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CBI books Cong's Rawat, BJP minister for 2016 bids to buy MLAs



Former Uttarakhand Chief **Minister Harish Rawat**

EXPRESS NEW'S SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

THE CBI has booked former Uttarakhand Chief Minister Harish Rawat for alleged attempts to buy the support of rebel Congress MLAs in 2016. His then Cabinet colleague Harak Singh Rawat, who is now a minister in the state's BIP-led government, and Urnesh Sharma, the editor of Noida-based Samachar Plus channel, have also been booked.

The CBI's FIR is based on the findings of a preliminary enquiry launched in April 2016, following a "sting operation" video that purportedly showed Harish Rawat discussing a payoff with Harak Singh Rawat in lieu of the support of rebel Congress MLAs.

"The recorded video conver-

sation dated 23.03.2016 has been examined by the Forensic Laboratory, Gandhinagar, and it has been opined that there is no addition/ deletion/insertion/tampering/ morphing in the video files, in-

dicating that the recordings are genuine," says the FIR. The CBI has charged the trio under IPC sections pertaining to

criminal conspiracy and bribery, and under provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

GOVT & POLITICS



In first test after Art 370 move, J&K votes in block polls today

Over 1,000 in fray but NC, PDP, Cong are giving it a miss

BASHAARAT MASOOD SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 23

IN THE first democratic process in Jammu and Kashmir since the government's August 5 decision to scrap the special status under Article 370, elections to Block Development Councils (BDC) the second tier in the Panchavati Raj system — will be held on Thursday.

This is the first time that over 26,000 panchs and sarpanchs from across the state — elected

in November-December last year — will cast their votes in their respective blocks to elect the BDC chairpersons. Any panch or sarpanch can stand for the post of block chairperson.

But with the mainstream political leadership detained since August, and, barring the BJP, all the major parties – NC, PDP and Congress — deciding to boycott the polls, questions are being raised about the credibility of the

While I&K has 316 blocks, elections were to be held for 310 blocks, as there were no candidates in the remaining blocks. Official records show that while no panch or sarpanch had been elected in two blocks of the Valley, there was no female panch or sarpanch in the four blocks reserved for women – 33 per cent of the blocks have been reserved for women candidates.

Of the 310 blocks, candidates CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

WHY IT IS UNIQUE

CABINET KEEPS OUT 69 AFFLUENT, ILLEGAL COLONIES

An old Delhi demand met: Govt will regularise illegal colonies

Over 40 lakh in 1,728 colonies stand to benefit, property rights for a fee

KRISHN KAUSHIK & MALLICA JOSHI NEW DELHI. OCTOBER 23

IN A move that will impact over 40 lakh people — a fifth of Delhi's population — the Centre Wednesday cleared the proposal to regularise 1,728 unauthorised colonies in the national capital, fulfilling a promise made by political parties in the city for almost two decades.

Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, who called the decision the "most farsighted, progressive, revolutionary step" taken in Delhi's history since 1947, said 69 affluent colonies such as Sainik Farms, Mahendru Enclave and Anant Ram Diary, or colonies in forest or protected areas, have been kept out of the purview of the Union Cabinet's decision, demonstrating "the government's commitment to first deal with the issues of the economically weaker sections".

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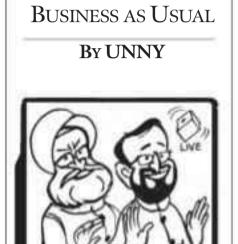


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next Delhi polls ...

AHEAD OF next year's

assembly elections, the

Cabinet decision could

for the Delhi BJP. At the

same time, it will start

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on who should get the

credit for the move.

serve as a shot in the arm

A poll

issue

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

MTNL, BSNL

to be merged,

gets go-ahead

revival plan

THE UNION Cabinet Wednesday plan for state-run telecommunication companies Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telecom Nigam Ltd (MTNL) which are reeling under the pressure of mounting losses and competition in the sector.

Alongside the merger, the revival proposal for the merged entity entails a four-pronged strategy — administrative allotment of spectrum for 4G services, debt restructuring by raising of bonds with sovereign guarantee extended by the Centre, reducing employee costs through a voluntary retirement scheme (VRS) scheme, and monetisation of

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The Bulgarian truck came from Belgium. AP

39 found dead in a truck near London, victims' nationalities not known

MEGAN SPECIA LONDON, OCTOBER 23

THE POLICE have opened a murder investigation after the bodies of 39 people were found in a truck at the Waterglade

Industrial Park in Grays, near London, in the early hours of Wednesday. "This is a tragic incident where a large number of people have lost their lives," Andrew

Mariner, Chief Superintendent

of the Essex Police, said. "Our en-

quiries are ongoing to establish

from Northern Ireland, has been

what has happened." The driver, a 25-year-old-man

arrested on suspicion of murder. According to the police, it appeared that all but one of the dead, a teenager, were adults. The police believe the truck, which is from Bulgaria, came from Belgium, entered Britain at Holyhead port in Wales on Saturday, more than 300 miles northwest of where it was

discovered. Vehicles entering Holyhead typically come from Ireland, but what route the truck took remains unclear, as do the nationalities of those inside. Pippa Mills, the deputy chief constable of Essex Police, said the police had been called to the scene by

the local ambulance service, but CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

It is Judge vs Judge on the same bench in Bombay HC over a corruption case

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G NEW DELHI. OCTOBER 23

SITTING ON a High Court division bench, they heard a case together and reserved the order. But then according to one judge, the other — the more senior member — pronounced the judgment before he could add his views. The upset judge went on to pen a dissenting verdict, making evident his strong displeasure.

In his October 3 dissenting judgement, Justice K K Sonawane of the Aurangabad bench of the Bombay High Court said: "I did not receive any op-

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G

ATTORNEY GENERAL K K

Venugopal suggested to the

Supreme Court Wednesday that

it examine the question whether

any restriction, other than those

permissible under Article 19(2),

can be imposed on the right to

freedom of speech and expres-

sion guaranteed by the

Constitution in Article 19(1)(a)

on the ground that such speech

violates some other fundamen-

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Justices TV Nalawade and K K Sonawane

portunity to go through the judgment authored by Senior Member of the Bench (Shri T V Nalawade, I.) nor the draft of the same was forwarded to me for perusal". He called it a "glaring example of lack of coordination, lack of consultation, deliberation

Attorney

General K K

Venugopal

tal right of an individual.

Venugopal mentioned this

before a five-judge Constitution

Bench, headed by Justice Arun

Mishra and also comprising

Justices Indira Baneriee, Vineet

Saran, M R Shah and S Ravindra

or discussion on the matter-inissue amongst judges of this Division Bench prior to pronouncement of judgment into the matter pending for its adjudication on merit."

This happened when the bench of Justices Nalawade and Sonawane was seized of pleas seeking a probe into allegations of graft in the repair works of a road. While both judges agreed on the question of continuing the police probe, the difference was over the approach to charges against certain PWD officials.

Justice Sonawane said the Supreme Court, while discussing the mode and manner of writing CONTINUED ON PAGE 10

Bhat, which is hearing the ques-

tion on the limits of free speech

of a minister or a person holding

context of controversial remarks

by then Uttar Pradesh minister

Azam Khan on the July 2016

The matter had risen in the

a high office.

Supreme Court.

AG pulls out a question: Can there

be new curbs on freedom of speech? economic growth.

growth.

are among the country's largest borrowers. A substantial part of this funding comes from banks. The failure of any large nonbanking financial company or housing finance company may deliver a solvency shock to lenders," said S&P Global Ratings

Bulandshahr gangrape case. Later that year, Khan tendered an unconditional apology to the A three-judge bench, headed by then Justice Dipak Misra, had referred the matter to a CONTINUED ON PAGE 10

S&P waves a red flag: Contagion risk rising in financial sector

'Failure of any large NBFC or HFC may deliver solvency shock to lenders'

GEORGE MATHEW MUMBAI, OCTOBER 23

GLOBAL Ratings Wednesday said the Indian financial sector is facing rising risk of contagion and failure of any large finance company will adversely impact economic

In its report 'Indian Financial Sector Braces For Fat Contagion Tail Risk', S&P said a bank failure could disrupt the inter-bank market, payments, hurt credit availability and adversely affect

"India's finance companies credit analyst Geeta Chugh.

The S&P warning has come at a time when banks are struggling to put in a resolution plan for housing finance major Dewan Housing Finance Ltd (DHFL) which has defaulted on repayments.

FITCH WARNS OF **CAPITAL SHORTFALL** Mumbai: Fitch Ratings

has said Indian banks could face a capital shortfall of about \$50 billion in the event of a systemic crisis in the NBFC sector. REPORT, PAGE 19

NBFCs, or shadow banks, went into a tailspin after Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services (IL&FS), which has a debt of around Rs 94,000 crore, collapsed in September 2018. NBFCs have already slowed down their operations in the wake of a fund crunch in the system.

The Reserve Bank of India has been closely monitoring the top 50 non-banking finance companies to ascertain if there is any rising systemic risk with more such institutions having failed over the last year, including DHFL. Moreover, the failure of a

large finance company may have other consequences, such as **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

A weighty order goes out in Bikaner: Policemen

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DEEP MUKHERJEE JAIPUR, OCTOBER 23

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POLICE OFFICERS in Bikaner district of Rajasthan have a new task at hand: to identify all personnel whose weight and waist size is "more than average", and submit details of their measurements, either by email or post, by November 1.

"Identify all officers/ personnel working under you who have more than average weight/ waist size at your office/ branch level and send information about their weight/waist size," says an order issued Wednesday by the office of the SP, Bikaner.

If no overweight personnel are found in the survey, the officers will have to specify that too in a communication to the SP's office. "Give this utmost priority... if the information is not sent on time, departmental action will be taken against the officer in-charge," it says.

have to measure, turn in their waist size by Nov 1

The order, in Hindi, has prescribed a format in which the information has to be sent, which includes the names of overweight personnel, their designation, weight, chest size and waist size.

When contacted, Bikaner SP Pradeep Mohan Sharma told *The Indian Express:* "This is a routine process that happens every year on the directions of the police headquarters. This is part of a survey done to check the fitness of personnel, to see who needs improvement in which section and to use it in an advisory."

In the past too, the Rajasthan Police has given emphasis on fitness during the recruitment

process. In 2011, the then Rajasthan DGP Harish Meena had proposed a 10-kilometre fitness run as part of the recruitment process, to which some senior police officers and politicians had objected.

Meena had then said that there was a need to change the public perception of a policeman as a fat, potbellied man. Meena had himself completed a 10-km run in 48 minutes.



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WEB EXCLUSIVE

EXPLAINED: WHY THE GOVT WANTS TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF MSMES

A change in definition of MSMEs is expected to improve their ease of doing business and help create more jobs. According to a Reserve Bank of India report, the MSMEs are amongst the strongest drivers of economic development, innovation and employment.

VIDEO OF THE DAY



MADE IN CHINA MOVIE CAST INTERVIEW

The movie also stars Mouni Roy, Boman Irani and Sumeet Vyas

FULL COVERAGE



SOURAV GANGULY ON RUNNING BCCI

Ganguly says he will run BCCI just like he led Team India

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How US Congressional hearing on Kashmir will impact India

NEW EPISODE EVERYDAY

In today's episode of the 3 Things podcast, we look at the highlights of the US Congressional hearing on Kashmir and how it will impact India-US relations

FROM PAGE ONE

Illegal colonies

The announcement comes months before the Delhi assembly polls, scheduled for February. Both Aam Aadmi Party and the BJP have, over the past year, sparred over the issue, each blaming the other for delaying the process.

The government will introduce a Bill in the winter session of Parliament to "recognise general power of attorney, will, agreement to sell, purchase and possession documents" — a one-time relaxation for residents of such colonies.

After the implementation of the decision, those who have built or bought houses in unauthorised colonies will get ownership rights. Currently, these properties are passed on or bought on the basis of power of attorney, will, or agreement to sell documents. But they cannot be registered with the revenue department and one cannot get bank loans to build or buy in these areas. The colonies do not come under the jurisdiction of municipal bodies and, as a result, unsafe and illegal construction cannot be checked or penalised.

People will have to pay a onetime fee to register their properties, which will vary depending on the area of the property, the circle rate of adjacent authorised colonies, and the nature of land — government, private or agricultural.

At a press conference soon afterwards, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, who has in the past locked horns with the Centre on the issue, welcomed the announcement and said the regularisation process must start soon. "Till now, parties have made

these promises before elections. When we came to power, we immediately took this issue up and prepared a proposal and sent it to the Centre in November 2015. We kept discussing the issue with the Centre. In July, the Centre sent a draft cabinet note and we responded promptly... This was a long struggle — for us as well as for the people of Delhi... People will only benefit once they have registry (property registration papers) in their hands, otherwise they will think it is just another empty promise," Keiriwal said.

Puri, meanwhile, emphasised that the announcement was not made keeping in mind the upcoming assembly elections in Delhi. This is not timed for the elections, he said, adding that there have been several elections since 2008, when the DDA had first prepared the plan for regularisation.

Asked if the decision would

encourage encroachment in other parts of the city, Puri said the decision was a "question of equity".

He also attacked the Delhi government, and asked if it did not take any decision on this front even in the next five years, will it be "equitable for us to allow our own citizens to live in those subhuman conditions in unsafe structures, many of which fall, many of them don't have access to sewage?"

"In today's new India, I think we owe it to those people to transfer these rights," he said.

Providing ownership rights to people living in unauthorised colonies has been a point of contention between the AAP-led Delhi government and the BJP-led Centre, with both trying to take credit for it.

AAP considers people living in

unauthorised colonies a key vote bank, with several policies tailormade for them. Earlier this year, the CM made a series of announcements regarding development work — laying water pipelines and sewers and constructing roads — in such colonies. Ahead of Lok Sabha polls, the BJP too shifted its focus to unauthorised colonies. Wednesday's decision, party leaders from both AAP and BJP acknowledged, will have an impact on the outcome of next year's assembly polls.

The road ahead for DDA, which has been given the primary responsibility of executing the decision, is not easy. They have to complete the exercise to demarcate borders of these colonies — something that the Delhi government has failed to do in the past four years despite different private agencies being hired for the

MTNL, BSNL

MTNL provides telephony services in Delhi and Mumbai, while BSNL is present across the rest of the circles in the country.

A group of ministers headed by Union Home Minister Amit Shah had earlier approved the revival plan proposed by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT). The

DoT's revival plan, officials indicated, involved inputs from restructuring plans submitted by the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, and Deloitte, engaged separately to lay down a revival roadmap for BSNL and MTNL respectively.

Briefing reporters after the Union Cabinet meeting, Communications and IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said that prior to the merger, MTNL will operate as a subsidiary of BSNL and that the government is hopeful of the companies turning "prof-

itable" over the next two years.

Alongside Air India, the BSNL and MTNL are the worst performing PSUs for the government. The Public Enterprises Survey 2017-18, which mapped the performance of central public sector units, reported that BSNL, MTNL and Air India contributed 52.15 per cent of the total loss incurred by central public sector enterprises in 2017-18.

The merger proposal for the two PSUs comes at a time when the telecom sector is facing financial stress due to stiff competition and reduction in tariff. For BSNL and MTNL, the competition in the mobile segment, high employee cost and absence of 4G services (except in few circles for BSNL) in the data-centric telecom market has progressively eroded their competitive strength.

Prasad said the Cabinet proposes to address that by clearing the way for the administrative allotment of spectrum for 4G services to BSNL and MTNL to enable them to provide broadband and other data services. This spectrum will be funded by the Centre by way of capital infusion in these PSUs at an estimated value of Rs 20,140 crore, alongside a GST impact of Rs 3,674 crore to be also borne by the government and funded through budgetary resources.

Officials said by leveraging this spectrum allotment, the telecom companies will be able to deliver 4G services and compete in the market.

BSNL and MTNL have also been cleared to raise long-term bonds of Rs 15,000 crore, for which sovereign guarantee will be provided by the Centre. The PSUs will restructure their existing debt and also partly meet their capacity expansion obligations.

Alongside this, the VRS scheme that the two companies would offer to their employees, aged 50 years and above, is pro-

C lassifieds

posed to be funded by the Centre through budgetary support. The ex-gratia component of VRS is expected to entail an additional Rs 17,169 crore and the details of the scheme will be finalised by the two companies shortly. According to Prasad, around half of the employees fall in this age bracket.

The asset monetisation plan is expected to generate an additional revenue stream. As of March 2018, BSNL owned land worth Rs 70,000 crore and buildings worth Rs 3,760 crore.

Prasad said these (the two companies) are "strategic assets of India" and have been playing an important role in coping with natural calamities and managing Army networks. He said neither BSNL or MTNL is being closed, or government's stake divested or the firms being hived off to a third party.

BSNL has been reporting losses continuously since 2009-10. The company has over 1.65 lakh employees across India and MTNL has another 22,000. BSNL's provisional loss was Rs 4,859 crore in 2015-16, Rs 4,793 crore in 2016-17, Rs 7,993 crore in 2017-18 and is estimated to surge to Rs 14,202 crore in 2018-19, according to information presented by the administrative ministry in Parliament.

J&K votes

in 27 blocks have been elected unopposed. So voting will be held only in 283 blocks, where over a thousand candidates are in the fray. According to the election department, 853 are independent candidates, while 218 are from the BJP.

"We are ready and everything is in place," J&K's Chief Electoral Office Shailendra Kumar told The Indian Express. "All polling material has been despatched and the staff have been trained. Counting will take place immediately after the elections are over," he said.

Polling stations have been set up at each block. "We have made (security) arrangements for the BDC polls at every place. I believe that the elections will be held peacefully," said J&K's Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh.

Officials have said that the BDC polls will pave the way for elections to the District Planning and Development Boards (DPDB), the third-tier of Panchayati Raj, and thus spur development in the state. "It is for the first time that the DPDB would be emerging out of popularly elected local self-governments," CEO Kumar had earlier told The Indian Express.

However, official figures reveal that 61 per cent of panch seats in the Valley are vacant. Of the 18,833 panch seats in Kashmir, panches have been elected in only 7,596, as there were no candidates in the remaining seats. And of the 7,596 elected panches, the government has notified only 7,308, as only one panch was elected in 288 panchayats.

The figures are similar for the sarpanches as well. According to government figures, over 45 per cent sarpanch seats in the Valley are vacant. Of the 2,375 sarpanch seats in the Valley, 1,558 have been elected, and only 1,311 notified.

S&P cautions

draining the credit available to the sector. "This contagion runs the risk of spreading to real estate companies too. Finance companies are the largest lenders to this segment and any failure among such institutions could jeopardize credit flows to developers," the S&P report said.

"Markets reflect this fragility.
Many finance companies have lost more than half of their equity value in the past year, and credit markets are charging huge premiums on debt issued by the riskier finance companies," it said.

Given the seriousness of such

risks, S&P expects the government to support systemically important institutions that get into trouble. The support is more likely to be available to banks rather than any finance company, it said. India's funding conditions, it said, remain fragile after the default of IL&FS, with a tight refinancing market and choppy equity markets, collectively making it difficult for institutions to raise capital.

"A bank failure in the current market could exacerbate risks. It may be cheaper for the government to support a bank than letting a shaky credit system undermine the economy," it said. In its base case, S&P expects that the resolution of weak finance companies will be "swift and orderly", and contagion will be managed.

However, S&P does not expect the contagion to impact public sector banks. "While many public sector banks are weak, people draw comfort from their state ownership and the repeated demonstrations of government support for the institutions — for example through regular capital infusions," it said.

The report cited past cases of weak bank failures such as Global Trust Bank, Nedungadi Bank, United Western Bank, Bank of Rajasthan and Sangli Bank where there was "swift action that nipped contagion in the bud". "In the currently fragile financial markets, government support and swift action are essential to maintaining system stability," the report said.

Rawat booked

On March 18, 2016, the Uttarakhand Assembly Speaker declared the Appropriation Bill "passed", without allowing a division pressed for by 35 MLAs, including nine rebel Congress legislators. Amid the controversy, the "sting" video surfaced days later. On March 27, 2016, just a day before Harish Rawat was slated to face a floor test, the state was

placed under President's Rule.
Meanwhile, the Congress dissidents, accompanied by BJP
members, were flown out of
Dehradun in a chartered flight.
According to the CBI, Sharma met
Harak Singh Rawat in Gurgaon,
and the two "entered into a criminal conspiracy for the purpose of

support to the Congress government".

The FIR states that on March 23, 2016, Sharma met Harish Rawat in the VIP lounge of the airport at Dehradun and discussed the demands of Harak Singh Rawat, who reportedly sought Rs 25 crore and the Deputy CM's post or two ministerial berths. In return, Harak Singh Rawat reportedly promised his support and

demanding gratification from

Shri Harish Rawat in lieu of his

Sharma allegedly made Harish Rawat talk to Harak Singh Rawat on the phone, and recorded their conversation. Harish Rawat reportedly told Harak Singh Rawat that he could have two ministries and make all the money he wanted, but he could not offer any cash immediately. Sharma then allegedly offered to renegotiate the deal for Rs 15 crore, and even suggested that he could arrange Rs 10 crore.

the support of two more MLAs.

"The above discussed facts prime facie disclose commission of offences punishable u/s 120-8 IPC r lw 7, 8, 9 & I2 of Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 against Shri Harish Rawat, former Chief Minister, Uttarakhand; Shri Harak Singh Rawat, former Cabinet Minister, Uttarakhand, and Shri Umesh Kumar, CEO, Samachar Plus, News Channel, Noida and other unknown persons. Accordingly, instant regular case is being registered," says the FIR.

Rawat later won the trust vote, in May 2016, after the nine MLAs were disqualified.

39 dead

she did not know who had alerted the ambulance service.

The police were in the "early stages of what is likely to be a lengthy investigation," she said at a news conference. "This is an absolute tragedy and very sad day for Essex police and the local community," Mills said, describing the truck as a "complex scene" that was being examined by experts.

While the circumstances that led to the deaths remained unclear, early signs suggested a people-smuggling endeavor gone tragically wrong. But if the truck was being used to traffic migrants into Britain, the route would be atypical.

"If the lorry came from Bulgaria, getting into Britain via Holyhead is an unorthodox route," Seamus Leheny, Northern Ireland policy manager for the Freight Transport Association, told the Press Association.

He noted that as security checks have increased at ports like Dover and Calais, some may see it as an easier smuggling route to travel from the French ports of Cherbourg or Roscoff to the Irish port of Rosslare, and then make their way to Britain via Holyhead. But, he added, that the route would add an extra day to the journey.

"If there are weaknesses at Irish ports or Irish airports, they will exploit them and use them, because once you're into Ireland, effectively you're into the UK," Dave Wood, a former director general of immigration enforcement, told the BBC last year.

Amigrant coming from Calais or Dunkirk in northern France, known stopping points, could use a fraudulently obtained European Union passport to fly to Dublin, where migrants describe screening for illegal immigrants as being weaker than at London airports.

A spokesman for the

Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs said it had no immediate information about the situation but was working with the British authorities. —NYT



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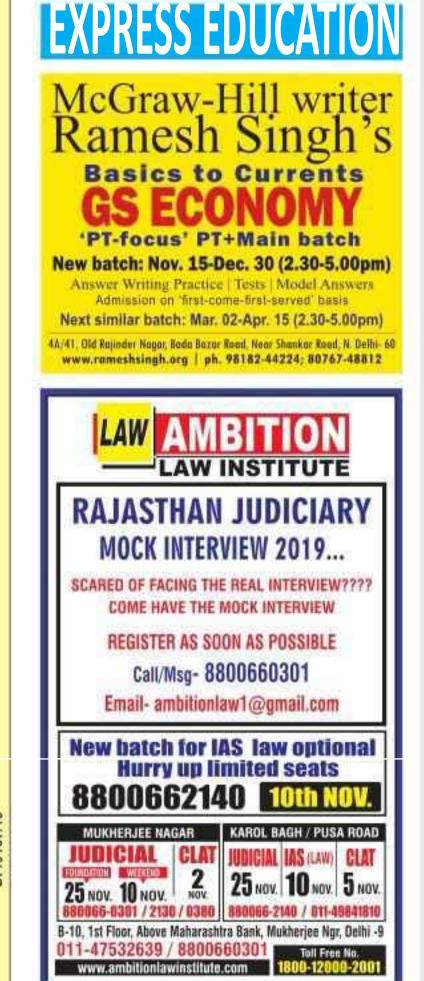
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72-YEAR-OLD SUBHASH CHOPRA PICKED FOR POST

Old hand is new Delhi Cong chief, says no freebie politics

ASTHA SAXENA & **MANOJ CG**

NEW DELHI. OCTOBER 23

IN A long-delayed development, the Congress Wednesday picked Subhash Chopra, a 72-year-old leader of Sheila Dikshit's vintage, as president of its Delhi unit, months ahead of Assembly polls. The post had been vacant ever since Dikshit's death on July 20.

First elected to the Delhi Assembly in 1998, Chopra is a three-time MLA from Kalkaji. He has held the Delhi Congress chief's position in the past (1998 to 2003) and served as Speaker from June-December 2003.

"We have to work hard to revive the party in Delhi. Ahead of elections, our focus is welfare of people. The city is in a bad shape, with people getting in the habit of freebies. People of Delhi know the face of the city had changed under the leadership of Sheila Dikshit ji. We will not follow freebie politics, but will display the work we had done," Chopra said.

The party also named cricketer-turned-politician Kirti Azad as chairman of the Delhi campaign committee.

Sources said Congress president Sonia Gandhi zeroed in on Chopra after holding discussions with Delhi leaders. Three former DPCC presidents — Chopra, Ajay Maken and Arvinder Singh Lovely — are learnt to have earlier met P C Chacko, the AICC incharge for Delhi, and opposed



Chopra with Congress chief Sonia Gandhi and late Delhi CM Sheila Dikshit. Archive

any move to appoint Azad as DPCC president.

Azad, when contacted, said: "I have many things in mind for the campaign in Delhi. I will soon be chalking out a plan and we will be fighting all 70 seats with full force to prove we are the number one party in Delhi."

Senior leaders said Chopra has the uphill task of reuniting a party plagued with intense factionalism.

His appointment also reflects the grand old party's natural proclivity towards playing it safe, and underscores the fact that the old guard is holding the reins now, after Rahul Gandhi resigned as party president in July.

According to one leader, Chopra emerged as the least unacceptable to all the warring factions in the Delhi Congress. Every faction wanted its leader as PCC chief, and there was no one indi-

EXPLAINED

Congress pattern

chief, a familiar

In selection of Delhi

SUBHASH CHOPRA'S appointment follows the pattern of the old guard returning to top positions in the Congress. Just a month ago, the party appointed Kumari Selja as Haryana Congress president. Bhupinder Singh Hooda was appointed CLP leader. In Maharashtra, 66-year-old Balasaheb Thorat was appointed president. And in Jharkhand, 72-year-old Rameshwar Oraon was appointed PCC president.

vidual whom every faction would accept — it was in this situation that Chopra's "lottery laggayi", as a senior Congress leader said.

"Chopra is neutral," said a top AICC functionary. "He can take all the groups along. Had J P Aggarwal been appointed, Sandeep Dikshit and Maken would not have cooperated. Had Maken been appointed, Aggarwal and Sandeep and all those who were close to Sheila would not have accepted (them). Had anybody from the Sheila camp been appointed... the situa-

tion would have been the same." "The party had to make a senior leader (PCC chief). There was no other choice," the AICC functionary said.

Chacko said: "He is the best person to carry everybody together... all the people together to an election situation..."

In opposing Azad for the job,

all factions had argued that he was an outsider on two counts that he is not from Delhi, and that he is not a dyed-in-the-wool Congressman.

Azad was the BJP Lok Sabha MP from Darbhanga for two consecutive terms in 2009-19, and joined the Congress in the runup to this year's elections. "There is a considerable Purvanchali vote in Delhi (to whom Azad might be able to appeal). But we could not have accepted someone who came from the BIP just months ago as DPCC president," a senior leader said.

A former MLA from Delhi said: "We could have experimented had we been in power. We did not develop a leadership when we 2013). Big leaders wanted to make their children leaders; the leaders ensured that a new leadership

were in power for 15 years (1998does not emerge."

Man held with 870 kg of banned crackers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

FIVE DAYS before Diwali, Delhi Police Wednesday arrested a 45year-old man for allegedly selling illegal firecrackers, and recovered 870 kg of banned crackers from his shop in North West Delhi's

Jahangirpuri.

"Inquiry showed the accused, Pankaj Kansal, has a permanent licence to sell firecrackers, and he can sell green crackers through the year. Kansal had stored green crackers, but also had 870 kg nongreen fire crackers," said DCP (North West) Vijayanta Arya.

Police received a tip-off about

Kansal allegedly selling a "huge consignment of non-green firecrackers" and raided his shop, Kansal Fireworks.

"At least 46 cartons of illegal firecrackers were kept inside the shop and the accused failed to show the requisite licence for these," Arya said.

"We have arrested Kansal and

will write to Petroleum and **Explosives Safety Organisation** (PESO) to withdraw his permanent licence to sell firecrackers." she added. As per data provided by Delhi Police, PESO has issued 10 permanent licences in North West district, while Delhi Police has granted six temporary licences there.

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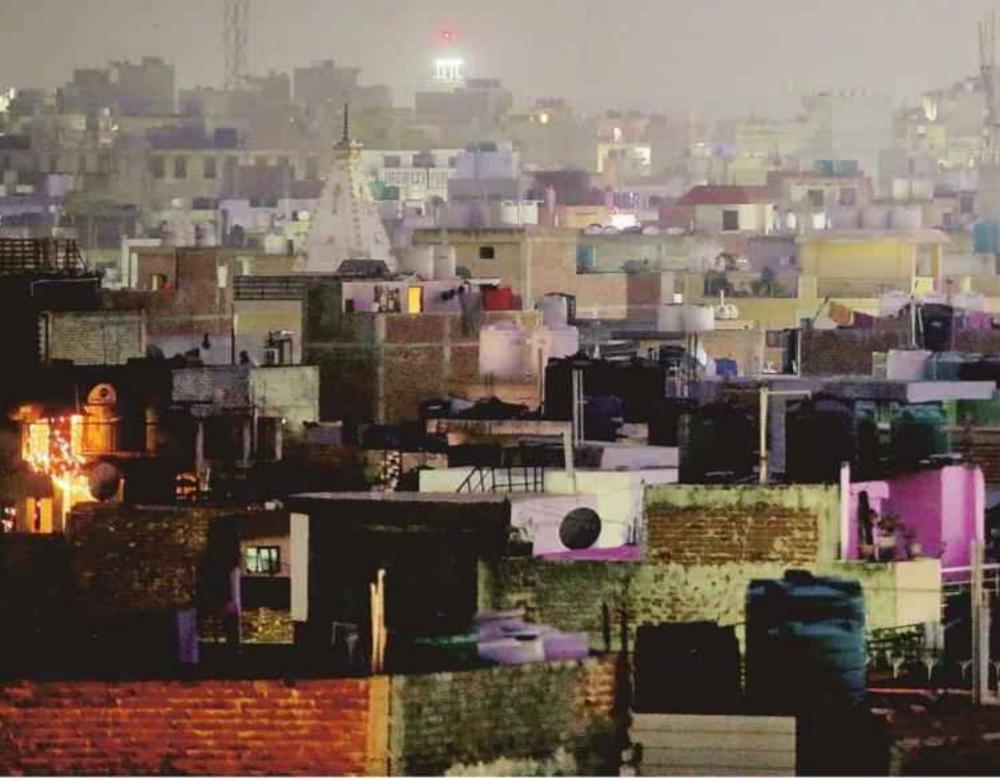
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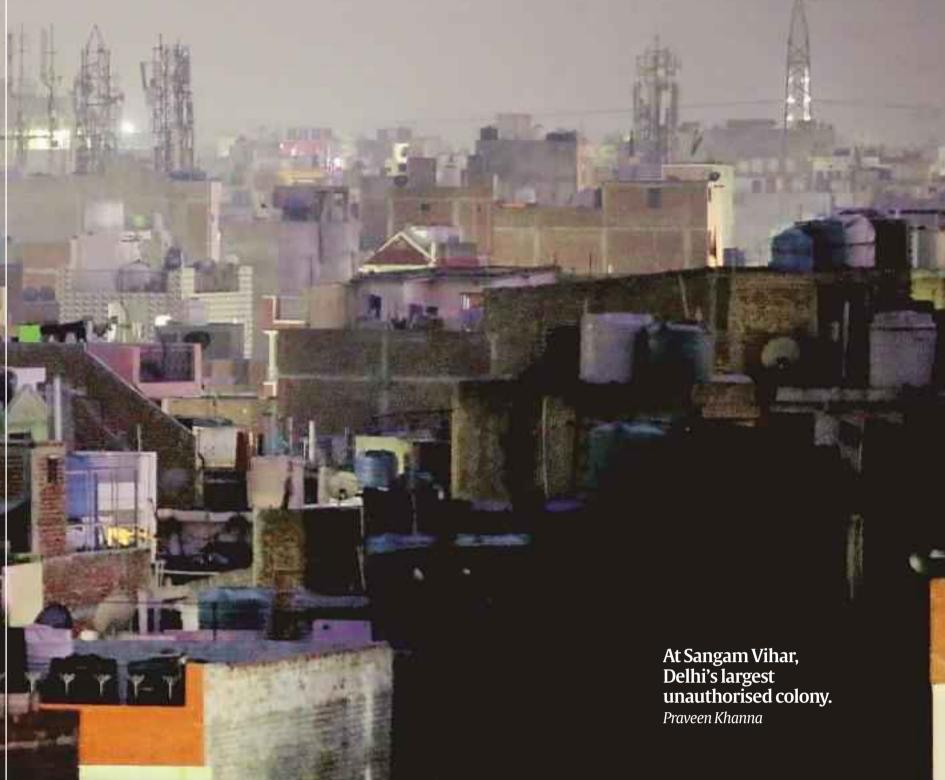




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UNAUTHORISED COLONIES





Centre's announcement on giving people in unauthorised colonies ownership rights will touch one in five Delhiites. Now begins the process — and the politics

As Centre sharpens attack on AAP govt, CM says process began in 2015

SOURAV ROY BARMAN NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

DELHI CHIEF Minister Arvind Kejriwal's "thank you" note to the Centre over its decision to grant ownership rights to residents of over 1,700 unauthorised colonies in the national capital, came with a rider.

Kejriwal thanked the Centre for "accepting the November 2015 proposal of the Delhi government" to regularise these colonies while contending that the BJP can walk away with the credit for "all the good work" that has happened in the city, and the AAP wouldn't mind. "Let's not get into the credit game. We are congratulating the Centre and they should accept it... I can respond in detail on the factors behind the delay but there's a saying in English that all's well that ends well," Kejriwal said at a press conference minutes after the Cabinet briefing. "But people will benefit once the registration process begins. If that does not happen, then people will feel that it was done aimed at the elections."

The statement suggested that while he is in no mood to shed the conciliatory image he has developed of late, as a party the AAP will push the message among the electorate that the regularisation process is a culmination of a process set in motion by the party right after taking office in 2015.

"If it was in the hands of the Centre all along, why did they not do this earlier? Plus BJP hasn't said anything about the deadline;





Union ministers Hardeep Puri, Ravi Shankar Prasad, Prakash Javadekar address a press conference Wednesday; CM Arvind Kejriwal addressed one soon afterwards

when will people be able to register their properties?" said a senior AAP leader.

In the briefing after the Cabinet meeting, Union Minister Hardeep Puri however blamed the Delhi government squarely for delays. "The Prime Minister inducted me in the cabinet in 2017, and since then I have made several attempts to encourage the Delhi government to fulfil their responsibility to identify these colonies... After a High Court decision, a committee was formed to look into regularisation. When we wrote to Delhi government about demarcation, the CM said he needed two more years. We realised they will not do anything and decided

to take initiative," he said. Union Minister Prakash Javadekar took the same line: "In 2008, the previous government took a decision to regularise these colonies but neither the Congress government nor the AAP

government implemented it. Now, the entire responsibility of implementing this decision has been given to the DDA."

For both parties, votes from unauthorised colonies, home to a large Purvanchali population, can make or break political fortunes. AAP's overwhelming win in the 2015 assembly polls had much to do with the support extended by people in such colonies.

"We invested Rs 6,000 crore in the last five years to develop these colonies," Kejriwal said Wednesday. "People will get the actual benefit (of regularisation) only once they receive the registry. Until then, people may think it is an effort to woo them before elections. Delhi government is ready to undertake the registration process as early as possible once the notification is done by the Centre. Revenue department will set up camps and the process will be completed as early as possible."

PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS HAVE FAILED

Demarcation of colonies left, work cut out for DDA

MALLICA JOSHI & **SOURAV ROY BARMAN** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

WITH THE responsibility of implementing the Centre's decision to regularise unauthorised colonies falling on the Delhi Development Authority (DDA), the city's land-owning agency has its work cut out.

After the Bill is passed in Parliament, DDA has been tasked with laying down a "simplified procedure" to register any property. In Delhi, property registration is the responsibility of the revenue department; what role DDA will play remains to be seen.

According to Delhi government officials, it is ready to set up camps to facilitate a smooth registration process. But the biggest challenge — one that the Delhi government has already faced — is marking the boundaries of these colonies.

Since 2015, the government has tried to demarcate boundaries using four different methods, including drones. The time between the AAP government first sending the regularisation proposal to the Centre in 2015 and this year was spent trying to complete the task, which the Centre at the time had said was a prerequisite to any regularisation at-

To this end, a survey was undertaken by teams of Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Survey of India and GSDL (Geospatial Delhi Limited).

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- ARVIND KEJRIWAL DELHI CHIEF MINISTER

Delhi government has urged the Centre to use the maps provided by them to begin with, but documents indicate that the maps made had inaccuracies.

"Until the above said deficiencies in the GSDL maps are not resolved, tangible progress will not be made in this work," an earlier letter by the Delhi government's Revenue department had observed.

The department also reached out to two private agencies to carry out a Total Station Mapping survey, to come up with boundaries. That didn't yield the desired result either.

"It remains to be seen if the Centre has a different idea," said a senior Delhi government official.

A senior DDA official said they will use satellite imagery to demarcate boundaries. "Using these images, we will plot the boundaries on maps. We have been looking for the most efficient process for the job. It is time consuming but we hope to complete it in

three-four months," the official said.

THE LONG ROAD TO **REGULARISATION**

basis of the policy.

- The Union government, on February 16, 1977, issued a policy for regularisation of various unauthorised colonies which had come up in Delhi. Development charges as determined by DDA/MCD were payable by property owners. A total of 567 unauthorised colonies were regularised till October 1993 on the
- The Union government issued another set of guidelines for regularisation of unauthorised colonies on February 10, 2004. The cut off date was changed to March 31, 2002. The proposal had provisions for imposing penalties on colonies on public land.
- The Delhi government did not accept the proposal and said the Centre should stick to the 1977 policy. The state government was not pleased with the proposal to impose penalties and recover land price from residents.
- Delhi government issued a public notice in October 2004, inviting applications from RWAs of such colonies seeking regularisation.
- In 2008, the Sheila Dikshit-led government issued provisional regularisation certificates to over 1,200 unauthorised colonies. In all, 1,639 applications were forwarded by the government to the Municipal Corporations of Delhi, Delhi Development Authority, Archaeological Survey of India, Forest Department and Revenue department for scrutiny and

verification.

- In 2011, people owning houses in those unauthorised colonies were asked to pay Rs 200 per square metre as development charge for regularisation as well as getting basic amenities like water supply, drainage and road connectivity. Eventually, only five such colonies received the tag of "unauthorised regularised".
- In 2012, Dikshit again announced that 917 colonies out of 1.639 such colonies which provided provisional regularisation certificates will be permanently regularised.
- On November 2, 2015, the AAP government Cabinet cleared a proposal to regularise 1,797 colonies. On November 12, the proposal was sent to the Centre.
- On July 17, 2019, the Centre sent a draft Cabinet note to the Delhi government on regularisation. On July 24, the Delhi government sent a list of 12 suggestions to the Centre.
- On October 23, 2019, the Union Cabinet approved a proposal to grant ownership rights to people living in unauthorised colonies in the national capital.

SCOPE OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT

unauthorised colonies will benefit

40-50 lakh people reside

2 crore Delhi's estimated population

Area under such colonies

sq km Area of the city

affluent colonies not part of this group

Circle rate applicable will be that of the highest category of locality of the residential area surrounding the unauthorised colony. The area charge is as follows:

COLONIES ON GOVERNMENT LAND

Less than 100 sq m: 0.5% of circle rate

100-250 sq m: 1% of circle rate More than 250 sq m: 2.5% of circle rate

THE COST

COLONIES ON PRIVATE LAND Less than 100 sq m: 0.25% of circle rate 100-250 sq m: 0.5% of circle rate

More than 250 sq m: 1.25% of circle rate

MOST RESIDENTS SAY WILL WAIT AND WATCH

Sangam Vihar celebrates, but some apprehensions remain

ABHINAV RAJPUT NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

THE NEWS of the Union cabinet giving approval for regularisation of unauthorised colonies had just broken at a tea stall in Sangam Vihar — the biggest such colony in the national capital.

A customer in his 50s, Jai Singh, had got a news notification on his phone, and he couldn't wait to share it with others sitting there. But the celebration was peppered with

some apprehension. "Let's see how it goes from here. During earlier elections too, such promises were made... once the Congress even got some

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pamphlets distributed," he said, "If implemented, it will be a boon for all of us here. After all, property prices will go up; we can take loans and live without fear of ever losing our homes." Sangam Vihar is located in South Delhi —

the Parliamentary constituency that has the maximum number of unauthorised colonies in the capital. A little distance away, in C block, is the

four-floor house of Virender Sharma. "In the past four-and-a-half years, water connections have reached several homes here. People like us, who finally have water, are further enthused by Centre's push. But the top leadership of the BJP will have to convince people that it's not just another prom-



More water on the streets than inside homes, a resident observed

ise, if they hope to seek electoral dividend from this," he said. "The party needs to give people a definite time frame and the assurance must come from the top."

At an intersection in F block, Jai Shankar, who lives nearby, was engaged in animated banter with three friends. But any talk of ownership rights was mixed with the issue of interrupted water supply in the area. Unlike Sharma, Shankar doesn't get regular water supply.

"For around half of the population who still struggle for water every day, the upcoming polls will boil down to the same old issue," he said. "We have been living here for so many years. Getting ownership rights is a huge advantage no doubt, but hopefully our

daily problems will be solved next."

"Those who can afford it have built tanks under their basement, but the less privileged ones are dependent on tankers. Water sometimes comes once a week," he said.

Vivek, listening intently, interrupted: "In Sangam Vihar, you will see water on roads, overflowing from drains, but not in houses.' The 2-km stretch leading to Sangam Vihar from Batra cinema remains dug up for construction work, ostensibly to lay

pipelines. Area MLA Dinesh Mohaniya said. "Seventy percent of people are now getting regular water. Earlier, it was zero. Water shortage is in interiors areas; in several other blocks, there is regular supply."

Temple demolition: BJP and AAP call

each other 'divisive'

LIZ MATHEW

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

WITH THE AAP squarely blaming the Centre for demolition of Ravidas temple in Tughlakabad, the BIP has launched an offensive on Delhi's ruling party, cautioning it against "politicisation" of the issue and "playing divisive politics".

At a specially convened press conference, BIP general secretary Bhupender Yadav, who came with party vice-president Dushvant Gautam, the in-charge of Delhi, maintained that the Centre did not have any role in the demolition. He said the Centre had, in fact, taken the initiative of approaching the Supreme Court, offering 400 sq m of land for reconstruction of the temple in the name of Sant Ravidas.

"Our government understood their feeling... The attorney general moved a proposal for the temple's construction and it was accepted... The sad part is that parties like AAP and Congress tried to fuel social tensions and incite people," he said.

The apex court had Monday accepted the Centre's revised offer of 400 sq m land in Tughlakabad forest for construction of the temple, which was de-



SC has accepted the Centre's offer of 400 sq m land in the Tughlakabad forest area to re-construct the temple

molished by the DDA following the top court's earlier order. The demolition had brought hundreds of protesters on the streets, and many of them, including Army chief Chandrashekhar Azad, were ar-

rested. With AAP targetting the BIP over the temple demolition, BIP sources said the leadership was apprehensive of this damaging their prospects in Delhi among the Dalit community. Delhi Social Welfare Minister

Rajendra Pal Gautam, meanwhile, said the BJP and RSS "indulged in divisive politics", and added that BIP could have prevented the demolition: "It's clear that BIP acts against Dalit interests... But every time they took a hostile step, the entire society stood up and forced them to back down."

AFTER EXCHANGE OF FIRE

Snatchers targeting cyclists at CP arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

DELHI POLICE arrested two persons, who had allegedly been involved in snatching high-end bicycles and bikes from riders early in the morning, after an exchange of fire in Shankar Market near Connaught Place Wednesday. The incident took place around 5.45 am when the police tried to stop the three men, who were on a bike. One of them managed to escape. "The men were on a Pulsar

bike and didn't stop. They fired and hit an ASI but he was saved by his bulletproof jacket. Police personnel fired back and a bullet hit the leg of one of the accused, who continued to fire and had to be brought under control physically," said DCP (New Delhi) Dr Eish Singhal.

The accused, Mohd Ismail (24) and Saud (22), were arrested from the spot while the third accused, Mohd Salim (22), managed to escape, said police.

According to police, for the last one month, the two men allegedly targeted cyclists out for an early morning ride at

On October 17, an Air Force Earlier in the month, an FIR

CCTV footage shows the accused fleeing with a bicycle earlier this month

Connaught Place. In at least three reported incidents, the two bikeborne men snatched a cycle from a man in CP's Outer Circle; stole a pouch attached to the cycle of an Air Force officer from outside PVR Rivoli; and stole a meter attached to a high-end bicycle three weeks ago.

"They would be out from 3-4 am to about 6.30 am, searching for cyclists who were alone, and would take advantage of the dark. We know they have been active for a month because such glaring cases were not reported from the stretch before that," said Singhal.

officer filed an e-FIR which said, "While cycling outside Rivoli, two individuals on a motorcycle snatched my pouch from my cycle which contained my mobile phone and Rs 200 and sped off."

was filed after a Dwarka resident Nishant Singh Jogha lost his bicycle. "I was just getting off my bicycle outside a 24x7 shop in Outer Circle, CP, when two men on a motorbike snatched my bicycle, which also had my iPhone and left," Jogha's complaint said.

CCTV footage from the spot shows Jogha, who is wearing a blue jacket, a pair of shorts and a helmet, just getting down from his bicycle when the men snatch it and zip away. Jogha runs behind them but in vain.

On Wednesday, police recovered two pistols, Rs 95,000 in cash, 10 mobile phones, two gold chains, one Grand i-10 car and two stolen Pulsar bikes, in addition to the racing bicycle belonging to Jogha. "Their plan was to sell the cycle and the bikes and use that money to fund their lavish lifestyle," said a police officer.

Plea against odd-even dismissed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

THE DELHI High Court Wednesday dismissed a PIL challenging the Delhi government's proposed odd-even road rationing scheme, to be enforced from November 4-15 in the capital. A bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice C Hari Shankar dismissed the PIL after the counsel for the Delhi government said

it has not yet come up with an official notification on the scheme.

The bench also noted that the petitioner, former BIP MLA N K Garg, had not made any representation to the government. In his plea filed through advocate Shashank Deo Sudhi, the petitioner claimed the scheme was "arbitrary", as polluting vehicles, like two-wheelers, were exempt while CNG vehicles were not.

Garg contended that the exempted two-wheelers sold in India are of BS-II norms, while four-wheelers comply with BS-IV norms. "The discriminatory approach of the Delhi government to include CNG within the restrictive direction, despite CNG causing vehicles less pollution, completely violates the basic principle of equality.

"The government's action is biased and directed towards achieving populist goals for the purpose of the upcoming polls..., the plea claimed.

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Couple found dead, murder-suicide suspected, say cops

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

A COUPLE were found dead with multiple stab injuries at their home in South East Delhi's Pul Prahladpur Tuesday morning, with police saying the incident took place while their five-year-old son was at school. Police suspect that Aakash (32), a sanitation supervisor, stabbed his wife Bhawna Singh (29) after a quarrel, and then proceeded to kill himself. Aakash's family members, however, alleged that the

The two were found lying in a pool of blood at 11 am at their rented home by their landlord and some neighbours, who rushed there after they heard loud noises, police said. DCP (South East) Chinmoy Biswal said the door was locked from the inside and the presence of a third person is not suspected. "Inquiry has revealed that

couple were murdered.



Aakash and Bhawna married six years ago

the two used to fight often over money. Aakash earned Rs 13,000 a month and didn't give enough money to his wife to run the house. We suspect that on Tuesday morning, the two got into an argument," said Biswal.

A police officer told *The Indian Express* that when neighbours reached the house, Aakash allegedly told them, "Save me, I stabbed my wife and stabbed myself".

Aakash's father Rakesh Kumar (50), however, alleged that Bhawna's relative, a politician, had got them killed.

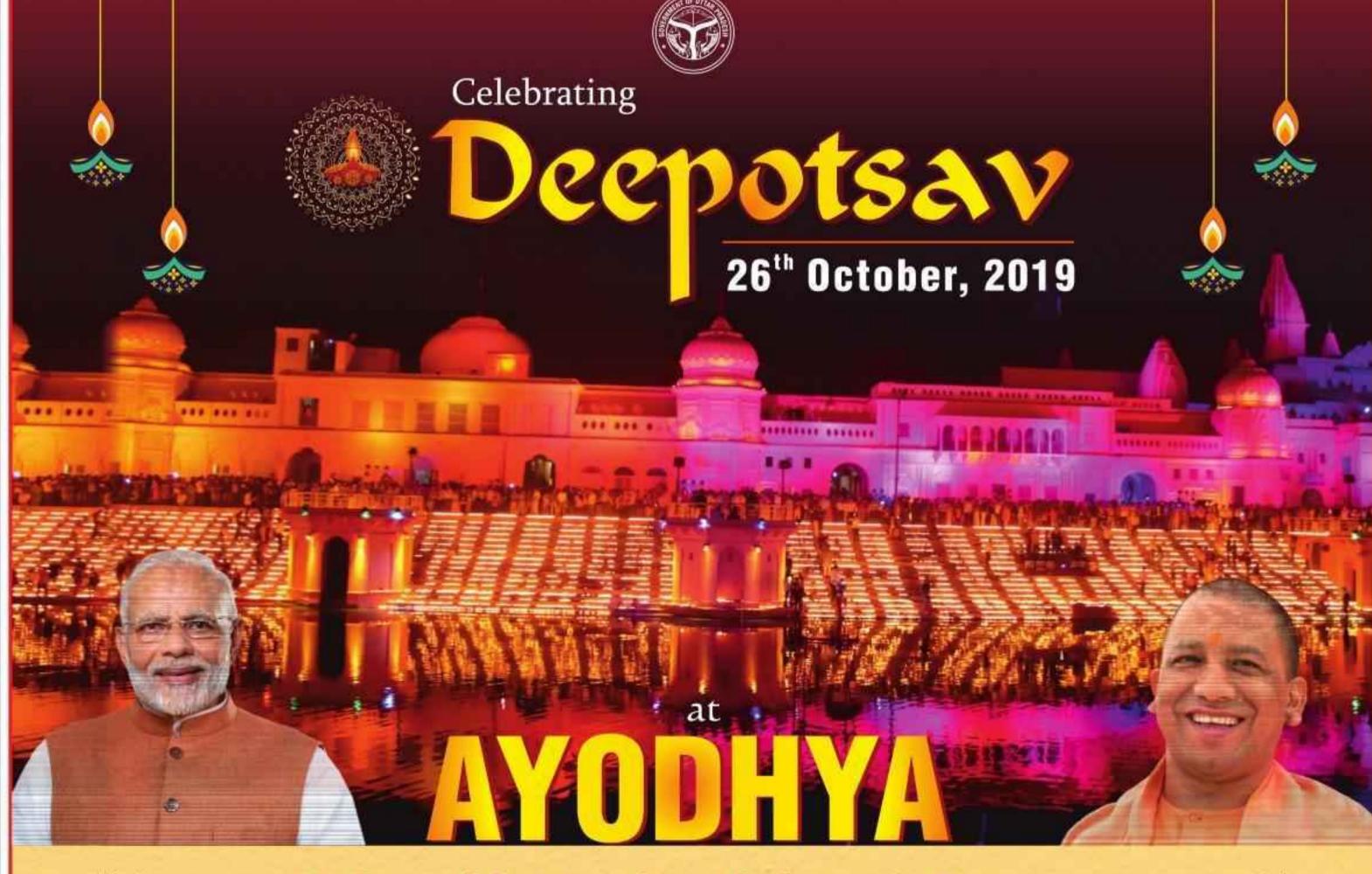
Police, however, denied this claim.

Two men held with iPhones, gold at airport

New Delhi: Two men have been arrested by customs officials at Delhi airport for allegedly trying to smuggle gold and iPhones worth over Rs 80 lakh into the country, the customs department said Wednesday. The accused were intercepted after their arrival from Dubai Sunday.

On detailed personal and baggage search of the passengers, two iPhone 11 Pro Max models having market value of Rs 2.27 lakh were recovered, an official said. The search further resulted in recovery of gold, weighing about 2 kg, kept in four pouches in paste form, the customs department added.

The gold worth Rs 78.11 lakh and iPhones were seized and the passengers were arrested. PTI



BRIEFLY

Showcause notice to five Congress leaders

New Delhi: A Disciplinary Action Committee of the Congress has issued showcause notice to five leaders of its Delhi unit — former Delhi ministers Kiran Walia, Mangatram Singhal and Ramakant Goswami, and councillors Rohit Manchanda and Jitendra Kumar Kochar — for "issuing public statement against senior party leaders". This comes days after they publicly hit out at the party's state in-charge PC Chacko and demanded his removal.

SDMC fines agencies over Rs 15 lakh for air pollution

New Delhi: South MCD issued challans amounting to over Rs 15 lakh to different agencies and violators for causing air pollution under NGT norms. A senior official said over 400 sites were inspected.

No dip in voter turnout during Faridabad repoll

Faridabad: Repolling for the Haryana state polls took place at booth 113 in Faridabad district's Prithla constituency Wednesday, where three voters compromised the elections by entering the voting compartment together. Officials said 636 of 837 voters voted Wednesday. A total of 640 had voted on October 21.

Students, bouncers clash

New Delhi: Over 50 Delhi University students gathered at Kingsway Camp Wednesday following a brawl between a few DU students and bouncers at a bar, said police. DCP (Northwest) Vijayanta Arya said, "Police is at the spot and we have asked the students to file a complaint."

Betting racket busted

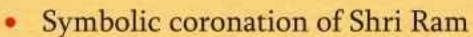
New Delhi: Nine people were arrested Monday for their alleged involvement in a cricket betting racket operating from Pushp Vihar. **ENS**

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Poll dates coming,

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MLAs join BJP

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Besides the five legislators,

Wednesday.

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OLD GUARD TAKE GUARD

RETURN OF old war horses seems to be the flavour of the season in the Congress party. Away from limelight for some time, Ambika Soni is back in action. Soni was once party president Sonia Gandhi's eyes and ears in the Congress - she was one of Sonia's political advisers in her initial years as Congress president. She was also AICC general secretary attached to Sonia's office. Of late, however, Soni had taken a backseat despite being an AICC general secretary in charge of Jammu and Kashmir. She has now been made a member of a panel set up by Sonia to deliberate and formulate Congress's positions on key issues. Soni was also by Sonia's side today when she went to Tihar Jail to meet Karnataka Congress leader D K Shivakumar.

TACKLE AND SIDESTEP

AT THE Cabinet briefing on Wednesday, three Union ministers deflected an issue lest it takes the focus off the government's decision to give ownership rights to residents of Delhi's unauthorised colonies months before the Assembly polls. With Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri present, a journalist raised the issue of new land to be allotted to the Press Club of India. Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad was quick to gesture to Puri to not engage, while Information and Broadcasting Minister deflected it by telling the journalist to meet him for tea later, saying that "the question is for me" and bringing the topic to an end.

REGULATE ON PLATE

INSTITUTING A regulator for the railways sector, a project long considered "dead", may have got a new lease of life. Although nothing is official yet, there are talks among bureaucrats that the Railways Ministry brass has started seriously considering forming a rail tariff regulatory authority — a new avatar of the Rail Development Authority, which was passed by the Cabinet before going into the cold storage. Now the thrust is said to be more on the prospect of private players entering passenger train operations in near future. It is felt that a tariff regulator can, if needed, regulate anti-competitive, predatory pricing practices of private players, like in the case of the telecom sector.

PROBLEM OF PLENTY

THE LATEST round of administrative reshuffles has left the Ministry of Health with a problem of plenty. There are currently three special secretaries in the ministry: Sanjeeva Kumar, 1986-batch IAS who already held the rank, as well as Arun Singhal and Manoj Jhalani, both 1987-batch IAS officers. Singhal and Jhalani were designated as special secretaries on Tuesday. A special secretary is usually seen to be next in line to be secretary. Health Secretary Preeti Sudan is due to retire next year.

All GPCC posts, except president's, dissolved

ENS&PTI AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 23

A DAY before the counting of votes to the six Assembly seats that went to bypolls on October 21, the All India Congress Committee (AICC) dissolved the posts of all office-bearers and executive committee of the Gujarat Pradesh Congress Committee (GPCC) on Wednesday except state unit president Amit Chavda's post.

The PCC president shall remain unchanged, an official communication from AICC general secretary organisation KC

A letter dated October 23 signed by AICC general secretary KC Venugopal said, "Congress President has approved the proposal for dissolving the office bearers and executive committee of GPCC. PCC president will remain the same".

The Gujarat unit of the party would be revamped and a new body would be formed soon, sources said, but the dates have not been announced.

The results to the six seats of Radhanpur, Bayad, Tharad, Lunawada, Amraiwadi and Kheralu, are scheduled to be de-

clared on Thursday.

meeting with MBS on cards **SHUBHAJIT ROY**

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

AGAINST THE backdrop of Saudi

Arabia's cautious response to the

Jammu and Kashmir situation.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

will visit the Arab country next

week. This will be his second

visit to Riyadh, almost three-

and-a-half years after his visit in

Minister will visit Riyadh on

October 29, where he will ad-

dress the Future Investment

Initiative, to be held from

October 29 to 31. An official an-

nouncement is expected soon,

Prince Mohammed bin Salman

during the visit and is likely to

discuss bilateral, regional and in-

ternational issues of global im-

elled to Riyadh and met the

Saudi Crown Prince to enlist

Saudi Arabia's support for black-

listing Pakistan at the Financial

Action Task Force (FATF). The

Recently, NSA Ajit Doval trav-

Modi will meet Saudi Crown

Sources said the Prime

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Delhi makes a point about its outreach

PM to visit Saudi next week,

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi's visit to Saudi Arabia comes after almost three months after the August 5 move on Jammu and Kashmir. Modi had gone to the UAE in August. Now, by going to Saudi Arabia, Delhi is making a point about its outreach to Pakistan's close allies.

FATF plenary session and working group meetings took place from October 13 to 18, where Pakistan was given time till February 2020 to fulfill its commitments.

Sources said India's relations with Saudi Arabia have been on the rise in the last few years, beginning with Modi's visit in 2016.

Saudi Arabia has not taken any adverse position on the situation in Jammu and Kashmir. After August 5, a Saudi statement had said the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is "following up the current situation in Jammu and Kashmir resulting from India's abolition of Article 370 of the Constitution, which guarantees the autonomy of Jammu and Kashmir".

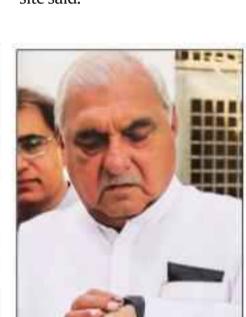
"While expressing its concern over the latest developments, the Kingdom affirms that the settlement of the conflict is through peaceful settlement in accordance with the relevant international resolutions, and calls on the parties concerned to maintain peace and stability in the region and to take into account the interests of the people of the region," the statement had said.

While Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan visited Saudi Arabia on his way to New York and went on a plane given careful in not making any negative statements on Jammu & Kashmir.

Sources said Saudi Arabia and India have been closely cooperating with each other in fighting terrorism, including through exchange of information. In the last couple of years, both countries have signed several agreements in the field of security, including an extradition treaty.

India had condemned the recent drone and missile attacks on the oil facilities of Saudi Aramco, the country's national petroleum company.

Initiative (FII) the Prime Minister will participate in is a Saudi Arabian initiative to provide international platform for expertled debate between global leaders, investors and innovators with the power to shape the future of global investment. "It is focused on utilizing investment to drive growth opportunities, enable innovation and disruptive technologies, and address global challenges," the FII website said.



Prem Nath Pandev



ALL SET FOR COUNTING TODAY

Securitymen check visitors outside an EVM strong room complex in Mumbai on Wednesday. (Top right) Congress leader and former Haryana chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda at his residence in New Delhi. Results for Maharashtra and Haryana Assemby elections, 51 Assembly bypolls and 2 Lok Sabha bypolls will be announced Thursday.

'Once CAB passed, detention camps will shut for non-Hindus, Buddhists, Jains, Christians'

ABHISHEK SAHA

GUWAHATI, OCTOBER 23

ASSAM MINISTER Himanta Biswa Sarma, a key BIP leader in the Northeast, said on Wednesday that once the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill is passed, no person of a non-Muslim faith will be sent to detention camps for illegal foreigners.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a press conference in Guwahati on Wednesday, the minister said. "After the CAB is passed, Assam detention camps will be shut for Hindus, Buddhists, Jains, Christians. Regarding the other population, it is for the court to take a call. Detention camps are there because of a court order, not be-



Himanta Biswa Sarma

cause the state government wants them."

Assam has six detention centres currently but they are housed in district jails. Over a 1000 people are currently lodged in these camps. A seventh centre, exclusively for detaining "illegal foreigners", is under construction in Goalpara district.

Sarma, when asked to comment on West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's opposition to both the CAB and detention centres, said, "You cannot have both — if there is no CAB then there will be detention camps. Mamata Banerjee should clarify on a public platform what exactly she wants. Actually, she is hesitating to say what she actually wants to say, that is — 'I will support CAB if Muslims are also included'. We want her to say that openly. Why talk indirectly? I don't want detention camps and I don't want CAB - can both go together? She is saying something illogical and not achievable. If you are foreigner, you will have to be sent to a detention camp."

Sarma's comment come days after a Bengali Hindu Dulal Paul, who was also a mental health patient, was lodged in a detention camp and died during treatment at a hospital. His family took his body after ten days of protest on Tuesday. "The CM Sarbananda Sonowal has assured the family that the government will provide legal assistance in contesting Paul's 'foreigner' status in the Supreme Court and a review committee will be formed to look into cases of people who claim that they are wrongly declared as foreigners," Sadhan Paul, Dulal's nephew, said. A senior state government official confirmed that a review committee will be formed soon.

by the Saudis, Riyadh has been **ABHISHEK ANGAD** RANCHI, OCTOBER 23

Suchitra Sinha also joined The Future Investment maintained that the desertions will not affect their prospects in the Vidhan Sabha polls, likely to be held later this year, Chief Minister Raghubar Das, who welcomed the five entrants at the party's state headquarters in Ranchi, asserted, "These leaders stand for a stable government in the state once again." Congress MLAs Manoj Yadav

JMM), and former state Health minister Bhanu Pratap Shahi of Naujawan Sangharsh Morcha. Sources in state Congress tions. Officials worked to frustrate my visit's objective: Dhankhar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, OCTOBER 23

A DAY after senior district officials of North and South 24 Parganas skipped his meeting, Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar Wednesday hit out at the administration, accusing it of "total noncooperation" and "working to frustrate the objective of his visit".

Taking to Twitter, Dhankar said: "Greatly touched by the response of the people during my visits to North and South 24 The District Parganas. Administration top was not there and worked to frustrate the object of visit. Total non cooperation! Sad! In pursuit of my constitutional obligation would be undeterred."

He also wondered whether young officials were handicapped

in imparting inputs to him. "During my visits to North and South 24 Parganas I had the occasion to meet brilliant young officials with the potential to shape the future and wished them well. However, they were handicapped in imparting inputs. Let's secure an environment so that all their talent may be exploited," the Governor tweeted.

After finding senior administrative officials of North 24 Parganas and South 24 Parganas missing at a meeting called by him, Dhankhar on Tuesday had accused the Trinamool Congress government of "unconstitutional behaviour" with him and wondered whether "some sort of cen-

said Bhagat, MLA from Lohardaga and a former state unit chief, was irked with present state Congress president Rameshwar Oraon, while Manoj Yadav, MLA from Barhi, had been "talking about leaving the party for a long time".

Maintaining that this is not a setback for the party, and that the duo was in no way sidelined, state Congress spokesperson Alok Dubey said, "Both leaders had contested the Parliamentary elections, and had lost. It (joining BJP) is their individual choice. We are looking forward to the Assembly elections."

Sources in JMM said Baharagora MLA Sarangi was looking for options outside after failing to get a ticket to contest the Lok Sabha polls from Jamshedpur constituency.

Patel was suspended from primary membership of JMM in April for six years over indiscipline, after he backed an NDA candidate in the Lok Sabha polls.

Addressing the media, Bhagat and Sarangi maintained that they joined the ruling party inspired by its "nationalism and development (agenda)", and that the BJP will win more than 65 seats in the 81-member Assembly in the coming elec-

sorship" was in place in the state.

Dhankhar on Wednesday posted copies of the letters, which he said he had received from district magistrates informing him that the government's permission was necessary to take part in the meetings. Dhankhar said, "These com-

munications emanating from the District Magistrates on 21/10 (October 21) potentially indicate a grim situation. Hope amends would follow from the concerned top. Silence over such issues may lead to being silenced forever and that is a day we all need to avoid.'

The Governor in another tweet requested that the civil society and academicians protest such a move.

Tagging Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in his tweet, he said, "...As West Bengal Governor, in pain and concern, I beseech the enlightened academicians, politicians, activists to reflect on worrisome governance issues that l noticed on my visit to North and South 24 Parganas and amplified

by District Magistrate on 21/10". Reacting to Governor's tweets, TMC secretary-general Partha Chatterjee said, "If the respected Governor criticise the state government and the chief minister every day then how many times do we have to give a response to it? He has been making statements, posting tweets and talking before media every day. I have never seen a Governor of West Bengal doing this in my entire political career," said the TMC leader.

DEPUTY CM PILOT SAYS MOVE WILL ENCOURAGE HORSE-TRADING

Gehlot govt flip-flop on civic elections, faultlines lie within

DEEP MUKHERJEE JAIPUR, OCTOBER 23

The Rajasthan government's decision to allow individuals not directly elected by the people to contest mayoral polls is the latest in a series of flip-flops. In less than a year of being in power, the Ashok Gehlot government has gone from proposing direct elections for mayor and chairman posts to proposing indirect elections and finally to bringing a system in which individuals not elected by the public can occupy the posts.

Shortly after coming to power, the Ashok Gehlot-led Congress government decided to change the system through which mayors and chairmen in urban local bodies were elected

under the previous BIP government. During the BIP regime, the mayor was chosen from among the elected councillors in local

However, in a cabinet meeting held last week, the state government reversed its decision to hold direct elections and decided that indirect elections will be held for the posts of mayors and chairpersons.

Urban Development and Housing Minister Shanti Dhariwal then said that the decision was taken due to repeated demand by public representa-

However, just two days later, the department again changed the Rajasthan Municipalities (Election) Rules 1994 and came up with the latest rule which allows members not elected by the public to contest elections for mayor and chairperson posts. The fresh decision has faced

opposition from the Opposition as well as from within the government. While the BJP has termed the new norm a "hybrid system", Deputy Chief Minister and state Congress chief Sachin Pilot has said the move will encourage horse-trading.

Last week, the Department of Local Self Governance issued a notification, making changes to Rajasthan Municipalities (Election) Rules 1994 and allowing a person to contest elections for mayor and chairperson posts even without contesting polls to be elected a councillor.

According to the new rule, anv person who is a voter in area of the local body and eligible to be a member or councillor can



Ashok Gehlot

contest elections for the mayor or a chairperson post. However, voting for the mayoral and chairperson election will be done by elected councillors and not the people.

Dhariwal has said that under the new rules, even after becoming a mayor, there is no requirement of a person to contest elections to become a councillor.



Sachin Pilot

Explaining the logic behind the new system, Dhariwal has said that it has been introduced keeping in mind a possible scenario where the seat for the mayor or a chairperson is reserved and none of the elected councillors or mayoral candidates fulfil criteria for the reserved seat. He has also pointed to a situation where the council-

lors cannot decide upon a mayoral candidate.

"For example, one party wins a majority in the elections for a municipal corporation. But the post of mayor in that corporation is reserved for an OBC candidate and there is no individual among the winning councillors who fulfils that criteria." he said.

Pilot has said he came to know about the new rule from newspapers. "The new decision has been taken by the urban development department and hasn't been discussed in the cabinet or in the legislature party meeting. I feel the elections should be direct... I feel that this decision is not correct," he said on October 18. He also said such a system will not strengthen democracy.

In fresh criticism against the government's move, Pilot told

the media on Tuesday that the new system could pave the way for horse-trading. "I want that the election should happen with the vote of public," he said, adding that because there is no anti-defection law, cross-voting and horse-trading can happen

Sources in the Congress said state leaders approached the Congress high command and it has asked the state leadership to resolve the matter.

under the new system.

The opposition BIP has slammed the Congress government over the issue, saying that the party in Rajasthan stands clearly divided.

"The government is divided over this hybrid model wherein a person can become a mayor or chairperson without contesting elections. The divisions are clear

are against its decision. From the deputy chief minister's statements today, it is clear that the Congress is confused regarding the local body elections," state BJP president Satish Poonia has said. "The Congress is clearly di-

as the government's ministers

vided in two factions. A house which is divided can never ensure the welfare of public, Poonia said. The BJP has also accused the

Congress of repeatedly changing the rules because the party has "realised that they wouldn't be able to win direct mayoral elections as the people support the BJP in the aftermath of the scrapping of special status under Article 370 and other measures taken by the central government".

FILL DIWALI WITH SHINE AND SPLENDOR, NOT POLLUTION







Dilli ki Diwali

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

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EXPRESS NETWORK



NORTH

UP: 4 held for fishing at Hastinapur Sanctuary

Muzaffarnagar: Four men have been arrested for allegedly fishing in the protected area of Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary here, an official said on Wednesday. A raid was conducted in Bhopa area on Tuesday evening and the accused — Israil, Sani, Gazamfar Ali and Ramzan were caught fishing in the

Ganga Canal, Circle Officer Ram Mohan Sharma said. Over 1 quintal of fishes, two fishing nets and a motorcycle were seized, the officer said. The Hastinapur Sanctuary is a protected area in the Gangetic plains spread across UP's Meerut, Muzzafarnagar, Ghaziabad, Bijnor and Amroha districts.



CPI general secretary D Raja, AITUC secretary Amarjeet Kaur and CPI leader Kanhaiya Kumar at the party's 80th foundation day celebrations in Patna on Wednesday. ANI

EAST

Two killed, four injured in knife attack at meeting in Odisha

Malkangiri: Two people were killed and four others critically injured when a man attacked them with a knife during a meeting at a village in Odisha's Malkangiri district, police said. The incident at MPV-33 village took place during a meeting called to resolve a dispute over the accused's alleged involvement in an extra-marital affair, a

Forty five-year-old Bidhan Mirdha was infuriated by remarks made against him and took out a knife and attacked the people in the meeting, Malkangiri SP Risikesh D Khilari said.

police officer said.

The accused also sustained injuries after he was thrashed by villagers following the attack, he added.

WEST

Goa put on alert as heavy rain predicted on Thursday

Panaji: The IMD Goa Observatory has issued a red alert for the coastal state with a forecast of heavy rainfall on Thursday. In a press statement issued on Wednesday, IMD Goa advised people to stay indoors and asked fishermen not to venture into the sea due to rough weather conditions. The state is currently on 'orange alert' due to

a low pressure belt that has developed in the Arabian Sea and is expected to bring in heavy showers.

IMD Goa director Dr Krrishnamurty Padgalwar said, "In the next 24 hours, the system might soon turn into a depression..." A red alert denotes a possibility of heavy or extremely heavy rain for that region.

South

MP booked for obstructing cops from discharging duty

Kartarpur corridor pact

may be signed today: Pak

Hyderabad: Congress MP A Revanth Reddy has been booked for allegedly obstructing policemen from doing their duty, police said Wednesday. On October 21, Reddy was among several leaders and workers of the Congress taken into preventive custody as they attempted to lay siege to CM K Chandrasekhar Rao's

SAJJAD HUSSAIN

be signed on Thursday.

ISLAMABAD, OCTOBER 23

PAKISTAN SAID on Wednesday

that a historic agreement with

India to operationalise the

Kartarpur corridor was likely to

Dera Baba Nanak shrine in

India's Punjab with the gurd-

wara at Kartarpur, about four km

from the international border,

located at Narowal district of

agreed that the pact will be

agreement signed tomorrow (on

Thursday)," Foreign Office

spokesman Mohammad Faisal

Initially, the two sides had

"It is our effort to get the

Pakistan's Punjab province.

signed on Wednesday.

The corridor will connect the

They were seeking immediate resolution to the indefinite strike by the State Regional Transport Corporation employees. A Sub-Inspector of police lodged a complaint saying the MP and his followers "pushed aside" policemen when they tried to catch him. Reddy allegedly manhandled an ACP when police tried to stop him. PTI

been agreed under which the pilgrims would come in the

grims will be allowed to visit the

would be required to pay USD 20

as fee. He said more details of the

agreement would be shared af-

signing of the pact though it was

strongly opposed to Pakistan's

decision to levy a service charge

External Affairs on Monday 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. PTI

of USD 20 on each pilgrim.

Faisal said that each visitor

India is going ahead with the

In New Delhi, the Ministry of

holy site every day.

ter it is signed.

Al Qaeda's Kashmir affiliate wiped out, says J&K DGP

Zakir Musa successor who led Ansar in Valley among 3 killed in gunfight: DGP

BASHAARAT MASOOD SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 23

STATING THAT Hameed Lelhari, who led Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind (AGH), an Al Qaeda "affiliate" in Kashmir, was among three militants killed in a gunfight in south Kashmir on Tuesday, Iammu and Kashmir's Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbagh Singh on Wednesday said that the AGH has now been wiped out from the Valley.

Lelhari, according to the DGP, had taken over from Ansar founder Zakir Musa after the latter was killed in May this year.

Lelhari and his associates Naveed Ahmed Tak and Junaid Rashid were killed in a gunfight in Rajpora village of Tral, in Awantipora, on Tuesday evening, the police said.

Addressing the media in Srinagar, DGP Singh pointed out that Lelhari was made leader of AGH after Zakir Musa was killed on May 24. "At that time, this group (AGH) had been wiped out, but after he (Lelhari) motivated them, two people joined the militant ranks — Naveed and Junaid. The three militants worked in coordination with Iaish-e-Mohammad (IeM), which is forging ties with Lashkar-e-Toiba (and) Hizb-ul-



Zakir Musa successor killed: DGP Dilbagh Singh. Shuaib Masoodi

Mujahideen...in attempt to increase violence on the directions of Pakistani agencies."

A resident of Lelhar village in Pulwama, Lelhari had joined the militant ranks in 2016, according to the police. Before joining AGH, he was associated with JeM. DGP Singh said Lelhari was involved in several attacks on security forces and the killing of a civilian in south Kashmir.

After the trio was killed on Tuesday, DGP Singh said that the police initially got information that a local man was identified and the two others were Pakistani or foreign terrorists. "But late night, the two others

Students return to NIT,

some to stay, some to quit

were identified. All three were local militants, all of them associated with AGH," he said.

Singh said Junaid's brother was also a militant, and he had been killed earlier. "We also feel the pain that these people have taken to the wrong path," he said. "Even today, we want young men on the wrong path to shun weapons and take the right path." Weapons, he added, lead to death.

against apprehension that a large number of young people would take up guns in the Valley "after August 5" — when the Union government announced repeal of special status to J&K two UTs — "we are happy to say that the number of boys (joining militant ranks) is less than what was before this (August 5)". Militancy, he said, can be checked only when the local youth shun the path of violence and choose peace. DGP Singh also said that a

and bifurcation of the state into

"sizeable" number of militants have infiltrated into the Valley. although he declined to give any numbers. "Decrease in militant activities has worried Pakistan, that's why they are making every effort to push militants (into the Valley). Some militants have infiltrated, and a large number of their attempts have been foiled. I can't give you the exact number of militants who have come in after August 5 but their number is sizeable — that much I can say," Singh said.

Singh said: "Their sightings have taken place at a number of places in north Kashmir and south Kashmir, and going by that we feel that the number is sizeable. But again, I would say that the number is not that big that The DGP also said that as we should be very worried about it. As it happens always, they (Pakistan) send some number, we deplete some number. Therefore that process is on (and) we would bring the number (of militants) down."

J&K admin starts winding up state panels

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 23

A WEEK before the bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories, the administration on Wednesday ordered the winding up of the various state commissions. The general administration

department on Wednesday issued orders sanctioning the winding-up of the State Human Rights Commission, the State Information Commission, the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, the State Electricity Regulatory the State Commission, Commission for Protection of Women & Child Rights, the State Commission for Persons with Disabilities and the State Accountability Commission. These commissions will cease to operate with effect from October 31, the day the state's bifurcation comes into effect.

The order said the Chairpersons/President and Members of Commissions shall cease to hold office from the said date, adding that all the staff posted in these Commissions, drawn from various departments, shall report to the administrative departments concerned from October 30, 2019.

The government has also said that the vehicles allotted to or purchased Commissions are to be handed over to the State Motor Garages Department while the buildings housing these commissions would be handed over to the Estates department.

US CONGRESS HEARING

2 civil society members back India on J&K move, 3 oppose

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI. OCTOBER 23

A DAY after the US administration said there is a "humanitarian crisis" in I&K, civil society groups testifying before a US Congress committee gave a mixed picture of the ground situation. While three speakers criticised the government on the human rights situation in Kashmir, two others defended New Delhi's moves.

These people were heard during the second part of the first US Congressional hearing on the government's decision remove J&K's special status under Article 370.

The hearing on "Human Rights in South Asia: Views from the State Department and the Region", lasting two-and-a-halfhours, was chaired by US Congressman Brad Sherman, chairman of the House Subcommittee on Asia.

Nitasha Kaul, associate professor in Politics and International Relations at University of Westminster, said that denial of democratic rights in Kashmir affects not only the residents but also those living outside - in India and overseas. She said, "To be clear, arbitrary arrests, shrinking of space for peaceful expression of views, and restrictions on freedom of assembly and other democratic rights have long been a feature of life in Kashmir. What is new is the acute and extreme nature of the restrictions, contempt for all democratic norms, and putting an end to all possibility for dialogue with Kashmiris, who seek justice, dignity, freedom, and selfdetermination. Given there is no longer any space for peaceful expression of dissent anywhere in Kashmir, what are Kashmiris being pushed toward? While selling its actions in Kashmir as aimed for development, Indian state has flouted every single principle of democracy."

Angana Chatterji, co-chair, Political Conflict, Gender and People's Rights Initiative, research anthropologist at University of California, Berkeley, said: "Kashmiris state that following August 5 they are afraid of their forcible incorporation into the Union of India... Many are apprehensive that inhumane conditions, extreme brutality and the negation of human rights by insti-

tutions of state could foster an armed uprising within Kashmir...

Ravi Batra, chair, National Advisory Council for South Asian Affairs, told the US Congress: "...The first thing somebody wants before they want human rights, they want to live. I owe India an apology - when she suffered the Mumbai terror attack on November 26, 2008, when Jews and Americans were singled out for death by Pakistan-based terrorists, I joined in, arguing for 'restraint'. I was wrong. Terror needs to be eradicated, so our rights and freedoms mean something."

Aarti Tikoo Singh, senior assistant editor of The Times of India, told the panel that Pakistan-sponsored terrorism has been completely overlooked by the world media over the last 30 years, evoking a sharp reaction from US Congresswoman Ilhan Omar, who questioned her objectivity while reporting.

Omar accused Singh of representing the official side of the story and cast aspersions on her journalistic credentials. She did not let Singh speak. Omar said a reporter's job is to find objective truth about what's happening, and report it to the public.

Singh accused Omar of being "unfair" and alleged that the hearing was "prejudiced, biased, a setup against India and in favour of Pakistan". She said: "Throughout these 30 years of conflict, Islamic jihad and terror in Kashmir perpetrated by Pakistan has been completely ignored and overlooked by the world press. There is no human rights activists and no press in the world which feels it is their moral obligation to talk or write about the victims of Pakistani terror in Kashmir." Francisco Bencosme, Asia

Pacific advocacy manager at Amnesty International, told the US Congress that Amnesty International has documented a clear pattern of authorities using administrative detention on politicians, activists and anyone likely to hold a dissenting opinion before and after August 5. "While the Central Home Ministry claims it has no information on name and locations of detainees, media reports suggest that the number of detentions runs in thousands. The Jammu & Kashmir police recently accepted that about 144 children, as young as nine, have been taken into custody."

Terror funding: Court takes note of charges against Yasin Malik

ANAND MOHAN J NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

A DELHI court on Wednesday took cognizance of a supplementary chargesheet filed by NIA against IKLF chief Yasin Malik and others in a 2017 terror funding case.

Additional Sessions Judge Rakesh Syal took cognizance of the final report, which also names separatist leaders Asiya Andrabi. Shabir Shah and Masarat Alam Bhat as accused.

The NIA had submitted before the court that the High Commission of Pakistan "organises functions & meetings in New Delhi, to which Hurriyat leaders from Kashmir are invited and they are given instructions and funds during these occasions".

funds are being "raised out of illegal benefits drawn from LoC trade", and that these funds are routed by buyers of those imported goods in New Delhi through hawala channels and shell companies to Kashmir.

The Wildlife Institute of India

Nature Conservation Foundation,

PAWS Technical support commit-

tee of GSLEP, GTI Council, WWF,

World Bank Group, Wildlife

Conservation Trust and Global

Tiger Forum will assist in devel-

oping SPAI, it was informed.

The NIA has also claimed that

Kharagpur and I will be completing my project there," said Ravi.

NAVEEDIQBAL

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 23

RETURNING TO campus after

nearly three months, Ravi rolled

his two suitcases behind him af-

ter registering at the gate. A third

semester student of Mechanical

Engineering at the National

Institute of Technology (NIT) in

Srinagar, he had been waiting at

home in Maharashtra to hear

about the resumption of classes

at the college and was surprised

when the institute posted a no-

delayed his coursework, but he

has found a way. "We are re-

quired to submit a project in the

third semester, so I contacted IIT

The shutdown of classes has

tification on October 15.

He said several other students are exploring options to continue classwork elsewhere while Kashmir emerges out of the clampdown. The institute has over 2,000

students from across the country. In the days preceding the Centre's August 5 decision to revoke Jammu and Kashmir's special status, students were asked to vacate the campus. The move also came in the wake of a state administration order asking tourists and Amarnath yatris in the state to "curtail" their stay in the Valley immediately and take "necessary measures" to return as soon as possible.

Through the day, students trickled into the campus with luggage. Some said they were able to convince their parents to



NIT-Srinagar has opened after nearly 3 months. Shuaib Masoodi

go back since the telephone lines had been restored.

Meanwhile, several students are cancelling admissions and heading to other institutes. "I have come back to cancel my admission. I don't want to risk such long breaks again and based on my JEE score, I have got admission at Jamia Millia (Islamia)," Viksit Sharma, a civil engineering student from Delhi told The Indian Express.

On Wednesday, there were barely 20 students in the courtyard of the institute's main

However, as per Registrar Kaiser Bukhari, approximately 1,600 students have returned to the campus since the college announced on October 15 that it would resume classes.

"We had moved some staff to

August 5. So we were able to update our website and inform students outside J&K about the resumption of classes. For local students, we had issued advertisements in local newspapers," said the registrar. The advertisements, how-

ever, did not reach all local stu-

dents. Ishfaq Ahmad, a student

Delhi following the shutdown on

from Kupwara said, "We do not get papers everyday but I visited the college last week and found out that classes will resume." Of the 90 students enrolled in his class, about eight are at-

tending classes. Many laboratories and classrooms were locked across the in-

stitute on Wednesday.

Outside the hostels, the class schedules have been pasted for those returning back to campus.

PLAN TO MAP DISTRIBUTION AND CHALLENGES TO SURVIVAL

Rules firmed up to count snow leopards in upper Himalayas

morning and return in the evening after visiting Gurdwara **ESHAROY** Darbar Sahib. At least 5,000 pil-

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

INDIA AND other countries must strive to double the population of snow leopards in the coming decade, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar said on Wednesday while launching the first national protocol to assess the population of the endangered species in the country.

"We must start thinking about capacity building, livelihood, green economy and green pathways even in snow leopard areas of the Himalayan range and crosscountry cooperation," Javadekar said at the inaugural session of the fourth steering committee meeting of the Global Snow Leopard

and Ecosystem Protection (GSLEP) Program. In India, the snow leopard in-

habits upper Himalayan and trans-Himalayan ranges at an altitude range between 3,000 and 5,400 metres and spanning 1 lakh sq km across five states: Jammu and Kashmir (including Ladakh), Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh. This area contributes to about 5 per cent of the global snow leopard range. Besides India, snow leopards are found in 11 other

countries. GSLEP is a high-level intergovernmental alliance of these 12 countries. Governments of these countries have jointly initiated an effort to conduct Population Assessment of World's Snow Leopards, or PAWS.



Union Minister Prakash Javadekar at the inaugural session of the 4th steering committee meeting of the **GSLEP Programme in New** Delhi on Wednesday. ANI

As part of this agreement, Javadekar on Wednesday launched the 'Snow Leopard Population Assessment in India'



Why they are hard to track, count

THE ELUSIVE nature of the snow leopard makes it an extremely difficult species to track and count. Recent surveys have shown that they do not live in 25 per cent of the area believed to be a part of their range in Himachal Pradesh. The ministry report states that despite being a leading country in snow leopard science and conservation efforts, India still does not have a "robust and accurate population estimate for the country, much like other range countries".

(SPAI), which will look at both national and state-wise population estimates of these animals, both in and outside protected areas. SPAI will include a distribution map of snow leopards, spatial mapping of threats faced by these

According to an Environment and Forest Ministry report re-

leased on Wednesday, the snow leopard faces imminent threat as a result of prey depletion in India due to excessive livestock grazing, retribution killing, poaching illegal trade, unregulated tourism, climate change, infrastructure development in the mountains and poor waste management practices, "leading to increase in free-ranging dog

animals in different parts of its range, identification of important population and biodiversity sites, capacity building of young conservationists, and identification of potential refuge for snow leopards in response to pressures like clipopulations."

told reporters in Islamabad. He said a mechanism had

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Justice Mishra not to recuse from hearing land acquisition case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

A FIVE-JUDGE Supreme Court Constitution bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra will continue to hear matters relating to correctness of interpretation of Section 24 of Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Land Acquisition Act, 2013).

On Wednesday, bench ruled that Justice Mishra will not recuse from the hearing as demanded by some farmers' associations.

Conflicting decisions in the matter by two three-judge benches had snowballed into a row in early 2018 forcing the apex court to refer it to a five-judge Constitution bench.

The two decisions had come from a bench of former Chief Justice of India R M Lodha and Justices Madan B Lokur and Kurian Joseph — all retired since and another bench of Justices Arun Mishra, A K Goel (since re-Mohan M and Shantanagoudar.

Justice Mishra's presence on the Constitution bench constituted to test the correctness of the judgments had set off a furore on and off the social media. The other judges on the bench are Justices Indira Banerjee, Vineet Saran, MR Shah and S Ravindra Bhat.

Taking up the matter for hearing on October 15, Justice Mishra made evident his displeasure over the social media discussions on the matter and asked if it did not amount to maligning the court.

"Is this not maligning the court? If you had left it to me, I would have decided...But you are



Justice Arun Mishra

taking to social media to malign me...and Chief Justice of India?...Can this be the atmosphere of court? It can't be like this...Tell me one judge who has not taken a view on this. Will that mean all of us are disqualified?", Mishra said when Senior Advocate Shyam Diwan appearing for some landowners sought his recusal, pointing out that there may be impropriety in him hearing it.

On February 8, 2018, the bench headed by Justice Mishra had by a 2:1 decision in a matter related to the Indore Development Authority ruled that compensation not availed of within a stipulated five-year period could not be ground for cancellation of land acquisition. In doing so, it held that a 2014 ruling by the bench headed by the then CJI Lodha in a case related to Pune Municipal Corporation was "per incuriam" (passed without due regard to the law).

On February 21, 2018, yet another bench of Justices Lokur, Joseph and Deepak Gupta took exception to the February 8 order and requested High Courts and other apex court benches which were hearing matters likely to be impacted by it to defer the hearings till it decided whether to send the matter to a larger bench.



Congress president Sonia Gandhi visits Tihar jail to meet party leader D K Shivakumar on Wednesday. Renuka Puri

HC grants bail to Shivakumar in money laundering case

PRITAM PAL SINGH NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

THE DELHI High Court on Wednesday granted bail to Karnataka Congress leader D K Shivakumar in a money laundering case, observing that nothing had been placed on record to show that he was a "flight risk" and there was no chance of him tampering with evidence or influencing the witnesses. He was released from Tihar Jail following the order.

"...I am of the considered opinion, the petitioner is entitled for bail on merit and medical grounds," Justice Suresh Kumar Kait said in his order and directed the Congress leader to furnish a personal bond of Rs 25



D K Shivakumar

lakh with two sureties of the same amount.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) had arrested Shivakumar on September 3 in connection with a money laundering case filed last year following an investigation by the Income Tax department in 2017 when unaccounted cash to the tune of more

than Rs 8 crore was found in New Delhi in locations allegedly linked to the Congress leader.

In its order granting bail, Justice Kait imposed a condition that Shivakumar should not leave the country without the court's permission and that he will make himself available for investigation, if required by the prosecuting agency.

"He shall not influence the prosecution witnesses directly or remotely," the order said.

The ED, had argued against Shivakumar's bail plea saying he is a "very powerful and influential person", capable of "creating, fabricating and hiding evidence".

Iustice Kait observed that the documents related to the case were in the custody of the ED, the Government of India and the

World today has moved on from what

NAM founding leaders faced: Jaishankar

Prime Minister Modi to skip NAM summit in Azerbaijan, Vice President to represent India

"Moreover, presently, the petitioner is not in power, except he is a Member of Legislative Assembly. Therefore, in my considered view, there is no chance of the petitioner to tamper with the evidence," it said, adding the ED had not placed anything on record to establish that either the petitioner or his family members or associates had tried to contact any witnesses.

The court also noted that the Congress leader was admitted to the hospital for four days where an angiography was also performed on him. Shivakumar had filed a plea challenging a special judge's September 25 order saying his release may hamper the probe into the case which is at a crucial stage.

Chidambaram moves for bail in INX Media case

PRITAM PAL SINGH NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

A DAY after former Union minister P Chidambaram was granted bail in the INX Media corruption case, he moved the Delhi high Court on Wednesday for bail in the money laundering case, saying he was "innocent and has been wrongly implicated".

The bail application, listed for hearing on Thursday before Justice Suresh Kumar Kait, said that while in judicial custody, he has already "suffered two bouts of illness and was put on antibiotics for five and seven days respectively." "With the onset of cold

weather and the incident of dengue etc, his health is likely to become more vulnerable," the bail petition filed through Chidambaram's counsel Arshdeep Singh, said.

Referring to the apex court's bail order which said a mere averment that the petitioner allegedly approached witnesses, without any basis, cannot be a reason to deny regular bail, his bail plea before the high court said the "instant criminal proceedings are mala fide and borne out of political vendetta, and that the investigating agency is acting at the behest of the Central government, which wants to malign his untainted and unimpeachable reputation".

Naming Chidambaram, his son Karti and 12 others, including former bureaucrats of the Ministry of Finance, in a chargesheet on alleged corruption, the CBI had said that Chidambaram, as then finance minister, had "demanded illegal gratification, in the form of overseas payoffs for himself" and guarantees for "the business interest of his son" in exchange for



The application claimed that he "has made no attempt to suborn witnesses, tamper with evidence or in any other manner obstruct the judicial process"

FIPB approval of INX Media's FDI proposals.

Denying the CBI charges, Chidambaram's bail application stated that other accused, including his son, in the corruption and the money laundering cases are out on bail. The application claimed that he "has made no attempt to suborn witnesses, tamper with documentary evidence or in any other manner pollute or obstruct the judicial process". It further contends that since all the evidence in the case is documentary and is in the custody of investigating agencies, he cannot tamper with it.

The CBI had arrested 74-yearold Chidambaram on August 21 The next day, he was remanded in CBI custody and on September 5, he was sent to judicial custody in Tihar jail, which was extended from time to time. On October 16, he was formally arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and remanded to police custody till October 24.

National anthem was never sung in Pilibhit school, finds inquiry

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 23

DAYS AFTER the Basic Shiksha Adhikari (BSA) of Pilibhit district temporarily revoked the suspension of Bisalpur primary school headmaster Furqan Ali on "humanitarian grounds", a probe conducted by the district administration has found that the national anthem was never sung in the assembly session at the school.

On directions from district magistrate Vaibhav Srivastava, a probe was conducted by a threemember team, comprising city magistrate Ritu Punia, additional district magistrate (Nagar) Vandana Trivedi and BSA Devendra Swarup, on October 21.

On October 14, the administration had suspended Ali after local VHP members complained that he made students recite a religious prayer at the morning assembly. They had alleged that the particular prayer is recited in madrasas.

But, an inquiry by Bisalpur's Block Education Officer (BEO), Upendra Kumar, had found that Ali made students recite the poem 'lab pe aati hai dua', written in 1902 by the poet discipline," the statement said.

Muhammad Igbal, who also wrote 'sare jahan se accha'.

According to a statement issued by district administration, the report stated that during conversations with children, it was found that the national anthem and the prescribed prayer "woh shakti humein do dayanidhi" was never sung at the school. "The children said that they were never made to sing the national anthem or the prescribed poem after they recited 'lab pe aati hai dua'. The new teachers have been making the children recite the national anthem and the other prayer in the last two or three days," said the statement. It said that on the day the probe was conducted, 53 out of total 267 students were present.

The statement said the quality of education was found to be "unsatisfactory". "When students of Class V were told to write some simple English and Hindi words, they could not. They said that they were only imparted lessons orally. None of the students could tell the name of the president, prime minister and chief minister. Students of Class V could not write words like 'gyan prakash" or "Hindustan". The students lacked

FOR THE second time in a row, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will not attend the Non-Aligned Movement summit in Baku, Azerbaijan on October 25 and 26, and instead Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu will represent India at the summit. External Affairs Minister S

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

SHUBHAJIT ROY

Jaishankar, who is in Baku for the ministerial meeting, said, "The world today has moved on from what the NAM founding leaders faced in Bandung in 1955. The scales of global geo-political balance have shifted, and continue to do so, propelled by forces of globalisation and transformational technological progress. Long-held assumption and alignments rooted in the legacies of colonialism and the ideology of the Cold War are making way for new configurations and partnerships."

Prime Minister Modi did not attend the last NAM summit in Venezuela in 2016, and Vice-President Hamid Ansari had represented India at that time.



Extrenal Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with India's representative to the United Nations Syed Akbaruddin at the NAM ministerial meet in Baku, Azerbaijan on Wednesday. Courtesy: Twitter

ments of the Prime Minister at that time for missing the summit, his absence for the second time makes it clear that Delhi has moved away from the NAM concept - and has adopted an approach of "issue-based align-This was first articulated by

While many had cited sched- Foreign Secretary Vijay Keshav NAM, which is one of the largest low us to pursue a positive and standards on this issue," he said.

uling issues and prior commit-Gokhale in January this year, and has been reiterated by others at various occasions. The theme for the Summit is

Place : Mumbai

Date : October 19, 2019

"Upholding the Bandung Principles to ensure concerted and adequate response to the challenges of contemporary

India is a founding member of

gatherings of world leaders. India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru had led a pioneering role in the formation of

the movement. Jaishankar also said on Wednesday, "We must reform and revitalise the current arrangements and working methods of our Movement, to alforward looking agenda. At the same time, we must guard against attempts to divide us and to misuse multilateral platforms to further narrow interests."

In sum, he said, "a democratic effective, flexible, credible, transparent and representative, multilateral order - "reformed multilateralism", if you will - is a 21st century imperative".

He also said that terrorism is the single biggest threat not only to international peace and security, but also to development. "No cause justifies the indiscriminate killing of innocents as a means of achieving a political goal. The growing linkages between terrorist groups and cross-border operations including terror financing networks, and the spread of hateful ideologies through modern communication technologies have left no country untouched by this scourge," he said.

"As a group whose citizens stand to lose the most, our collective actions must match our words. Our fight against terrorism has to be fought collectively and across all fronts. The international community cannot afford selective approaches or double CoI report against Armyman for being honeytrapped by suspected ISI agent

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PATNA, OCTOBER 23

A COURT of inquiry was submitted by Bihar and Iharkhand Army sub-centre at Danapur to Central Command, Lucknow against a Punjab Regiment soldier facing allegations of being "honeytrapped" by a Karachi girl who is a suspected ISI agent. The soldier had been posted at

Danapur centre on deputation. The girl had befriended the soldier through a fake Facebook account, claiming that she was

Indian with an Army background. Danapur sub-centre sources said Surjit Singh, who was posted as runner, had been under watch of Army intelligence after he was mostly found on social media, chatting with the girl under the fake identity of Anushka. After he was caught sharing a photograph with background of the Army office, he had to face a court of inquiry this July. The soldier had been chatting with the girl for

"A court of inquiry report was submitted to Central Command office this September. We do not have updates on if any action has been taken against the jawan", Central Command spokesperson Gargi Malik said.

about four months.

HC asks social media sites to remove video defamatory of Ramdev 'globally'

PRITAM PALSINGH NEW DELHI.OCTOBER 23

HOLDING THAT any defamatory post or video online that harm an individual's right to privacy should be removed from websites not only in India but globally, the Delhi High Court on Wednesday directed Facebook, Google, YouTube (owned by Google) and Twitter to "forthwith" remove, block or disable on a global basis links to a video

tions against yoga guru Ramdev. The social media platforms had earlier sought to remove the content locally, within India, by a method known as geo-blocking, through which content is blocked from a particular jurisdiction.

containing defamatory allega-

Justice Pratibha M Singh held, "....When disabling is done by the platforms on their own, in terms

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of their policies, the same is global. So there is no reason why court order ought not to be global."

While senior advocate Parag Tripathi, appearing for Facebook, sought suspension of the direction for two weeks, and requested the court that a status quo to be maintained until then, Justice Singh declined the request and directed the platforms to comply with it immediately.

On the issue of conflict of laws and the right of freedom of speech and expression, as raised by the social media platforms, Justice Singh observed, "What is to be borne in mind is also the right of privacy, the right of reputation of a citizen, national security, national integrity, threats to sovereignty, etc."

The court's direction came on a suit filed by Ramdev against a video uploaded by an unknown person containing "defamatory, disparaging and threatening" statements against him and Patanjali Ayurved Ltd.

In January, the HC had directed for removal of the offending URL and web-links for the platforms' India domains.

The social media sites had opposed blocking the content globally, and only agreed to remove it within India. But the court held that merely geo-blocking, or disabling access to the defamatory content to viewers from India, would not be sufficient, as users based in the country can access

it by other means. "There is an obligation upon the intermediary (social media platforms) to disable access, which would have to be read as meaning to completely disable access, and not partially disable access," the court said.

Observing that "the race between technology and the law

could be termed as a hare and tortoise race —- as technology gallops, the law tries to keep pace," Justice Singh said, "...All offending material which has been uploaded from within India on to the defendants' computer resource or computer network would have to be disabled and blocked on a global basis..."

"In case of uploads which take place from outside India, the unlawful act would be the dissemination of such content in India, and thus in those cases the platforms may resort to geoblocking," the court said. Ramdev has also sought

compensation on the ground that various defamatory remarks and information including videos, based on the book "Godman to Tycoon – the Untold Story of Baba Ramdev", are being disseminated through their platforms.

GLB Body Care Private Limited Registered Office: F-18, First Floor, TDI Fun Republic, Moti Nagar, Old Natraj Cinema Building, New Delhi-110015

CIN: U51391DL2012PTC235298 Before the Central Government / Regional Director,

Northern Region, New Delhi In the matter of sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Companies Act, 2013 and clause (a) of sub-rule (5) of rule 30 of The Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014

In the matter of GLB Body Care Private Limited having its registered office at F-18, First Floor, TDI Fun Republic, Moti Nagar, Old Natraj Cinema Building, New Delhi - 110015

......Applicant / Petitioner

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the Company proposes to make application to the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on October 11, 2019 to enable the Company to change its Registered Office from the "National Capital Territory of Delhi" to the "State of Maharashtra".

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered

office of the Company may deliver either on the MCA-21 portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing investor complaint form or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director at the address, "The Regional Director, Northern Region, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, B-2 Wing, 2nd Floor, Paryavaran Bhawan CGO Complex, New Delhi - 110003" within fourteen days of the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the Applicant / Petitioner Company at its registered office at F-18. First Floor, TDI Fun Republic, Moti Nagar, Old Natraj Cinema Building, New Delhi-110015. For and on behalf of the Applicant / Petitioner

Ashwin Khasgiwala Director (DIN: 00006481

Place: Mumbai

October 19, 2019

GLF Lifestyle Brands Private Limited Registered Office: 2A-1101, 11th Floor, Two Horizon Centre, DLF-V,

Golf Course Road, Sector-43, Gurugram, Haryana -122002 CIN: U51909HR2011PTC054950 Before the Central Government / Regional Director.

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KAMLESH TIWARI MURDER

Misfire injured one killer, wanted to surrender: cops

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LUCKNOW, SURAT, OCT 23

A DAY after arresting Ashfaq Hussain Shaikh (34) and Farid, alias Moinuddin Khurshid Pathan (27), prime accused in the murder of former working president of the Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha, Kamlesh Tiwari, in Lucknow, the Gujarat ATS on Wednesday said that a bullet had hit Moinuddin's hand after Ashfaq missed the target while shooting Tiwari.

Sources in Uttar Pradesh Police, which got three days' transit remand of the duo from a Surat court on Wednesday, also said that Ashfaq and Moinuddin were regularly trying to surrender after the murder.

"As per their plan, Syed Asim Ali, who was later arrested from Nagpur, was to arrange their surrender. After Ali's arrest, however, the two did not get any direction on the next course of action and decided to return to Gujarat," a UP Police officer involved in the investigation said.

Ashfaq and Moinuddin were arrested near Shamlaji, a temple town on Gujarat-Rajasthan border, on Tuesday. After a misfire by Ashfaq in-

jured his hand, DIG (Gujarat ATS) Himanshu Shukla told the me-

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

A MAN from Hubbali, who was

detained on Tuesday for sus-

pected links to people involved

in the murder of former Akhil

Bharat Hindu Mahasabha leader

Kamlesh Tiwari, has been gues-

tioned and released by

BENGALURU, OCTOBER 23

dia in Surat on Wednesday, "Moinuddin tied a handkerchief on his hand and later slit Tiwari's throat. The duo then fled to their hotel (in Lucknow), where Ashfaq, who works as a medical dressed representative, Moinuddin's injured hand."

Gujarat ATS is now looking for the person who supplied them with the pistol used to kill Tiwari. "We have got the name of the accused who had given the pistol to Ashfaq. Our teams reached the suspect's house but he has gone underground. We will arrest him," Deputy SP(Gujarat ATS) KK Patel said. Investigators said Ashfaq and

Moinuddin travelled across three states — UP, Delhi and Rajasthan — and also went to Nepal. They reportedly covered around 2,000 km on trains, buses, taxi and also took lift in a truck before they were arrested near Shamlaji in Gujarat. The UP Police officer said:

"After the murder they went to Bareilly and spent a night at the railway station there. Then they moved to Lakhimpur Kheri, and from there to Nepal. After returning from Nepal, the two returned to Lakhimpur Kheri and went to Shahjahanpur. After some time there, the assailants moved to Delhi, and subsequently to Ajmer. From there, they went to Shamlaji on Guirat-Rajasthan border,

Hubbali man released after probe

Jafar Sadiq, 35, was detained on

the basis of information provided

by UP police about an interaction

between Sadig and one of the

suspects arrested in the case.

Police in Hubbali and officials of

the internal security department

of Karnataka police questioned

Sadiq and later released him. "It

is now up to UP police to take a

call on him," police sources said.

where they were arrested."

According to the investigators, Ashfaq and Moinuddin were caught after they ran out of money and approached their family and acquaintances for financial help. "They were carrying around Rs 20,000 when they left their hometown, Surat, for Lucknow on October 17, a day before the murder. In the last four days, they spent almost all that money," an officer said.

Five people have so far been arrested in connection with Tiwari's killing. Rashid Pathan, Faizan Sheikh and Maulana Mohsin Sheikh, who were arrested from Surat, are currently in custody of UP Police.

On Wednesday, Asim Ali was produced before a local court of Lucknow which sent him to three days in police remand. A video doing the rounds on social media shows him purportedly abusing Tiwari for making a film on the Prophet and threatening to kill him. Police said that apart from

Tiwari's statement against the Prophet in 2015, another factor that instigated the assailants was his plan to make a film, Rangeela Rasool, allegedly showing the Prophet in a bad light.

DIG Shukla of Gujarat ATS said, "That is also one of the factors (that led the suspects to murder Tiwari)."



Kamlesh Tiwari

Acording to the police, the post-mortem report states there are seven wounds inflicted using a sharp-edged weapon on the left side of the chest and two incised wounds, one of which was inflicted to slit the neck. There are two injuries inflicted using a knife on the right side of

Ashfaq Hussain Sheikh and Moinuddin Khurshid Pathan, who were arrested from Gujarat-

Rajasthan border in connection with Tiwari's murder, in Ahmedabad on Tuesday. PTI

Killers shot Tiwari, stabbed

shoulder. There are two other injuries on the back side of Tiwari's left shoulder, added a police officer. "The autopsy report said

the chest and two on the left

death occurred due to shock and haemorrhage," said a police

Police said the two as- given," the SG said. sailants, identified as Ashfaq Hussain Jakir Hussain Shaikh and Farid alias Moinuddin Khurshid Pathan, were also injured during the course of the attack. The Gujarat ATS had arrested six persons, including Ashfaq and Moinuddin, in connection with the case.

Tiwari had appealed on behalf of the organisation in the Ayodhya case before the Supreme Court.

SC declines nod to resume Mumbai coastal road project

Apex court will hear pleas after Diwali

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

THE SUPREME Court on Wednesday declined to grant a prayer for resuming work on the Rs 12,000-crore Mumbai coastal road project. The Bombay High Court had earlier quashed its Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) clearance.

A bench of Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and Justices S A Bobde and S A Nazeer said the court is of the view that "the matter should be heard and disposed of at the earliest" and asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to mention it before court number two "immediately on reopening of the court after Diwali vacation".

The court will reopen after Diwali recess on November 4.

Mehta pointed out that 10 km of the road (out of the 30-km project) has already been completed and the project has a 2022 deadline. Since it is not likely to be completed by that deadline, the court could in the interim allow work to resume, subject to the final outcome of the project, while it hears the petition, he said. "(The) machinery is still

there.... Your Lordships may allow us to start.... We will start at risk of parties...no equities to be

Mehta added that "nobody stands to gain anything by suddenly halting it altogether".

The court did not respond to the SG but added in the order, "in the event the Court is unable to fix an early date, it will be open for the petitioner to renew the prayer for grant of interim relief."

On July 26, the court had issued notice on the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai's plea seeking a stay on

KERALA NUN RAPE

The project was given the go-ahead in 2017 by **Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority and the Union** environment ministry

the High Court order quashing CRZ clearance granted for the

southern part of the project. Quashing the CRZ clearance on July 16 after hearing a clutch of petitions, the High Court bench of Chief Justice Pradeep Nandrajog and Justice N M Jamdar had underlined a "serious lacuna in the decision-making process" and "lack of proper

The project had been given the go-ahead in 2017 by the Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management **Authority** (MCZMA), the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) and the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF).

scientific study".

The High Court said the civic body cannot proceed with the work without obtaining environmental clearance under the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) notification.

In its 219-page judgment, the High Court bench said, "It is obvious that a serious lacuna in the decision-making process has occurred. The lacuna is that neither MCZMA nor EIA nor MoEF took note of the fact that except for the environmental impact assessment study conducted by the consultants, all other reports themselves informed the recipient of the reports that they were not based on complete and exhaustive analysis of the data and material required to opine on the adverse environmental

According to sources, Sadiq Karnataka police. was detained after investiga-It is learnt that Mohammed HC issues notice to MP over a PIL against exemption of

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BHOPAL, OCTOBER 23

The Madhya Pradesh High Court issued a notice to the state government on Wednesday, on a PIL filed by a law university student, challenging a rule that exempts women from wearing a helmet.

Appearing as petitioner-inperson, Himanshu Dixit, a third year student of The National Law Institute University, Bhopal, states in his petition that the exemption exposes women to

While Section 129 of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988, makes wearing of protective headgear mandatory, Rule 213 (2) of the Madhya Pradesh Motor Vehicle Rules, 1994, exempts women (also children aged 12 or less)

from wearing a helmet. The 22-year-old student arof 1988). The petition has pointed out anomalies like the 'no helmet, no petrol' order that require women to wear a helmet when they go to refuel their vehicles. The plea also cited data on women two-wheeler riders in-

The petitioner stated that in 25 years since the rules were introduced, many women have been issued challans for not wearing a helmet, which is con-

Chief Justice Sanjay Yadav and judge Vijay Kumar Shukla sought a reply from the state government within 15 days and posted the matter for further hearing in the week commenc-

women from helmet rule gued that the rule not only violates Articles 14, 15 (1), 21 of the Constitution, but is also ultra vires the parent statute (MV Act

volved in fatal accidents.

trary to the rule.

A division bench of acting ing November 11.

vealed that one of the suspects called him up and sought help in finding a lawyer. Sources said Sadig knew the suspect, but no links between him and the crime had emerged. A resident of the Old Hubbali area, Sadiq was among 53 Muslims acquitted in 2015 in a case of rioting and violation of curfew filed in the Old Hubbali police station in

tions in the murder case re-

UTTARAKHAND RURAL POLLS

Wife of Congress staffer who serves tea wins pradhan post

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is a firearm injury mark on the

left side of Tiwari's face, said

president of the Akhil Bharat

Hindu Mahasabha, was mur-

dered by two people in

Khursheed Bagh area in

Lucknow. The police had recov-

ered a pistol from the spot.

The report added that there

Tiwari, a former working

haemorrhage.

police.

LALMANI VERMA DEHRADUN, OCTOBER 23

A CONGRESS party employee who serves tea at the state headquarters has shot into the limelight after his wife won the election for village pradhan in Pithoragarh district.

As the results of the panchayat polls in 12 districts of Uttarakhand were announced on Tuesday, Manju, the 22-year-old wife of Narendra Singh "Anna". was declared winner from Adagaon village in Kanalicheena block. She defeated her nearest rival by 15 votes.

Following her election, the refrain among partymen was "chaiwalla bana pradhan" — Narendra (29) has worked for the Congress for four years, serving tea and water to leaders.

"He is true soldier of the Congress. The party is over-

whelmed by his wife's win, all the leaders are congratulating him. He took only 15-day leave for canvassing. He is strengthening the Congress in his village," said Garima Dasauni, state Congress spokesperson.

A party leader tweeted, "When a declared chaiwalla is holding the top position in the country, my Anna is holding the top position of his village." "If a chaiwalla could become

Prime Minister, why can't Narendra Singh become village pradhan? Offering tea and water is noble work. I do whatever party leaders ask me to do," Narendra said. "Villagers, especially women, suggested that Manju should contest as a move towards empowerment of women. Both of us filed nomination, but I asked

voters to support her." Narendra has studied till Class 10. Manju is pursuing graduation in arts, and the couple have a onevear-old son.

Polling was held for 356 zila panchayat members, 2,674 BDC members, 5,847 village pradhan and 3,824 members of village panchayat. As the results were declared on Tuesday, both the BJP and Congress claimed that candidates supported by them won maximum seats.

State BJP president Ajay Bhatt claimed the party would constitute its board in all 12 zila panchayats. The BJP also declared candidates for Zila Panchayat chairpersons in four districts.

"We had announced supported candidates on many zila panchayat seats. More than 60 per cent of our supported candidates won," said Congress spokesperson Garima Dasauni.

Congress leaders will meet on Wednesday to decide candidates for Zila Panchayat chairpersons.

NASA finds no trace of Vikram lander in latest pics by orbiter

Washington: NASA has found no evidence of Chandrayaan-2's Vikram lander in the latest images captured by its Moon orbiter of the lunar south pole region where India's ambitious mission attempted a historic soft landing, the US space agency said on Wednesday. On September 7, ISRO attempted a soft landing of Vikram on the uncharted lunar south pole, before losing communication with the lander.

"The Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter imaged the area of the targeted Chandrayaan-2 Vikram landing site on October 14, but did not observe any evidence of the lander," Noah Edward Petro, the Project Scientist for the LRO said.

LRO Mission, said. PTI

"It is possible that Vikram is located in a shadow or outside of the search area. Because of the low latitude... the area is never completely free of shadows," John Keller, Deputy Project Scientist

Nun moves women's panel, cites online harassment by bishop

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCTOBER 23

A NUN who filed a rape case against Bishop Franco Mulakkal has approached the state women's commission, alleging that the bishop and his aides have been insulting her on social media platforms.

Observing that the complaint is serious, the commission on Wednesday registered a case in this regard.

Commission chairperson and CPM leader M C Josephine said the commission has asked the state police chief and cyber police to submit a report within 10 days. "The commission received the complaint from the nun on Wednesday and will take strong action in this case," she said.

The chairperson said a similar case had been registered by the commission earlier and district police chief, Kottayam, had been asked to probe. The police have told the commission that the investigation is in progress. When such a probe is already on, it is disturbing to see that the com-

plainant nun has been targeted

again on social media, she said. According to sources close to the nun, a YouTube channel is airing items aimed at tarnishing her image. Meanwhile, a sessions court in Kottayam has issued summons to Bishop Mulakkal to appear before the court on November 11. Mulakka was removed as the bishop of Jalandhar following his arrest in the rape case last year. He is currently out on bail.

Rajasthan: 2 die while digging sand pit

Jaipur: Two girls died and three were injured after getting trapped under sand when they were digging a pit in Dholpur district, police said.

Anjali Jatav (10) and Rachna Jatav (12) were among the five girls who were digging a pit in the field at Khurdia village on Wednesday when the heap of sand collapsed.

The five were rushed to a hospital, where two were declared dead and others admitted for treatment, police said. Police said the bodies were handed over to family after post-mortem and a case was registered. under Section 174 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

The Chief Administrative Officer/Construction, Northern Railways, Kashmere gate. Delhi- 110006 for and on behalf of the President of India invites Expression of Interest for the following work, Name of work and location: Notice for Expression of Interest for "Providing proven methodology for analyzing bridge structure for various stresses generated due to continuation of long welded rails over Railway Bridge at Rohtak* Pre application meeting: 07.11.19 in the office of Dy. CE/C/Tilak Bridge, New Delhi-110002 at 11:30 hours Date & Time for submission of Expression of Interest and opening of tender: Expression of Interest may be submitted up to 11.30hrs on 29.11.2019 in the office of Dy. Chief Engineer/Construction, Northern Railway, Tilak Bridge, New Delhi-110002. Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document: The detailed Notice for Expression of interest is available on Northern Railway website i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in from 23,10,2019 to 29,11,2019. All other terms and conditions in respect of above Expression of Interest are given it document. Tender Notice No: Dy.CE-C-TKJ-ROK-EOI Dated: 23.10.2019 Serving Customers With A Smile

MADURAI CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION "SWACHH BHARAT MISSION"

TENDER NOTIFICATION NO. 58/2019

On behalf of Madurai Corporation, The Commissioner, Madurai Corporation invites Sealed bids from eligible and qualified sidders for following works under SWACHH BHARAT MISSION. Name of work 1. Purchase of Amphibian Equipments 1 No In Madural Corporation Rs. 7.86 Cr. Rs. 7.86 Lakh 2. Date, Time and Venue for the Per-Bid Conference: 13.11.2019, 04.30 PM at Conference Hall O/o. Madural Corporation Aringar Anna Maligai, Madurai -625 002. 3. Form of Contract: Two Cover System. 4. The bid documents will be available in http://tntenders.gov.in, http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in - from 29.10.2019 to 29.11.2019, upto 3.00 P.M and bid opening will be on 29.11.2019, 3.30 PM. 5. The Commissioner Madural Corporation Reserves the rights to accept or reject any bid or and reject all the bids at any time without assigning any reason thereof. Eligibility criteria and other details can be had from the Bidding document. 6. Bids must be submitted to the "The Commissioner, Madurai Corporation, Aringar Anna Maligai, Tallakulam, Madurai - 625 002" in person on or before 03.00 PM on 29.11.2019 and bids will be opened on 29.11.2019 at 3.30 PM, in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of receipt of

the bids as specified, the bids will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

7. E-mail Address: commr.madurai@tn.gov.in. Contact No: 0452-2532412.

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Commissioner, Madurai Corporation

AG pulls out a question: Can there be new curbs on freedom of speech?

Constitution Bench after senior advocates Fali S Nariman and Harish Salve, assisting the court as amicus curiae in the matter, said it was of great importance and should be referred. Nariman and Salve had submitted to the court the questions they wanted it to examine in the matter.

On Wednesday, Venugopal proposed three more issues which he urged the court to look into. He said the bench should also consider"whether

Date: 23.10.2019

tions can be imposed on the rights guaranteed by Article 19(1) (a)... in the case of persons holding high public office, including that

greater restric-

The question "whether rights guaranteed by

Article 21 of the Constitution can be enforced against individuals or within the definition of the term state" will also have to be looked into, he submitted. Justice Mishra remarked that

Justice Bhat pointed out that

in habeas corpus matters, the right is enforced against individuals and not only against the state. "But your Lordships will not

expand it to other fundamental tal right of another individual".

of a Minister".

private corporations not falling

the question was "very impor-

rights," said the Attorney General. adding "the question is whether any of these rights except those specified will lie against individuals". He also proposed that the court decide "whether the State can proceed against an individual in the absence of a statutory position in respect of statements made by him/her on the ground that the statements affect the fundamen-

framed four questions before referring the matter to a Constitution Bench. It wanted to know whether a person holding a high office can pass comments like "it is an outcome of political controversy" when a victim files an FIR alleging rape, gang rape or murder or such other heinous offences against another person or group of persons especially when he has nothing to

The three-judge bench too had

do with the offence. It also wanted to know if the

"State" should allow such comments "as they have the effect potentiality to create a distrust in the mind of the victim as regards fair investigation and, in a way, the entire system" and whether or not the statements come within the ambit and sweep of freedom of speech and expression.

The bench had also said that it

will examine "whether such com-

ments (which are not meant for self protection) defeat the concept of constitutional compassion and also conception of constitutional sensitivity?". The hearing remained inconclusive and will continue

Judge vs Judge on same bench in Bombay HC over a corruption case

Thursday.

a judgment and its pronouncement, had laid down that "after conclusion of hearing, if the judgment is reserved or the matter is closed for judgment, it is open to the judges on the bench to discuss, change their opinions, modify or persuade each other to take

a particular view until a judgment is made ready, signed and pronounced in the open court." He wrote that in the graft

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matter before the bench, "unfortunately... there was no occasion for such deliberation or discussion on merits of the matter for tentative conclusion". "The petitions were kept re-

served for judgment since 28-08-2019," he said. "The petitions were listed directly on the cause list dated 18-09-2019 without giving any prior intimation to me," Justice Sonawane said, adding "the pronouncement was made in a very cryptic and obscure manner" on September 18 "by simply declaring "both the petitions are allowed". Justice Sonawane said "at the

time of pronouncement of judgment in open court, I raised objection that 'how the petitions are allowed?', that time I was advised to go through the reasoning part of the Judgment scribed by him". He said "the judgment was pronounced in such a posthaste manner that I could not avail the opportunity to express my dissent view/opinion at that time".

"Thereafter, the Judgment of petitions was placed before me for signature in the evening hours in my chamber. I was aghast on perusing the expres-

sions discernible from the judgment particularly against the functions of Government personnel as well as specific direction to ACB about permission for investigation and to police for investigation against public servants of Public Works Department (PWD) and to file the case, etc. According to me, all these are not legally permissible

by exercising writ jurisdiction

under Article 226 of the Constitution of India. In case such directions are issued to investigating agency, it would amount to cause interference in the investigation. These circumstances did not persuade me to share responsibility of alleged findings expressed by Senior Member of this Bench. Therefore, I refused to put my signature on the Judgment authored by him and kept reserved my legitimate right to express dissent view/opinion within am-

bit of law," he wrote. The petitions filed by Prashant Bamb, who was a BJP MLA in Maharashtra, through advocate Sachin S Deshmukh, alleged "fraud and mischief in the renewal and repairing works of Kalyan-Ahmednagar-Parbani-Nanded-Nirmal road". Iustice Nalawade concluded

that such offences "cannot be

committed unless there is con-

nivance of officers" and it was open for police to investigate the role of PWD officials too and that the ACB could take over to probe charges of disproportionate assets once police confirmed the charges. He was also critical of the role of the government authorities in the case.

Justice Sonawane, however, was of the view that since the police probe was already on, pursuant to filing of FIRs and it was at an "initial stage", "it would be preposterous and incomprehensible to issue such kind of direction to investigating agency to file case against PWD officials by keeping open the field for investigation against them".

He said that the absence of name of PWD officials in the FIR "does not preclude the investigating agency to carry out the investigation against them" if necessary. Advocate A B Girase, the pub-

lic prosecutor in the case, told The Indian Express that when there is a difference of opinion between two judges, the matter is placed before a third judge who may agree with one of the views which then becomes final. He said that "there has not been any order from the Registry so far placing it before a third judge". Repeated calls to the HC Registry went unanswered.

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EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

GERMAN CHANCELLOR Angela Merkel will pay a three-day visit to India beginning October 31 with an aim to further broadbase strategic ties in an array of kev areas, including defence

Student's

suicide: Case

against dean,

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE DEAN and nine teachers of a

college here have been named in

a police case over the suicide of a

fourth-year student on October 21

on the basis of a complaint filed

Bhaskar, the father of Sri Harsha,

21, a final year engineering stu-

dent at Amrita School of Engine-

ering, who committed suicide at

the college hostel on Monday af-

ter being suspended for alleged

vandalism of property during a

students' strike over lack of facil-

troubling my son over protests that

had taken place on the campus on

September 23 over water scarcity. In this regard, on October 21 at

10.45 am, a final hearing was held but I was not allowed for the hear-

ing. Around noon on the same day,

I was informed by college authorities that my son was in hospital,"

Bhaskar, a resident of Andhra

was rushed to hospital after he

fell from the roof of the college.

"The death of my son was caused

by the trouble caused by college

authorities who also covered up

evidence regarding the death,"

said the complaint. The com-

plaint has named the college

dean Dhanaraj Swamy and nine teachers from various depart-

ments at the college as the ac-

cused in the case.

TEJPAL CASE

Victim to be

cross-examined

on November 11

Panaji: A Goa court on Wedn-

esday adjourned till November 11 the cross-examination of the woman who lodged a case of

sexual assault against Tehelka

magazine founder Tarun Tejpal.

The case is being tried before

District Judge Shama Joshi at

said the cross-examination of the woman could not be taken up on Wednesday as defence

counsel Shrikant Shivde sought

an adjournment. The woman's

cross-examination will now be

held from November 11 to

trial, the defence lawyer raised a

legal point on the validity of a

document produced by the

prosecution. The court has fixed

August asked the Goa court to co-

mplete the trial in the case within

Kusum Prasad,

earliest woman

IAS officers, dies

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

FORMER RAIASTHAN Home

Secretary and one of the earliest

women IAS officers in the state,

Kusum Prasad died in the early

hours of Wednesday after a spell

Rajasthan cadre, Prasad had a stel-

lar record in a state which got its

first woman Chief Secretary only

in 2009. She was Director General

of the Employees State Insurance

Corporation and Rajasthan's first

woman District Magistrate – she

was posted in Tonk. She also

served as the state Home

Prasad played a key role in re-

Secretary for some time in 1991.

viving the Rajasthan Small

A 1960-batch IAS officer of

of illness. She was 82.

one of Rajasthan's

six months.

A Supreme Court bench in

October 31 for a hearing on it.

Gomes said that during the

November 14, he said.

Tejpal's lawyer Rajiv Gomes

Mapusa town in North Goa.

According to the complaint, Bhaskar later learned that his son

Pradesh, said in his complaint.

"The college authorities were

ities at the hostel.

The case was filed by G Vijay

by the student's father.

BENGALURU, OCTOBER 23

9 teachers



German Chancellor Angela Merkel

Merkel on 3-day visit to India from Oct 31

Prime Minister Narendra Modi,

and security. Sources said Merkel and in their wide-ranging talks, will particularly focus on giving a new momentum to the bilateral ties by significantly scaling up cooperation in several sectors.

During her visit from October 31 to November 2, Merkel will also meet top executives of major Indian companies which are active in Germany.

Genesis La Mode Private Limited

Registered Office: 2A-1101, 11th Floor, Two Horizon Centre, DLF-V, Golf Course Road, Sector-43, Gurugram, Haryana -122002 CIN: U51109HR2012PTC065811

Before the Central Government / Regional Director, Northern Region, New Delhi In the matter of sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Companies Act, 2013 and

In the matter of Genesis La Mode Private Limited having its registered office at 2A-1101, 11th Floor, Two Horizon Centre, DLF-V, Golf Course Road, Sector-43.

clause (a) of sub-rule (5) of rule 30 of The Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014

Gurugram, Haryana -122002

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the Company proposes to make application to the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on October 11, 2019 to enable the Company to change its Registered Office from the "State of Haryana" to the "State of Maharashtra"

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the Company may deliver either on the MCA-21 portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing investor complaint form or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director at the address, "The Regional Director, Northern Region, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, B-2 Wing, 2nd Floor, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi - 110003" within fourteen days of the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the Applicant / Petitioner Company at its registered office at 2A-1101, 11th Floor, Two Horizon Centre, DLF-V, Golf Course Road, Sector-43, Gurugram, Haryana -122002.

For and on behalf of the Applicant / Petitioner

Ashwin Khasgiwala Place : Mumbai Director October 19, 2019 (DIN: 00006481)

GML India Fashion Private Limited Registered Office: 2A-1101, 11th Floor, Two Horizon Centre, DLF-V,

Golf Course Road, Sector-43, Gurugram, Haryana -122002 CIN: U51494HR2012PTC047914 Before the Central Government / Regional Director,

Northern Region, New Delhi In the matter of sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Companies Act, 2013 and clause (a) of sub-rule (5) of rule 30 of The Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014

In the matter of GML India Fashion Private Limited having its registered office at 2A-1101, 11th Floor, Two Horizon Centre, DLF-V, Golf Course Road, Sector-43, Gurugram, Haryana -122002

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For and on behalf of the Applicant / Petitioner

Ashwin Khasgiwala Place : Mumbal Director Date : October 19, 2019 (DIN: 00006481)

Genesis Luxury Fashion Private Limited Registered Office: 2A-1101, 11th Floor, Two Horizon Centre, DLF-V,

Golf Course Road, Sector-43, Gurugram, Haryana -122002 CIN: U74994HR2007PTC054951

Before the Central Government / Regional Director, Northern Region, New Delhi

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> In the matter of Genesis Luxury Fashion Private Limited having its registered office at 2A-1101, 11th Floor, Two Horizon Centre, DLF-V, Golf Course Road, Sector-43, Gurugram, Haryana -122002

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For and on behalf of the Applicant / Petitioner

Place : Mumbai Director Date : October 19, 2019 (DIN: 00009621)

Genesis Colors Limited Registered Office: 301 to 303, 3rd Floor, Good Earth Business Bay, Sector 58,

Golf Course Extension, Gurugram, Haryana - 122102 CIN: U51311HR1998PLC054949

Before the Central Government / Regional Director, Northern Region, New Delhi

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For and on behalf of the Applicant / Petitioner

V. Subramaniam Place : Mumbai (DIN: 00009621

le of		clear				ng festival season, Northern Railway has planned to run following Festiv
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4002	Anand Vihar (T)	18:35	Bhagalpur	17:30	24.24	Kanpur, Allahabad, Pt. Deendayal Upadhayaya, Buxar, Ara Danapur, Patna, Bhakhtiyarpur, Mokameh Jn., Kiul Abhaipur, Jamalpur & Sultanganj Station
2410	Delhi (Suvidha)	11:00	Darbhanga	08:30	2A & 3A	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Sewan, Chhapra, Hajipu Muzzafapur & Samastipur stations
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2404 4920	New Delhi (Suvidha) Firozpur Cantt Jn	14:55 16:45	Patna Jn. Darbhanga	08:30	2A & 3A Gen.	Kanpur Central, Allahabad Jn, Pt. Deendayal Upadhayaya, Buxar, Ara & Danapur stations Faridkot, Kot Kapura Jn, Bhatinda Jn, Mansa, Jakhal Jn, Jind Jn, Rohtak Jn, Shakurbasti, Delhi, Moradabad, Bareilly, Luckni Sulfannur, Varanasi, Pt. Deendayal Unadhayaya, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patlinutra, Haijing, In Muzaffannur, In Samastinur, In
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4084	Delhi	22:40	Pumea Court	22:30	Gen.	Kanpur Central, Allahabad, Dd Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara, Patna, Bakhtiyarpur Jn, Mokameh Jn, Begusarai, Khagaria, Mansi, S Bhakhtiyarpur, Saharsa, Dauram Madhepura & Banmankhi Jn stations
4016 4018	New Delhi New Delhi	15:30 22:45	Varanasi Jn. Lucknow	07:00	SL 2A, 3A, SL & Gen.	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow & Sultanpur Jn. Stations Moradabad, Chandausi Jn & Bareilly Stations
4090	Anand Vihar (T)	12:45	Bhagalpur	10:10	2A, 3A, SL & Gen.	Kanpur Central, Allahabad Jn., Pt. Deendayal Upadhayaya, Buxar, Ara, Patna Jn, Bakhtiyarpur Jn., Mokameh Jn., Kiul Jn., Jamalpur Jn. & Sultanganj Stations
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4046	Anand Vihar (T)	00:10	Patna	17:45	3A	Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Allahabad, Pt Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar and Ara stations.
4030	Delhi	13:45	Muzaffarpur Jn.	13:00	2A, 3A, SL & Gen.	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda Jn., Basti, Gorakhpur, Kaptanganj Jn., Padrauna, Tamkuhi Road, Thawe Jn., Siwan Jn., Chhapra, Sonpur Jn. & Hajipur Jn. Stations
4038 4074	Delhi New Delhi	20:50 15:30	Chhapra Varanasi	15:30 07:00	2A, 3A, SL & Gen. SL & Gen.	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur Jn., Gonda Jn., Basti, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar & Siwan Jn. Statio Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow and Sultanpur stations.
4074	New Delhi Anand Vihar (T)	15:30	Varanasi Gaya Jn.	22:30	SL & Gen. 3A, SL & Gen.	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow and Sultanpur stations. Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Sultanpur Jn., Varanasi, Dd Upadhyaya, Bhabua Road, Sasaram & Dehri On Son Stat
4078	New Delhi	14:55	Patna Jn.	08:30	2A, 3A, SL & Gen.	Kanpur Central, Aliahabad Jn, Dd Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara & Danapur Stations Ghaziabad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur Cantt, Gonda, Mankapur Jn, Basti, Gorakhpur,
4052 4092	Anand Vihar (T) New Delhi	11:45 09:20	Katihar Jn. Jaynagar	12:45	SL & Gen. SL & Gen.	Ghaziabad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur Cantt, Gonda, Mankapur Jn, Basti, Gorakhpur, Siwan Jn, Chhapra (RL), Hajipur Jn, Barauni Jn (RL), Khagaria Jn. & Naugachia stations Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Narkatiaganj Jn., Raxaul, Sitamarhi, Darbhanga & Marihubani Sta
4092 4026	New Delhi New Delhi	09:20	Patna	03:30	Gen.	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Sultanpur, Varanasi, Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara & Danapur Stat
2416	Anand Vihar (T) (Suvidha)	23:45	Jogbani	.05:20	2A, 3A, SL & Gen.	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Chandausi Jn, Sitapur Cant, Gonda Jn, Basti, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Siwan J Chhapra, Sonpur Jn, Hajipur Jn, Shahpur Patoree, Barauni Jn, Begu Sarai, Khagaria Jn., Naugachia, Katibar Jn, Burney, Asarina Court Asarina & Forbessani Statione
4612	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi	23:30	Varanasi	03:05	2A, 3A,	Katihar Jn, Pumea, Arariya Court, Arariya & Forbesganj Stations Udhampur, Jammu Tawi, Pathankot Cantt., Jalandhar Cant., Ludhiana Jn., Ambala Cant Jn., Panipat Jn.,
4044	Katra (via Delhi) Anand Vihar (T)	00:10	Gaya Jn.	20:20	SL & Gen. 2A, 3A, SL & Gen.	Delhi, Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow & Sultanpur Jn. Stations Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Allahabad, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn. Bhabua Road, Sasaram and Dehri On Son stati
2406 4086	New Delhi Anand Vihar (T)	10:55 19:25	Saharsa Saharsa	11:30 20:00	2A, 3A, SL & Gen. 3A & SL	Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Chhapra, Hajipur, Barauni, Khagaria & S Bhakhtiyarpur Stati Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Siwan, Chhapra, Hajipur, Barauni & Khag
	The state of the s	441	T		ast Bound Train	is from Delhi area on 28.10.2019 (Monday) Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Sewan, Chhapra, Hajipu
2410 4420	Delhi (Suvidha) H. Nizamuddin	11:00 20:50	Darbhanga Lucknow	08:30	3A 1A.2A&3A	Moradabad, Barellly, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Goraknpur, Deoria Sadar, Sewan, Chnapra, Hajipu Muzzafapur & Samastipur stations Ghaziabad, Moradabad & Barellly Stations
4058	New Delhi	00:20	Darbhanga	23:55	Gen.	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Narkatiganj Jn., Bettiah, Bapudam Motih Muzzaffarpur & Samastipur Stations
2404	New Delhi (Suvidha)	14:55	Patna Jn.	08:30	2A & 3A 2A, 3A, SL	Kanpur Central, Allahabad Jn., Pt. Deendayal Upadhayaya, Buxar, Ara & Danapur stations Kanpur Central, Allahabad Jn., Pt. Deendayal Upadhayaya, Buxar, Ara, Patna Jn, Bakhtiyarpur Jn.,
4090 5102	Anand Vihar (T) Delhi	12:45	Bhagalpur Chhapra	10:10	& Gen.	Mokameh Jn., Kiul Jn., Jamalpur Jn. & Sultanganj Stations Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Faizabad, Shahganj, Khorason Road, Azamgarh, Muhammadabad, Mau Jn & B.
	- SETTING	The second	January I	7	ast Bound Trains	s from Delhi area on 29.10.2019 (Tuesday)
4010	Anand Vihar (T)	23:45	Jogbani	05:20	2A, 3A SL & Gen.	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Chandausi Jn, Bareilly Cantt, Sitapur Jn, Gonda Jn, Basti, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar Siwan Jn, Chhapra, Sonpur Jn, Hajipur Jn, Shahpur Patoree, Barauni Jn, Begu Sarai, Khagaria Jn., Naugaci Katihar Jn, Purnea Jn, Arariya Court, Arariya & Forbesganj Jn. Stations
4074 4404	New Delhi New Delhi	15:30 19:25	Varanasi Barauni	07:00 18:00	SL & Gen. 3A	Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow and Sultanpur stations. Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Sewan, Chhapra, Hajipur & Shah
4078	New Delhi	14:55	Patna Jn.	08:30	2A, 3A SL & Gen.	Patoree stations Kanpur Central, Allahabad Jn, Dd Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara & Danapur Stations
4084	Delhi	22:40	Pumea Court	22:30	SL, Gen.	Kanpur Central, Allahabad, Dd Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara, Patna, Bakhtiyarpur Jn, Mokameh Jn, Begusarai Khagaria, Mansi, S Bhakhtiyarpur, Saharsa, Dauram Madhepura & Banmankhi Jn stations Ghaziabad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur Cantt, Gonda, Mankapur Jn, Basti, Gorakhpur,
4052 4092	Anand Vihar (T) New Delhi	11:45 09:20	Katihar Jn. Jaynagar	12:45	SL & Gen.	Siwan Jn, Chhapra (RL), Hajipur Jn, Barauni Jn (RL), Khagaria Jn. & Naugachia stations Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Narkatiaganj Jn., Raxaul, Sitamarhi, Darbhanga & Madhubani Stal
4062	New Delhi	10:55	Darbhanga	10:30	2A, 3A & SL	Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Gonda, Buxar, Gorakhpur, Chhapra, Hajipur Jn, Muzaffarpur Jn & Samastipur Jn. Stati
2420	Anand Vihar (T)	"WESTERNA	Bhubaneswar	17:45	3A SL & Gen. 2A, 3A, SL & Gen.	Kanpur Central, Allahabad, Pt. DD Upadhyaya, Sasaram, Gaya, Koderma, Gomoh, Adra Jn, Bankura, Hijli, Balasore, Bhadrakh & Cuttack Stations Charlahad, Allegath, In. Kanpur Central & Establique Stations
2412 4038	Anand Vihar (T)(Suvidha) Delhi	07:50 20:50	Allahabad Chhapra	17:00 15:30	2A, 3A, SL & Gen. 2A, 3A, SL & Gen.	Ghaziabad, Aligarh Jn, Kanpur Central & Fatehpur Stations Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur Jn., Gonda Jn., Basti, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar & Siwan Jn
4042	Anand Vihar (T)	00:10	Jaynagar	23:45	за	Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Allahabad Jn,Dd Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara, Patliputra, Hajipur Jn, Muzaffarpur , Samastipur Jn, Darbhanga Jn & Madhubani Stations
2402	Delhi (Suvidha)	13:30	Muzaffarpur Jn.	13:00	SL	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur, Kaptanganj, Padrauna, Tamkuhi Road, Thawe, Siwan, Chhapra, Sonpur Jn & Hajipur Jn stations
	New Delhi (Suvidha)	00:20	Darbhanga	23:45	st Bound Trains	from Delhi area on 30.10.2019 (Wednesday) Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Narkatiaganj Jn, Raxual & Sitamarhi Stations
2414	Mew Delili (Savidila)					
4422	Anand Vihar (T)	21:05	Lucknow	06:30	1A, 2A, 3A	Ghaziabad, Moradabad and Bareilly Stations. Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda Jn., Basti, Gorakhpur, Kaptangani Jn., Padrauna.
4422 4030		in the second	Lucknow Muzaffarpur Jn. Jaynagar	06:30 13:00 23:45	2A, 3A SL & Gen. 2A, 3A, SL	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda Jn., Basti, Gorakhpur, Kaptanganj Jn., Padrauna, Tamkuhi Road, Thawe Jn., Siwan Jn., Chhapra, Sonpur Jn. & Hajipur Jn. Stations Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Allahabad Jn, Dd Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara, Patliputra, Hajipur Jn,
4422 4030	Anand Vihar (T) Delhi	21:05 13:45	Muzaffarpur Jn. Jaynagar	13:00 23:45	2A, 3A SL & Gen. 2A, 3A, SL & Gen.	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda Jn., Basti, Gorakhpur, Kaptanganj Jn., Padrauna, Tamkuhi Road, Thawe Jn., Siwan Jn., Chhapra, Sonpur Jn. & Hajipur Jn. Stations
4422 4030 4034	Anand Vihar (T) Delhi	21:05 13:45	Muzaffarpur Jn. Jaynagar	13:00 23:45	2A, 3A SL & Gen. 2A, 3A, SL & Gen.	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda Jn., Basti, Gorakhpur, Kaptanganj Jn., Padrauna, Tamkuhi Road, Thawe Jn., Siwan Jn., Chhapra, Sonpur Jn. & Hajipur Jn. Stations Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Allahabad Jn, Dd Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara, Patliputra, Hajipur Jn, Muzaffarpur Jn, Samastipur Jn, Darbhanga Jn & Madhubani Stations from Delhi area on 31.10.2019 (Thursday)
4422 4030 4034 4002	Anand Vihar (T) Delhi Anand Vihar (T) Anand Vihar (T) New Delhi (Suvidha)	21:05 13:45 00:10	Muzaffarpur Jn. Jaynagar	13:00 23:45 Ist of Fa	2A, 3A SL & Gen. 2A, 3A, SL & Gen. 3St Bound Trains 2A, 3A SL & Gen. 2A & 3A	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda Jn., Basti, Gorakhpur, Kaptanganj Jn., Padrauna, Tamkuhi Road, Thawe Jn., Siwan Jn., Chhapra, Sonpur Jn. & Hajipur Jn. Stations Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Allahabad Jn, Dd Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara, Patliputra, Hajipur Jn, Muzaffarpur Jn, Samastipur Jn, Darbhanga Jn & Madhubani Stations from Delhi area on 31.10.2019 (Thursday) Kanpur Central, Allahabad, Pt. Deendayal Upadhayaya, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patna, Bhakhtiyal Mokameh Jn., Kiul, Abhaipur, Jamalpur & Sultanganj Stations Kanpur Central, Allahabad Jn, Dd Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara & Danapur stations
4422 4030 4034 4002 2404 2416	Anand Vihar (T) Delhi Anand Vihar (T) Anand Vihar (T) New Delhi (Suvidha) Anand Vihar (T) (Suvidha)	21:05 13:45 00:10 18:35 14:55 23:45	Muzaffarpur Jn. Jaynagar Bhagalpur Patna Jn. Jogbani	13:00 23:45 13:01 = 17:30 08:30 05:20	2A, 3A SL & Gen. 2A, 3A, SL & Gen. 3St Sound Trains 2A, 3A SL & Gen. 2A & 3A 2A, 3A, SL & Gen.	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda Jn., Basti, Gorakhpur, Kaptanganj Jn., Padrauna, Tamkuhi Road, Thawe Jn., Siwan Jn., Chhapra, Sonpur Jn. & Hajipur Jn. Stations Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Allahabad Jn, Dd Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara, Patliputra, Hajipur Jn, Muzaffarpur Jn, Samastipur Jn, Darbhanga Jn & Madhubani Stations from Delhi area on 31.10.2019 (Thursday) Kanpur Central, Allahabad, Pt. Deendayal Upadhayaya, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patna, Bhakhtiyar Mokameh Jn., Kiul, Abhaipur, Jamalpur & Sultanganj Stations Kanpur Central, Allahabad Jn, Dd Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara & Danapur stations Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Chandausi Jn, Sitapur Cant, Gonda Jn, Basti, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Siwan , Chhapra, Sonpur Jn, Hajipur Jn, Shahpur Patoree, Barauni Jn, Begu Sarai, Khagaria Jn., Naugachia, Katihar Jn, Pumea, Arariya Court, Arariya & Forbesganj Stations
4422 4030 4034 4002 2404 2416	Anand Vihar (T) Delhi Anand Vihar (T) Anand Vihar (T) New Delhi (Suvidha) Anand Vihar (T) (Suvidha) Delhi (Suvidha)	21:05 13:45 00:10 18:35 14:55 23:45 11:00	Muzaffarpur Jn. Jaynagar Bhagalpur Patna Jn. Jogbani Darbhanga	13:00 23:45 5: 01 = 17:30 08:30 05:20	2A, 3A SL & Gen. 2A, 3A, SL & Gen. 2A, 3A SL & Gen. 2A & 3A 2A . 3A, SL & Gen. 2A & 3A	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda Jn., Basti, Gorakhpur, Kaptanganj Jn., Padrauna, Tamkuhi Road, Thawe Jn., Siwan Jn., Chhapra, Sonpur Jn. & Hajipur Jn. Stations Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Allahabad Jn, Dd Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara, Patliputra, Hajipur Jn, Muzaffarpur Jn, Samastipur Jn, Darbhanga Jn & Madhubani Stations from Delhi area on 31.10.2019 (Thursday) Kanpur Central, Allahabad, Pt. Deendayal Upadhayaya, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patna, Bhakhtiya: Mokameh Jn., Kiul, Abhaipur, Jamalpur & Sultanganj Stations Kanpur Central, Allahabad Jn, Dd Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara & Danapur stations Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Chandausi Jn, Sitapur Cant, Gonda Jn, Basti, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Siwan, Chhapra, Sonpur Jn, Hajipur Jn, Shahpur Patoree, Barauni Jn, Begu Sarai, Khagaria Jn., Naugachia, Katihar Jn, Pumea, Arariya Court, Arariya & Forbesganj Stations Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Sewan, Chhapra, Hajip Muzzafapur & Samastipur stations
4034 4034 4002 2404 2416 2410 4058	Anand Vihar (T) Delhi Anand Vihar (T) Anand Vihar (T) New Delhi (Suvidha) Anand Vihar (T) (Suvidha) Delhi (Suvidha) New Delhi	21:05 13:45 00:10 18:35 14:55 23:45 11:00	Muzaffarpur Jn. Jaynagar Bhagalpur Patna Jn. Jogbani Darbhanga	13:00 23:45 St of Factorial (17:30) 08:30 05:20 08:30 23:55	2A, 3A SL & Gen. 2A, 3A, SL & Gen. est Equal Trains 2A, 3A SL & Gen. 2A & 3A 2A, 3A, SL & Gen. 2A & 3A	Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda Jn., Basti, Gorakhpur, Kaptanganj Jn., Padrauna, Tamkuhi Road, Thawe Jn., Siwan Jn., Chhapra, Sonpur Jn. & Hajipur Jn. Stations Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Allahabad Jn, Dd Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara, Patliputra, Hajipur Jn, Muzaffarpur Jn, Samastipur Jn, Darbhanga Jn & Madhubani Stations from Uelhi area on 31.10.2019 (Thursday) Kanpur Central, Allahabad, Pt. Deendayal Upadhayaya, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patna, Bhakhtiya: Mokameh Jn., Kiul, Abhaipur, Jamalpur & Sultanganj Stations Kanpur Central, Allahabad Jn, Dd Upadhyaya Jn, Buxar, Ara & Danapur stations Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Chandausi Jn, Sitapur Cant, Gonda Jn, Basti, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Siwan Chhapra, Sonpur Jn, Hajipur Jn, Shahpur Patoree, Barauni Jn, Begu Sarai, Khagaria Jn., Naugachia, Katihar Jn, Pumea, Arariya Court, Arariya & Forbesganj Stations Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Sewan, Chhapra, Hajip Muzzafapur & Samastipur stations Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Narkatiganj Jn., Bettiah, Bapudam Motih Muzzaffarpur & Samastipur Stations
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14.11.2019 at 16:00 Hrs. Last date and time for submission of e-bid 13.11.2019 up to 14:00 Hrs. Last date and time for submission of Hard Copy 13.11.2019 up to 14:00 Hrs 6- Tender No.: ET-20/O&MC-IV/DTPS/EMD-I/DTPS/2019-20, Name of Work: "Overhauling of 6.6 KV Motors, HT/LT Transformers, IP/SP Bus-Ducts, 220kV Switchyard Bays and other Electrical Systems of Unit # 8, DTPS HTPP, Kasimpur, Aligarh," During Overhauling of Unit No. 8, Estimated Cost: Rs. 7.98 Lac, Earnest Money: Rs. 16,000.00 only, Tender Cost: Rs. 1,180.00, Extended Due date of Submission of e-Bid (Technical & Financial) at e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in: 11.11.2019 upto 14:00 Hrs., Extended Due date of Submission of Hard Copy of all the requisite documents with Tender Cost & Earnest Money, in the office of Undersigned: 14.11.2019 up to 14:00 Hrs. Tender shall be opened on Extended Date Part-I: 14.11.2019 at 16:00 Hrs, and Part II: shall be intimated later. 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The bidder must also be registered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the e-bidding system, after that the bidder can participate in bid submission activity, SUPERINTENDING **ENGINEER, OPERATION & MAINTE-**NANCE CIRCLE-I, HTPS, KASIMPUR (ALIGARH) 7- E-Tender Notice No.: ET-01/O&MC-I/AHD 'C' TPS/ HTPS/ 2019-2020, Tender Work: Round the Clock Operation & Preventive Maintenance of Ash Slurry Pumps, their sealing pumps, Sump Pumps, HP&LP flush pumps of Ash Handling System of Unit No. 7(120MW) for a period of One year, Estimated Cost: Rs. 8,27,820.00, Earnest Money: Rs. 16,600.00, Cost of Tender document: Rs. 500.00 + 90.00 (GST) = Rs. 590.00Opening date of tender are now as below:-"Due date of submission of e Bid (Technical & Financial) at e-procurement website http://etender. up.nic.in: 23.11.2019 up to 13.00 hrs, Due date of submission of hard copy of all the requisite documents with tender dost & earnesi money in the office of undersigned: 25.11.2019 up to 13.00 hrs, Tender shall be opened on date, Part-I 27.11.2019 at 16:00 hrs, and Part-II: Shall be decided later. 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Note: (1) The details for subrnission of bids are available w.e.f. 01.06.2019 at 17:00 Hrs. in the bid document uploaded on the e-procurement website: http://etender.up.nic.in (2) The bidders are required to be registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for participation in the e-tendering. The bidder must also be registered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the ebidding system, after that the bidder can participate in bid submission activity. SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, **ELECTRICITY CIVIL MAINTENANCE** CIRLCE, HTPS, Kasimpur 9- Short term E-Tender No.26/ECMC/ECMD-I/HTPS/ 2019-20, Name of work: Cleaning of house drains and disposal of malwa etc. in new colony at Harduaganj Thermal Power Station, UPRVUNL Kasimpur Aligarh UTTAR PRADESH Estimated cost Rs. 05.71 Lac, Earnest money Rs, 12,000.00. Tender cost Rs.550.00+100.00 GST (Present Rate is 18%) = Rs.650.00, Last date and time for submission of e-bid (http://etender.up.nic.in) 14.11.2019 upto 14.00 Hrs., Opening date/time (Part-I) 15.11.2019 at 16.00 Hrs, or later. TIME OF COMPLETEION 12 MONTH 10- Short term E-Tender No.27/ECMC/ECMD-I/HTPS/2019-20, Name of work: Cleaning sweeping of project hospital, V.P. Kanya Inter College and Bal Vidhyalaya Montessori School in New colony at Harduaganj Thermal Power Station, UPRVUNL Kasimpur Aligarh .UTTAR PRADESH . Estimated cost Rs. 06.93 Lac, Earnest money Rs. 14,000.00, Tender cost Rs.700.00+126.00 GST (Present Rate is 18%) = Rs.826.00, Last date and time for submission of e-bid (http://etender.up. nic.in) 14.11.2019 upto 14.00 Hrs., Opening date/time (Part-I) 15.11.2019 at 16.00 Hrs. or later. TIME OF COMPLETEION 12 MONTH 11. E-Tender No.28/ECMC/ECMD-I/HTPS/2019-20. Name of work: White washing and painting etc. in residential buildings of new colony

fittings of Ash slurry Disposal Pump for running maintenance of Ash Handling Plant, DTPS, Kasimpur. Estimated cost: Rs. 4,40,000.00 Earnest money: Rs. 8800.00, Tender cost: Rs. 500.00 + 90.00 (GST), e-Bid online submission extended End Date: 13.11.2019. Tender shall be opened on extended date: 15.11.2019 (Part-I) & 18.11.2019 (Part-II) Eligibility Conditions: Only reputed Manufacturers / their Authorized Dealer/experienced suppliers can participate in this tender. 13-E-Tender No.: ET-87/MMC/EPD/DTPS/ 2019, Name of Supply: Supply of Ultrasonic Thickness Gauge(D-meter) for O&M of 'D' TPS, Kasimpur.. Estimated cost: Rs. 40000.00, Earnest money: Rs. 1000.00, Tender cost: Rs. 500.00 + 90.00 (GST), e-Bid online submission extended End Date: 13.11.2019. Tender shall be opened on extended date: 15.11.2019 (Part-I) & 18.11.2019 (Part-II) Eligibility Conditions: Only reputed Manufacturers/ their Authorized Dealer/experienced suppliers can participate in this tender. 14. E- Tender No. : ET-91/MMC/EPD/DTPS/ 2019, Name of Supply: Supply of Oil for FD/PA Fans for Overhauling of Unit No. 8 & 9 of 'D' TPS, Kasimpur. Estimated cost: Rs. 39000.00, Earnest money: Rs. 800.00, Tender cost: Rs. 500.00 + 90.00 (GST), e-Bid online submission extended End Date: 13.11.2019 Tender shall be opened on extended date: 15.11.2019 (Part-I) & 18.11.2019'(Part II) Eligibility Conditions: reputed Manufacturers/their Authorized Dealer/experienced suppliers can participate in this tender. 15. E- Tender No.: ET-92/MMC/EPD/DTPS/2019, Name of Supply: Supply of Limit switch for Overhauling of Unit No. 8 & 9 of 'D' TPS, Kasimpur. Estimated cost: Rs. 912392.00, Earnest money: Rs. 18000.00, Tender cost: Rs. 500.00 + 90.00 (GST), e-Bid online subraission extended End Date : 13.11.2019. Tender shall be opened on extended date: 15.11.2019 (Part-I) & 18.11.2019 (Part-II). Eligibility Conditions: reputed Manufacturers/their Authorized Dealer/ experienced suppliers can participate in this tender. 16- E-Tender ET-101/MMC/EPD/DTPS/2019, Name of Supply: Supply of Insulators of HVR transformer for Overhauling of Unit No. 9 of 'D' TPS, Kasimpur. Estimated cost: Rs. 405600.00. Earnest money: Rs. 8000.00. Tender cost: Rs. 500.00 + 90.00 (GST), e-Bid online submission extended End Date: 13.11.2019. Tender shall be opened on date: 15.11.2019 (Part-I) & 18.11.2019 (Part-II) Eligibility Conditions: reputed Manufacturers/their Authorized Dealer can participate in this tender. 17- E-Tender No.: ET-106/MMC/ EPD/DTPS/2019, Name of Supply: Supply of Seamless Steel Tube, Distance Piece, Union connection, couplings and Flexible Hoses for ID/FD/PA fans for overhauling of Unit No. 8 & 9, HTPS, Kasimpur. Estimated cost: Rs. 108000.00 Earnest money: Rs. 2200.00, Tender cost: Rs. 500.00 + 90.00 (GST), e-Bid online submission extended End 12.11.2019. Tender shall be opened on extended date: 14.11.2019 (Part-I) & 16.11.2019 (Part-II) Eligibility Conditions: Only reputed Manufacturers / their Authorized Dealer/experienced suppliers can participate in this tulislar. 18- E-Tender ET-107/MMC/EPD/DTPS/2019, Name of Supply: Supply of Transmiters for overhauling of Unit No. 8 & 9, HTPS, Kasimpur. Estimated cost: 14,16,275.00 Earnest money: 28000.00, Tender cost: Rs. 1000.00 + 180.00 (GST), e-Bid online submission extended End Date: 13.11.2019. Tender shall be opened on date: 15.11.2019 (Part-I) & 18.11.2019 (Parl-II). Eligibility Conditions: Only reputed Manufacturers / their Authorized Dealer can participate in this tender. 19- E- Tender No.: ET-112/ MMC/EPD/DTPS/2019, Name of Supply: Supply of Industrial Air Conditioner for 19-O&M & O/H of Unit No. 8 of 'D' TPS, Kasimpur. Estimated cost: Rs. 7,90,000.00 Earnest money: Rs. 15000.00, Tender cost: Rs. 500.00 + 90.00 (GST), e-Bid online subinission extended End Date: 13.11.2019. Tender shall be opened on extended date: 15.11.2019 (Part-I) & 18.11.2019 (Part-II). Eligibility Conditions: Only reputed Manufacturers / their Authorized Dealer/experienced suppliers can participate in this tender. 20- E- Tender No. : ET-113/MMC/EPD/ DTPS/2019, Name of Supply: Supply of Pneumatic Actuators for O/H of Unit No. 8 of 'D' TPS. Kasimpur. Estimated cost: Rs. 91140.00 Earnest money: Rs. 1800.00, Tender cost: Rs. 500.00 + 90.00 (GST), e-Bid online submission extended End Date : 13.11.2019. Tender shall be opened on extended date: 15.11.2019 (Part-I) & 18.11.2019 (Part-II), Eligibility Conditions: Only reputed Manufacturers / their Authorized Dealer/ experienced suppliers can participate in this tender. 21- E- Tender No.: ET-120/MMC/EPD/DTPS/ 2019, Supply of M.S. Water Pipes & hydrant line installed in Unit No. 8 & 9. HTPS Kasimpur. Estimated cost: 21,16,000.00 Earnest money: 42300.00, Tender cost: Rs. 1000.00 + 180.00 (GST), e-Bid online submission extended End Date: 13.11.2019, Tender shall be opened on date: 15.11.2019 (Part-I) & 18.11.2019 (Part-II), Eligibility Conditions: Only reputed Manufacturers/ their Authorized Dealer/experienced suppliers can participate in this tender. Superintending Engineer, Operation & Maintenance Circle-IV. Hdj. "D"T.P.S., Kasimpur. 22- E-Tender No.ET-31/O& MC-IV/D/TPS/EMD-II/C/TPS/2019-20, Name of work: of "Miscellaneous work of HT/LT motors & cleaning of MCC and 6.6KV Switchgear in 'C'T.P.S., H.T.P.S., Kasimpur" as per scope of work", for the period of one year, Estimated cost Rs. 2,98,819.00, Earnest Money Rs.5,976.00, Tender cost Rs. 300.00+54.00 GST (Present Rate is 18.00%) = Rs. 354.00. Opening date of tender are as below:- Due date of submission of e-Bid (Technical & Financial) at e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in: 26.11.2019 upto 14.00 Hrs., Due date of depositing Tender Cost through RTSG (in the HTPS Account) & Earnest Money through RTGS (in the HTPS Account)/BG upto dated: 26.11.2019 upto 14:00 Hrs., Due date of submission of Hard Copy of all the requisite documents in the office of undersigned maximum on dated: 27.11.2019 up to 14.00 Hrs., Tender

must also be registered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the ebidding system, after that the bidder can participate in bid submission activity. 23-Tender No. ET-23/O&MC-IV/EMD-I/Hdj 'C'T.P.S./2019-20, "Electrical Maintenance Works in 220/132KV Switchyards," as per scope of work, for the period of one year" Esitmated Cost Rs. 7,43,833.00 Earnest Money: Rs. 14,900.00 Cost of tender document: Rs.700.00 + Rs. 126.00 (GST) = Rs. 826.00 Opening date of tender are as below:- Now Extended due date of Submission of e-Bid (Technical & Financial) at e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in: 11.11.2019 up to 14:00 Hrs.. Due date of depositing Tender Cost through RTGS (in the HTPS Account) & Earnest Money through RTGS (in the HTPS Account) BG up to dated: 11.11.2019 up to 14.00 Hrs. extended due date of submission of hard copy of all the requisite documents in the office of undersigned maximum on; 13.11.2019 up to 14.00 hrs. Tender opening extended date, Part-A: 13.11.2019 at 16:00 Hrs. NOTE: (1) The details for submission of bids will be available on e-procurement website: http://etender.up.nic.in w.e.f. 18:05 Hrs. dated: - 11.09.2019. (2) The bidders are required to be registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for participation in the e-Tendering. The bidder must also be registered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the ebidding system, after that the bidder can participate in bid submission activity. 24-Tender No. ET-24/O&MC-IV/EMD-I/Hdj 'C'T.P.S./2019-20, "Testing of ICT-IT, ICT-2T, 9T, 10T, R-I, R-2 at Harduaganj TPS, Kasimpur," as per scope of work, for the period of one year" Estimated Cost Rs. 3, 60,000.00 Eamest Money: Rs. 7,200.00 Cost of tender document: Rs. 400.00 + Rs. 72.00 (GST) = Rs. 472.00 Opening date of tender are as below:- Now Extended due date of Submission of e-Bid (Technical & Financial) at e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in: 11.11.2019 up to 14:00 Hrs., Due date of depositing Tender Cost through RTGS (in the HTPS Account) & Earnest Money through RTGS (in the HTPS Account)/ BG up to dated: 11.11.2019 up to 14:00 Hrs. extended due date of submission of hard copy of all the requisite documents in the office of undersigned maximum on dated: 13.11.2019 up to 14.00 hrs. Tender opening date, Part--I: 13.11.2019 at 16:00 Hrs. NOTE: (1) The details for submission of bids will be available on e-procurement website: http://etender.up.nic.in w.e.f. 18:00 Hrs, dated: - 11.09.2019.(2) The bidders are required to be registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for participation in the e-Tendering. The bidder must also be registered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the ebidding system, after that the bidder can participate in bid submission activity Superintending Engineer, ECCC Kasimpur. 25- Short Term E-tender No 06/ECCC/ECCD-II/ST/1X660MW/HTPS/ 2019-20, Name of work "Construction of RCC main drains at HTPP. Kasimpur (Aligarh)", Estimated Cost Rs. 95,33,439.00 (GST Extra), Earnest Money Rs. 1,91,000.00, Tender Cost Rs. 5000.00 + 900.00 (18% GST) Rs. 5900.00. Last date and time for submission of e-bid on extended date 30.10.2019 up to 02:00 Hrs. E-bid opening on extended date/ time (Part-I) 31.10.2019 at 04:00 Hrs of later. Time of completion 06 month. SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER. **OPERATION & MAINTENANCE CIRCLE-**IV. 'D'TPS, KASIMPUR 26- E-Tender Notice No. ET- 21/O&MC-IV/ DTPS/EMD-II/DT.P.S./2019-20, "Routine/ Preventative maintenance & up keeping of 03 Nos. of 650 KVA DG Sets & Two Nos. of 220V DC battery banks and battery chargers of Unit 8,9 & Two Nos, of 110V DC battery banks and battery chargers Raw water MCC 2x250 MW, Harduaganj 'D' Thermal Power Station, Kasimpur (Aligarh) for the period of One Year" Estimated Cost Rs 5,08,445.00, Earnest Money 10,169.00 Cost of Tender document Rs.

500.00 + 90.00 (GST) = Rs. 590.00

Opening date of tender are as below:-

Extended due date of Submission of e-Bid

(Technical & Financial) at e-procurement

13.11.2019 up to 14:00 Hrs., Extended

due date of depositing Tender Cost &

Earnest Money in the HTPS account

through RTGS/B.G. up-to maximum on

dated: 13.11.2019 up to 14:00 Hrs.

Extended - due date of submission of hard

copy of all the requisite documents in the

office of undersigned maximum on dated:

13.11.2019 up to 14.00 hrs. Tender

opening Extended date, Part-A:

15.11.2019 at 16:00 Hrs. NOTE :- The

details for submission of bids will be

available on e-procurement website:

http://etender.up.nic.in Tender ID No.

2019_RVUNL_380119_1 w.e.f. 18:00 Hrs.

dated 13.09.2019. (1) The bidders are

required to be registered with U.P.

Electronics Corporation, Ashok Marg,

Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for

participation in the e-Tendering.(2) The

bidder must also be registered with their

Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the

e-bidding system, after that the bidder can

participate in bid submission activity.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

CIRCLE-II, D'TPS, KASIMPUR 27- E-

Tender Notice No. ET-06/TMD /DTPS/ O&

MC-II/19-20, "Supply & application of

spray insulations on Turbine cylinders,

ESVs & CVs. IVs & CVs. and thermal

insulation of steam lines, feed water lines,

LPHs. HPHs. Valves and NRVs etc. during

capital overhauling of Unit No. 8 & 9, and

O&M of Unit No. 8 & 9, TMD, DTPS,

Kasimpur, Aligarh" for a period of one

year" under TMD, 'D' TPS, Harduaganj

Thermal Power Station" Estimated Cost

Rs. 20,18,000.00, Earnest Money Rs.

40,360.00, Cost of Tender document Rs.

1000.00 + 180.00 (GST) = Rs. 1180.00

Extended date of tender are as below:-

Due date of Submission of e-Bid

(Technical & Financial) at e-procurement

04.11.2019 upto 14:00 Hrs., Due date of

depositing Tender Cost through RTGS (in

the HTPS account) & Earnest Money

through RTGS (in the HTPS

account)/B.G.: 04.11.2019 up to 14:00

Hrs., Due date of submission of hard copy

of all the requisite documents in the office

of undersigned: 06.11.2019 up to 14.00

Hrs., Tender Opening Date: Part-I

06.11.2019 at 16:00 Hrs. Note: (1)The

details for submission of bids are available

w.e.f. 21.08.2019 at 17:00 Hrs, in the bid

document uploaded on the e-procurement

website: http://etender.up.nic.in (2) The

http://etender.up.nic.in:

ENGINEER.

and other necessary documents as per

pre-qualifying conditions and Part -II will

contain price bid as per bill of quantity.

Tender specification may be downloaded

from the website (http://etender.up.nic.in)

and other specification details can be seen

on Nigam website www.uprvunl.org. The

contactors have to submit the hard copy

before the schedule date/time in the

concern office in sealed envelope

containing details of the tender mentioned

on the envelope. Tenders are advised to

send their hard copy directly to the

concerned tendering authority of the

Circles/ Division. Who reserve the right to

reject any or all the tenders without

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Productivity" Sd/- Superintending

Engineer (H.Q.), Harduaganj Thermal

Power Station, Kasimpur (Aligarh). पत्रांक

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Electricity

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SUPERINTENDING

website http://etender.up. nic.in

U.P. Electronics Corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for participation in the e-tendering. The bidder must also be registered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the ebidding system, after that the bidder can participate in bid submission activity. **SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER OPERATION & MAINTENANCE CIRCLE-**II. 'D'TPS, KASIMPUR (ALIGARH) 28- E-Tender Notice No. ET-05/ BMD/CTPS/O&MC-II/19-20, "Work of Insulation and Refractory in different areas (Boiler furnace 1st & IInd pass, Pipes, Bends, Valves, Ducts etc) of Boiler, Milling & Fan system of Unit-7 -htps-kasimpuraligarh for a period of one year" Estimated Cost Rs. 4,04,864.00, Earnest Money Rs. 8,100.00, Cost of Tender document Rs. 500.00 + 900.00 (GST) = Rs. 590.00Opening date of tender are as below: "Due date of submission of e-Bid (Technical & Financial) at e procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in 27/11/2019 up to 14.00 hrs, due date of submission of hard copy of all the requisite documents with tender cost & earnest money, in the office of undersigned: 29/11/2019, Part-I of the Tender shall be opened on date- 29/11/2019 at 16:00 hrs. Note: (1) The details for submission of bids are available w.e.f dt-23/10/2019 at 09:00 Hrs. in the bid document uploaded on the e-procurement website: http://etender.up. nic.in (2)The bidders are required to be registered with U.P. Electronics Corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for participation in the e-tendering. The bidder must also be registered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the e-bidding system, after that the bidder can participate in bid submission activity. Superintending Engineer, MMC, HTPS, Kasimpur (Aligarh) 29. Tender No. & Name of Division: ET-109/MMC/EPD/CTPS/ HTPS/ 2019. Name of Supply: "consumables & fasteners for I.D. /F.D./ P.A. fans, ash handling systems, cooling tower, ACW & SACW and coupling bolt for seal air fan for OH U # 8&9, HTPS, Kasimpur." Estimated cost: Rs. 618854.00 Only. Earnest money: Rs. 9000.00. Tender cost: Rs. 590.00. Extended Last Date of submission of ebid: 08.11.2019. Tender shall be opened on Extended date: 11.11.2019 (Part-I) 13.11.2019(Part-II).E-Tender ID: 2019 RVUNL_374720_1 Eligibility Conditions Only Manufacturer / Authorized Dealer Regular experienced Supplier participate tender. **SUPERINTENDING** ENGINEER. **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE** CIRCLE-II, 'D'TPS, KASIMPUR 30. E-Tender Notice No. ET-09/BMD-II/DTPS/ O&MC-II/19-20. Name of Work:-Round the clock Routine, Preventive and Breakdown maintenance works of Bowl Mills (XRP-903) and Gravimetric Raw Coal Feeders Round the clock operation of mill reject system and its compressors through PLO room(Auto) Manually from site and routine/preventive/break-down maintenance of pneumatic coal mill reject handling system & compressor with air receiver tank and air pipe lines etc. alongwith the house-keeping of reject system and nearby area (like Reject hoppers Gear Box, Mill motor coupling etc.) of Unit # 8 & 9, HTPS, Kasimpur, Aligarh for a period of one year. Estimated Cost: Rs. 43,91,122.00, Earnest Money: Rs. 87,822.00, Tender Cost: Rs.1,180.00 Due date of Submission of e-Bid (Technical 8 Financial) at e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in: 27.11.2019 up-to 14:00 Hrs., Due date of depositing Tender Cost & Earnest Money in the HTPS account through RTGS up-to maximum on dated: 27.11.2019 up to 14:00 Hrs. due date of submission of hard copy of all the requisite documents in the office of undersigned maximum on dated 29.11.2019 Tender opening date, Part-A: 29.11.2019 at 16:00 Hrs. NOTE: (1) The details for submission of bids will be available on e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in w.e.f. 17:00 Hrs. dated:- 22.10.2019. (2) The bidders are required to be registered with U.P Electronics Corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for participation in the e-Tendering. The bidder must also be registered with their Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) in the ebidding system, after that the bidder can participate in bid submission activity SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (HQ) HTPS, Kasimpur 31. E-Tender No. 03. SE(HQ) /S&ETD/HTPS/2019-20, Name of work: Work of Annual running maintenance of light & heavy Departmental vehicles on the contractors workshop for a period of one year, Estimated cost Rs. 4.90 Lac, Earnest money Rs. 9,800.00, Tender cost Rs. 590.00 (including 18% GST), Time of Completion: 01 Year. Extended dates of opening of tender are below;- E-bid Start date and time for submission o 15.11.2019 upto 14.00 Hrs., Last date and time for submission of Hard copy of requisite documents in the office 16.11.2019, at 14:00 Hours.E-bid Opening date/time (Part-I) 16.11.2019 at 16.00 Hrs. or later. ONLY DOWNLOADED COPY OF TENDER FROM NIGAM'S WEB SITE http://etender.up.nic.in will be accepted. Note: - For further details please log on our web site i.e. http://etender.up.nic.in. Sd/-Superintending Engineer (H.Q.), (Harduaganj TPS, Kasimpur(Aligarh), U.P.R.V.U.N.L. E-Tender Notice E-Tenders are invited for the followings supply/works items in two parts. Partshall contain Tender Cost/Earnest money

NGT orders closure of Bhopal's only slaughterhouse tended the deadline to March **MILIND GHATWAI** THE CENTRAL bench of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has ordered the imme-

BHOPAL, OCTOBER 23

diate closure of Bhopal's only slaughterhouse saying it was the only way to ensure compliance of its previous orders to shift the facility outside Municipal Bhopal Corporation limits.

Municipal Commissioner Vijay Dutta said the order was received on Wednesday and he has written to the district collector and the state government for compliance. Another senior officer said the government is likely to challenge the NGT order in the high court because "it's not possible to comply with the order of immediate closure."

A Bhopal resident had moved the tribunal in 2014 seeking relocation of the slaughterhouse, in Jinsi locality, arguing that it was polluting a nearby water body. The NGT had ordered the shifting of the slaughterhouse in 2015. Since then, the matter has been stuck due to administrative and political reasons. The latest objection came from former chief minister Digvijaya Singh who objected to the site of the new slaughterhouse - Aadampur Chhawani - on the grounds that it would hurt religious sentiments of devotees who visit a famous temple nearby. Singh's son and state ur-

ban development minister Jaivardhan Singh had responded to the objection and announced that the slaughterhouse will not be built at the site. In its latest order, the tribu-

nal noted that it had given sufficient time to the state for searching an alternate site and extended the date of closure first to June 2016. It then ex-

31, 2018 in another hearing and had also ordered the state government to deposit a penalty of one crore. In a subsequent hearing, the tribunal passed another order seeking Rs two crore in performance guarantee and a penalty of Rs 10,000 for each day's delay in shifting the facility. By June 2019, the recurring penalty reached Rs 45.70 lakh.

When construction did not start by July 18, 2019, the tribunal granted time till December 31, 2019 and sought a performance guarantee of Rs five crore and continued the daily fine, dismissing the municipal corporation's plea for exemp-Issuing the closure orders,

the tribunal noted, "On every date of hearing, submissions with different reasons are being made and the fact remains that since 2015, the slaughter house is operating at the same place in Bhopal. The respondents are not bothered to expedite the work of the new slaughterhouse," It added that in its opinion, immediately closure was the only option to ensure compliance of its previous orders.

It directed the Bhopal SSP to assist the district administration to effect a closure. While posting the matter to November 7, it also asked the Bhopal district magistrate to submit a personal affidavit at least three days in advance. Congress councillor

Mohammed Sagar, who had led an agitation against proposed closure, said thousands of people will suffer by the move because the slaughterhouse is a source of livelihood for meat traders as well as those who sell goats and buffaloes. He claimed that authorities locked the slaughterhouse Wednesday itself but the police denied doing so.

Will study Centre's move on Kalasa Banduri project, says Goa CM

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA PANAJI, OCTOBER 23

GOA CHIEF Minister Pramod Sawant on Wednesday sought time for spelling out his government's stand on the Centre's decision to accord environmental clearance to Kalasa Banduri project, aimed at providing drinking water to three districts in Karnataka by diverting water from the Mahadayi river in Goa.

Sawant said he would first study the matter.

"I will study the matter before offering a comment. I will go through the matter. I am not sure what has happened," Sawant told reporters.

Union Minister Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) Prakash Javadekar Wednesday took to Twitter to announce grant of the green clearance for the project.

"On the follow up of my cabinet @JoshiPralhad (Union Mines Minister). Kalasa Banduri drinking water project in Karnataka has been granted environmental approval," he tweeted.

The project is aimed at providing drinking water to the

three important districts of north Karnataka Belagavi, Gadag and Dharwad, which go parched in summer due to acute water scarcity.

The project involves diverting water from Mahadayi river the lifeline of Goa, into the Malaprabha river.

Former deputy chief minister Vijai Sardesai said the move will "kill" the Mahaday river. "Shocked and Outraged This is no drinking water project. This is 'Kill Mahadayi River project. A plan we, as a party and as partners in government, fought tooth and nail,

he tweeted. "The diversion of water from Mahadayi is inexcusable unjustified and an affront to all goemkars," Sardesai tweeted.

On August 14 last year, the Mhadei Water Disputes Tribunal (MWDT) had allotted 13.42 TMC water (including 3.9 TMC water for diversion into the depleted Malaprabha river basin) from the Mahadayi river basin to Karnataka.

The tribunal was hearing a dispute between Goa, Karnataka and Maharashtra for nearly two decades over sharing of water of the river. It allotted 1.33 TMC water to Maharashtra.

VVIP CHOPPER SCAM

HC to hear bail pleas of Christian Michel in CBI, ED cases today

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court is scheduled to hear on Thursday the bail pleas of Christian Michel James, an alleged middleman, in the corruption and money laundering cases filed by the CBI and ED in connection with the AgustaWestland VVIP chop-

per scam.

Michel, who is in judicial custody since January 5 this year and has been denied relief in both matters by the trial court, moved the high court against the lower court's decision.

Uttarakhand Transport Corporation
H.Q. U.C.F. Sadan, Deepnagar Road, Vishnuvihar Ajabpurkalan, Dehradu No 7610/H.Q./ Tech/ E-Tender /Electric bus/2019 E-TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are invited, from well reputed manufacturers/Joint Venture for the operation and maintenance of fully built pure electric buses on Gross Cost Contract basis under FAME-II scheme as per following schedules:-1- Last date of downloading tender form-02.11.2019 Up to 13.00 Hrs 2-Last Date for Online submission of tender form- 02.11.2019 Up to 14.00 Hrs. 4-Tender Opening date (Technical bid)-02.11.2019 at 15.00 Hrs The tender document are available online on http://uktenders.gov.in

the bidder can download the documents from above website. The tender can be submitted along with the cost of tender in the form of DD in favour of Managing Director Uttarakhand Transport Corporation Dehradun. General Manager (Tech),

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opening date 27.11.2019 at 16.00 Hrs.

NOTE:- (1)The details for submission of

bids will be available on e-procurement

website:htt:// etender.up.nic.in w.e.f.

18.00. Hrs, dated 23.10.2019. (2)The

bidders are required to be registered with

U.P. Electronics Corporation, Ashok Marg.

Lucknow by depositing requisite fees for

participation in the e-Tendering. The bidder

website

U.P.R.V.U.N.L.

year" under BMD-I 'D' TPS, Hardurganj Thermal Power Station" Estimated Cost |Rs. 6,15,000.00, Earnest Money Rs. 12,300.00, Cost of Tender document Rs. 500.00 + 90.00 (GST) = Rs. 590.00Opening date of tender are as below:- Due date of Submission of e-Bid (Technical & Financial) at e-procurement website

http://etender.up.nic.in: 26.11.2019 up to 14:00 Hrs., Due date of depositing Tender Cost through RTGS (in the HTPS account) & Earnest Money through RTGS (in the HTPS account)/B.G.: 26.11.2019 up to 14:00 Hrs., Due date of submission of hard

copy of all the requisite documents in the office of undersigned: 28.11.2019 up to 14.00 Hrs.. Tender Opening Date: Part-I 28.11.2019 at 16:00 Hrs. Note: (1) The details for submission of bids are available w.e.f. 21.10.2019 at 17:00 Hrs. in the bid

UPRVUNL Kasimpur Aligarh .UTTAR PRADESH . Estimated cost Rs. 26.45 Lac, LT Over head Line & construction of 11/0.4 KV new sub-station for feeding temporary power supply for type-IV (Block-B) quarters & type-III(Block-B) quarters in submission of e-bid (http://etender.up. new constructed tower buildings of new colony, HTPS, Kasimpur, Aligarh." Time

Period: 61 Days. Estimated cost: Rs.

4,12,046.00 (Rs. Four Lac Twelve

Thousand Forty Six only), Earnest Money:

Rs. 8241.00, Cost of tender document: Rs.

500.00 + Rs. 90.00 (GST) = Rs. 590.00, 12- E-Tender No.: ET-79/MMC/EPD/ DTPS/2019, Name of Supply: Supply of Date Extended: Date of opening Part-I

COMPLETEION

Superintending

at Harduaganj Thermal Power Station,

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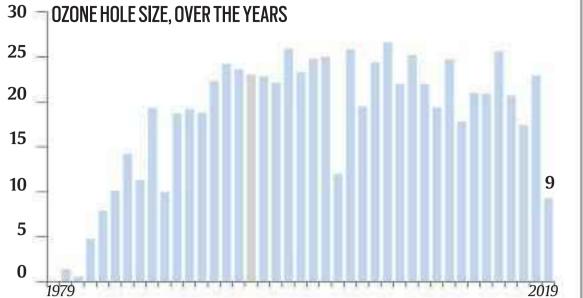
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TELLING NUMBERS

Smallest ozone hole in decades: how it happened, why it matters



Average area of ozone hole, in million sq km, for the period between September 7 and October 13. No data for the 1995 season. Source: NASA

DURING SEPTEMBER and October, the ozone hole over the Antarctic has been the smallest observed since 1982, NASA and US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) scientists have reported. The annual ozone hole reached its peak extent of 16. 4 million sq km on September 8, then shrank to less than 10 million sq km for the remainder of September and October, satellite measurements show. NASA has described it as great news for the Southern Hemisphere.

WHAT IS OZONE HOLE: Ozone, made up of three oxygen atoms, occurs naturally in small amounts. Roughly 10 km to 40 km up in the atmosphere (the layer called the stratosphere), the ozone layer is a sunscreen, shielding Earth from harmful ultraviolet radiation. On the other hand, close to the surface, ozone created as a byproduct

of pollution can trigger health problems such as asthma and bronchitis.

Manufactured chemicals deplete the ozone layer. Each spring over Antarctica (it is now spring there), atmospheric ozone is destroyed by chemical processes. This creates the ozone hole, which occurs because of special meteorological and chemical conditions that exist in that region.

WHY IT'S SMALL THIS YEAR: There have been abnormal weather patterns in the atmosphere over Antarctica. In warmer temperatures like this year, fewer polar stratospheric clouds form and they don't persist as long, limiting the ozone-depletion process. While it is good news, NASA has cautioned it is important to recognise that what we are seeing this year is not a sign that atmospheric ozone is suddenly on a fast track to recovery. Source: NOAA

THIS WORD MEANS

AYE-AYE

A strange little primate, which has revealed a new secret: a 'pseudo-thumb' to do what its fingers can't

IN THE island of Madagascar there lives an unusual little animal. Now, the world's weirdest little primate has just got even weirder, the North Carolina State University has announced.

Called the aye-aye, it is a primate that is unlike most other primates. A type of omnivorous and nocturnal lemur, the aye-aye has a tail longer than its body, incisors that are constantly growing, a third eyelid that moistens the eye and protects it from debris when the aye-aye gnaws on wood, females that produce ova throughout their lifetime — and strange hands. The aye-aye has highly specialised fingers, including elongated middle fingers, with which they locate and fish out insect larvae. "Their fingers have evolved to be extremely specialised — so specialised, in fact, that they aren't much help when it comes to moving through trees," researcher Adam Hartstone-Rose said in a statement released by the North Carolina State University. In these already strange hands, researchers have now discovered a sixth digit — a "pseudothumb". Among other mammals, the giant panda has a similar sixth digit.

In the aye-aye, researchers believe



that the pseudo-thumb might have developed to compensate for the highly specialised fingers, helping it grip better since the pseudo-thumbs are able to move in space and exert an amount of force equivalent to half its body weight. The pseudo-thumb has a bone, a cartilaginous extension and three distinct muscles that give it movement in three directions.

"It's amazing that it's been there the whole time, in this strangest of all primates, but no one has noticed it until now," Hartstone-Rose said. The research is published in the American Journal of Physical Anthropology.



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SIMPLY PUT

Reading Cabinet's decisions

What is the government trying to achieve by its Wednesday decisions on the telecom, farm and petroleum sectors? What is the context of the announcements, and how should they be understood?

UDIT MISRA

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 23

ON WEDNESDAY, the Union Cabinet announced some key economic policy decisions. The first was a merger and revival package for two loss-making public sector telecom firms — Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd (MTNL). The second was an increase in Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for rabi crops. The third was liberalising the regime for marketing petrol and diesel.

MTNL-BSNL merger

CONTEXT: It has been argued for some time now that the government should move out of the telecom sector because its firms — BSNL and MTNL — have been steadily losing ground to the private sector, and making heavy losses in the process. In the last four years, MTNL and BSNL revenues have fallen by 30% and 40% respectively. In the last financial year (2018-19), the two companies reported annual losses of Rs 14,000 crore and Rs 3,388 crore respectively. Cumulative losses are much higher. These losses are essentially a burden on taxpayers.

The companies' large staff strengths (BSNL has round 1.7 lakh employees) have made them all the more unviable in the face of losses. So, the government has decided to merge the two firms and introduce a voluntary retirement scheme (VRS) for employees above 50 years of age. The VRS is expected to cost over Rs 17,000 crore.

The government has also decided to raise funds by monetising the existing assets of BSNL and MTNL, and expects to raise Rs 38,000 crore by this route. The merged entity will float bonds (that is, sell bonds and get money in return) that will have the government's guarantee – Rs 15,000 crore is expected by this route.

The fresh money will be used to reduce the debts of the merged entity, and get it 4G spectrum so that it can compete with players in the rest of the sector on a better footing.

ANALYSIS: The move to treat BSNL and MTNL as strategic assets and the bid to revive them should be seen in the context of the ongoing distress in the telecom sector where the bulk of the private players – such as Tata Teleservices, RCom, Aircel, Telenor and Videocon — have shut shop in recent years. In essence, there are now just three companies — all private — that survive. But over the past few years, these too, have seen their revenues plummet sharply while their debts have risen into lakhs of crores.

Whether the merged entity will be able to better take on the reduced and weaker competition, thanks to the government's back-



Ministers Ravi Shankar Prasad, Prakash Javadekar and Hardeep S Puri at the press conference in Delhi Wednesday. Anil Sharma

ing, or whether it will struggle to take off in a time that is challenging for even more efficient private companies, will depend largely on how it is managed hereon.

Increase in rabi MSP

CONTEXT: One of the key successes of the Narendra Modi government since it came to power in 2014 has been its ability to control the general inflation rate that had reached double-digit highs at the end of 2013. While several factors were responsible for this decline — such as the collapse of crude oil prices in 2014 and 2015 — the policy decision taken by the government to not increase Minimum Support Prices by a large amount in any year, was quite significant. MSPs are one of the most important determinants of cropping patterns and overall production in India, as they signal the benchmark for farm prices across several commodities.

The latest increase is of Rs 85 per quintal for wheat, which is the main *rabi* crop, taking the MSP to Rs 1,925 per quintal. This is roughly in line (in fact, a little lower) with annual MSP increases in wheat since 2014 (when it was Rs 1,450 per quintal).

ANALYSIS: Seen from the consumer's point of view, a modest increase in MSPs would be a welcome sign. That is because, according to the latest data, retail food inflation in September jumped from 3% to 4.7%. Since food items account for over 54% of retail inflation, the headline inflation too shot up to a 14-month high. So, modest MSP increases suggest that food prices will perhaps not rise too high. However, the farmer's point of view is

blamed for the stagnation in farm wages and an overall decline in rural demand. The most recent criticism on this count came from 2019 Economics Nobel winner Abhijit Banerjee, who pointed to low MSPs as a reason for depressed rural demand. Should the government have increased

very different. Modest increases have been

the MSPs by a bigger quantum to boost rural incomes and demand is an open question - especially because doing so would entail the risk of heightened inflationary pressures, which can then force the RBI to reverse the cycle of cutting interest rates.

Liberalising fuel retail

CONTEXT: The retail sale of transportation fuels such as diesel and petrol is almost entirely dominated by public sector oil marketing companies such as Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL), and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL). There are some private players as well Reliance, Essar and Shell — but as of May 2019, fewer than 7,000 of the 64,703 retail outlets in the country belonged to them.

The government has now decided to liberalise this regime by tweaking the "guidelines for granting authorisation to market transportation fuels", something that has not been done since 2002. In essence, the new rules lower the entry barriers for private (including foreign) players to enter the market for fuel retailing. For instance, new entrants will require a minimum net worth of just Rs 250 crore as against the current requirement of Rs 2,000 crore. Non-oil companies too, can invest now. This "major reform" will give a fillip to the "Ease of Doing Business", the government says.

ANALYSIS: For an economy like India, which is trying to grow fast and create more jobs, a move that lowers entry barriers should be welcome. The increased presence of the private sector, including foreign companies, is likely to boost job creation and improve consumer satisfaction with more retail outlets, better technology use, and more competition.

An interesting aspect of the new norms is that besides conventional fuels, the authorised entities will be required to install facilities for marketing at least one new-generation alternative fuel such as CNG, LNG biofuels, electric charging, etc., within three years of operationalising their retail outlets – a nod to concerns over the harm done to the environment by conventional fuels.

Trends project extreme El Niño more often

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THE EL NIÑO is a widely discussed phenomenon, particularly in India where it can impact the southwest monsoon. In fact, El Niño events cause serious shifts in weather patterns across the globe. While El Niño is a naturally occurring phenomenon, a key question that scientists frequently ask is: In a continuously warming planet, how will climate change affect the creation of strong El Niño events?

In a new study, researchers have found that because of climate change, extreme El Niño events are likely to become more frequent. The study was done by a team of international climate researchers led by Bin Wang of the University of Hawaii at Manoa International Pacific Research Center (IPRC).

It has been published in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Science.

What El Niño means

El Niño is a climate phenomenon that takes place over the equatorial Pacific. It is one phase of an alternating cycle known as El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO). When there is a warming of the sea surface temperature in the eastern and central equatorial Pacific Ocean, it is known as El Niño. When the opposite cooling phase takes place, it is known as La Niña.

ENSO can cause extreme weather events in many regions of the world, and therefore has very important implications for seasonal climate predictions, including the monsoon in India. While El Niño causes warmer temperatures over the equatorial Pacific, these are known to suppress monsoon rainfall. When La Niña happens, it has been found to be helpful in bringing good rainfall.

The new study

The researchers examined details of 33 El Niño events from 1901 to 2017. For each event, they evaluated the onset location of the warming, its evolution and its ultimate strength. Based on such parameters, the team identified four types of El Niño, each with distinct onset and strengthening patterns.

They found a shift in El Niño behaviour since the late 1970s. All events beginning in the eastern Pacific occurred prior to that time, while all events originating in the western-central Pacific happened since then. The researchers suggested, therefore, that climate change effects have shifted the El Niño onset location from the eastern Pacific to the western Pacific, and caused more frequent extreme El Niño events.

What the findings imply The team focused on the factors that

seemed to be controlling these shifts, including increased surface temperatures in the western Pacific warm pool, and easterly winds in the central Pacific. They found that with continued global warming, those factors may lead to a continued increase in frequency in extreme El Niño events.

"Simulations with global climate models suggest that if the observed background changes continue under future anthropogenic forcing, more frequent extreme El Niño events will induce profound socioeconomic consequences," Wang said in a statement released by his university.

The classification system in this study provides a tool for climate modelling of El Niño and La Niña. The university said the team plans to explore further how this work may help im prove predictions of future El Niño events.

What makes today's J&K block elections unique, who are in the fray

ADIL AKHZER

SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 23

ON THURSDAY, Jammu & Kashmir, as well as Ladakh, will witness their first elections since August 5, when the state of Jammu & Kashmir lost its special status and was bifurcated into two Union Territories. The elections to 310 posts of Block Development Council (BDC) chairperson are being held amid a continued shutdown in the Valley, with three of the major parties out of the fray and their top leadership under detention.

What are these elections?

Block chairpersons are elected at the second tier of the Panchayati Raj system, between the election of panches and sarpanches by the people, and of the election of chairpersons of the District Planning and Development Boards. In a state that has had only four panchayat elections so far

(1978, 2001, 2011, 2018), block chairpersons' elections are being held for the first time. Under the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, it is the panches and sarpanches, elected at the first tier, who subsequently vote for the BDCs in their respective blocks. The elections are being held for 310 of the 316 blocks in J&K and Ladakh.

What is unusual about the elections?

Apart from being the first ever BDC chairperson elections in Jammu and Kashmir, they are being held in unique circumstances. These are the first elections since the August 5 move, and are being held in the backdrop of the detention of Kashmir's entire mainstream leadership, including that of three former chief ministers (Farooq Abdullah, Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti) and a sitting MP. For that reason, their parties the National Conference and the People's Democratic Party — have boycotted the elections. So has the Congress.



Panches and sarpanches photographed in Srinagar last week. Shuaib Masoodi

With the leadership of all parties barring the BJP behind bars, questions have been raised over the credibility of the process in the Valley. Chief Electoral Officer Shailendra

Kumar, however, said: "Parties can't claim that since we are boycotting elections or we are not participating directly, therefore these elections are going to be sham. It is not the correct kind of argument."

Who are in the fray?

The State Election Commission said 1,092 candidates are in the fray for the 310 posts. Among them, 853 are independent candidates and 218 are of the BJP, together making up 1,071. Twenty-seven of the candidates have been elected unopposed, leaving 1,065 candidates for the remaining seats.

Any panch or sarpanch can stand for the post of BDC chairman. In a first, the government has reserved 33% seats for women.

Who are the voters?

The strength of the electorate is 26,628 panches and sarpanches. These are from among the 23,376 panches and 3,847 sarpanches who were elected in undivided Jammu and Kashmir in November-December last year.

Those panchayat elections, held over nine phases, had a very poor response. Within

Kashmir, a huge number of seats remain vacant —11,264 of 18,833 panch seats (61 per cent) and 1,311 of 2,375 sarpanch seats (34) per cent). Of the 7,596 panches in Kashmir, more than half were elected unopposed.

The State Election Commission said only 1% of the seats in Ladakh division and 2% in Jammu are vacant. Chief Electoral Officer Kumar said the vacant positions will be filled within one year, and if needed the BDC elections for those seats will be conducted separately.

What after the BDC elections?

The government's thrust will be on establishing the third tier of District Planning and Development Boards. The Board of a district will comprise all BDC chairpersons, urban local body chairpersons or presidents, the local MLA and the MP. District Planning Board members and the chairperson would oversee all developmental activities taking place in their area.

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SHADOW IN THE MIRROR

Questions about the lockdown in Kashmir raised at home, and abroad, need to be addressed, not managed

N WEDNESDAY, THE world's largest democracy was put under a lens by the world's oldest democracy, and India did not come out looking good. At a US congressional hearing on "Human Rights in South Asia", the discussion was mainly on the situation in Kashmir. That India figured in such a hearing is embarrassing in itself. The focus was not so much on the validity of the central government's decision to revoke Jammu & Kashmir's special status, as on the manner in which it has been done. Congresswomen and men asked the questions and raised the concerns that many, including Kashmiris, have done in India — over the prolonged detention of politicians, businessmen and others, the cutting off of phone lines and blocking of access to the internet in the Valley. Over the nearly three months that these restrictions have been in place, India's justification has been that such steps were necessary to secure the Valley from "Pakistan sponsored" terrorism. The members on the panel were appreciative of India's concern, and acknowledged Pakistan's reputation on this front, but were still unconvinced that these required the draconian measures implemented in the Valley.

The Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia, who represented the Trump Administration at the hearing, was factual in her efforts to present an unbiased picture of India's actions and the ground situation, but was constrained to say "a humanitarian crisis" was unfolding in the Valley. She underlined that Delhi had not allowed US diplomats to visit Kashmir. But the government has not allowed even Indian politicians to visit the Valley. There is an electoral exercise underway in the state for local government even as every known politician of the Valley is under house arrest. It is hardly reassuring that there is an impression that politicians can be released if they sign "good behaviour" bonds. This is enormously problematic, as is the Centre's apparent permission to the BJP to carry out political activity in the state while denying it to all other players.

There have been suggestions that the US hearing was the result of failed "media management", or, to quote the External Affairs Minister, S Jaishankar, the "English-speaking liberal media" did not present a fair picture. The truth is, media spin will not be enough to make the questions go away. If the government believes its August 5 decisions were correct, it must be able to convince the people of the Valley without locking them up. This it must do not because some politicians in the US are asking questions, but in India's own interests.

PUT AWAY THE STICK

Assam's insistence on two-child norm for government jobs is a poor stand-in for investments in health, education, nutrition

NTUESDAY, THE Assam government announced that people with more than two children will not be eligible for government jobs from January 2021. Assam will become the fourth state after Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan to have a two-child norm in place for government jobs. At least five other states follow this norm for candidates seeking elections to local bodies such as panchayats, municipal corporations and zila parishads. The Assam government's decision comes two months after Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged the issue of population control in his Independence Day speech. The conversation in the wake of the PM's speech has drawn attention to the limitations of the two-child norm. There is now compelling evidence that measures such as debarring people from holding government office amount to penalising weaker sections of the population, including women, whose reproductive choices are often subject to a variety of constraints. It is unfortunate, therefore, that the Assam government has chosen to ignore the discriminatory nature of the two-child policy.

Almost all surveys indicate that India's population growth rate has slowed substantially in the last decade. According to the latest National Family Health Survey (NFHS-4), at 2.2, India's total fertility rate (TFR) is very close to the desired replacement level of 2.1. In fact, the NFHS-4 data confirms what population experts, gender rights activists and social scientists have maintained over the years: Women's education has a direct bearing on fertility rates. The decadal survey shows that women who have never been to school are likely to bear more than three children while the fertility rate of those who have completed 12 years of schooling is 1.7.

In spite of the fall in TFR, India's population has continued to grow because nearly 50 per cent of the people are in the age group of 15-49. This means that the absolute population will continue to rise even though couples have less children. There is substantial literature to show that a further slowing down of the momentum will require raising the age of marriage, delaying the first pregnancy and ensuring spacing between births. In this context, the NFHS-4 figures on contraception point to a major shortfall: The unmet need for contraception is 13 per cent — over 30 million women of reproductive age are not able to access contraception. Dealing with the country's demographic peculiarity will require investments in health, education, nutrition and employment avenues. The right to seek a government job or contest elections are citizens' rights. State governments will do well to rethink throttling such rights to enforce population control.

JUSTIN 2.0

Trudeau wins a second term as Canada's PM. But he isn't quite the liberal poster boy he was four years ago

OUR YEARS AGO, Justin Trudeau won Canada's general election with his own version of the promise of "achhe din". And for the first half of his first term, it seemed that the Liberal prime minister was indeed delivering on "sunny days", including for the besieged liberals far beyond Canadian shores. Trudeau welcomed refugees fleeing West Asia even as much of the West turned xenophobic, he renewed Canada's commitment to fighting climate change, celebrated diversity and immigrants, all the while wearing quirky ties and socks, to make sure everybody knows he's just another woke guy at the neighbourhood artisanal coffee shop. This week's election result has confirmed that Trudeau will have another term in office. But Justin 2.0 is starting out with just a little less shine.

Two scandals in as many years have cast a shadow over "sunny days". Photographs of Trudeau sporting "blackface" — painting himself to play Aladdin in an Arabian Nightsthemed costume party and as US singer and civil rights activist Harry Belafonte — tarnished the prime minister's claim of being sensitive to issues of race and minority representation. And earlier this year, his cabinet was rocked by the SNC-Lavalin scandal: Canada's Attorney General Jody Wilson-Raybould accused Trudeau of pressuring her to cut a deal while prosecuting the engineering and infrastructure company on corruption. Wilson-Raybould resigned, as did another member of the cabinet due to Trudeau's alleged behaviour. The scandals may have had political consequences: The Liberal Party lost 20 seats and did not get a majority of the vote-share. It will now form a minority govern-

ment, likely with the support of the New Democratic Party led by Jagmeet Singh. Trudeau has suffered, perhaps, because of the high standards he set for himself. After all, the two scandals that cost him so much political capital would barely be a weekend's worth of tweets for his counterpart — President Donald Trump — in the US. Perhaps hypocrisy is indeed the "homage vice pays to virtue". Even so, Trudeau didn't have to prove the adage true.

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The power to impeach



Trump White House's attempt to paint impeachment motion as 'unconstitutional' goes against the law

THE DECISION BY the United States Congress to commence impeachment proceedings against the incumbent president is fraught with distinctively American and global implications. The early responses of the president suggest that it is only a political act by the speaker and the Democratic party with the 2020 presidential elections looming large. Is the decision to impeach a president a political rather than a constitutional decision? In a letter of October 8, the White House counsel, Pat Cipollone, writes to the speaker and other officials, that the procedure thus far adopted is "unconstitutional" and a "dangerous path" aiming at overturning the "results of the 2016 election and deprive the American people of the president that they have freely chosen".

But the very case cited as an authority — Hastings v US (1992) — says otherwise: "Impeachments are not political in nature. To impeach an Article III Judge, the judge must be brought up on real charges, that is, High Crimes and Misdemeanours, and receive a real trial before the full Senate as clearly required by the Constitution. Nothing less will do if this nation is to maintain an independent judiciary". That case spoke mainly about the impeachment of federal justices, and only addressed the senate proceedings for the removal.

The court did lay emphasis on fair procedure but only in the context that applied to senate trials. It held that impeachments "take place not when government is operating as it should but rather when government has gone hideously awry, when it is seriously alleged that a high and trusted public official lacks the respect for law and ethics necessary to hold an office of public trust". But it expressly disavowed any intention of "depriving the House or the Senate of one iota of their exclusive constitutional powers to impeach" in holding that Judge Alcee Hastings was entitled to a full trial by the senate.

Propaganda trumps law here when the White House counsel calls the impeachment motion itself "unconstitutional". The constitution does not provide any timetable; and the incumbent is always free to combat this

If the White House counsel's ultimate argument is to be adopted, any attempt to impeach the president would be an unconstitutional deprivation of an electoral outcome favouring the incumbent. Article II of the US Constitution will be a dead letter as far as the US President is concerned. In deciding the charges of impeachment, the House decides the procedure and to challenge it now on fairness grounds will be itself unconstitutional. One hopes that saner counsel will prevail and desperate attempts at intimidation of the speaker and other

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legal proceedings will cease.

at a political level. But no one has the unilateral power to annul a constitutional provision. The sole power to impeach a president (and other civil officers of the United States) rests with the House and the senate when it finds that the president, among other federal officers, has committed treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanours.

And so far, decisions to impeach and convict and remove from office are regarded as not reviewable by any court. Indeed, this high power has been very sparingly exercised: Only 15 impeachments (12 addressed judges, one a senator, one a secretary of war) have occurred, and only one president (Andrew Johnson) was impeached and he too escaped conviction by one vote in the senate. President Richard Nixon chose to resign rather than face the Watergate impeachment.

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If President Trump stands successfully impeached, the question of presidential pardon may arise. In such a situation, self-pardoning is not likely to be upheld as legal nor constitutional. However, we need to recall that in 1973 the Office of Legal Counsel memorandum stated that while "no one may be a judge in his own case", the 25th Amendment provided that if the president was temporally unable to perform the duties of his office the vice president as acting president could include the power to pardon the president. Whether the president should resign or resume the office would then be at his discretion.

The successor may exercise pardon power as did President Ford who pardoned Richard Nixon for "any crimes he has com-

mitted or may have committed or taken part in during the period from January 20, 1969 through August 9, 1974". And Chief Justice Warren Berger has ruled that the power to pardon "flows from the Constitution alone, not from any legislative enactments, and that it cannot be modified, abridged, or diminished by the Congress". Most commentators endorse this proposition; but insert the caveat that clemency is only to be exercised for federal offences leaving individual states

the freedom to prosecute for other offences Since President Trump is an admirer of Indian democracy, he may find it interesting to learn that the Indian Supreme Court has interpreted the rule of law as entailing that public powers ought never to be deployed for private ends and that this has now become the cornerstone of Indian constitutionalism and legisprudence.

He may also benefit from the Gandhian doctrine counselling that all public power constitutes public trust, which has now found full recognition in environmental and constitutional jurisprudence. President Trump may be surprised, happily one hopes, to learn how issues of hyper-partisanship are not held pertinent to Indian constitutionalism. The recent UK Supreme Court decision setting aside the royal prerogative to prorogue the House of Commons also reminds us of the judicial wisdom. It is high time to avoid the Cold War politics of "political brinkmanship". Such styles of governance are least conducive to world peace

America still claims the leadership of the "free" world and enjoys, even when deeply flawed, global hegemony as a solitary superpower. President Trump ought to realise the global responsibilities of an American President and seek to preserve, without any gratuitous overseas advice, a bicentennial constitutionalism and the American presidency. He ought to safeguard the proud heritage of a constitutional democratic tradition.

and security.

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THE LAW ISN'T ENOUGH

Legislation against mob lynching must be accompanied by effective policing

M P NATHANAEL

THE GLARING ABSENCE of figures relating to incidents of lynching in the recently released National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) database on the pretext that the data received from the states were "unreliable" hints at a deliberate attempt to keep the figures under wraps. Figures available from various other sources indicate that in 63 incidents, 28 persons were killed between 2010 and 2017, of which 24 were Muslims. There have been 266 cases of lynching since 2014 and this continues to show an upward trend, casting an adverse impression about the role of the police in arresting such trends.

On June 17 night, Tabrez Ansari, 24, along with two others was on his way to his home in Saraikela from Jamshedpur when they were waylaid by goons of village Dhatkidih on suspicion of being thieves. While the two friends escaped, Ansari was tied to a pole and brutally beaten by a mob for several hours. When the police arrived, they took him to a police station and then shifted him to a hospital. After a perfunctory medical examination, the doctor declared him fit. Four days later, Tabrez died due to brain haemorrhage. Had the police acted promptly on receiving information from the village chief, his life could have been saved.

Exactly a year before the incident at Saraikela, Qasim Qureshi and Samiuddin were brutally attacked in Hapur, resulting in the death of the former and serious injuries to the latter. A few police personnel are also suspected to have been part of the lynch

Among other recommendations, the Uttar Pradesh State Law Commission has stressed the need to take stringent action against officials for dereliction of their duties. The district magistrate and police officers can be imprisoned for a term extending upto three years

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mob. While the ugly manner in which the policemen dragged the two victims of lynch mob to the vehicle drew apologies from senior police officials, the manner in which they were treated reflects their abhorrence for the victims. To add to the woes of the surviving victim, an attempt was initially made to close the matter as an incident of road rage. No effort was made to preserve evidence to make a strong case against the culprits.

Though there can be no denying that the police has played a partisan role in most incidents of lynching, there have been cases where policemen acted promptly and prevented incidents of lynching. The derring-do displayed by sub-inspector Gagandeep Singh of Uttarakhand Police in saving a Muslim youth from an irate mob near Garjiya Devi temple in Ramnagar on May 22 last year is one such example.

The Supreme Court has directed the Centre and all states to frame stringent laws against lynching. While Manipur passed an anti-lynching law last November, Rajasthan and West Bengal have passed such legislation more recently. West Bengal's law is stringent, punishing with death those held guilty of lynching victims to death. But these will be futile unless they are strictly enforced on the ground. Political patronage to fundamentalist elements will deter the policemen from doing their duty.

Among other recommendations, the Uttar Pradesh State Law Commission has stressed the need to take stringent action against officials for dereliction of their duties. The district magistrate and police officers can be imprisoned for a term extending upto three years with a fine upto Rs 5000.

Apart from monitoring fake news and arresting those who originate and forward news that could trigger mob violence or communal unrest, the police has to spread its intelligence dragnet to such an extent that any plan to upset the law and order machinery is reported to the control room within minutes. Districts that are communally sensitive ought to have additional armed and well-equipped companies to rush to any spot within minutes to handle frenzied mobs.

Prompt investigations into incidents of mob lynching followed by arrests and trial by fast track courts could go a long way in curbing such incidents. It is likely that every effort will be made to influence the victims and witnesses to either withdraw the case or to give statements that would weaken the prosecution's case. The responsibility will therefore, devolve on the police to protect the witnesses and the victims. In the interest of the victims and the witnesses, lynching must be made a non-bailable offence Policemen who watch as mute spectators should also be tried in the same manner as the culprits. Senior police officers also need to be taken to task if found guilty of dereliction of duty.

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OCTOBER 24, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO



LABOUR UNREST THE PLANNING COMMISSION has voiced concern over the deteriorating labour situation in the country and has said that labour unrest is largely responsible for the slump in industrial output. It has attributed the shortfall in thermal power generation and the stagnation in coal production to this factor. The commission also fears a decline in employment generation in the current financial year. The annual plan's target, it reckons, would be difficult to achieve in view of the drought in several parts of the country.

PD ORDINANCE IN PURSUANCE OF the preventive detention

ordinance against hoarders and blackmarketeers, the central government has issued guidelines to the states to ensure uniformity of action and effective implementation. Although some state governments have agreed to implement the ordinance, none of them has so far set up advisory boards as required under it. The Centre has issued the necessary guidelines and told the states that the ordinance is intended to supplement the other legal provisions for securing the availability of essential commodities at proper prices to people.

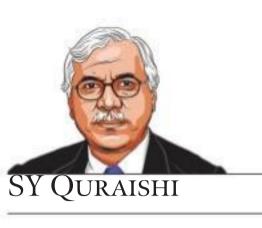
MISUSE OF POWER ALLEGING GROSS ABUSE of government machinery for electoral ends by the caretaker prime minister, the Janata Party sought immediate intervention of the Election Commission. A senior party leader and former information minister, LK Advani, wrote to the chief election commissioner alleging that PM Charan Singh used an air force plane for his two-day visit to Andhra Pradesh to promote the Lok Dal's election prospects. Singh had also taken a press party with him — an officer of the Press Information Bureau accompanied him. "This official had thus become a Lok Dal functionary," Advani said. He quoted the Shah commission's remarks decrying misuse of IAF aircraft on the eve of Emergency by Indira Gandhi.

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THE IDEAS PAGE

Icon on the island

As Sri Lanka prepares for presidential polls, its Election Commission is the winner



ON NOVEMBER 16, Sri Lanka goes to the polls to elect its new president. I was privileged to be a part of a pre-election assessment mission mounted jointly by the Republican Party and the Democratic Party of the United States, through their independent institutes, the International Republican Institute (IRI) and National Democratic Institute (NDI).

SL has a population of 22 million of whom 16 million are registered voters. They will vote at 12,845 polling stations. Counting will be done at 1,500 counting centres. The president has to get a clear majority (50 per cent plus one vote). There is a preferential voting system where every voter can express second and third preference, which most voters rarely do. If no one gets 50 per cent in the first place, the second and third preference votes have to be counted. There is no run-off election. After all three counts, the candidate with the highest vote wins.

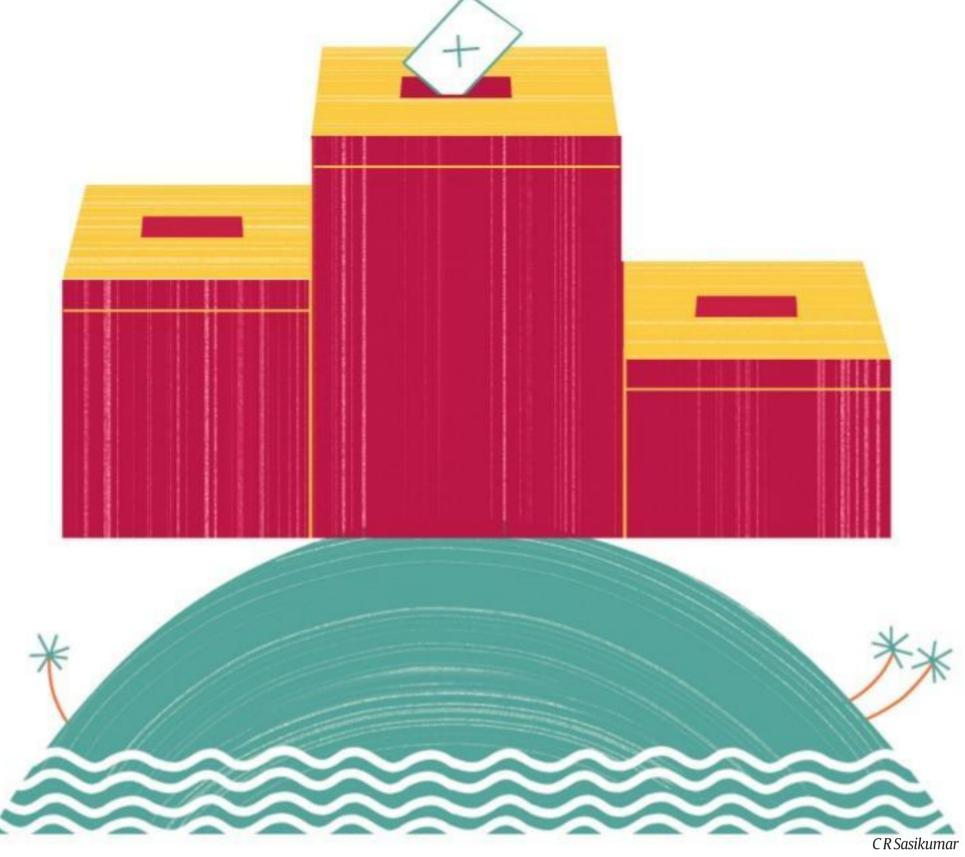
Every stakeholder we questioned vouched for the integrity of the Commission which became a constitutional body only in 2018, and expressed full faith in its ability to conduct a free, fair and credible election. In fact, since the 2015 election, the chief election commissioner, Mahinda Deshapriya, has been no less than a national icon.

The participation of youth was a common concern. There are nearly 3,00,000 first-time voters and the general opinion was that there would be a sense of apathy in them. The reasons given were their disillusionment with the performance of the government and lack of issues of their interest. The absence of campaign finance regulation was also mentioned by almost every stakeholder. The enormous abuse of money power was a common concern. Some people even mentioned foreign money playing a role.

We had an interesting conversation with the former president, Mahinda Rajapaksa, where he complained of being a victim of the opposition. He had complete faith in the election commission despite accusing it of delaying the provincial elections "under pressure of the government". He made an interesting disclosure: One of the three commissioners often goes against the majority, and even goes to the court sometimes.

Referring to the Easter terror attack, he said that the government had detailed information from the government of India "including the names and telephone numbers", but the concerned agencies did not act on it. He made it clear that it was an act of some Muslim extremists but that it cannot be attributed to Islam. When asked whether he expects any foreign interference, he replied with a wink that "hope it won't happen again". It may be recalled that in 2015, he had publicly attributed his defeat to Indian intelligence agencies.

We also met the prime minister, Ranil Wickremesinghe, who complained of low voter interest, attributing it to the disenchantment with the political leaders and unfulfilled promises: This was surprising to hear from an incumbent PM, and reflects bitter dissensions within the ruling coalition. He also observed that the youth were not enthusiastic as they see "no big issue". Further, he mentioned a large base of "floating voters" who can play a decisive role. He made an in-



teresting observation that in 2015, the then President Rajapaksa had everything "including sun and the moon", yet he lost because of these voters. According to him, "it is certain that no one will get 50 per cent votes (leading to the counting of second and third preference votes)". Significantly, he also mentioned the possible role of foreign money.

He admitted that India had given very specific intelligence about the Easter terror attack and lamented that "we didn't follow up". He expressed concerns that Muslims are being vilified but didn't anticipate much violence during the polls. Another important ruling political leader (not a Muslim), however, said that terror is being used as a weapon to harass a community, which is facing many human rights violations.

Women seem to have a very insignificant presence in the electoral scene. This is despite the fact that Sri Lanka gave the world the first elected woman president. Although women dominate the education scene with 74 per cent of the students being female (20 per cent faculty), and with 25 per cent reservation at the provincial level, at the national level, the political role for women is seen confined to women from political families.

Everyone we met — from political leaders and civil society to NGOs — complained about the spinelessness and partiality of the media, largely because most of it is owned by political parties. There is zero self-regulation. Some called it the "washing machine" of the state. The most scathing comment was made by a journalist, "SL is the worst country in the world for media prostitution!" (Does the comment ring a bell? Some consolation this).

We met a very senior Tamil leader who said that there was a general voter apathy among the Tamils. However, when Gota Rajapaksa's candidacy was announced, the

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apathy disappeared. It is important to note that in 2015, it was the Tamil and Muslim vote which helped dislodge his brother, President Mahinda Rajapaksa.

The leader lamented that 10 per cent of political prisoners have not yet been released, one-third of the land has not been returned and, worse, none of the 20,000 plus individuals who "disappeared" have been found. He said Tamils are "sick and tired" of voting for the "lesser of the two evils".

The same leader also voiced strong anti-Muslim feeling among the Tamils, and feared that some violence was being planned against them, especially in the east, to prevent them from voting. He emphasised the need for the two communities to coordinate and hoped that "close to the elections they would have to work together".

SL elections always invite great world attention. The country is liberal in inviting international observers. Most importantly, their own civil society observers from the two main NGOs — PAFFREL (People's Action for Free and Fair Elections) and CMEV (Centre for Monitoring Electoral Violence), have unrestricted access to the entire electoral process. They depute their observers to almost 80 per cent of the polling stations. Their monitoring and certification carries a lot of weight as well. In a meeting with them, they expressed satisfaction with the arrangements and hoped that the elections, like in 2015, would be free. fair and credible.

Finally, the camaraderie and coordination between the representatives of the NDI and IRI was a treat. One wishes to see such bonhomie between our two national parties too.

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commissioner of India. Views are strictly personal



Development lessons from Gandhi

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Restraining consumption will help achieve harmonious growth

MAHATMA GANDHI'S PHILOSOPHY influenced not only Indians, but many great personalities across the world. Interestingly, it also influenced many a treatise at the international level. But, there is little that the in-

ternational community attributes to him

while drafting the future of the world.

These days, sustainable development goals (SDGs) are the buzzword. In 1908, Gandhiji showed us the path for sustainable development through sustainable consumption. In his *Hind Swaraj*, he outlined the threat to the common future of humanity from our relentless quest for material goods and services.

In 2015, when the UN adopted 17 SDGs, the 12th was about "ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns". This was perhaps the most fitting tribute to the enduring greatness of Gandhi. But no mention of Gandhiji or of Indian values was made in the preamble to this declaration. If we carefully read the subtext of SDGs, we find that they mirror the philosophy enunciated in *Hind Swaraj*.

The adoption of some of Gandhiji's tenets in the SDGs bear testimony to the fact that these were not flights of fancy, but rather, achievable aims. This has been demonstrated by the development model evolved by the Deendayal Research Institute (DRI) and other such institutions. The DRI was set up to perpetuate the memory of Deendayal

Upadhyaya, who carried on Gandhiji's legacy. After his death, his contemporary, Nanaji Deshmukh, undertook the task to translate this philosophy into action.

An avowed follower of Gandhiji, Nanaji worked in the most backward districts of the country with a holistic approach, encompassing all aspects and dimensions of human life including education, life sciences, livelihood, technology, and social consciousness. This model can be seen in action in Chitrakoot, Gonda, Beed and Nagpur.

Gandhiji was honest in admitting that some of his thoughts may become outdated and, therefore, he had no problem in changing his stance. But the basic principles remained same. For example, both these great men believed that native, indigenous knowledge and culture needs to be respected. This worldview shuns the idea of more consumption, which is both a cause and consequence of greed.

Like Gandhiji, Nanaji also felt that villagers are the trustees of the country's resources. But at the same time, Gandhiji agreed that with technological advancement and changing aspirations of the people, the tools may have to be different. However, he cautioned against unnecessary consumption. Nanaji adopted the same approach while developing his model. Both believed that harmonious growth can be achieved by employing cultural practices. They had an unshakeable faith in the native's wisdom and intelligence. They strongly believed that it could be achieved only by employing local resources and local talent.

Gandhiji's life is an example of how he subtly taught us the virtues of sustainable consumption. On many occasions, he chided Jawaharlal Nehru for wasting precious natural resources for his comfort. He spoke about harnessing natural resources as a virtue. Harnessing seems to be the closest English translation of the Indian concept of "dohan", which says that natural resources should be used respectfully, and carefully to ensure equitable distribution and also to ensure that we leave a better world for future generations. Needless to say, this would ensure judicious consumption of the resources.

Every region has distinctive social and geographical characteristics. There are 127 agro-climatic zones in India. And when the policymakers try to formulate policies on the basis of mere statistics, they find that each such zone has scores of eco-climatic zones.

In 2008, the then French President Nicholas Sarkozy set up a commission to identify the limits of GDP as an indicator of economic performance and social progress, and to examine what additional information might be required for more relevant indicators of social progress. The commission found that there were vast diversities that govern the development of a region.

This is exactly what Gandhi had said a hundred years before the commission was set up. He had underlined the need for a decentralised system of economics and development so that local, distinctive characteristics can be factored in while formulating plans on the basis of statistical information.

Talking of sustainable development without understanding the true meaning of sustainable consumption will be mere rhetoric. Unless we practice restrained consumption, we cannot avoid exploitation of natural resources, and cannot achieve sustainability in production patterns. Upadhyaya also delved into the Indian ethos of restrained consumption (sanyamit upbhog). Citing various classical scriptures and cultural practices, he eulogised frugal (maryadit) spending by Indians, in accordance with their dharma. This, he explained, would lead to less exploitation of resources. He was also averse to vulgar displays of wealth and ostentatious lifestyles. All these form the subtext of SDG 12.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"China is sincere in building a favorable relationship with the US, while preserving internal order. Prioritizing national interests is indisputably justified i nany country." -GLOBALTIMES. CHINA

Defenders need defending

Those who shielded the defenceless are now being targeted by powers-that-be



FOR DECADES, SOME people have defended the rights of those who had no resources to stand against the might of the society and the state. We assume that we live in a country which is ruled by law and that human beings have certain inalienable rights. But, we also see these rights violated by different organs of the state. It is then that we seek these defenders who know the language of the law. We have come to believe that as long as they are present, we have some breathing space — but that time seems to be over. The defenders need to be defended now.

The CBI wants the Supreme Court to remove the shield of protection that the Bombay High Court had given to Indira Jaising and Anand Grover. A special leave petition challenging the Bombay High Court order restraining any coercive action against the lawyers has been filed by the CBI in the SC and may come up for hearing any day.

On July 25, the Bombay High Court gave interim relief to Jaising and Grover after a plea was filed to quash the FIR lodged by the CBI against them, alleging violation of the FCRA and other offences under the IPC. The turn of events leading up to this FIR is worrying: An unknown entity called Lawyer's Voice filed a petition in the SC stating that the Centre should have registered cases against Jaising, Grover and the Lawyer's Collective for offences under the IPC, Prevention of Money Laundering Act, Prevention of Corruption Act and the Income Tax Act.

The alacrity with which the petition was listed for hearing was noted by people aware of the normal ways of functioning of the court registry. It was heard by a bench which included CJI Ranjan Gogoi. The court issued notices to all parties, making clear that the government was free to initiate proceedings against the two. The question of propriety was raised again as Jaising had then taken up the case of the woman who had alleged sexual misconduct against her by the CJI.

After this order, things moved at an extraordinary pace. In less than a week's time, an FIR was lodged against them by the CBI and, thereafter, their Delhi house and various offices in Delhi and Mumbai were raided for evidence in the case of misuse of foreign funds. Recall that in 2016, the ministry of home affairs, Union of India, had cancelled the FCRA of the Lawyer's Collective — this was after it charged the organisation with misuse of foreign funds, and rejected the response of the organisation.

After this, Jaising and Grover, and Lawyer's Collective, moved the Bombay High Court in 2016 which de-freezed their

domestic accounts. Why the hurry by the CBI then, to arrest them now? Since 2016, have they even shown an inclination to evade the law? Have they tried to flee the country? On the contrary, we know that both Jaising and Grover have been declining invitations from other countries, which include speaking assignments and also academic ones simply because there is a case pending against them.

Grover took up the cause of gay rights and fought to win for them a life of dignity. Numerous cancer patients may have never heard about the Novartis case, which he argued successfully, and which drastically reduced treatment cost. People with HIV need to know that he, along with others, fought legally to end discrimination against them in public employment. Overnight, he was labelled "anti-national", however, for taking up the case of Yakub Memon.

Jaising won for all women of India, irrespective of religion, the rights of equal inheritance and guardianship of children, which neither their communities nor the state was willing to give. It was the work of the Lawyer's Collective, under her leadership, for more than a decade, which resulted in the legislation of a civil law on domestic violence. She took up the Gujarat genocide cases, along with those related to the Sohrabuddin encounter case and the case of the mysterious death of Judge Loya. Even crèches in the apex courts were a result of her efforts.

Our case is not one where Jaising and Grover's good deeds become the argument against the CBI taking away their protection. Similarly, the anti-people policies under the Chidambaram regime should not make us rejoice that his arrest is an answer to his misdeeds. Mohan Gopal rightly reminds us that in all such cases a basic constitutional principle is involved — we have a right against self incrimination. Citing the Selvi judgement, he recalls the words of the Supreme Court that "a core rationale of the right against self-incrimination is the protection of voluntariness. As coercion and voluntariness cannot coexist, it follows that custodial interrogation in Indian prisons necessarily violates the right against self-incrimination and is therefore unconstitutional and illegal."

We need not guess why Jaising and Grover are being targeted. One must remember what the PM said in 2015 against getting hoodwinked by "five-star activists" Since then we have seen a concerted campaign against the concept of human rights in India: One must remember that without any questioning and human rights, democracy would turn hollow.

The Jharkhand police has now sealed and attached the property of Father Stan Swamy, a Jesuit priest in his eighties, in a sedition case lodged in Khunti district. Over decades now, Jharkhand has been his home, where he has been working for tribals and human rights — he is now being criminalised by the state, which wants him jailed. Can we not see the link between the actions playing out in Delhi and Ranchi?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ON WRONG TRACK

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Smooth op-

erators' (IE, October 23). While privatisation in several sectors has benefited the Indian economy, it should not be seen as a panacea to all that ails it. Privatisation in railways is a step in the wrong direction. The fare for three-tier AC in the privately-run Tejas Express was over Rs 4,000, almost equal to the air fare for the same route. This could lead to a situation where trains run half empty despite heavy demand. Privatisation has been mostly successful in cases where the private sector could take full control over all aspects of operations. Control over railway operations will have to be vested with the government. This could lead to delays and inefficiency.

E A Ibrahim, Chennai

GLOOMY ECONOMY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The NREGA signal' (IE, October 23). It is one thing to boast of a demographic dividend, it is another to make maximum use of it. The increasing number of youth working under MGNREGA is another reminder of the gloomy state of our economy. There is a need to create jobs and increase vocational opportunities.

Divya Singla, Patiala

DIVERSE PRAYERS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Don't sing in Pilibhit' (IE,October 22). The writer has rightly questioned the objection raised about a patriotic prayer. As children, we read verses from the Bible, Gita and Quran in the school assembly. Parents or authorities had never ques-

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Smitha Venkateswari, Bengaluru

PAK'S WAYS

THIS REFERS TO THE editorial, 'The screws tighten' (IE, October 21). Pakistan got a few months reprieve from FATF, thanks to the support of China, Turkey and Malaysia. However, it is too much to expect the country to mend its ways. Pakistan's unsatisfactory compliance with FATF's benchmark report and its cross-border terror provides ample proof of its attitude. As per the FATF charter, the support of at least three countries is required not to blacklist a country. But does it not bother the world community's conscience that just three votes against against a large majority are needed to block the blacklisting of Pakistan?

Lal Singh, Amritsar

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