yadav surprised South Africa with their ferocious bowling.

"Our aim is to take pitches out of the equation," Shastri told Star Sports. "You have to take 20 wickets, whether it's Johannesburg, Mumbai, Delhi, Auckland or even Melbourne. So the task is to take 20 wickets. How do you do that? For that, you need fast bowlers, spinners, a complete bowling unit."

It certainly helps that the Indian bowlers have enough runs behind them when they take the field. Shastri's batsmen, with a blend of caution and aggression, stacked up run mountains in the series. "Once you take 20 wickets, with the batsmen we have, if that clicks, it's like a Ferrari. The batting line-up we have, with Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, Ajinkya Rahane, Cheteshwar Pujara and Mayank Agarwal, if they start scoring, and then you have the five bowlers who can take 20 wickets," Shastri explained.

What would have pleased Shastri even more is the seamless transition of Rohit as a Test opener and the resurgence of Rahane. A lot was on the line for them. Many believed this would be a 'make-or-break' series for Rohit. He accepted the challenge with glee, slamming back-to-back centuries in the first Test at Vizag and then following it up with a double ton in Ranchi.

Rahane silenced his critics with a sublime century in Ranchi. "Rahane's scene was that he had to rediscover himself and he did that. Sharma's scenario was slightly different. As an opener, your mindset has to be different...you don't know how the pitch will behave. On the first day in Ranchi, it was a difficult pitch but he endured. First two hours he faced everything; he had to leave the balls, was beaten, was struck on the pad but his thinking was he needed to survive those two hours, maybe the wicket will be good to bat on after lunch. And that's exactly what happened," Shastri elaborated.

New BCCI treasurer wants discussion on ICC revenue model

DEVENDRA PANDEY
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A DAY before taking over as BCCI treasurer, Arun Thakur vowed to regain India's preeminent position in the International Cricket Council (ICC).

BCCI members believe that India has lost a lot of revenue under the Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators, and India is no longer looked at as the undisputed powerhouse of world cricket.

"BCCI had a leadership position in ICC and it was the most professional board. ICC would look up to BCCI on how to make the most out of cricket. Unfortunately in the last three years, BCCI has lost that position, so we want it to regain that leadership position with which the world cricket will benefit," Arun, the younger brother of former BCCI president and current Union Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur, told *The Indian Express*.

He says the incoming regime will take up the new revenue-sharing model mooted by the world governing body, which Arun believes is not amenable to the BCCI.

"So our revenues have come down, the programme which is doing the rounds in ICC, it doesn't work well for BCCI. So we want to have a fresh look at that, talk to them so that we don't lose our revenue. Because those revenues will benefit our cricketers, be it international or first-class cricketers."

Arun was elected as Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association president after his brother Anurag couldn't contest election due to Lodha Committee's recommendations. However, the latter remains an important figure in the Indian board. There will be several new office-bearers among the BCCI top brass but Arun says they have enough experience.

"It's a young team which has taken over with lots of experience, what Sourav has done for his state associations and what Jay bhai has done for his state association for Gujarat — he is making the world's biggest stadium. They have experience and we like to use that experience," he explains.

Like Sourav Ganguly, the new BCCI president, Arun too felt the BCCI needs to look after first-class cricketers and they will be the priority for the new body taking over officially on Wednesday.

"Once a player goes to the international level, they get all major benefits but when it comes to first-class level, not everyone gets the best. Not everyone makes it to the international level but they have given their 10-15 crucial years to cricket. We want a better deal for them," Arun points out.

When asked how his elder brother influenced him, he reminds how it was during Anurag's tenure that Himachal Pradesh developed much-needed cricket infrastructure. He doesn't hesitate to say that he will take guidance from his brother who was removed from the BCCI top post by the Supreme Court.

"When he took over as president in Himachal in 2000, nobody could imagine any cricket infrastructure in the state. Himachal was associated with BCCI since 1984, nobody could have ever imagined a Himachal cricketer representing India. The kind of infrastructure he has built and cricketers we have, we are proud that before any male cricketer could represent India, Sushma Verma represented India. It shows the kind of effort that has gone into it and it is Anuragji's singlehanded effort," he said.

Ganguly takes over today

One of India's most decorated captains Sourav Ganguly will be taking over as the 39th president of the BCCI on Wednesday at its AGM, ending a tumultuous 33-month reign of the Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators. Ganguly is the unanimous nomination for the post of BCCI president along with Union Home Minister Amit Shah's son Jay as the secretary. Mahim Verma of Uttarakhand is the new vice-president.

KOLPAK AND PROTEAS

'Your talent pool is suddenly smaller'

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
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SOUTH AFRICA skipper Faf du Plessis said a no-deal Brexit would be beneficial for the Proteas because it would close the Kolpak route, stopping the talent drain in the process. "It's sad for South African cricket not to have the option of their best players... But it's been very difficult to stop," Du Plessis said. Here's a low-down on how Brexit can help Cricket South Africa.

What's the Kolpak rule?

Under the European Union Association Agreements, citizen of the countries that have free trade treaties with the EU, also have the same right. The name originated from the Slovakian handball player Maros Kolpak, who won a court case to become eligible to play in the German handball league.

How does South Africa come under it?

Players from South Africa, Zimbabwe and several Caribbean countries are eligible for the Kolpak deals via the Cotonou Agreement with the EU. So a South African cricketer can move to England, an EU member till Brexit happens, and ply his trade in county cricket. However, a player must have a valid work permit for four years in the UK, or he needs to play a certain number of international matches.

Why's there an exodus?

Since 2004, South Africa have lost dozens of cricketers, including stars like Morne Morkel and Kyle Abbott, and also exciting young talents like Simon Harmer, to Kolpak. South African cricketers are not well paid by their board compared to their English, Australian or Indian counterparts. So, a lot of them have moved away, giving up international cricket. "Obviously, from a financial point of view, Pound is stronger than Rand. So that will always be a concern for us," du Plessis said.

Why do English counties sign Kolpak cricketers?

If a player comes through Kolpak, he is not counted as an overseas player. Only one overseas player is allowed (to take the field) per county in English first-class cricket, while two foreigners can be fielded in the NatWest Blast. The counties avail the opportunity to rope in quality players from outside the country without exhausting their overseas quotas.

How will Brexit change things?

A no-deal Brexit means, UK will no longer be part of the European Union Association Agreements and its by-products like Cotonou Agreement. So post-Brexit, the Kolpak deal might cease to exist. Then, if a South African cricketer goes to play county cricket, he will be considered an overseas player.

Why does du Plessis think it would benefit South African cricket?

Because talent drain will stop. For example, when a South African cricketer takes the Kolpak route to county cricket, he loses the right to play for his national team. Post-Brexit, even if a cricketer goes to play in the English county cricket, he will go there as an overseas professional and he can still play for South Africa. "Brexit will be one thing that will stop obviously the Kolpak players. So yes, that would benefit South African cricket tremendous amount," du Plessis said, adding: "At the moment, we are losing our experience in International cricket. It's sad for South African cricket not to have the option of their best players."

SIMPLY PUT

Will the end of Kolpak help South African domestic cricket?

According to du Plessis, it will. "... we are also losing our experience in domestic cricket. Your top players domestically are going overseas. Your guys that get left out of the South African team, they go overseas. So you are missing out on all your best players and your talent pool is all of a sudden a lot smaller. And even like I said, the guys going there post international cricket, guys like Hashim Amla, those guys, they won't be playing domestic cricket back home. So you lose all of that experience. Playing with Hashim Amla is the greatest learning curve that you can get. Playing with Dale Steyn, playing with AB de Villiers, all those guys... So it's about making sure that you can bridge that gap and finding ways to do it."

Vaughan wants Boucher as coach

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EXPRESSING CONCERN over South Africa's 0-3 Test series thrashing at the hands of India, former England captain Michael Vaughan on Tuesday called out ex-Protea wicketkeeper-batsman Mark Boucher to take charge of the team. India completed a 3-0 series whitewash of South Africa with a comprehensive innings and 202 runs win in the final Test in Ranchi on Tuesday.

The Proteas were no match to the hosts as they suffered two innings defeats in the three-match Test series.

Vaughan also called upon the South African Cricket Board to take advice from its former players like captain Graeme Smith and legendary all-rounder Jacques Kallis.

"This South African Test team is a real concern for the game .. The game needs South Africa to be strong .. Time for @markb46 to take over .. also why wouldn't you use @GraemeSmith49 & @jacqueskallis75 in some capacity #INDvsSA," Vaughan tweeted.

South African cricket embraced a football-style setup as part of a radical overhaul in the wake of their World Cup debacle with chief coach Ottis Gibson making way for interim Team Director Enoch Nkwe.

However, the team's performance has been dismal in its first series since the change in management.

South Africa's Kolpak report card

A look at how players who have chosen county over country have fared over the past three years.

SIMON HARMER (ESSEX):

The off-spinner, who toured India in 2015, has been the most prolific bowler for Essex in the last three campaigns. In the just-concluded season, he topped the bowling charts with 83 wickets at 18.28, guiding his county to its second championship triumph in three editions. In the last edition he picked 57 wickets at 24 (the fifth-highest wicket-taker) and scored 460 runs at an average of 27. In the last three years, he has grabbed 214 wickets in 41 games.

KYLE ABBOTT (HAMPSHIRE)

The strapping fast bowler, the only bowler to pick a five-for during South Africa's tour to India in 2015, has been exceptional for Hampshire, snaring 71 wickets in 21 innings at an average of 15.73 this season and 51 at 23.17 in the last campaign. He has been useful with the bat too, scoring 1,083 runs at 30 down the order in the last three seasons.

DUANNE OLIVIER (DERBYSHIRE):

It has been a steady season for Olivier who struck a Kolpak deal at the start of last season. The medium-pacer struggled in the initial matches, before salvaging his reputation with a flurry of wickets towards the backend of the championship, finishing with 47 wickets at 31.02.

MORNE MORKEL (SURREY):

The beanpole pacer, after quitting international cricket at 33, forged a deal with Surrey. He has been as effective as he had been for South Africa, wheedling out 107 wickets at 22 in the last two seasons. He was the second-highest wicket-taker in the previous edition, which Surrey went on to win.

RILEE ROSSOUW (HAMPSHIRE):

Once considered the most promising batsman from his country, he never got an opportunity in Tests and couldn't turn eye-balls in 36 ODIs, despite his eye-catching stroke-play. His county stint has been an extension of his international career as he has averaged in the mid-30s over three seasons.

DANE VILAS (LANCASHIRE):

Touted the heir apparent to Mark Boucher, he was shunned after six Tests, wherein he did nothing to live up to the labelling. But with Lancashire, he quickly established himself as one of their batting pillars. This year, he plundered 1036 runs at 80 in 17 outings, after he had hoarded 879 in the previous edition. He managed a double hundred every season and has attained cult status in Lancashire.

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Players' strike a conspiracy to destabilise game: BCB Prez

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BANGLADESH CRICKET Board President Nazmul Hassan on Tuesday said the national players' unprecedented strike seems to be a "conspiracy" to destabilise the game in the country but remains hopeful that the upcoming tour of India will go on as per schedule. Hassan's comments come after country's top players including Test and T20 captain Shakib Al Hasan, Mahmudullah and Mushfiqur Rahim on Monday announced a boycott of cricketing activities until their demands, including a salary hike, are met.

"Obviously I hope that the camp will go on. The India series will take place. I believe that most of the players want to play. They want cricket to develop. I don't believe that they will bring the country's cricket into disrepute due to a small sum of five thousand taka. But we will see what happens," Hassan was quoted as saying by 'Daily Star'.

Bangladesh are scheduled to play three T20s and two-Tests in India starting November 3.

"First, I have to know who is trying to jeopardise the India tour. I have to know what the real problem is or else there will other problems a few days later. We will find who is behind this conspiracy," said Hassan during a press conference here as the BCB called an emergency meeting of directors to discuss the issue.

Hassan also said that purpose of the public protest was to create chaos and tarnish the image of the game in the country.

BCB director Jalal Yunus said the players should have come to the board with their demands rather than communicating with them through media. "We had no idea that the cricketers were so angry, disappointed and upset," Yunus told Bengali daily Samakal.

"They could have placed the demands at the board before issuing the ultimatum. However, they went to the media to call off all cricketing activities. This is nothing but blackmailing."

Another BCB director Mahbubul Anam too smelt a conspiracy against the Board.

"They could have followed the process of going through the CEO, cricket operations chairman and board chief, and if their demands weren't met, then they could have gone for action. I believe something else is behind the cricketers' call for the strike. It is a conspiracy against BCB," he said.

However, former Bangladesh captain and BCB cricket operations head Akram Khan empathised with the players.

"These things always start with a movement. Once you sit with the board, it is no longer a movement. The board is there to serve the cricketers' purpose. I hope there will be reconciliation between the players and the board. We will try to solve their issues in the board meeting on (Tuesday)," said Khan.

Some of the players' main demands are: Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) must go back to franchise model, Dhaka Premier League (their domestic first-class competition) must go back to open market transfers, central contract salary should be higher, and include more players, higher first class match fees, players association to no longer have conflict of interest.

'Promoting corruption'

A former Bangladesh cricket chief said Tuesday that match fixing was widespread in the country, deepening a crisis sparked by a strike by top players over wages. Former Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Saber Hossain Chowdhury, a British-educated lawyer, businessman and now member of parliament, said corruption was deep-rooted at the governing body.

"@BCBtigers is only national sporting body in the world that promotes institutionalised #matchfixing, #corruption," he said on his Twitter account, adding: "Unbelievable!!" "Flagged this issue many times myself," he said.

[SPORTS BAR]

Federer easily wins 1,500th match

Roger Federer opened his bid for a 10th title at the ATP Swiss indoors in Basel, crushing German qualifier Peter Gojowczyk in what was the Swiss legend's 1,500th career match. This landmark 6-2 6-1 success in his hometown set the 38-year-old up for his tilt at a 103rd title. Federer is defending the 2018 title at his hometown event. The victory improved his career record at the tournament to 72-9 and increased his Basel win streak to 21 straight matches. The Monday rout took just 54 minutes with Federer forced to break back in the second set before sprinting to the win. He will face the winner from Radu Albot and Dusan Lajovic in the second round. Federer, the winner of the previous two editions, last lost here in the 2013 final to Juan Martin del Potro.

10-man Jamshedpur beat Odisha FC 2-1

A 10-man Jamshedpur FC overcame the odds and put up a spirited display to defeat Odisha FC 2-1 in a thrilling Indian Super League match in Jamshedpur on Tuesday. Farukh Choudhary broke the deadlock in the 17th minute fortuitously, but the lead was put in danger by a red card that Bikash Jairu picked up with 10 minutes to go for the half-time whistle. Aridane Santana stuck soon after to restore parity for Odisha FC but a fighting second-half culminated in Sergio Castel finding a winner in the 85th minute for the home side at the JRD Tata Sports Complex.

AFC Cup final moved out of North Korea

Next week's AFC Cup final between North Korea's 4.25 SC and Lebanon's Al Ahed will be played in Shanghai instead of Pyongyang due to sanctions affecting the North, the Asian Football Confederation said on Tuesday. The AFC made the decision based on considerations over the televising and promotion of the game so that it is viewable throughout Asia and the Middle East, it said. Last week, North and South Korea played a World Cup qualifier at the Kim Il Sung Stadium - their first football match in the North in 30 years - but no fans or media were allowed in the stands, and Pyongyang refused to broadcast the game live. The match ended in a goalless draw.

Sheffield United's Lys Mousset (2nd L) celebrates his goal with teammates. *Reuters*

Blades burst Arsenal bubble as Mousset strikes

Arsenal slumped to a shock 1-0 defeat at Sheffield United as Lys Mousset condemned the Gunners to their latest away-day flop on Monday. Unai Emery's side are without an away Premier League win since the opening weekend of the season after failing to rise to the challenge posed by fired up United at Bramall Lane. French forward Mousset, making his first Premier League start for United, punished poor Arsenal defending in the first half to score his second goal since signing from Bournemouth. That was enough to send Arsenal crashing to just their second defeat of the season, ending an eight-game unbeaten run in all competitions. The north Londoners sit fifth in the league after a powder-puff performance that showed Emery's rebuilding job is still a work in progress. Under Emery, Arsenal have kept just two clean sheets in 24 away league matches and once again they wilted too easily in a hostile environment. This was a signature win for the Blades after last season's promotion and they sit proudly in ninth place, just three points behind Arsenal.

Sai reaches career-best ranking, Sindhu sixth

Top Indian shuttler B Sai Praneeth jumped one place to reach career-best 11th spot while world champion PV Sindhu remained unchanged at sixth in the BWF world rankings released on Tuesday. Kidambi Srikanth dropped one place to 10th while Sameer Verma also slipped one spot to be 18th in the list headed by Momota. In the women's singles, Sindhu remained static at sixth while another Olympic medallist Saina Nehwal moved down one place to be ninth in the list headed by Tai Tzu Ying of Chinese Taipei.

Fadte, Vats win junior squash national title

Top-seeds Yash Fadte and Sanya Vats won the boys and girls under-19 titles respectively in style, posting easy wins in the finals of the HCL Sub-junior and Junior National Squash Championship on Tuesday. While the promising Fadte eased past Sankalp Anand (Delhi) 11-2, 11-8, 11-4, Vats outplayed Amira Singh 11-5, 11-8, 11-6. Host Tamil Nadu finished with two titles as Darshil Parasrampuria and Arihant KS won in the boys under-11 and under-13 sections respectively. Tiana Parasrampuria (girls under-15), Yuvraj Wadhwani (boys under-15) and the talented Neel Joshi (boys under-17) emerged victorious.

Kyrgios in Australia Davis Cup squad

Australia captain Lleyton Hewitt says he has been willing to overlook Nick Kyrgios's recent outbursts on the ATP Tour to select the talented but wayward star in his team for the revamped Davis Cup finals. Kyrgios is currently serving six months probation on the ATP tour after a meltdown at the Cincinnati tournament in August and calling the ATP "pretty corrupt" during this year's US Open. The suspended sentence applies only to the ATP Tour and not the Davis Cup and Hewitt is confident the 24-year-old Kyrgios will be on his best behavior at the 18-team world finals in Madrid from Nov. 18 to 24. Hewitt said Kyrgios's latest ban had not affected his decision to select the player in a strong Australian team, drawn in a group with Belgium and Colombia.

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Litmus test for young Blues

Lampard's youthful Chelsea take on the conveyer belt of promising stars, Ajax

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Chelsea, who are third in their group, during a training session on Tuesday. *Reuters*

CHELSEA'S YOUNG guns will test their run of form at one of the homes of youth development on Wednesday as they attempt to stop an Ajax team on course to replicate last season's thrilling Champions League run.

The Blues are on a five-match winning streak in all-competitions after beating Newcastle United 1-0 at the weekend but come up against the Group H leaders in Amsterdam Ajax are averaging over three goals a game at home and abroad and are hungry for European success after semi-final heartache last season.

Fikayo Tomori, Ross Barkley, Mason Mount, Callum Hudson-Odoi and Tammy Abraham all started Saturday's win at Stamford Bridge, the first time since 2013 five English players made the London club's starting XI. They second on three points in Group H after a wobbly opening two games in the Champions League, with a pair of matches coming up against on-fire Ajax that could decide their European destiny.

"These two games against Ajax are really big because they're such a strong team ... The movement of the team and the way they play football will be a big test for us," coach Frank Lampard told the Chelsea website on Monday.

Abraham has stolen the headlines with eight goals in nine league appearances and the opener in Chelsea's 2-1 win in Lille, and Lampard called the 22-year-old a "sponge" for his capacity to learn.

"He wants to listen, to get better, to score more goals, improve his game and help his team-mates. He's got the beautiful base of that in terms of coaching," added Lampard.

However four of those Saturday starters are academy products who have flourished under new boss Lampard, who has dealt with the loss of Eden Hazard and a UEFA-imposed transfer ban by pushing the Premier League club's youth products to centre stage. Hudson-Odoi, who recently returned from a long-term ankle injury, was a constant menace with his bursts down the flank and it was the 18-year-old who teed up Marcos Alonso for the winning goal from a match in which Chelsea had 16 shots at goal and 72 per cent possession.

Dutch side gunning for glory

It was also just the second time this season that Chelsea kept a clean sheet, and they did it without the injured Andreas Christensen and Antonio Rudiger, with 21-year-old Tomori proving an increasingly solid presence at the back.

Rudiger and Christensen are two of a string of Chelsea absentees which includes midfield lynchpin N'Golo Kante and another academy product Ruben Loftus-Cheek, with Barkley and Cesar Azpilicueta also doubts for Ajax. Ajax's remarkable form has led to rumours that coach Erik ten Hag is a potential Bayern Munich target, rumours that the 49-year-old refused to play down on Monday as Nico Kovac comes under fire in Germany.

Despite losing midfield dynamo Frenkie De Jong to Barcelona and defensive rock Matthijs de Ligt to Juventus, they are top of the Eredivisie and unbeaten after scoring 31 times in their opening 10 games, three points ahead of PSV Eindhoven and Vitesse Arnhem.

In fact Erik ten Hag's side have hardly felt the effects of their departures, as the rising stars of Dutch football struggle to impose themselves in new countries.

Reds hope for Salah return

While Liverpool hope to have Mohamed Salah back alongside Sadio Mane in attack in time for Wednesday's Champions League meeting with Genk in Belgium, their opponents have their own African forward who is a superstar in his home country.

Mbwana Ally Samatta's 23 league goals last season helped fire the unfashionable club from an old mining hub in the Dutch-speaking north of Belgium to the league title and a return to Europe's leading club competition.

The 26-year-old then became the first Tanzanian to play in the Champions League and marked the occasion by scoring on an otherwise miserable night for Genk as they lost 6-2 in Salzburg in their Group E opener.

Since then they have held Napoli to a 0-0 draw at home, a result which gives an unfancied side hope they can spring a surprise against the reigning European champions.

FIXTURES

Group E	Salzburg v Napoli Genk v Liverpool
Group F	Inter v Dortmund, Slavia Praha v Barcelona
Group G	Leipzig v Zenit Benfica v Lyon
Group H	Ajax v Chelsea LOSC Lille v Valencia

England-New Zealand ... from Black Caps to Back Claps

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The All Blacks were impressed by the Black Caps' dignified response to their loss in the Cricket World Cup final to England. *AP*

ALTHOUGH UNLIKELY, there is a chance the All Blacks and England could find themselves in a similar situation to the cricket world cup super-tie no-win; though not the farcical end to a thriller when it concerns rugby. If the scores are locked at fulltime in Yokohama when the rugby sides meet Saturday, extra time of 10 minutes each way will be played. If, after that, the scores are still the same 10 minutes of sudden death will be played.And if the scores are still tied, a kicking duel between five men from each side will be staged to determine a winner.

All Blacks coach Steve Hansen, however, thought it unlikely the game will be decided by a kicking contest after two extra periods."Have we prepared for it? Yes, that would be the answer to that question. You would be foolish if you didn't prepare for it," Hansen said."But I would be highly surprised that after 80 minutes, an extra 10 minutes each way and then another 10 minutes. By that stage there will be bugger all people standing, that someone hasn't scored some points. But funnier things have happened, haven't they?"

The most famous example of a Rugby World Cup game being forced into extra time was in 1995 when All Blacks lost the final 15-12 to the Springboks after Joel Stransky kicked a drop goal.

All Black Sam Whitelock recalls catching up with the Black Caps after they returned cupless but unconquered. "It was a pretty amazing game to watch, obviously we weren't that happy with the result," Whitelock said about the cricket match.

Prior to the final, the ABs playing in Argentina then had posed for a team picture and sent out wishes to the Black Caps. "How good will it be when you guys stuff the Poms on the home of cricket, let's go lads," captain Kieran Read had roared with fist pumps and loud cheers from his team-mates. The bizarre finish was to leave them heartbroken, but the ABs were impressed with the dignified response.

"I saw a few of the cricket boys afterwards, and they were pretty excited about how close they got. And they know that, hopefully, when New Zealand do get to win that Cricket World Cup that they have really set up the generations to follow them. It was quite humbling to talk to them afterwards. How their mindset was after a pretty close loss."

Jones hints at spy-gate in rollicking presser

The ABs are gunning for their third World crown in rugby and not quite thinking of losing to the English.

England coach Eddie Jones is trying every trick in the book to make them think of only that. Speaking to the press on Wednesday, he first alleged the Kiwis were spying on his team.

He declared that the England camp were aware their session was being filmed by someone in an apartment overlooking his side's training session. Jones linked the All Blacks with it and then backtracked slightly by saying there was no value in doing so. He also admitted to doing it himself in 2001. "I've got no idea, mate. Mitch [New Zealand assistant John Mitchell] could have been one of them. He's got about 15 different disguises. Look, everyone knows what everyone else does. There are no surprises in the game any more. There was definitely someone in the apartment block filming but it might have been a Japanese fan."

Asked whether he would do the same, Jones said: "Yeah we've got someone there (at AB training session) now mate.I haven't done it since 2001. We used to do it. You just don't need to do it any more mate because you see everything. You can watch everyone's training on YouTube or whatever. There's no value in doing it, absolutely zero."

Asked whether he needed to bulk up his security detail owing to the spying, Jones said: "We don't, mate. We only have Prince Harry's and we've got the ex-prime minister's; just two of them. Lovely chaps."

His final word was reserved for Hansen, saying All Blacks were "consistently good" because they did the basics well. And that Hansen had run "good campaigns" before.

"We don't have any pressure, mate… no one thinks we can win. There's 120 million Japanese people out there whose second team are the All Blacks. There's no pressure on us. We just have to have a great week, relax and enjoy it. They're looking for their third World Cup so that brings pressure."

He then took it a notch higher.

"I don't think they're vulnerable but the pressure is real. The busiest guy for them will be Gilbert Enoka, the mental skills coach. They've got to think about winning this three times. It's potentially the last game for their greatest ever coach [Steve Hansen], and for their greatest ever captain [Kieran Read]. They will be talking about it the whole week. It's always much harder to defend the World Cup and they'll be thinking about that."

He added: "Someone has to ask questions, mate because the New Zealand media doesn't. You guys are just fans with keyboards, so someone's got to ask them some questions about what's going on."

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