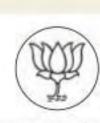


# **ASSEMBLY** 288 SEATS











### AND THE WINNER IS

Shiv Sena candidate Aaditya Thackeray with his family members at his residence, after winning from Worli, on Thursday. Prashant Nadkar

### BALLOTIN\_

### MNS wins one seat, vote share drops

Mumbai: The Raj Thackeray-led MNS has been able to win only one seat — Kalyan Rural won by Pramod Ratan. The MNS's vote share in Maharashtra has been in a free fall from the heady days of 2009 when it won 13 seats polling 5.71 per cent of votes. This dropped to 3.1 per cent in 2014 when it won one seat. It has now further come down to 2.3 per cent. After its initial plan not to contest, the MNS fielded 101 candidates. Raj Thackeray's aggressive style of campaigning was hardly on show with many perceiving this change to the ED notice slapped on him in a money laundering case.

### AIMIM gets two, loses old seats

Mumbai: The AIMIM made inroads in North Maharashtra winning two seats in Malegaon Central and Dhule City, but failed to save its own turf of Aurangabad Central and Byculla, where the party had won in 2014.

After breaking ranks with Prakash Ambedkar-led Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi, the Hyderabad-based party under the leadership of state president Imtiaz Jaleel had fielded 44 candidates in Maharashtra — the highest so far since Asaduddin Owaisi-led party started contesting elections in Maharashtra. Mufti Ismail won from Malegaon Central seat and Shah Faruk Anwar from Dhule City.

### VBA draws a blank, vote share dips

Mumbai: Six months after its impressive debut with over 7 per cent of votes in Maharashtra at the Lok Sabha elections, the Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA) failed to impress in the Assembly elections, failing to win a single seat. While its candidates fared reasonably well in a few select seats, overall, its vote share fell significantly from its Lok Sabha performance.

# As BJP's tally dips, Uddhav reminds it of '50-50' formula

**VISHWAS WAGHMODE** 

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 24

AS THE BJP's seat tally in the Maharashtra Assembly polls tumbled to about 20 less than what it was in 2014, Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray lost no time on Thursday to "remind" his saffron alliance partner about the "equal" or "50-50 power sharing" formula for all posts in the government.

This is Sena speak for rotating the chief minister's post between itself and the BJP for two-and-a-half years each. Thackeray appeared to be speaking with the newfound confidence that the BJP's lower than expected performance in the elections seemed to have given his party.

"We all know that when the alliance was forged before the Lok Sabha polls, 50:50 formula was decided. There is no need to hide it now. It was also decided that the seatsharing ratio would be 144:144. BIP state president Chandrakant Patil then said that I should understand BJP's problems in seat sharing. I understood their problems and ac-

cepted a smaller share of the seats. But if their problems are going to increase, then I can't understand all their problems," Thackeray told mediapersons at the Sena headquarters in Mumbai.

Maintaining that he needs to expand his party, he added: "So, all senior leaders from both parties will sit together and we will take a decision on the formula. Then, we will stake a claim on government formation."

It was not a "warning" to the BJP, he said, but "just a reminder" of what had been discussed earlier.

The Sena chief's remarks came after the Assembly polls results showed that the BJP is set to win 105 seats, and the Sena 56. Both parties have won less number seats as compared to the last time. In the 2014 elections, the BJP had won 122 seats, while Sena won 63 after contesting the polls separately.

Thackeray indicated that he would not explore the possibility of forming a government without the BIP by seeking support from the Congress-NCP combine. "I am not in a hurry. I am not greedy for power and won't do anything out of turn for power," he said on Congress-NCP offering support for a Sena CM.

Sena leaders are confident that the party's bargaining power has increased due to the fall in the BJP numbers, though its own tally of seats has fallen by seven seats from what it had won in 2014.

"The drop in the number of Sena seats happened either due to the rebellion by party workers or non-cooperation of BJP workers at many places. The results clearly showed that there was no alliance at the ground level despite attempts made by the top leaders of both parties," said a senior Sena leader.

Another Sena leader said that the party faced anti-incumbency at a few places and also faced strong fight from the NCP in some

"Some of our candidates faced the antiincumbency. Also, change of candidates seems not to have worked in our favour." said the leader, pointing out that people did not vote for defectors from Congress and NCP who had joined Sena ahead of the polls and were given tickets by the party.

# How Pawar scripted NCP fightback: 66 rallies in poll run-up

**ZEESHAN SHAIKH** 

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 24

"IT MAY not be a clean sweep but Sharad Pawar, the warrior, has fought back. And how," NCP MP from Baramati, Supriya Sule, said on Thursday.

Addressing the media in Mumbai, the NCP chief showed just how his leadership helped the party improve its tally from 41 seats in 2014 to 54, just two behind the Shiv Sena: an unrelenting drive, even at just days shy of 79. While he was being hailed as the comeback king, Pawar said he would embark on a state-wide tour to develop a new batch of young, second-rung leaders in Maharashtra.

Not long ago, the state and his old associates seemed to have turned their back on Pawar, with many quitting the party to join either the BJP or the Sena. But rather than getting bogged down, Pawar decided to launch the comeback of his life, holding 66 rallies in the campaign phase.

In the run-up to the elections, the Enforcement Directorate had registered a case against Pawar in a money laundering case, but his strategy to run a campaign on how he was being "targeted" as part of vendetta politics by the ruling regime seems to have found a connect with the voters.

"In this election we have seen that people do not take to kindly to people who get intoxicated with power. Power comes and goes, and people have this expectation that you should be grounded. If you take a position contrary to that, the same people do not take to it kindly," he said, reacting to the election verdict.



"The mandate is that we sit in the Opposition. We will do that," said Pawar. Ganesh Shirsekar

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, who, during campaigning, said that his party was ready for a wrestling match but there was no "pahalwan" (wrestler) left in the ring. Fadnavis had also taken swipes at Pawar at other times, comparing him to the comic jailer played by actor Asrani in the film "This government's attitude of looking at

Pawar's statement was a swipe at

people's problems has not been liked by the people," Pawar said. "This call of abki baar 220 paar (this time 220-plus) has not been accepted by the people." Pawar also denied that the NCP is look-

ing at being a part of the government. "The mandate is that we sit in the Opposition. We will do that," Pawar said.

> **WITH ANURADHA MASCARENHAS IN PUNE**

### **INTERVIEW | EX-MUMBAI CONGRESS CHIEF**

SANJAY NIRUPAM TELLS MANOJ CG WHY HE THINKS THE PARTY COULD NOT PUT UP A PROPER FIGHT IN MAHARASHTRA. EXCERPTS:

How do you analyse the election results? What went wrong in Maharashtra?

We did not fight the elections (properly). The BJP has a style. It creates a huge propaganda twothree months before the elections... They identified the weak links in our party and inducted such

leaders from the Congress and NCP. It demoralises the rest of the leaders. On top of that, there was a lack of unity, lack of cohesiveness, and paucity of funds. So there was no campaign as such. We did not carry out a proper campaign to attack the ruling alliance. Results clearly say that voters were



looking for a good, viable alternative. But we could not become an alternative. That appeal was missing. It has to be created.

Why could you not provide that alternative? That should be asked of those who ran the campaign. What is the

responsibility of the general secretary in charge? His job is to dispel confusion in the state unit — talk to the people, take everyone along. There was no such attempt. I demand that some accountability be fixed now...

> **FULL INTERVIEW ON** www.indianexpress.com

### BJP CANDIDATE EXPECTED TO CONTEST, BUT SENA GIVEN TICKET: POLL OFFICIAL

# In Latur (Rural) seat, NOTA is first runner-up with 27,500 votes

**SADAF MODAK** 

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 24

THE CONSTITUENCY of Latur (Rural) saw 27,500 voters choosing the 'None of the Above' (NOTA) option, the highest in the Maharashtra Assembly election. NOTA polled the second highest number of votes — accounting for 13.78 per cent of the total votes counted in the seat.

In the constituency, Congress candidate Dhiraj Deshmukh, son of former chief minister Vilasrao Deshmukh, got 1,35,006 votes (67%). After Deshmukh and NOTA, Shiv Sena's Sachin Deshmukh and VBA's Baliram Done polled 13,524 and 12,966 votes, respectively.

dict. An aide said they would decide whether they want to approach the EC.

District election authorities, however, said they were not surprised by the high number of NOTA votes. An official said that a BJP candidate was expected to be given a ticket for the Latur seat, but eventually a Sena candidate was chosen due to the seat-sharing arrangement between the two alliance partners. Following this, there were protests by BIP workers in the district. Pamphlets were also found urging voters to choose NOTA.

"The pamphlets also shared on social media claimed that if NOTA receives the maximum votes, there will be re-election. When a clarification was sought by the press before

When asked about the high NOTA votes, the elections regarding NOTA, we had stated candidate, Patangrao Kadam of the Congress, Sachin said he was still shocked by the vertherules regarding it," said Latur district electric secured 83.04 per cent of the votes, while tion officer and collector G Srikant.

> As per rules, even if NOTA is chosen more than any other candidate, the candidate who gets the maximum votes after NOTA — even if it is a single vote — will be declared a winner, the district authorities had clarified.

> Done, the candidate who stood fourth, alleged that the rumours about NOTA were politically motivated to discourage voters from electing him. So far, neither the Sena candidate nor the VBA or any other candidates have filed complaints on the alleged rumour.

> Apart from Latur, Palus Kadegaon, which is part of Sangli Lok Sabha constituency, also saw a high number of NOTA votes — 20,631 or 9.9 per cent of the electorate. The winning

NOTA was chosen more than any candidate apart from Kadam.

In Mumbai's Jogeshwari East constituency, 12,031 voters or over 8% chose the NOTA option, the highest in the city. The constituency comprises areas including Aarey Colony, where 2,185 trees were hacked for a Mumbai Metro car shed earlier this month. While many residents protested the tree-cutting, none of the groups, including the 7,000 adivasis living in the 27 tribal padas part of the constituency had, however, declared that they would be choosing NOTA as a protest vote. Shiv Sena's Ravindra Waikar, the incumbent MLA, won with a margin of 58,787 votes.

In 2014, when NOTA was used in the state for the first time in Assembly polls, the maximum NOTA votes recorded in the city were in Chandivali-4653, with Jogeshwari East

recording 2,038 NOTA votes. In 2013, the Supreme Court had directed the Election Commission to provide a button called None of the Above in EVMs, for those who come to the polling booth and decide not to vote for any of the candidates in the fray. The court had observed that the mechanism of 'negative voting' serves a fundamental and essential part of a 'vibrant democracy', and held that such an option gives the voter the right to express his disapproval with the kind of candidates being put up.

WITH ATIKH RASHID IN PUNE

### PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN (CONG)

wins Karad South seat by 9,130 votes



### **ASHOK CHAVAN (CONG)**

wins Bhokar seat by 97,445 votes



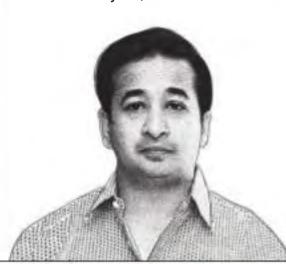
### **AMIT DESHMUKH (CONG)**

won Latur City seat by 40,415 votes



### **NITESH RANE (BJP)**

wins Kankavali seat by 28,116 votes



### PARAG SHAH (BJP)

wins Ghatkopar East seat

by 53,319 votes



### **ROHIT PAWAR (NCP)** wins Karjat Jamkhed seat

by 43,347 votes



# 19 MAHARASHTRA





The Congress office in Mumbai on **Thursday.** Ganesh Shirsekar

# Cong-NCP gain, but lose out in urban areas

**SANDEEP ASHAR** MUMBAI, OCTOBER 24

WHILE THE Congress-NCP alliance put up a tough fight in the rural belts, it failed to bridge the gap in the urban areas.

In the Mumbai Metropolitan Region alone, the Congress-NCP won just eight of the 60 seats, while the BJP-Sena won most of the remaining seats. The Congress ceded some ground in the commercial capital, winning just four of the 29 seats it had contested — it had won five seats in 2014. And the NCP, despite its impressive performance elsewhere, won only one seat in Mumbai — it had won none in 2014.

Maharashtra Congress president Vijav (Balasaheb) Thorat admitted that the "verdict would have been different if the Congress-NCP had wrested some more seats in Mumbai and other urban belts."

The Congress is grappling with infighting and factionalism in the Mumbai region. With the Shiv Sena claiming a bulk of the Maratha vote, and the BJP managing to win over the North Indian vote, the Congress's support base in the city has shrunk considerably.

Of the four seats which the Congress won in Mumbai, three – Mumbadevi, Malad, and Bandra (East) — have a strong minority presence, and the fourth, Dharavi, is a Dalit-dominated pocket.

Former Mumbai Congress president Sanjay Nirupam, who stayed away from the party's poll campaign, blamed "poor ticket distribution" for the party's poor show. "We would have won four or five more seats if that had been done effectively," he said.

Saying that the party must introspect its downslide in Mumbai, he said "a frequent change of guard at the helm" had also impacted the party's functioning. "The party needs to give the person it appoints as its face in Mumbai a good run. He should get more organisational freedom," he said.

During the campaign, Nirupam had publicly spoken out against the party after his recommendation regarding the candidate for a seat in Mumbai North West parliamentary segment was shot down.

Saying that the Congress needs to refine its ideological position on certain issues, Nirupam said the party should stop giving weightage to those who believe in backroom politics and opt for those who are willing to "fight it out" instead. He also called for an organisational overhaul to establish a better connect with voters.

The NCP, on the other hand, has never been a force to reckon with in Mumbai. The party has never won more than 10% of the votes in Mumbai ever since its formation in



Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrives at the BJP headquarters in Delhi, on Thursday. Renuka Puri

# Fadnavis, Khattar have won people's trust, says Modi

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 24

SAYING THAT the people of Maharashtra and Harvana had reposed their trust in his party's chief ministers, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday praised Devendra Fadnavis and Manohar Lal Khattar. He said Fadnavis was the first Maharashtra chief minister to complete a full term in 50 years, while the Khattar government took along all sections of society.

Modi and BJP president Amit Shah addressed party workers at the BJP headquarters here after the results were declared.

Modi said the party's performance in Haryana was "unprecedented", as its vote share had gone up from 33% in 2014 to 36%. The BJP's seat tally, however, fell from 47 to 40 in the 90-member Assembly.

The rise in vote share came even though it is believed that some amount of "anti-establishment" is at work against the ruling parties during the elections, he said.

When governments often lose power after five years, it is remarkable that the BJP has been given a fresh mandate for five years in Maharashtra and Haryana, he said. This shows people's trust in us, he added.

Both the chief ministers have won people's trust despite having no prior administrative experience when they took over in 2014, Modi said, adding, "People have put their stamp of approval on the works of these chief ministers." He said they would work even harder to serve the people in the next five years.



Amit Shah arrives at the BJP office in Delhi, on Thursday. Renuka Puri

Modi recalled his work as an organisational leader of the BJP in Haryana, and said the party would often fight elections as a junior partner of one party or another in the state, and would consider itself lucky if it crossed even 10 seats in Assembly polls before 2014.

He also sought to underscore the party's rise in Maharashtra since 2014, noting that it used to be a junior partner to the Shiv Sena before. Political stability is a must for an economically important state like Maharashtra,

he said, lauding Fadnavis' feat of completing his full term.

The BJP-run states work "seamlessly" to implement central schemes while the Opposition-ruled states are busier in renaming them, said Modi.

At the meeting, Shah hailed the mandate, saying the party had won the first round of elections in the Modi 2.0 government. He noted that both the states were never traditional BJP strongholds.

-WITH PTI

# BJP's poor show in Fadnavis's backyard

**VIVEK DESHPANDE** NAGPUR, OCTOBER 24

IN 2014, its victory in 44 of the 62 Assembly seats in Vidarbha region had paved the BJP's path to power. Five years later, the BJP has won only 29 seats, and the Shiv Sena has lost one of its four seats.

On the other hand, the Congress, which won 10 seats in 2014, has gained five more seats; the NCP, which won only one seat in 2014, has won seven; and the Independents' tally has risen from two to seven. This is a clear setback for Chief Minister

Devendra Fadnavis, who hails from the region. Not only has Fadnavis failed to retain the lead in Vidarbha, but his own victory margin, in Nagpur South-West, dropped from 59,000 votes to less than 50,000, though the party was hoping to scale it up to over a lakh. And in his home district of Nagpur, the

BJP's tally of 11 of the total 12 seats in 2014 fell to six. While Congress leader Sunil Kedar retained Savner for the fourth consecutive term, the party wrested Nagpur West, which was Fadnavis's constituency pre-delimitation, Nagpur North (SC) and Umred from the BJP, and the NCP wrested Katol. ■ In Nagpur West, former Mayor and city

Congress chief Vikas Thakre defeated BJP's two-time MLA Sudhakar Kohale by 6,467

■ Former minister Nitin Raut of the Congress defeated BJP's Milind Mane in

■ Congress's Raju Parwe defeated his cousin and BJP MLA Sudhir Parwe in Umred

■ In Katol, the NCP's Anil Deshmukh defeated BJP's Charansingh Thakur.

■ Elsewhere in the region, BJP's Minister of State Ambarish Atram was defeated by NCP leader and former minister Dharmarao Baba Atram in Aheri constituency of Gadchiroli district.

■ The BIP also lost the prestigious Chandrapur (city) seat, where State Finance Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar was leading the charge for party nominee, Nana Shamkule, who lost by over 70,000 votes. Mungantiwar, however, managed to retained his Ballarpur seat. The only other BJP candidate who won from Chandrapur district was Kirtikumar Bhangdiya, who retained the Chimur seat.

■ BJP's Agriculture Minister Anil Bonde was defeated by Devendra Bhuyar of the Swabhimani Paksha, which fought in alliance with Congress-NCP, in Morshi.

■ Three-time MLA Gopal Agrawal, who left the Congress to join the BJP about a month ago, was defeated by BJP rebel Vinod Agrawal, who contested as an Independent, by a margin of over 25,000 votes.

■The Congress's Leader of Opposition, Vijay Wadettiwar, retained his Bramhapuri seat in Chandrapur district, defeating Shiv Sena's Sandip Gaddamwar by about 19,000 votes.

■ The Congress's Nana Patole defeated BJP's Parinay Phukey in Sakoli, in Bhandara

# Buzz in Satara: How Pawar's speech in the rain drowned this Shivaji descendant

**MANOJ MORE** PUNE. OCTOBER 24

NCP CHIEF Sharad Pawar's decision to decline the offer of an umbrella and continue

with his speech amid a heavy downpour in Satara on October 19, the last day of the campaign, became the defining image of the Maharashtra Assembly elections. On Thursday, that visual, and the Maratha strongman's relentless, energetic campaign,

was the talk of the town as his party's candidate from Satara, Sriniwas Patil, effected a huge upset win, defeating former NCP MP Udayanraje Bhosale, the 13th descendant of Chhatrapati Shivaji, in the Lok Sabha bypoll by a massive margin – 87,717 votes. The Satara seat had fallen vacant after

Bhosale resigned three months after the Lok Sabha polls — he was dissatisfied with his sliding victory margin, which had come down from 3.55 lakh in 2014 to 1.50 lakh.

He subsequently joined the BJP.

All efforts by the NCP, especially Pawar, to stop Bhosale failed. He said he moved to the BJP because the Congress-NCP had dumped all his proposals and the BJP-Shiv Sena government led by Devendra Fadnavis approved Rs 15,000 crore for his constituency.

Pawar admitted his "mistake" in fielding Bhosale from Satara in the Lok Sabha polls despite opposition from all party MLAs in the district, and got set to defeat him in the bypolls.

On Thursday evening, a stunned Bhosale said, "I accept the verdict of the kings of democracy — the people are the kings, and



**conference in Mumbai.** *Amit Chakravarty* 

Udayanraje Bhosale at a press

they have ruled against me. I have worked selflessly for 20-25 years for the people of Satara.'

While NCP leaders quickly credited the victory to Pawar's rally during the downpour the image had gone viral, rustling up 5 lakh hits within the first hour itself — the NCP chief played it down. He told the media, "It was raining and there were some 50,000 people waiting to hear me. They had turned their chairs into umbrellas. I couldn't have let them down.

NCP MP Vandana Chavan said even a rally by Prime Minister Narendra Modi could not save Bhosale. "Our party chief sealed Udayanraje's fate..." she added.

The NCP chief was instrumental in picking Patil, his long-time friend and a retired IAS officer, to take on Bhosale after senior Congress leader Prithvirai Chavan refused to take up the challenge. Although the seat belonged to NCP, the party had offered it to Congress, provided Chavan was fielded.

### 'YOU CANNOT WIN EVERY ELECTION ON SYMPATHY, PEOPLE WANT DEVELOPMENT TOO'

# In battle of cousins, Dhananjay defeats Pankaja

**KAVITHA IYER** MUMBAI, OCTOBER 24

FOR PANKAJA Munde, even a campaign flagoff rally by Union Home Minister Amit Shah and then a mega rally by Prime Minister Narendra Modi towards the end of the campaign proved to fall short as cousin Dhananjay Munde (NCP) won the Parli Assembly seat by 30,701 votes.

For Gopinath Munde's eldest daughter, who was seeking a third term from Parli, this election was the first test of her track record as an MLA – in 2014, there was a sympathy wave after her father's sudden death.

Dhananjay said: "The people of Parli have placed their faith in me. I am aware of the responsibility, and I plan to get to work right away." He led a large rally through Parli town, in pouring rain, as young boys ran to shake his



Dhananjay Munde celebrates in Parli, on Thursday. Express

hand or give him a hug. His face and clothes smeared with gulaal, Dhananjay looked overwhelmed. "It is a huge win for me if you consider that Amit Shah, PM Modi, Chhatrapati Udayanraje Bhosale and other veterans came to campaign for the BIP here," he said.

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis called

Pankaja's defeat "shocking", but, over the past few weeks, the BIP camp in Parli was clearly unnerved by internal surveys and the enthusiastic support for Dhananjay, especially among young voters.

Pankaja held back-to-back rallies and street corner meetings in the last week of the campaign, also reaching out to villages where the BJP had failed to get a lead in the recent Lok Sabha elections. She also successfully wooed senior Congress leader Prof T P Munde, who contested against her in 2014, and roped in the support of Uttam Mane, the CPI(M) candidate in 2014.

But NCP workers from Parli said on Thursday that the regions where the CPI(M) holds some sway also voted for Dhananjay. The NCP's campaign team said they were able to convey to voters the disconnect between Pankaja and the people, as she got increasingly busy in Mumbai as a minister.

"You cannot win every election on sympathy. People want development also. One of the reasons for her defeat is arrogance, taking voters for granted," Dhananjay said.

At the end of a highly emotional campaign, with each cousin railing against the other's family, a video of Dhananjay making an objectionable comment about Pankaja went viral on the final day. A teary-eyed Dhananjay addressed a press conference the following morning, claiming that the clip was doctored, and that he would never forget his 'maryaada' (honourable limits) as a brother.

"That was a very low level of politics, it was a blot on the relationship of a brother and sister," Dhananjay said, adding that he had asked the electorate to give him justice and they had done that. "It was up to the people of Parli, whether I would be a khalnayak (villain) or a *nayak* (hero), and they have made me a nayak today."

### How The Turncoats Fared

### **NITESH RANE**

JOINED BJP AFTER LEAVING CONG ■ Wins from Kankavli, defeats Sena's Satish Jagannath Sawant

#### **IAIDUTTA KSHIRSAGAR** JOINED SENA AFTER LEAVING NCP

■ Defeated by NCP's Sandeep Kshirsagar in Beed

### **VAIBHAV PICHAD** JOINED BJP AFTER LEAVING NCP

■ Defeated by NCP's Dr Kiran Lahamte in Akole

### HARSHAVARDHAN PATIL

JOINED BJP AFTER LEAVING CONG ■ Defeated by NCP's Dattatray Bharana in Indapur

### RANA JAGJITSINH PATIL JOINED BJP AFTER LEAVING NCP

■ Wins from Tuljapur, defeats Cong's Madhukarrao Chavan

RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE-PATIL

JOINED BJP AFTER LEAVING CONG

■Wins from Shirdi, defeats Cong's

### Thorat Suresh Jagannath

**ABDUL SATTAR** JOINED SENA AFTER LEAVING CONG ■Wins from Sillod, defeats Prabhakar Manikrao Palodka (Ind)

### **DILIP SOPAL**

JOINED SENA AFTER LEAVING NCP ■ Defeated by Rajendra Raut (Ind) in Barshi

### PANKAJA MUNDE (BJP)

lost from Parli seat by



### ANIL BONDE (BJP)

lost from Morshi seat by 9,791 votes



### **VIJAY AUTI (SENA)** lost from Parner seat by 59,838 votes

RAM SHINDE (BJP)

lost from Karjat-Jamkhed seat by 43,347 votes



### **ARJUN KHOTKAR (SENA)**

lost from Jalna seat by 25,338 votes

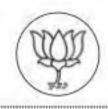


### SANJAY BHEGADE (BJP)

lost from Maval seat by 93,942 votes















**2LSBYPOLLS** 



(Maharashtra)

### OTHER STATES

*Chandigarh:* The ruling Congress the state, but lost the 'battle of prestige' after Chief Minister Amarinder Singh's political secretary Capt Sandeep Singh Sandhu lost to his SAD rival in Dakha.

Amarinder had thrown all his weight behind Sandhu, and had Congress could not win the seat, losing to SAD's Manpreet Singh Ayali by 14,672 votes.

However, SAD was trounced in party chief and former Deputy CM Sukhbir Badal's bastion, Jalalabad, by the Congress, losing the seat by 16,633 votes.

The BJP lost both seats it contested – Phagwara and Mukerian – to all its candidates forfeiting their security deposit. ENS

### ODISHA(1)

regional party claimed was the highest in Odisha elections. The nearest rival, BJP's Sanat Kumar

The bypoll was necessitated after Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, who had won from two seats in the Assembly polls held in April, resigned from Bijepur and retained his home turf Hinjili in Ganjam district. In the bypoll campaign, the BJP had slammed Patnaik for "running away" from the people of

### SIKKIM(3)

won the Poklok-Kamrang bypoll, thus ensuring his continuation at the top post. The SKM leader was unable to contest the Assembly elections earlier this year due to an impending corruption case against him, for which he has already served a year in prison. The **Election Commission had earlier** this month given him permission to contest the bypolls.

electoral account in the state, winning the other two bypolls — Martam-Rumtek and Gangtok. Ally SKM did not fight either seat, as a part of a seat sharing strategy between the two parties. ENS

seat from the BJP, while the saffron party's ally RLTP retained Nagaur's Khinswar seat. With this win, the Congress has increased its tally to In Mandawa, Congress candidate candidate Sushila Sigra by 33,704 votes. Sigra, who was fighting her she allegedly supported BJP in the Assembly elections.

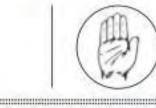
Meanwhile, Khinswar witnessed a tough contest between RLTP's Narayan Beniwal, brother of party chief Hanuman Beniwal, who defeated Congress's Harendra

the Huzurnagar Assembly seat from the Congress, winning by over 43,000 votes. TRS's S Saidi Reddy credited the leadership of Chandrasekhar Rao for his impressive performance. The mainly as a two-cornered fight fielded candidates. ENS

### **HIMACHAL PRADESH (2)**

Shimla: The ruling BJP retained both Dharamshala and Pachhad seats. In Pachhad, BJP's Reena Gangu Ram Musafir of the as an Independent candidate, finished a distant third. In defeated his nearest rival Rakesh BJP rebel and contested as an independent. Meanwhile,

### 51ASSEMBLY BYPOLLS











Samastipur



### PUNIAB (4)

won three out of the four bypolls in

visited Dakha three times. Yet, the

the Congress, while AAP put up the poorest show in the bypolls, with

Bhubaneswar: BJD candidate Rita Sahu won the Bijepur bypoll by a margin of 97,990 votes, which the Gartia got 37,967 votes, while the Congress could only muster 5.873

Bijepur. ENS

New Delhi: Chief Minister PS Golay

Meanwhile, the BJP opened its

### RAJASTHAN(2)

*Jaipur:* The ruling Congress wrested the Mandawa Assembly 107 in an Assembly of 200 seats, while RLTP has gone up to three. Rita Choudhary defeated BJP first MLA election, was expelled from the Congress last year after

Mirdha by 4,630 votes. ENS

### TELANGANA (1)

Hvderabad: The ruling TRS wrested TRS president and Chief Minister K contest for the seat was being seen between the TRS and the Congress, although the BJP and the TDP also

Kashyap defeated her nearest rival Congress by 2,808 votes. Rebel BJP leader Dayal Pyari, who contested Dharamshala, BJP's Vishal Nehria Kumar by 6,758 votes. Kumar was a Congress's Vijay Inder Karan lost

BJP supporters celebrate after the party's Suresh Chandra Tiwari won the Lucknow Cantonment bypoll. Vishal Srivastav

### **UTTAR PRADESH**

# BJP wins 7 seats, SP gets 3

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 24

THE BIP on Thursday won seven out of the 11 Uttar Pradesh seats that went to bypolls on October 21 and its ally Apna Dal (Sonelal) managed to win one seat. Three of the seats went to SP and the BSP drew a blank, losing the Jalalpur seat it won in the 2017 Assembly

In the 2017 polls, the BJP won eight out of these 11 seats — Gangoh, Iglas (SC), Lucknow Cant, Govindnagar, Manikpur, Zaidpur, Balha (SC) and Ghosi. While Pratapgarh was won by Apna Dal, the SP and the BJP won Rampur and Jalalpur, respectively, in the state polls.

SP leader and MP Azam Khan's wife Tazeen Fatma, a Rajya Sabha MP, retained the Rampur Assembly seat vacated by Khan after he was elected to Lok Sabha. While Fatma got 79,037 votes, the BJP's Bharat Bhushan finished second with 71,327 votes and the Congress's Arshad Ali Khan managed only 4.182 votes.

CPM wins two

seats, but loses

Congress

**SHAJU PHILIP** 

its stronghold to

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCTOBER 24

THE RULING CPI(M) in Kerala managed to

wrest two Assembly seats from the Congress,

but lost its stronghold of Aroor to the oppo-

sition party, as the results of the five bypolls

the Congress and one from the IUML — got

elected to the Lok Sabha earlier this year,

while the fifth bypoll was required after the

from the Vattiyoorkavu Assembly seat in

Thiruvananthapuram, where the party fielded

city mayor V K Prasanth without considering

the caste equations in a constituency where

the Nair community has a considerable sway.

Having locked horns with the CPI(M) over the

entry of women at Sabarimala and the alleged

"raw deal" to upper caste segments, Hindu

outfit Nair Service Society (NSS) had openly

victorious, edging out Congress's K Mohan

Congress over the selection of the candidate

benefited the CPI(M), which won the seat for

the first time in 23 years. The long-time sit-

ting Congress legislator Adoor Prakash, who

got elected to the Lok Sabha, wanted his

nominee to be fielded, but the party went for

was a victory for secular politics. "The results

show caste and community forces do not have

any influence in Kerala, and secular politics

have a clear victory over such forces..." he said.

at its stronghold of Aroor, where Congress's

Muslim woman face Shanimol Osman beat

Manu C Pulickal by 2,079 votes. The Congress

also won from the Ernakulam constituency,

where heavy rains on election day brought

stituent IUML retained its seat at

Manjeshwar, In 2016, BIP had lost the seat by

a mere 86 votes, and this time too the saffron

party emerged second, but with an increased

Meanwhile, Congress ally and UDF con-

down the polling to 57 per cent.

margin of 7,923 votes.

However, the CPI(M) faced a rude shock

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said this

However, in the end, Prasanth emerged

At the Konni Assembly seat, cracks in the

sitting IUML legislator died.

campaigned against the Left.

Kumar by 14,465 votes.

another candidate.

Four of the bypolls were necessitated after the incumbent UDF MLAs — three from

on October 21 were declared Thursday.

**KERALA** 

In Saharanpur's Gangoh seat, BJP candi-

#### date Kirat Singh won by a margin of 5,419 votes, defeating the Congress's Nooman Masood who got 62,881 votes. The SP's Inder Sain got 57,374 votes and finished third.

The BJP's Rajkumar Sahyogi defeated the BSP's Abhay Kumar by a margin of 25,937 votes at Iglas in Hathras district. The Congress's Umesh Kumar finished third.

In Lucknow Cantonment, BIP's Suresh Chandra Tiwari defeated SP's Ashish Chaturvedi by a margin of 35,428 votes and Congress candidate Dilpreet Singh finished third.

The BJP's Surendra Maithani finished the winner in Govindnagar in Kanpur district with 60,237 votes. The Congress's Karishma Thakur and the SP's Samrat Vikas came second and third, respectively.

In Manikpur in Chitrakoot district, the BJP's Aanand Shukla beat the SP's Nirbhay Singh Patel by a margin of 12,840 votes and the Congress's Ranjana Barati Lal Pandey finished third.

BJP ally Apna Dal's candidate Rajkumar Pal won from Pratapgarh by a margin of 29,721 votes. The SP's Brijesh Verma and the

Congress's Neeraj Tripathi finished second and third, respectively.

At Zaidpur in Barabanki district, SP's Gaurav Kumar emerged a winner and the BJP's Ambrish and Congress leader PLPunia's son Tanuj Punia finished second and third, respectively.

The SP's Subhash Rai won from Jalalpur in Ambedkar Nagar district by a slim margin of 790 votes over the BSP's Dr Chhava Verma. BJP's Rajesh Singh finished third.

In another close fight in Ghosi, the BJP's Vijay Kumar Rajbhar won by a margin of 1,773 votes, defeating SP-backed Independent candidate Sudhakar Singh. Singh was to contest on an SP ticket, but could not do so due to an issue with his nomination papers.

In the reserved constituency of Balha in Bahraich district, the BJP's Saroj Sonkar won by a margin of 46,487 votes. The SP's Kiran Bharti and the BSP's Ramesh Chandra finished second and third, respectively.

The BJP now holds 309 seats in the 403member Assembly, while the SP's tally has gone up to 50.

### **MADHYA PRADESH**

# Cong win raises tally to 115 in 230-member House

**MILIND GHATWAI** BHOPAL. OCTOBER 24

THE RULING Congress has wrested the Jhabua Assembly seat from the BJP in a crucial bypoll in Madhya Pradesh, improving its tally to 115 in the 230-member House.

Former Union minister Kantilal Bhuria defeated his BJP rival Bhanu Bhuria by a margin of 27,804 votes in a high-stakes battle whose outcome, according to the BJP, would have hastened the fall of the Kamal Nath government. The former PCC chief led from the first round and got 96,155 votes with his 36-

year-old opponent getting 68,351 votes. The bypoll was necessitated after BJP MLA Guman Singh Damor was elected to the For the CPI (M), the biggest victory came

Lok Sabha from Ratlam constituency. During the campaign, BJP leaders, including party general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya and Leader of Opposition Gopal Bhargava, had stressed that the Congress's defeat will be followed by the fall of the government.

Chief Minister Kamal Nath invited the BJP to pull down his government while suggesting the party to get its house in order in Maharashtra and Haryana. He said the BJP tried to divert people's attention from funda-



Congress's Kantilal Bhuria

mental issues by talking about Article 370 and nationalism, and that the result has confirmed that people continue to trust the Congress. He also accused the BJP of trying to mislead peo-

ple on the farm loan waiver issue. BJP chief Rakesh Singh alleged that the Congress government pressured officials and employees by assigning booth-wise targets to them in their respective areas of jurisdiction. He admitted that Jhabua has traditionally been a Congress bastion but the BJP managed to win the last Assembly election because of a Congress rebel who got substantial votes. He said the party will introspect on why it failed to communicate the failures of the government to voters.

### **GUJARAT**

# BJP, Cong get three each, Alpesh Thakor defeated

**PARIMAL DABHI** GANDHINAGAR, OCTOBER 24

Alpesh Thakor, the OBC youth leader from Viramgam of Ahmedabad district who switched from the Congress to the BJP, suffered defeat at the hands of Congress's Raghu Desai, who won the Assembly bypoll from Radhanpur in Patan district. Desai posted a 3,807-vote victory over Thakor.

The defeat became the high point of the bypolls to the six Assembly constituencies in the state, with both ruling BIP and opposition Congress winning three seats each. In Tharad, Congress candidate Gulabsinh

Raiput won by a margin of 6,372 votes, while

BJP's Ajmali Thakor registered the biggest

victory margin of the by polls in Kheralu seat (29,091 votes). In Bayad, Congress candidate Shivabhai

Patel won by a slender margin of 743 votes against Thakor's aide, Dhavalsinh Zala. In Amraiwadi in Ahmedabad, BJP candi-

date Jagdish Patel won by 5,528 votes after trailing his Congress rival for most part of the counting process. In Lunawada, BJP's Jignesh Kumar Sevak won by 11,952 votes. While Alpesh's defeat surprised many,

BJP sources said he had sealed his fate when

he started claiming that he was going to be a minister after winning the election. A party worker said that the results are a signal to the BJP leadership against imposing such turncoats on them while ignoring

loyal workers.

# NDA setback as JD(U) loses 3 Assembly seats

LJP retains Samastipur Lok Sabha constituency

**SANTOSH SINGH** 

PATNA, OCTOBER 24

THE NITISH Kumar-led NDA in Bihar suffered a setback in the bypolls to five Assembly seats, with the JD(U) retaining only one seat, and losing two seats to the RJD and another to an Independent candidate. The AIMIM opened its account in Bihar by wresting Kishanganj seat from the Congress, which was at third position behind the BJP.

The LIP retained Samastipur reserved Lok Sabha seat. Party chief Ram Vilas Paswan's nephew Prince Raj made a successful debut in the by-election necessitated by the death of his father Ram Chandra Paswan.

The RJD, which did not campaign with much enthusiasm for the bypolls, won Belhar and Simri Bakhtiyarpur even though its Grand Alliance partners HAM(S) and VIP fielded a candidate each in the two seats.

The victory of AIMIM in Kishanganj upset the calculations of the Congress, which has been traditionally winning the Muslim-majority seat. Bihar Congress working president Kaukab Quadri said that giving a ticket to the mother of Kishanganj MP Mohammed Jawed "perhaps did not go well with people". Apart from Samastipur, the bypoll results

showed rejection of dynastic rule. In Daraundha Assembly seat, the contest was between JD(U)'s Siwan MP Kavita Singh's husband Ajay Singh, two independent candidates and the RJD. Independent candidate Karnjeet Singh, a BJP rebel, won comfortably. Daraundha was a traditional seat of JD(U), with first Ajay Singh's mother Jagmato Devi and later his wife Kavita Singh winning it.

In Belhar (Banka), too, voters rejected Banka MP and former Belhar MLA Giridhari EXPLAINED **BJP** may drive harder bargain

THE BYPOLL results are likely to have a twin fallout. While the BJP may renew its attack on Nitish Kumar and engage in stronger posturing over seat-sharing for 2020 Assembly polls, Grand Alliance partners HAM(S) and VIP may give more weightage to the RJD. The result has a clear message for Grand Alliance unity, even as BJP leaders like Giriraj Singh, CP Thakur and Sanjay Paswan may return to baiting Nitish.

Yadav's brother Laldhari Yadav, a contractor with no political training. RID leader Ramdev Yadav won the seat.

Simri Bakhtiyar (Khagaria), which was also held by JD(U), was won by RJD's Zafar Alam despite its Grand Alliance partner VIP putting up a candidate. In Nathnagar (Bhagalpur) seat, JD(U)'s Laxmi Mandal faced tough resistance from RJD's Rabiya Khatoon but eventually won by a slender margin.

With the RID wins, the party will have 83 members in the 243-member House. The ID(U) will have 68 members, BIP 53 and Congress 26.

### CHHATTISGARH

# Cong retains Chitrakote, maintains hold in Bastar

**DIPANKAR GHOSE** 

RAIPUR, OCTOBER 24

THE CONGRESS retained all the 12 Assembly seats in Bastar on Thursday with a win in the Chitrakote bypoll on Thursday.

The bypoll was necessitated after sitting MLA Deepak Baij successfully contested the Lok Sabha elections in April.

In the 2018 Assembly elections, the Congress had won 11 of 12 seats in Bastar. The party also won the bypoll for the Dantewada constituency last month, which was brought about after the death of BIP MLA

Bhima Mandavi in a Maoist attack. On Thursday, Rajman Benjam of the Congress, a first-time candidate, beat former

BJP MLA Lacchuram Kashyap by 17,856 votes. The win was largely expected for the Congress, with the BJP barely visible in its campaign. The Congress on the other hand, with the advantage of both a state government, and 11 other MLAs from Bastar, ran a steady campaign. Congress leaders said that between Dantewada and Chitrakote, the former was meant to be the more difficult seat and once that was won, the writing was on

the wall in Chitrakote as well. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said, "This win is because of the direction of pro-tribal work by Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi.... Party workers have proven that there is no substitute for hard work...."

### **TAMIL NADU**



AIADMK's V Narayanan after his victory in Nanguneri. PTI

### AIADMK wins both seats

**ARUN JANARDHANAN** 

CHENNAI, OCTOBER 24

THE RULING AIADMK won both Assembly bypolls in Tamil Nadu on Thursday. While M R Muthamizh Selvan won from Vikravandi with a margin of 44,924 votes, V Narayanan emerged victorious in Nanguneri by a margin of 33,445 votes. Meanwhile, Congress's A John Kumar won the bypoll to Kamaraj Nagar Assembly seat in Puducherry by a

margin of 7,170 votes. Responding to the party's victories, Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami said the DMK performed well in the Lok Sabha election by using false propaganda and promises. "People have understood the truth. This is a victory of truth," he said. "Nanguneri was Congress's seat and Vikravandi was DMK's seat. AIADMK has won both seats now..."

DMK chief M K Stalin said the ruling party's money power, abuse of power and polarisation on the basis of caste contributed to the results. He added that his party accepts the results and congratulated the Congress for winning the Kamaraj Nagar seat in Puducherry.

### **NORTHEAST** BJP wins 3 Assam seats, Congress loses Jania to AIUDF

**ABHISHEK SAHA** GUWAHATI, OCTOBER 24

The BJP on Thursday retained three out of the four Assembly constituencies in Assam that went to bypolls. The Congress failed to keep

its Jania seat which was won by AIUDF.

The bypolls were necessitated after the BJP MLAs of Sonari, Rangapara and Ratabari and the Congress legislator from Jania were elected to the Lok Sabha.

On Thursday, the BJP's Bijoy Malakar won from Ratabari by 24,001 votes, Rajen Borthakur from Rangapara with a margin of 49,599 votes, and Nabanita Handique from Sonari by 15,430 votes. Rafiqul Islam of AIUDF

won from Jania with a margin of 35,141 votes. The BIP's victory comes at a time when the party's insistence on bringing the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill has triggered protests in the Northeast, including in Assam. The bypolls were also the first electoral process after the publication of the NRC.

In Meghalaya, Balajied Kupar Synrem of the United Democratic Party (UDP) won from Shella. The bypoll was necessitated by the death of Assembly Speaker and Synrem's father Donkupar Roy. The UDP is part of the ruling coalition in Meghalaya, of which the BIP is also a part.

In Arunachal Pradesh, Independent candidate Chakat Aboh won from Khonsa West Chakat's husband and sitting MLA Tirong Aboh was killed along with ten others by suspected militants during the state and general elections on May 21.

his security deposit. PTI





# Dilli ki Diwali

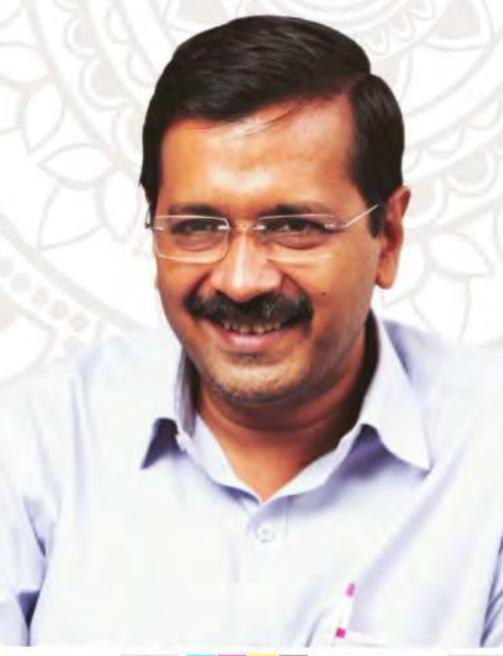
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# 22 THE WORLD



### SAUDI ARABIA PRINCE FAISAL NAMED FOREIGN MINISTER

Saudi Arabia appointed a prince with diplomatic experience in Western capitals as foreign minister in a partial Cabinet reshuffle as the kingdom tries to mend its image and prepares to take over the Group of 20 presidency. Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud had served for several months as envoy to Germany and earlier as political adviser at the Washington embassy.

UK police: 39 found

Chinese nationals

# TOPOFTHE WORLD



**Jane Buckingham** outside a court in **Boston.** Reuters

### **USA**

### Parenting book author gets jail in admissions scam

Boston: A marketing executive who authored a parenting advice book was sentenced on Wednesday to three weeks in prison for taking part in a vast US college admissions cheating and fraud scheme in order to help her son gain an unfair advantage. Jane Buckingham, 51, received less than the six-month prison term federal prosecutors in Boston sought after she admitted to paying \$50,000 to have a corrupt test proctor secretly take the ACT college entrance exam on her son's behalf. Buckingham is the author of The Modern Girl's Guide to Motherhood.

### **PAKISTAN**

### Filmmaker says he was raped, stirs MeToo debate

Islamabad: Acclaimed filmmaker Pakistani Jamshed Mahmood Raza added new momentum to the country's #MeToo movement after airing allegations that he was raped by an unnamed media tycoon. The director tweeted about the alleged assault that happened 13 years ago. "Why im so strongly supporting #metoo? cuz i know exactly how it happens now, inside a room then outside courts inside courts and how a survivor hides confides cuz i was brutally raped by a very powerful person in our media world, (sic)" he posted.

### **HONG KONG**

### Businessman pays nearly \$1 mn for parking spot

Hong Kong: Hong Kong might be heading for recession after months of violent protests but that hasn't stopped one businessman from forking out almost \$1 million for a parking spot. The sum paid by Johnny Cheung Shun-yee highlights the inequality that has helped fuel nearly five months of protests in the financial hub, where one in five people live below the poverty line. The HK\$7.6 million(\$970,000) price tag is over 30 times the average annual wage in Hong Kong and about the same as a one-bed apartment in London's Chelsea area.

# dead in truck are

### SPAIN EXHUMES FRANCO'S REMAINS

Franco's relatives carry his coffin out of the Basilica of the Valley of the Fallen in San Lorenzo de El Escorial, Spain, Thursday. Reuters

■ Spain has exhumed the remains of dictator General Francisco Franco from his grandiose mausoleum outside Madrid and flown them by helicopter for reburial in a small family crypt north of the capital.

■ Many in Spain considered the mausoleum that Franco built an affront to the thousands who died in Spain's Civil War and his subsequent regime as well as to Spain's standing as a modern democracy.

■ Spain PM Pedro Sánchez said the move "puts an end to a moral affront that is the exaltation of dictator in a public place". The body was taken by helicopter to Mingorrubio cemetery where his wife is buried.

# UK PM calls for Dec 12 election in bid to break Brexit deadlock

KATE HOLTON & **ELIZABETH PIPER** LONDON OCTOBER 24

PRIME MINISTER Boris Johnson called on Thursday for a general election on December 12 to break Britain's Brexit impasse, a goal the leader has sought but so far failed to push through Parliament.

Johnson said in a letter to opposition Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn he would hand Parliament more time to approve his Brexit deal but MPs must back a December election, the PM's third attempt to try to force a snap poll. Just a week before Britain

was due to leave the European Union, the bloc looked set to grant Johnson a Brexit delay, something he has repeatedly said he does not want but was forced to request by the country's divided Parliament.

An election is seen by his team as the only way of breaking the deadlock over Brexit after Parliament voted in favour of EXPLAINED THE OPPOSITION Labour party has made clear that it would only

### Boris's third bid for snap polls has a better chance than the last 2

back an election after a no-deal Brexit is ruled out. Johnson's last two attempts to hold snap elections were voted down by MPs at a time when it was not even clear if he would be able to agree to a Brexit deal with the EU. But Johnson now has his deal and MPs gave it their approval in principle. If, as expected, the EU gives the UK a long Brexit extension, that gives Parliament time to properly scrutinise the deal. This still does not rule out a no-deal Brexit, but opinion polls show voters are losing patience with Labour shying away from elections, and this could force the opposition's hand.

his deal, but then, just minutes later, rejected his preferred timetable which would have met his October 31 deadline.

But he has twice failed to win the votes in Parliament for an election, where he needs the support of two-thirds of MPs. Labour has said it will only back an election when it is sure he cannot lead UK out of the EU without a deal.

"We will make available all possible time between now and 6 November for the (Withdrawal Agreement Bill) to be discussed and voted through... this means we could get Brexit done before the election on 12 December,' Johnson wrote in a letter to Corbyn. **REUTERS** 

# Pak dismisses prosecution team in treason case against Musharraf

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** ISLAMABAD, OCTOBER 24

THE PAKISTAN government on Thursday abruptly dismissed the prosecution team in the treason case against former military ruler Pervez Musharraf, prompting the court to express its displeasure, according to a media report.

The prosecution team was hired in November 2013, during the tenure of PML-N leader Nawaz Sharif.

A special court, which was hearing the treason case against the ailing 76-year-old former president, adjourned the session without any proceedings on Thursday and was informed that the government has dismissed the prosecution team, the Express Tribune reported.



The three-judge special tribunal led by Justice Wagar Ahmed Seth was also informed that the government lawyer provided to Musharraf was unwell and was unable to attend the previous hearings, the report said.

Justice Seth asked prosecutor Tarig Hassan if he received any notification regarding the dismissal, to which he replied in negative.

"Can the prosecution team be dismissed in this manner?" asked Justice Seth.

### Sharif diagnosed with acute immune disorder

Lahore: Pakistan's jailed former PM Nawaz Sharif has been diagnosed with acute immune thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP), an immune disorder which leads to an abrupt and sharp drop in blood platelets, according to a medical board treating

him said on Thursday. The 69-year-old was rushed to the Services Hospital here from the National Accountability Bureau's Lahore office late on Monday night after a massive drop in his platelet count. Sharif's condition is improving as his platelets count increased to 20,000 from 7,000, doctors treating him said. PTI

### its soldiers **BASSEM MROUE** BEIRUT, OCTOBER 24

TURKISH FORCES and their allies attacked Syrian government troops in northeastern Syria on Thursday, killing some of them, and they also clashed with Kurdish-led fighters, the state news agency in Damascus and a war monitoring group said.

While all sides in the conflict have said they are abiding by a ceasefire as they implement a Russian-Turkish agreement that divides up the border region, frictions could undermine the effort for a resolution on the border, which US forces were abruptly ordered to leave earlier this month.

Syrian forces, Russian military advisers and military police are being deployed in a zone 30 km deep along much of the northeastern border, under an agreement reached Tuesday by Russia and Turkey. AP

## Syria alleges Turkey-led forces attacked

Syria's state-run SANA news agency said Turkish troops and its allied fighters attacked Syrian army positions outside the town of Tal Tamr. Separately, Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces said three of its fighters were killed in fighting with Turkish-backed forces.

#### nation to identify the victim and establish the cause of death, a In the 2000 case, men and women suffocated in sweltering "Our work continues today, heat after the truck's refrigeraand for the foreseeable future, to tion system was turned off and be focused on providing the vica vent closed. Amazingly, two tims and their loved ones with men survived the ordeal. A an investigation that is filled Dutch driver was eventually senwith dignity, compassion and retenced to 14 years in prison for spect for those who have died," his involvement.

truck on the industrial estate. AP

The driver of the truck found on Wednesday, a 25-year-old man from Northern Ireland, was arrested on suspicion of murder.

Information about him began to emerge on Thursday, when he was identified by elected officials and the British news media as Morris Robinson, who also went by the name Mo. A member of the Northern Ireland assembly, Paul Berry

Floral tributes at the Waterglade Industrial Park in Thurrock

Essex, on Thursday, a day after 39 bodies were found inside a

on Thursday and said he had spoken with the family shortly after the arrest. "Something like this which has been thrust upon them at this stage is obviously very devastating for them," Berry said, describ

ing the Robinsons as "very well re-

confirmed the driver's identity

spected" and "a lovely family." But he also added that the thoughts of those in the community were focused on "the families of the 39 victims who have

tragically lost their lives." NYT

# Madrasa head among 16 sentenced to death for Bangla teen's killing

**ANISUR RAHMAN** 

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& ELIAN PELTIER

LONDON, OCTOBER 24

gone tragically wrong.

THE 39 people found dead in a re-

frigerated truck trailer in southeastern England were believed to

be Chinese citizens, the police said on Thursday, shedding new

light on what appeared to be the latest case of human trafficking

Eight of the dead are women

and 31 are men, according to a

statement from Essex Police.

They said that each body would

undergo a full coroner's exami-

process that would take time.

The tragedy bears striking sim-

ilarities to a case in 2000 in which

58 Chinese migrants were found

dead, also in a refrigerated truck,

in Dover, Britain's busiest port.

Then as now, the container had

been shipped across the English

Channel from Zeebrugge, Belgium.

the statement said.

DHAKA, OCTOBER 24

SIXTEEN PEOPLE, including the head of a madrasa, were sentenced to death by a Bangladeshi court on Thursday for burning alive an 18-year-old woman student for refusing to withdraw a sexual harassment complaint. The murder took place in

April when a group of people poured kerosene over Nusrat Iahan Rafi and set her on fire on the roof of the madrasa in southeastern Feni, some 162 kilometres from Dhaka.

"They (the convicts) will be hanged by the neck until their death," Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal Judge Mamunur Rashid pronounced the judgement.

The incident had sparked na-



The accused inside a prison van after they were given death sentences in a murder case in Feni, Bangladesh. Reuters

tionwide public outrage and mass demonstrations across Bangladesh with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina ordering expedited investigation in the quickest possible time. She also met Rafi's family and vowed to bring the killers to justice.

Police earlier said their investigation revealed the mardrasa's principal Siraj Ud Doula, who was already in jail on sexual harassment charges, ordered his cohorts to kill Rafi if she refused to withdraw the allegation she had made against him. **PTI** 

# China-Afghan-Pak diplomacy takes cricket route

**SOWMIYA ASHOK** 

BEIJING, OCTOBER 24

A MONTH after the foreign ministers of China, Pakistan and Afghanistan mooted the idea of a friendly game of cricket, a group of young cricketers from Pakistan and Afghanistan landed in Beijing last week to ride on a high-speed train to play cricket in a middle school in Jinan in China's eastern province of Shandong.

The 'China-Afghanistan-Pakistan Youth Cricket Friendship Games' organised October 16-24

was the follow-up to the third session of China-Afghanistan-Pakistan Foreign Ministers' Dialogue last month. It was in Islamabad on September 7 that Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi along with his Afghan and and Chinese counterparts, Salahuddin Rabbani and Wang Yi, "welcomed plans to hold a trilateral friendly cricket tournament" in China.

According to local media reports in Shandong, the match was held "to promote friendly exchanges, solidarity and mutual trust" and "to promote the construction of the 'Belt and Road' and enhance the friendship between the three countries". A report in Pakistan's BaaghiTV quoted the team's coach saying the Under-16 players were all-rounders and were in China to "introduce cricket to Chinese youth", given Pakistan and China's friendly relations. A team of 20 youngsters from various schools in Kabul made up the Afghanistan team.

The friendly matches saw mixed teams of China-Afghanistan face off with China-Pakistan. On October 20, the former beat the latter by six

wickets, noted local reports. A report in Pakistani media said that the teams were mixed to "give Chinese cricketers muchneeded exposure" by playing with international teams.

The match was hosted by the Asian Department of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the General Administration of Sports, along with the Shandong Provincial Sports Bureau.

On Thursday, the closing ceremony of the games, co-organised by Tsinghua University, was held in Beijing.

### RISING SUBWAY FARES AND TAX ON WHATSAPP CALLS AMONG GRIEVANCES THAT SPARKED MAJOR UPROAR

# From Chile to Lebanon, protests flare as wallet stress turns into massive unrest

**DECLAN WALSH & MAX FISHER** LONDON, OCTOBER 24

IN CHILE, the spark was an increase in subway fares. In Lebanon, it was a tax on WhatsApp calls. The government of Saudi Arabia moved against hookah pipes.

Small pocketbook items became the focus of popular fury across the globe in recent weeks, as frustrated citizens filled the streets for unexpected protests that tapped into a wellspring of bubbling frustration at a class of political elites seen as irredeemably corrupt and hopelessly unjust or both. They followed mass demonstrations in

Bolivia, Spain, Irag and Russia and before that the Czech Republic, Algeria, Sudan and Kazakhstan in what has been a steady drumbeat of unrest over the past few months.

At first glance, many of the demonstrations were linked by little more than tactics. Weeks of unremitting civil disobedience in Hong Kong set the template for a confrontational approach driven by vastly different economic or political demands.

Yet in many of the restive countries, experts discern a pattern: a louder-than-usual howl against elites in countries where democracy is a source of disappointment, corruption is seen as brazen, and a tiny political class lives large while the younger generation struggles to get by.

"It's young people who have had enough," said Ali Soufan, chief executive of The Soufan Group, a security intelligence consultancy. "This new generation are not buying into what they see as the corrupt order of the political and economic elite in their own countries. They want a change."

Few were as surprised as the leaders of those countries.

On Thursday, President Sebastián Piñera of Chile boasted that his country was an oasis of stability in Latin America. "We are ready to do everything to not fall into populism, into demagoguery," he said in an interview published in *The Financial Times*.

stations and looted supermarkets The next day, protesters attacked factories, torched subway



in Chile's worst upheaval in decades, eventually forcing Piñera to deploy troops to the streets. By Wednesday, at least 15 people

were dead, and a rattled Piñera had spoken of "war against a powerful and implacable enemy." In Lebanon, Prime Minister

Saad al-Hariri survived recent em-

barrassing revelations about a \$16 have hollowed out the middle million gift to a bikini model whom he metata luxury resort in Seychelles in 2013, a move that, for some critics, epitomized Lebanon's ruling class. Then last week he announced the tax on WhatsApp calls, setting off a revolt.

Decades of discontent over inequality, stagnation and corruption erupted into the open, drawing as much as a quarter of the country into euphoric anti-government demonstrations driven by chants of "Revolution!"

With one of the highest levels of public debt and intractably low employment, Lebanon seems incapable of providing basic public services like electricity, clean drinking water or reliable internet service. Austerity measures class, while the richest 0.1% of the population — which includes many politicians – earns a tenth of the country's national income, much of it, critics said, from plundering the country's resources. On Monday, Hariri scrapped

the planned tax, announcing a hasty reform package to rescue the country's sclerotic economy and pledging to recover public trust.

Although the recent scattering of mass protests appears dramatic, scholars said it is a continuation of a rising trend. For decades, societies across the world have become far likelier to pursue sweeping political change by taking to the streets.

a Harvard political scientist. In the mid-2000s, that trend reversed. Success rates now stand at 30%, the study said, a decline Chenoweth called "staggering." These two trends are closely

plunging. Only 20 years ago, 70%

of protests demanding systemic

political change achieved it — a fig-

ure that had been growing

steadily since the 1950s, accord-

ing to a study by Erica Chenoweth,

linked. As protests become more frequent but likelier to flounder, they stretch on and on, becoming more contentious, more visible – and more apt to return to the streets when their demands go unmet. The result may be a world where popular uprisings lose their prominence, becoming simply

But as protest movements grow, their success rates are part of the landscape. **NYT** 

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### SECTOR WATCH

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS** 

# Already under financial stress, order to further erode bottomlines of telcos

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 24

TELECOM COMPANIES, already reeling under intense tariff war and indebtedness, were dealt a major blow Thursday as the Supreme Court upheld the Department of Telecommunications' (DoT) definition of adjusted gross revenue(AGR)—a long standing dispute between the Centre and the sector players. Telecom firms will be required to include non-core income for calculation of AGR, requiring them to pay the government as much as Rs 92,641 crore extra, including disputed demand, interest and penalty.

Telecom players, including Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea, said the court order could have damaging implications for the sector, weakening its viability as a whole.

"Clearly this judgment has significantly damaging implications for India's telecom industry, which is already reeling under huge financial stress and is left with only four operators. Significant investment of several billion dollars has

been made in creating world class networks. Today's order has huge impact on two private operators while most of the other impacted operators have exited the sector.

We urgently request that the government engage on this matter in order to find ways to mitigate the financial stress for the industry," Vodafone Idea said in a statement.

EXPLAINED

It further said the matter has already been through several rounds of litigation, which have been largely in favour of the operators until now. "We will study the ruling as soon as it is available, along with our legal advisers, to determine next steps. If there are technical or procedural grounds for doing so, this could include a Review Application," it added.

Expressing disappointment on the order, Bharti Airtel, in a statement, said, "This decision has come at a time when the sector is facing severe financial stress and may further weaken the viability of the sector as a whole. Of the 15 old operators impacted by the order, only two private sector operators remain in service today. The Government must review the impact of this decision and find suitable ways to mitigate the financial burden on the already stressed industry."

Vodafone and Idea Cellular have merged, while Reliance Communications, Aircel, Telenor India, Videocon Communications, and Loop Telecom have closed business.

Shares of Vodafone Idea crashed 26.5 per cent to end at its lowest level at Rs 4.10 at the NSE. Shares of Bharti Airtel fell over 13 per cent intraday, before closing 3 per cent higher at Rs 371. Any further deterio-

Telecom players, including Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea, said the SC order could have damaging implications for the sector

ration in financial conditions of telecom companies could also adversely impact banks which have lent over Rs 1 lakh crore to the sector.

Shares of most banks also fell up to 6 per cent reacting to the Supreme Court order, with State Bank of India falling over 10 per cent intraday.

Telecom operators are required to pay licence fee and spectrum charges in the form of 'revenue share' to the Centre. The revenue amount used to calculate this revenue share is termed as the AGR.

According to the DoT, the calculations should incorporate all revenues earned by a telecom company – including from non-telecom sources such as deposit interests and sale of assets. The companies,

> however, have been of the view that AGR should comprise the revenues generated from telecom services only and nontelecom revenues should be kept out of it.

The slugfest between DoT and the telecom companies has been on since 2005, when the Cellular Operators Association of India — the lobby group for players such as Airtel and Vodafone Idea challenged the DoT's definition for AGR calculation.

Subsequently, in 2015, the **Telecom Disputes Settlement** and Appellate Tribunal (TD-SAT) ruled that the AGR included all receipts, except capital receipts and revenue from non-core sources such as rent, profit on the sale of fixed assets, dividend, interest and miscellaneous income, etc.

The government, meanwhile, continued to raise the issue of under-reporting of revenues. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), in a recent report, blamed the telecom firms for "understating revenues" to the tune of Rs 61,064.5 crore.

The latest petition by the DoT was being heard in the Supreme Court, wherein the DoT sought interest, penalty and interest on penalty on the outstanding amount. These amounted to Rs 92,641 crore (disputed actual demand is Rs 23,189 crore, levy of Interest of Rs 41,650 crore, penalty of Rs 10,923 crore and interest on penalty of Rs16,878 crore)

All the appeals against the TDSAT order dated April 23, 2015, alongside multiple appeals and verdicts by the DoT and the industry, were heard before the apex court Bench of Justice Arun Mishra, Justice S Abdul and Justice MR Shah.

### THREE-JUDGE BENCH TO FIX TIMELINE FOR PAYING AMOUNT

# SC upholds DoT definition of AGR; telcos to pay govt over ₹92K crore

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI. OCTOBER 24

PAVING THE way for the Centre to recover dues of over a whopping Rs 92,000 crore from telecom service providers (TSPs) in the form of adjusted gross revenue (AGR), the Supreme Court Thursday allowed an appeal filed by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and upheld its definition on what constitutes AGR as provided in clause 19.1 of the telecom licence agreement between the service providers and the government.

A bench of Justices Arun Mishra, MR Shah and S Abdul Nazeer said it will fix the timeline within which the companies will have to pay the amount and that it will also ensure that the matter is not caught in further litigation.

"In our considered opinion, 'gross revenue' is the revenue has been held in 2011 judgment finding is binding on parties for determination of license fees under the licence agreement", the bench said, adding "what is the meaning of the definition of gross revenue has been finally settled inter parties" in a 2011 judgment of the SC.

The top court was critical of the TSPs in raising the challenge

### WHAT IS ADJUSTED GROSS REVENUE

■ Telecom operators are required to pay licence fee and spectrum charges in the form of 'revenue share' to the government

to AGR despite the same having been settled in 2011.

"When we ponder on the definition of 'gross revenue' in clause 19.1 of the licence agreement, it is apparent that the gross revenue has to be taken into consideration without any set-off for related items of expense. Thus, the gross amount, as per the definition, is the gross revenue, without set-off, is to be taken into consideration including the discounts given. Parties understood right from the beginning that the gross revenue does not exclude discounts, commissions, rebate etc. and specific challenge made to the same had not been accepted in 2011. Now once again by the circuitous method, impermissible attempt has been made to rewrite the definition of gross revenue". the bench said.

The SC also termed as "highly unfair", the "conduct" of the TSPs even after they "benefited" from

■ The revenue amount used to calculate this revenue share is termed as the adjusted gross revenue,

or AGR

the scheme of a fixed licence fee under the National Telecom Policy of 1994 to revenue sharing under the revised telecompolicy of 1999.

The order read, "Further, the conduct of the licensees has also to be considered in the backdrop of the fact that the regime of revenue sharing was extremely beneficial than the previous regime of the fixed licence fee, and they have tremendously benefited by it as is apparent from the statistics of the revenue earned by the licensees under the revenue sharing regime. When Government has parted with the privilege as to revenue on sharing basis under the license, and an agreement entered into, it ought to have been precisely followed. The conduct of the licensees was highly unfair, and anyhow and somehow, they had attempted to delay the payment."

The question of AGR had been a point of dispute from 2003 with the Telecom Disputes Settlement

and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT) ruling that some of the heads of revenue would not fall under it.

However. the SC said that it had in the 2011 judgement ruled that TDSAT does not have the jurisdiction to exclude certain items of revenue, which were included in the definition of AGR from its purview. "TRAI and Tribunal had no jurisdiction to decide on the validity of the definition AGR in the licence agreement", it said.

quested the court not to fix a deadline for payment of dues saying they will have to calculate the dues in terms of the judgment. Appearing for DoT, Solicitor

On Thursday, the TSPs re-

General Tushar Mehta, however, urged the court to fix a deadline saying if not "they will now challenge the calculation".

In July, the Centre had told the apex court that TSP's like Bharti Airtel, Vodafone, MTNL and BSNL had pending licence fee of over Rs 92,600 crore. In an affidavit filed in the SC, DoT said that as per calculations, Airtel owed Rs 21,682.13 crore as licence fee to the government while Vodafone owed Rs 19,823.71 crore and Reliance Communications had to pay Rs 16,456.47 crore. BSNL owed Rs 2,098.72 crore, while MTNLowed Rs 2,537.48 crore, it added.

### **WORLD BANK RANKINGS**

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# **Ease of Doing Business:** India rises 14 places to 63rd; FM says will aim for top 50 by next year

\$60.16

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 24

INDIA HAS risen 14 notches to be ranked the 63rd best country to do business, on the back of "sustained business reforms", a study released by the World Bank Thursday showed. The improved ranking comes on the back of reforms that have made it easier to conduct business specifically in two cities in the country, i.e. Delhi and Mumbai, the study shows.

India is also among the top 10 improvers for the third year in a row. Pakistan, which improved its rank by 28 spaces to place 108 on the index, is also among the top 10 improvers. "Given the size of India's economy, these reform efforts are particularly commendable," the report said.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sithraman said, "We've been impressing upon with the World Bank that having just two cities Delhi and Mumbai may not be adequately representative and I'm very glad that from this coming year, Kolkata and also Bengaluru will be added to the list of cities surveyed." She also said the Centre would take "all efforts" to reach the top 50 ranks by next year. Given that India only im-

proved by one rank in the ease of starting a business, the FM said she would want to "consciously make sure that the department of industry together with us and all others concerned will make enough effort to improve on that scale as much as we've done on resolving insolvency." On GST simplification with

regard to "paying taxes", Sitharaman said that GST is an ongoing process and the government wants to make sure that all steps are taken to simplify compliance. The World Bank's Doing Business 2020 study ranks 190

countries on the freedom they provide to conduct business by measuring aspects of business regulation that affect small domestic firms located in their largest business cities. India is among the 11 economies for which a second city is covered.

The country, which was ranked 77 last year, has shown the most improvement in four

It is a huge achievement... Our objective is to reach the top 50 and reach the top 25 in the next three years of time"

**AMITABH KANT** CEO, NITI AAYOG

It's a testament to the Modi government's extensive and wide-ranging reforms that India has climbed to 63rd in the World Bank's 2020 Ease of Doing **Business Index**"

**NISHA DESAI BISWAL** PRESIDENT, US-INDIA

out of 10 parameters this year starting a business, dealing with

**BUSINESS COUNCIL** 

construction permits, trading across borders and resolving insolvency. India has made it easier to start a business in Delhi and

Mumbai by abolishing filing fees for the SPICe company incorporation form, electronic memorandum of association, and articles of association. It has also reduced the time and cost of obtaining construction permits and improved building quality control by strengthening professional certification requirements in Delhi. In Mumbai, the process of obtaining a construction permit has become faster and less expensive.

Delhi and Mumbai have helped India achieve a high rank in factors like the ease with which businesses can get electricity. However, the two cities are serviced by private electricity distribution companies that are expected to operate more efficiently than state-run discoms that operate in most other cities in the country.

### 'PE investments in Jul-Sept up despite sluggish deal sentiments'

Notwithstanding global and domestic economic uncertainties, private equity (PE) funds recorded an all time-high investment of \$9.4 billion in the third quarter this calendar year, Grant Thornton said in its quarterly PE Dealtracker

211 PE deals recorded in July-September quarter this year, worth \$9.613 billion

216 Number of PE deals recorded in July-September quarter last

year, worth

\$5.202 billion

### \$7.9 BILLION

Worth of PE investment recorded in first quarter of calendar year

**21** Number of high-value investments of \$100 million and above each, contributing to 79 per cent of total PE investment values

**1.6X** Year-on-year rise in PE investment values for January-September period

4% Year-on-year fall in PE deal volumes for January-September period

\$24,302 MILLION

Worth of 595 PE deals recorded in the first nine months of this year

### \$14,961 MILLION

Worth of 622 PE deals recorded in the first nine months of last year

86% Share of startup, ecommerce, IT & ITeS, BSFI and pharma sectors in total PE deal volumes in July-September quarter

infrastructure, banking and real estate sectors in total PE deal values in July-September quarter

\$3.7 BILLION

**60%** Share of telecom,

Worth of biggest PE deal ever in India, i.e. Brookfield's investment in RIL's telecom tower assets

### SEBI SEEKS MORE DETAILS; US LAW FIRM FILES CLASS ACTION SUIT TO RECOVER DAMAGES FOR INVESTORS

# US SEC initiates probe into Infosys whistleblower complaints

Infosys said it is aware of the securities class

action lawsuit that has been filed against it in

**GEORGE MATHEW** MUMBAI, OCTOBER 24

US MARKET regulator Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has initiated an investigation into the anonymous whistleblowers' allegations of unethical practices to fudge numbers and governance lapses at the top management of tech firm Infosys.

Simultaneously, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), which has begun a probe into the allegations, has sought additional information from the company concerning the anonymous complaints against CEO Salil Parekh and CFO Nilanjan Roy.

"The company has been in touch with the US SEC regarding the anonymous whistleblower complaints and has learnt that the SEC has initiated an investigation into this matter," Infosys said in an

exchange filing, adding that "the company will cooperate with the SEC's investigation."

Infosys' shares are listed on US' Nasdag stock market. "The company will provide the information as per SEBI's request," it said. Meanwhile, Rosen Law Firm,

a global investor rights law firm, has filed a class action lawsuit on behalf of purchasers of the securities of Infosys from July 7,2018 and October 20, 2019. "The lawsuit seeks to recover damages for Infosys investors under the federal securities laws," the firm said in a statement.

In a class action lawsuit, a group of people with the same or similar injuries or damages caused by the same product or action sue the defendant as a group.

Infosys said it is aware of the securities class action lawsuit that has been filed against it in federal court in the US based on the gen-

federal court in the US by Rosen Law Firm

eralised allegations in the anonymous complaints. "The company intends to defend itself vigorously in such a lawsuit," it said.

Sebi and the stock exchanges have started looking into alleged non-disclosure of price-sensitive information by the Infosys management, in the wake of serious allegations levelled by whistleblowers. The regulator is also understood to be examining possible insider trading in the company's shares. It also sought details about the delay in disclosure of key information by Infosys.

Defending the delay of almost three weeks in disclosing details about the complaints to the ex-

changes, Infosys said, "As disclosed in the company's stock exchange filings made on October 22, the anonymous whistleblower complaints have been placed before the audit committee which has retained the law firm of Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co to conduct an independent investigation. Before conclusion of the investigation of the generalized allegations in the complaints, a disclosure under Regulation 30 of LODR Regulations was not required."

"Consistent with the company's practice and whistleblower policy, complaints are presented to the audit committee of the

board and thoroughly reviewed and appropriately dealt with. While dealing with these complaints, the company evaluates the requirements of various regulations including disclosures under Regulation 30 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, as amended.

"The disclosure made on October 22 was to respond to multiple media inquiries and reports. The company undertakes to continue making timely disclosures as required under Regulation 30 of LODR Regulations," it said. Infosys' shares had fallen 16.2 per cent, erasing over Rs 50,000 crore of market capitalisation, when the firm told bourses about the complaints on October 22.

According to the lawsuit filed by Rosen law Firm, defendants throughout the Class Period made false and/or misleading statements and/or failed to disclose that the company improperly

recognised revenues to inflate short-term profits and the company's CEO Salil Parekh bypassed reviews and approvals for large deals to avoid accounting scrutiny

The management pressured Infosys' finance team to hide information from auditors and the company's board of directors and as a result, defendants' statements about its business, operations, and prospects, were materially false and misleading and/or lacked a reasonable basis at all relevant times, a statement by the firm said. "When the true details entered the market, the lawsuit claims that investors suffered damages," Rosen Law Firm said.

Infosys' American depository receipts (ADRs) had fallen over 12 per cent on the Nasdaq on October 22, leading to huge losses for investors. On Thursday, its shares fell another 2.36 per cent to end at Rs 635.40 on the BSE.

# September quarter: Maruti net falls 39%; to take steps to limit expenditures

Amid fall in revenues and profits, automaker creates groups across departments to focus on steps on cost reduction

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 24

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** 

IN LINE with the sharp decline in auto sales during the quarter, Maruti Suzuki India on Thursday announced a 39 per cent dip in profit in the quarter ended September 30, 2019, as the firm's sales fell 24 per cent to Rs 16,985 crore from Rs 22,433 crore in the same quarter last year. As the revenues and profits fell, the automaker has taken steps to cut down on both discretionary and fixed expenditures and has created several groups across departments to fo-

"We have been working on cutting down on expenditures — discretionary, fixed and variable cost. We have created groups across departments that are focussing on cost reduction"

**AJAY SETH** 

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, MARUTI SUZUKI INDIA LTD

On Thursday, Maruti declared a net profit of Rs 1,358 crore for the quarter ended September 2019, down 39.4 per cent from Rs 2,240 crore in the corresponding quarter last year, despite lower tax outgo, as the government reduced the corporate tax rate from 30 per cent to 22 per cent (exclusive of cess and surcharge).

The company said that its ef-

fective tax rate has come down from around 28 per cent to 23 per cent, on account of the cut in corporate tax rates. "We have been working on

cutting down on expenditures – discretionary, fixed and variable cost. We have created groups across departments that are focussing on cost reduction," said Ajay Seth, chief financial officer, Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. In September, the company

had reported a 27 per cent drop in domestic sales of passenger vehicles (PV). The company's domestic PV sales have been declining for the last eight months.

Maruti said Thursday that in the previous quarter ended September 2019, its sales dropped 30.2 per cent to 338,317 vehicles from the corresponding quarter last year. It, however, forecast that the sales would be flat this month year-on-year.

in retail sales and wholesale ... but

that does not mean we are out of

the woods," said RC Bhargava,

chairman. Maruti Suzuki India. While the company main-

tained the its Navratri sales this year has been at par with that seen last year, October will be crucial for the industry as it remains to be seen if the festive season leads to some revival in year-on-year sales growth. With the country's car manufacturers facing slowdown in sales, Maruti had cut production in August and September to cope with the slowdown, and in August cut the number of its tem-

"October should be okay for us Shares of the New Delhi-based company settled down over half a per cent on Thursday, compared with the broader Mumbai mar-

porary workers.

ket, which closed 0.19 per cent

down. What started as a problem of funding and liquidity squeeze for the industry and its consumers in July-August last year has become more of a sentiment issue over the last few months, as individuals have been looking to postpone their purchases and cut down on consumption expenditure.

With the GDP growth rate hitting levels of 5 per cent for the first guarter ended June this year and wage growth not keeping pace with expectations, economists and market experts say that people are looking to defer their large

### Maruti defers EV launch, citing lack of subsidy, infrastructure New Delhi: Even as the comther trials in 2020, he said, "I

pany had earlier announced that its first electric vehicle will come in the market in 2020, Maruti Suzuki India chairman RC Bhargava on Thursday clarified that the company's Wagon R electric will not be available for public use in 2020 and said that "they are not at a stage where they can be sold commercially to individuals".

Stating that Wagon R electric will be ready for fur-

can launch it for public use, if I can see people will buy. Somebody won't buy the car without any infrastructure and at a pretty high price because there is no support of any kind".

Bhargava added that the

government's own priority

has changed substantially over the last 18-24 months. "Today there is higher priority to electrify two-wheelers," he said. **ENS** 

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# Fitch slashes India's growth outlook to 6-year low of 5.5%

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAI, OCTOBER 24

FITCH RATINGS has slashed India's GDP growth forecast to a to a six-year low of 5.5 per cent in the current fiscal as "economy is being held back by a large squeeze in credit availability emanating from non-bank financial companies (NBFCs)".

"We expect economic growth to be 5.5 per cent in 2019-2020, before picking up to 6.2 per cent in 2020-2021 and 6.7 per cent in 2021-2022. Nevertheless, growth is likely to significantly below its potential over the next year or so," Fitch said in a report.

While an array of factors have contributed to the Indian slowdown, including a downturn in world trade, Fitch said the severe credit squeeze has taken a heavy toll. NBFCs have faced a severe tightening of funding conditions over the past year and a half. "They have in turn sharply reduced the supply of credit to the commercial sector. The auto and real estate sectors have been particularly hit by NBFC credit rationing," it said. Data from the Reserve Bank

of India (RBI) shows that the

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flow of new lending from nonbank sources was down 60 per cent year on year between April and September.

Assuming the sluggish pace of lending is maintained throughout the year, total new lending will amount to only 6.6 per cent of GDP in the fiscal year 2019-2020, down from 9.5 per cent in the previous fiscal year, Fitch said.

The economy decelerated for the fifth consecutive quarter in Q2, with GDP expanding by a meagre 5 per cent, down from 8 per cent recorded a year earlier. "This is the lowest growth outturn since 2013. Weakness has been fairly broad-based, with both domestic spending and external demand losing momentum," it said.

In contrast, banks' lending has held up well in recent months, mitigating some of the overall credit supply shortfall. However, bank lending could not prevent a sizeable credit crunch in the first half of 2019,

Fitch said the success of the inflation-targeting framework adopted by the RBI in 2016 in reducing inflation has been associated with sharply rising real lending interest rates since mid-2018. While the RBI has been able to lower interest rates, policy rate cuts have not been fully passed through to new rupee loans. As a result, inflation-adjusted (real) borrowing costs have increased, weighing on

The lack of monetary policy transmission in India derives from the combination of high public-sponsored deposit rates against a backdrop of stretched banks' balance sheets.

credit demand, it said.

Indeed, competition from public schemes, which offer more attractive deposit rates to customers, have made banks reluctant to cut deposit rates. Banks have maintained elevated lending rates to preserve their margins amid high funding costs.

# **TOTAL INCOME RISES 31% IN Q2FY20**

# IndiGo posts ₹1,062-cr loss on lease liabilities

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 24

INTERGLOBE AVIATION, which runs low-cost airline IndiGo, on Thursday reported higher-thanexpected losses of Rs 1,062 crore in the July-September period due to higher expenses.

The current losses were up 63 per cent year-on-year, compared to a Rs 651-crore loss in Q2FY19, when the airline was impacted by high fuel costs, rupee depreciation and intense competition leading to low fares.

Total expenses went up 27.6 per cent y-o-y to Rs 9,571 crore during Q2FY20, with a weaker rupee increasing the lease liabilities and re-assessment of future maintenance costs in a seasonally weak quarter.

The costs related to aircraft repair and maintenance nearly doubled to Rs 153 crore, while depreciation and amortisation costs grew more than fivefold to Rs 1,029 crore. Employee costs too increased 56 per cent y-o-y to Rs 1,206 crore as the airline in-

The current losses were up 63 per cent year-onyear, compared to a Rs 651-crore loss in Q2FY19, when the airline was impacted by high fuel costs and

ducted nearly 600 pilots and staff from the grounded Jet Airways. Aviation turbine fuel costs, meanwhile, were higher by 2.6 per cent, much lower than the 84 per cent y-o-y increase a

rupee depreciation

While operating revenues jumped 31 per cent y-o-y to Rs 8,105 crore, operating margins or the Ebitdar (earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, amortisation and rentals) was down 40 bps y-o-y to 3.2 per cent.

The airline's revenues were pushed up by better volumes it carried 15.4 per cent more domestic passengers in the

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September 2019 quarter — and better yields. The per passenger revenue stood at Rs 3.52/km in Q2FY20, up 9.4 per cent y-o-y.

According to the analysts, average domestic fares were up 7-8 per cent y-o-y during Q2FY20.

IndiGo, which had a fleet of 245 aircraft at the end of September 2019, added seven new domestic routes and six international destinations during Q2FY19. The airline has benefited

from closure of Jet as it received more than 40 slots at the busy Delhi and Mumbai airports. According to the directorate

general of civil aviation, domestic passenger traffic increased by 1.2 per cent y-o-y in September. The airline commanded a

domestic market share of 47.7 per cent during Q2FY20 as compared to 42.4 per cent a year ago. It had a total cash balance of

Rs 18,736 crore at the end of

September 30, while its total debt at 19,841 crore. IndiGo's shares closed

Thursday's session at Rs 1,666.35, up by 0.75 per cent, on the BSE. **FE** 

### CORPORATE RESULTS

### ITC net up 36% as tax expenses fall

Kolkata: Beating market expectations, ITC on Thursday reported a robust 36.16 per cent year-on-year jump in its standalone net profit to Rs 4,023.10 crore for the second quarter ended September 30, buoyed by 44.5 per cent y-o-y lower tax expenses. Apart from lower tax outgo on the back of corporate tax cuts, the diversified conglomerate got larger benefits in terms of a massive decrease in its total tax expenses in the September quarter this fiscal, due to 're-measured' de-

The cigarette-to-FMCG-tohotel major had posted Rs 2,954.67-crore net profit for the second quarter last fiscal. Its gross revenue from sales for the July-September period grew 5.9 per cent y-o-y at Rs 11,750.15 crore, which was below analysts' expectations.

The Kolkata-based conglomerate, in a media statement, said its deferred tax liabilities (net) as on March 31, 2019 and the estimate of tax expense for the year ending March 31, 2020 had been remeasured. FE

### IDFC First Bank loss at ₹680 cr

Mumbai: IDFC First Bank reported a loss of Rs 680 crore due to taking an one-time impact on deferred tax asset markdown as against Rs 617 crore in the quarter ago period. The profit before tax came at Rs 100 crore, as against a loss of Rs 583 crore in the year-ago period.

ferred tax liabilities.

"The key aspects this quarter are maiden profitability and strong growth in retail deposits and CASA addition of Rs 6,000 crore," its managing director and chief executive V Vaidyanathan said.

The bank, which has been formed with the merger of infra-focused IDFC Bank and the non-bank lender Capital First in January 2019, reduced its loan book by over Rs 5,000 crore to focus only on retail loans during the quarter, which now constitute 45 per cent of the book.

While the overall loan book has gone down, it is a more profitable growth as the retail loans are more profitable and has grown by Rs 3,400 crore last quarter, Vaidyanathan said. PTI

**BRIEFLY** 

Govt bans

import of

**PET flakes** 

New Delhi: The government

on Thursday banned import

of PET flakes made from

used PET bottles. "Import of

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# FM: Making efforts to resolve differences between ED & MCA

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 24

FINANCE AND Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday said the differences between the Corporate Affairs Ministry and the Enforcement Directorate (ED) over the attachment of properties of Bhushan Power & Steel (BPSL), which is under the insolvency resolution process, would be resolved soon. The ED has seized a portion

of BPSL's assets in a money laundering case against its former promoters.

While the Corporate Affairs Ministry has held that the ED can't initiate such action when BPSL is under the insolvency process, the ED feels it has the authority to do so under the Money Prevention of Laundering Act.

"On this matter, I had some discussions. I am conscious of the fact that ED does its duty and job, and when it comes to the question of attaching such properties of people who are being pursued under the PMLA, some of the company property is also getting attached," Sitharaman said. "I had a meeting with both revenue secretary and corporate affairs secretary. We are applying our mind on it. Let's see how we resolve it. We recognised that there is an issue," she told re-

While the ED is of the opinion that it can attach the property of **BPSL** under the **Prevention of Money** Laundering Act, the **Corporate Affairs** Ministry has been maintaining that ED can't do so as the company is under insolvency proceedings

porters here.

The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) has asked the ED to release the attached properties and directed the agency not to attach any further assets without its permis-

However, the appellate body also put the ₹19,700-crore payout by the JSW Steel to buy the debt-ridden company on hold until further orders.

Asked to comment on the government's decision on Wednesday to merge struggling state-run telecom firms BSNL and MTNL, the minister said, "We recognise the role that the BSNL and MTNL and the combined institution has to play in the country's telecommunication and connectivity". **FE** 

### ComMin meets exporters: Credit, **IGST refund** issues raised

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 24

EXPORTERS RAISED several issues such as credit and IGST refund at a meeting called by the commerce ministry on Thursday amid dip in the country's outbound

Exports contracted for the consecutive second month in September. The meeting was chaired by

Commerce Secretary Anup Wadhawan and was attended by export promotion councils. The Federation of Indian

Export Organisations said they flagged issues related to stoppage of filing of Merchandise Exports from India Scheme, problems being faced by exporters at credit front and list of risky exporters. "These issues are impacting

exports. We urged the government to take action on this," FIEO Director General Ajay Sahai said. Trade Promotion Council of

India Chairman Mohit Singla said India's export needs strategic thrust to come out of the plateaued growth.

### Draghi defends easy monetary policy legacy as ECB keeps money taps on PHROPEAN TENTENT BANK FRANCESCO CANEPA&

**BALAZS KORANYI** FRANKFURT, OCTOBER 24

EUROPEAN CENTRAL Bank President Mario Draghi defended his ultra-easy monetary policy stance on Thursday as his eightyear tenure at the bank closes in

exactly the same place he started:

trying to prop up a perpetually ailing currency bloc. With growth barely holding in positive territory and the outlook darkening, it was hardly the grand finale hoped for by Draghi, whose 2012 promise to do "whatever it takes" to save the euro — code for

rescuing heavily indebted coun-

tries — is credited with saving the

shared currency from collapse. With inflation languishing at less than half the ECB's target and little hope for a speedy rebound, Draghi even kept the door open to more stimulus, days before he hands the reins to new ECB chief

Christine Lagarde. Despite weak growth across the euro zone, Draghi insisted the benefits of loose money policy far outweighed the risks and rejected the suggestion that a public split

President of European Central Bank Mario Draghi (right) and Vice President Luis de Guindo after the former chaired his last policy meeting in Frankfurt on Thursday. AP bate and discussions."

with policy hawks in the bank had tainted his legacy. "I feel like someone who tried to comply with the mandate in the best possible way," Draghi, whose term has passed without a single interest rate hike, told a

news conference. "These disagreements are often made public and often they are not, so ... I have taken this as part and parcel of the ongoing de-

While acknowledging that

the bank was keeping a close watch out for any unintended consequences of ultra-low and negative interest rates, he added that they had clearly stimulated the economy through higher lending and helped boost employment. "For us it has been a very positive experience," he said. **REUTERS** 

### 'Never give up': Draghi tells Lagarde as he leaves ECB

Frankfurt: European Central Bank President Mario Draghi told his successor on Thursday to "never give up" on propping up the euro zone economy in the face of a worsening outlook and little help from governments.

At the last press conference of his eight-year tenure, the man credited with saving the euro from collapsing kept the door open to even more easy money, days before he hands the reins over to Christine Lagarde on October 31.

With inflation languishing at less than half the ECB's target and an unprecedented revolt against his brand of monetary stimulus, it was hardly a grand finale for Draghi, whose 2012 pledge to do "whatever it takes" to save the euro quashed speculation against the bloc's most heavily indebted countries. **REUTERS** 

gish economic growth persists.

September, hit hard by Boeing's

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### used as raw material for a range of products. **Economy in** transition

*New Delhi:* The economy is in a transition phase, owing to important reforms undertaken in the last few years, SBI Chairman Rajnish Kumar said, exuding confidence that the country's growth rate will be back on track.

phase: SBI chief

### **BBB** suggests CS Setty for post of SBI MD

New Delhi: The Banks Board Bureau (BBB) on Thursday recommended the name of C S Setty for the post of Managing Director of SBI. The post fell vacant after the resignation of Ansula Kant, who was appointed MD and chief finance officer of the

World Bank earlier this year.

### **NSE launches** Nifty Midcap150 Quality 50 Index

New Delhi: NSE Indices on Thursday launched a new smart beta index, Nifty Midcap150 Quality 50 Index, which will track performance of mid-cap firms based on profitability, leverage and earnings growth variability. PTI

### Twitter tumbles as 'bugs' hit revenue growth

Washington: Twitter shares plunged on Thursday after reporting glitches that impacted its ad-targeting ability, pulling down revenue growth in the past quarter. Profit for Q3 was \$37 million, a sharp drop from last year. **REUTERS** 

### OYO Japan to add 50 hotels by April 2020

OYO on Thursday said its the country. **PTI** 

#### Trump again attacks Fed, says central bank 'derelict in its duties' again next week at its latest has a -0.1 per cent rate as sluglower the Rate and even, ideally, Germany and others are ac-

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 24

**US PRESIDENT Donald Trump** once again attacked the US Federal Reserve on Thursday, calling for more interest rate cuts to stimulate the American economy just days before the key policy meeting.

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stimulate," he said on Twitter, a relatively mild epithet after calling policymakers "boneheads" and "pathetic."

Trump has long argued that the Fed was too aggressive about raising the benchmark borrowing rate in 2018, which it did four times that year.

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Under Fed Chair Jerome Powell, the Fed has cut the rate twice this year and could do so

two-day meeting, although some economists are calling for

Trump's blitz of insults and criticism directed at the Fed had slowed in recent weeks, with the most recent occurring two weeks ago when he said US central bankers "don't have a clue but I do." "Take a look around the World at our competitors.

**US** business

ment inquiry against him in Congress.

The European Central Bank left its policy interest rate unchanged on Thursday at -0.5 per cent, while the Bank of Japan also set to meet next week —

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Meanwhile, official governmoney. Fed was way too fast to raise, and way too slow to cut!" ment data and industry reports Trump tweeted Thursday, pausare giving mixed signals about ing in his focus on the impeachthe US economy. Sales of American manufactured goods had a dismal

Commerce Department reported.

### China buys 264,000 tonnes of soybeans investment still weak; jobless from US: Govt data

REUTERS WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 24

claims fall

NEW ORDERS for key US-made capital goods fell more than expected in September and shipments also declined, a sign that business investment remains soft amid the fallout from the U.S.-China trade war but other data on Thursday showed the spat has yet to have much effect on the overall jobs market.

The Commerce Department said orders for non-defense capital goods excluding aircraft, which are seen as a measure of business spending plans on equipment, fell 0.5 per cent last month on less demand for transportation equipment, motor vehicles and parts, and computers and electronic products.

The data for August was also revised down to show core capital goods orders falling 0.6 per cent instead of declining 0.4 per cent previously reported. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast core capital goods orders dipping 0.2 per cent in September.

**REUTERS** WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 24 PRIVATE EXPORTERS reported the

sale of 264,000 tonnes of US soybeans to China for delivery in the 2019/20 marketing year, the US Agriculture Department said on Thursday, amid hopes for a partial trade deal between the world's two largest economies. That marked the first US gov-

ernment confirmation of a soybean sale to the top buyer of the oilseed since President Donald Trump said on October 11 that China would buy up to \$50 billion in American farm products as part of a trade agreement. An earlier USDA report showed total US soybean export

sales of 475,200 tonnes, including just 68,300 tones to China in the week ended October 17. Analysts' forecasts for the weekly report had ranged from 800,000 tonnes to 1.6 million tonnes. A Bloomberg report said China

was willing to buy \$20 billion of US farm goods in the first year of a trade deal.

Beijing on Tuesday offered major Chinese and international

**US government** confirmation of soybean sale to the top buyer of the oilseed since President Donald Trump said on October 11 that China will buy up to \$50 bn in American farm products as part of a trade deal

This marked the first

soybean processors waivers that would exempt the companies from steep tariffs on imports of up to 10 million tonnes of US soybeans, according to two people briefed on the matter.

USDA has confirmed sales of about 6 million tonnes of sovbeans to China since the marketing year began on Sept. 1. That compares with cancellations of 431,000 tonnes in the comparable period of 2018 and about 8.4 million tonnes in the comparable period of 2017, before the trade war began.

# New Delhi: Hospitality firm

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# Selectors on Dhoni, to Dhoni: We're moving on

Signalling end of the road for the former India skipper, chief selector MSK Prasad says his committee will instead focus on Risabh Pant; Samson is back-up

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY

OCTOBER 24

CHIEF SELECTOR MSK Prasad on Thursday made it clear that his selection committee has "moved on" from Mahendra Singh Dhoni and the former India captain no longer figures in their scheme of things. Prasad also reiterated that Rishabh Pant will continue to be India's first-choice wicketkeeper in limited-overs cricket, while Sanju Samson has been brought back to the fold as his back-up.

The chief selector's assertion assumes significance, for he dropped a not-so-subtle hint on Dhoni's international future after meeting with BCCI president Sourav Ganguly. India captain Virat Kohli, who was rested for the upcoming three-match T20I series against Bangladesh, his stand-in Rohit Sharma and cricket board secretary Jay Shah were part of the meeting as well. The selectors picked a 15-member T20I squad, bringing in uncapped Mumbai allrounder Shivam Dube and bringing back Samson. Dhoni, who hasn't played any cricket after the World Cup, continued to be absent.

"...I have been very, very clear on this that after the World Cup we have started backing Rishabh Pant and we will still back him and see that he progresses well. He might not have had the best of matches, but we can only make a player(grow) by backing him. We are very, very confident that he will come out successful," Prasad told reporters after the selection meeting in Mumbai.

Asked if Dhoni was not in the selectors' scheme of things anymore, Prasad said: "That's what I made clear that we are moving on and giving opportunities to youngsters and see that they establish themselves in the side. With Rishabh Pant doing so well and even Sanju Samson coming into the side, I'm sure you will understand our thought process."

Pant, though, hasn't yet made an impact in white-ball cricket, scoring just 20 runs in three ODIs and 92 runs in five T20Is after the World Cup. And this is a reason why Samson has been included in the squad as his back-up. "With regards to Sanju, he has done exceptionally well for India A, he has done well in the recent Vijay Hazare Trophy. He has a fantastic domestic season. He is basically a batsman who can 'keep and he will definitely be a back-up to Rishabh Pant. (At the moment) we are focusing on Rishabh and we will monitor his progress," Prasad later told *The Indian Express*.

And yet, according to sources, it would be premature to completely write-off Dhoni unless the veteran 'keeper-batsman hangs up his international boots. It is learnt that the team management's message to the ex-skipper is to not to take a decision in a hurry, for it still needs to be seen how the Pant experiment pans out. The next World T20 in Australia is only a year away and the chances of Dhoni's return aren't completely ruled out. In 2016, then selection committee had brought back Ashish Nehra to the India fold ahead of the World T20 after a

five-year hiatus. Dhoni, however, has a mind of his own and it would be interesting to see what he decides about his future. This paper had reported that he went to the World Cup carrying a back niggle that got aggravated during the course of the tournament. Also, during the World Cup, he picked up a wrist injury. Dhoni is expected to be fit by November.

### Samson returns

The diminutive Kerala 'keeper-batsman made his T20I debut four years ago, against Zimbabwe at Harare. He hasn't played for India since. Only about a fortnight ago, he scored 212 not out against Goa in a Vijay Hazare Trophy fixture at Alur. "I'm a very big believer that everything turns up at the right time," Samson told this paper after the innings. Now that he has been given another opportunity to prove his mettle in international cricket, the 24-year-old will have to grab it.

Prasad addressed Samson's inconsistency issue at the press conference. "His problem was inconsistency, but he is more consistent now, that is why we thought of drafting him into the squad," the chief selector said, adding that Samson, if he plays, would bat in top-four.

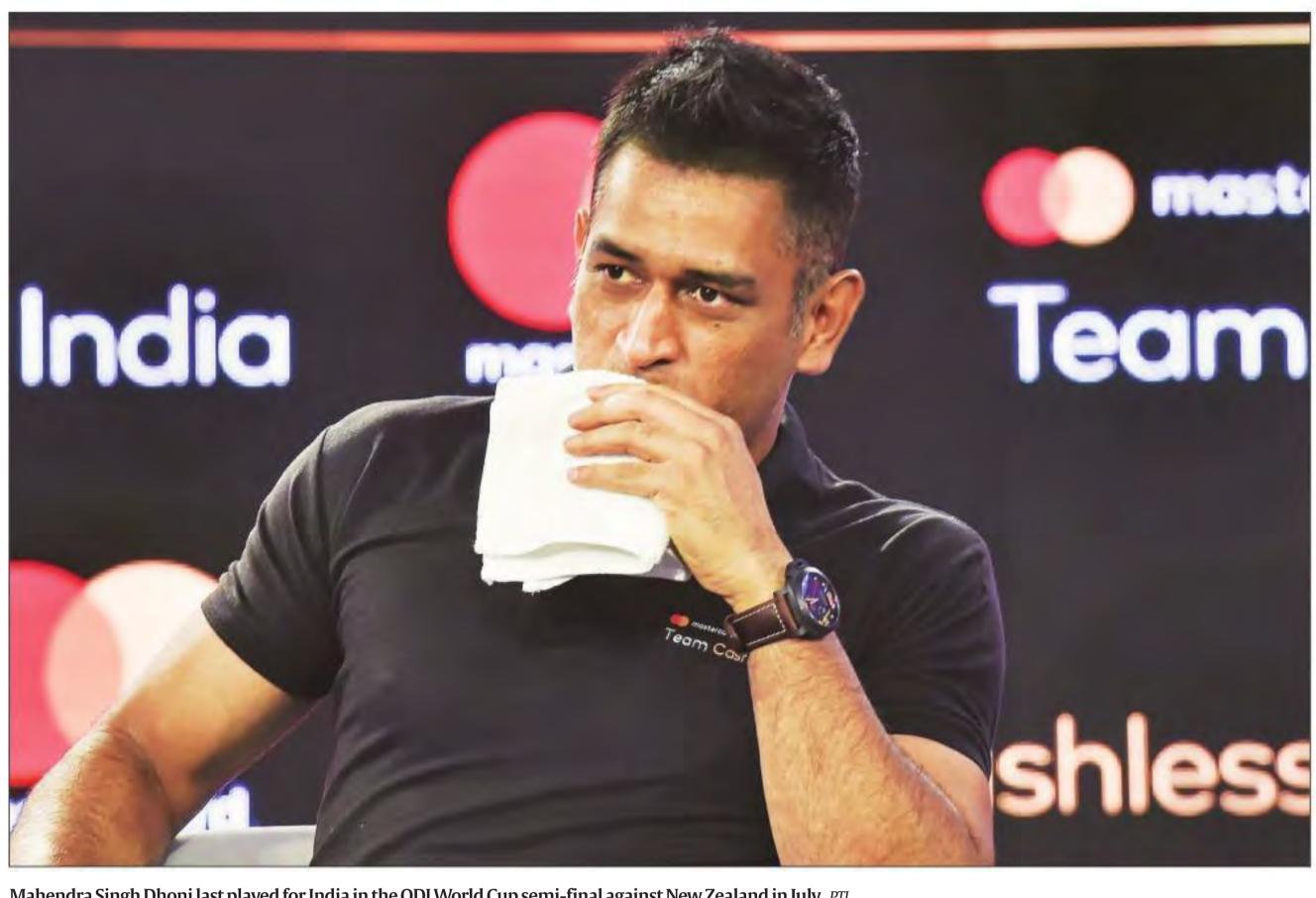
Kohli rested for T20Is

After playing almost non-stop cricket over

### Kohli looking forward to 'healthy discussions' with Ganguly

Mumbai: India captain Virat Kohli said on Thursday he expects a healthy and professional discussion with Sourav Ganguly, a day after the newly appointed board chief termed the batting mainstay the "most important man" for the game in the country. The 47-year-old promised full support to Kohli to make India the best team in the world and said he will sit down with the captain to chart the way forward.

"I am going to meet him now," Kohli told reporters at a promotional event in Mumbai. "I have met him before to discuss a lot of things. I am looking forward to a good discussion. He is someone who has played a lot of cricket before, who knows the situation we are in, what the team needs, the requirements of Indian cricket," Kohli said. "So you need a good, professional, high-level discussion. It will be a healthy discussion because I am playing currently and he has played before, there will be a understanding of these things. I have had good discussions in the past with him and I expect the same this time.' **REUTERS** 



Mahendra Singh Dhoni last played for India in the ODI World Cup semi-final against New Zealand in July. PTI

the past seven-odd months, Kohli was given a deserved break. The skipper would be back for the two-Test series against Bangladesh. "With the World Test Championship on, resting a premier player is risky and each Test is very important heading towards the Test Championship (final)," Prasad said.

### New all-rounder

With Hardik Pandya out injured and Vijay Shankar not selected, the selection committee decided to have a look at the Mumbai all-rounder, who boasts of a firstclass batting average of 48.19 and a bowling average south of 25.

Jasprit Bumrah, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Navdeep Saini weren't considered, as they have been recuperating from injuries. Yuzvendra Chahal returned to the T20I squad.

### Nadeem left out

Left-arm spinner Shahbaz Nadeem, who replaced the injured Kuldeep Yadav for the final Test against South Africa at Ranchi and returned with four wickets, has been left out of the Test squad for the Bangladesh series. The three T20Is against Bangladesh would be played in Delhi, Rajkot and Nagpur on November 3,7 and 10 respectively, while Indore hosts the first Test from November 14 and Kolkata is the venue for the second Test from November 22.

### **SQUADS**

**T20IS:** Rohit Sharma (c), Shikhar Dhawan, KL Rahul, Sanju Samson, Shreyas Iyer, Manish Pandey, Rishabh Pant, Washington Sundar, Krunal Pandya, Yuzvendra Chahal, Rahul Chahar, Deepak Chahar, Khaleel Ahmed, Shivam Dube, Shardul Thakur

**TESTS:** Virat Kohli (c), Rohit Sharma, Mayank Agarwal, Cheteshwar Pujara, Ajinkya Rahane, Hanuma Vihari, Wriddhiman Saha, Ravindra Jadeja, Ravichandran Ashwin, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohd Shami, Umesh Yadav, Ishant Sharma, Shubman Gill, Rishabh Pant.

# Dube-smash: Shivam pips Shankar

**DEVENDRA PANDEY** MUMBAI, OCTOBER 24

SHIVAM DUBE, the 26-year-old Mumbai allrounder famous for his hard-hitting prowess, calls Hardik Pandya an inspiration, someone whose work ethic and intensity on the field has left a lasting impression on him. It was fitting that on Thursday when Dube received his first call up to the Indian team, for the three-match T20I against Bangladesh, he was taking the spot of an injured Pandya.

For the all-rounder slot, Dube edged out Vijay Shankar, who has played 12 ODIs and nine T20s for India. Chief selector MSK Prasad was clear about the utility-value the burly Mumbai player brings to the table.

"If you see, in our earlier T20 team, we had Hardik Pandya. Then we tried Vijay Shankar. All of us, along with captain Rohit (Sharma), felt that for the role Shivam Dube fits in much better. He bats aggressively and his performances in the India 'A' series in West Indies and also against South Africa 'A' in the One-dayers was phenomenal. He has gone up by leaps and bounds with regards to his skill set and we are very much convinced about him," Prasad said on Thursday.

Two of Dube's recent innings stand out. A 79 off 60 balls against South Africa 'A' after India 'A' were 206 for 6 one stage. It was his partnership with Axar Patel which helped India post 327. During the Vijay Hazare Trophy, in a league game against Karnataka, he smashed 118 off 67 balls, an innings which comprised 10 sixes. Mumbai were 166 for 5 one stage, chasing a total 313. Though the team fell short by nine runs, Dube's whirl-

wind knock was impressive. The ability to clear the fence is one of Dube's strengths and has earned him a reputation on the domestic circuit. Royal Challengers Bangalore were convinced of this talent and spent Rs 5 crore on him last season. A day before he made a windfall at the auction, Dube had hit five sixes in an over



Shivam Dube got his maiden call-up on the back of some impressive knocks against South Africa 'A' and in the Vijay Hazare Trophy. PTI

'Kohli told me "people remember only those who win matches for the team. So focus on becoming a match-winner". Those words have stayed with me.'

against Baroda at the Wankhede Stadium.

It was during the first edition of the T20 Mumbai League when Dube's ability to hit the big shots caught the attention of the fans and selectors. He subsequently made it to the Ranji Trophy squad. Chandrakant Pandit was one of the first to witness Dube's powerhitting when the youngster had enrolled at an academy run by the former wicketkeeper. "Dube ji, aap apne bete ko kya khilate ho (what do you feed your son), he hits such big sixes!" Pandit is said to have told the cricketer's father, Rajesh.

Dube was at the gymnasium when the team was announced. "I was hopeful because everyone was saying that I would be picked.

It feels so good that the call has come. It looks like all the hard work has paid off not only just mine but my father's too. He had the dream of seeing me play for India," Dube said.

The path to getting an India call-up has had its share of ups and downs. For five years, between the age of 14 to 19, Dube had given up the sport. He does not want to elaborate why but says it was because of "personal reasons".

Finally, it was his father who convinced him to get back to cricket. To ensure his son remained focused, the father also made a cricket pitch near their house. When Dube wanted to train, his father was always by his side giving throw downs. "My father took care of my fitness regimen and my diet in addition to being involved in my training," Dube says.

Dube hopes to make it count when he gets a chance to play. He recalls a line RCB captain Virat Kohli told him during the IPL. "Kohli told me 'people remember only those who win matches for the team. So focus on becoming a match-winner'. Those words have stayed with me," Dube says.

# I'm at peace with my flaws, says Samson

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 24

Sanju Samson has experienced so many lows in his career that he has learned to embrace them. Back in the Indian team after a fouryear gap, Samson is at peace with his flaws and doesn't try to be the "perfect batsman" that he wanted to be for the longest time.

Samson played his sole match for India a T20I — in July 2015 when a second-string team toured Zimbabwe. He was 19 then. Since that high, it has been a roller-coaster ride for the wicketkeeper-batsman. He has not been consistent enough, has had fitness issues but every now and then, he came up with an innings befitting his rich batting talent. One such knock happened earlier this month — an unbeaten 212 – the highest individual score in the history of Vijay Hazare Trophy.

"If you have a very safe and easy career there are very less things you will learn. I have learnt a lot in the last four to five years. If you you have failed a lot of times then you know how to rise up and how to succeed. I have failed a lot of times in my life so I know how to stand up and perform. That has been a blessing," Samson, 24, said on Thursday.

The resurgence of Dinesh Karthik and the emergence of Rishabh Pant also played a part in him being out of India's limited overs set-up in the last two years. With Kohli being rested from the T20 series against Bangladesh, Samson is likely to play as a specialist batsman with Pant standing behind the stumps.

Like others, Samson too had high expectations from himself but not anymore. He also has no hard feelings about getting just one international game so far to prove himself.

"I don't have any regrets. As I said I have gone through a lot of ups and downs. I had lots of high expectations about myself that I should have performed much better than what I did... That I should have got into the team much before, but lately, I understood that everything has its own time and you have to be patient for your turn. I have been doing that and have become a better person in the process. Have really enjoyed my tough times, to be honest. I have understood who all are with me genuinely and who are not.'

As a batsman, Samson feels he is in a really good space. "Mentally and technically many changes have happened in the last five years. I have understood my game a lot more, a lot about myself as a person. I have worked on my strengths and not tried to be the perfect batsman that I tried to be for a long time. I understood that no one can be a perfect batsman. Now I keep it simple and enjoy my cricket."

During the 2016-2017 Ranji Trophy season, Samson had left the dressing room in the middle of the game and was subsequently dropped form the Kerala team. Following the 2018 IPL, Samson was left out of the India A team after he failed the yo-yo test. Samson said he has been working hard on his fitness.

"I have been following my fitness like religion for the past two-three years. I was going about my fitness in a special way, but I got a niggle in the IPL (2018), and after that I never got the time to recover before the yo-yo test, and I didn't communicate to the physio as I thought I would clear the test but I didn't. It was never a case of fitness being an issue."

I've worked on my strengths and not tried to be the perfect batsman that I tried to be for a long time. I understood that no one can be a perfect batsman. Now I keep it simple.'

**SANJU SAMSON** AFTER HIS INDIA RECALL

# Vijay Hazare final: Focus on India stars as K'taka face TN

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**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** BENGALURU, OCTOBER 24

THE SPOTLIGHT will be on India players Mayank Agarwal, R Ashwin and KL Rahul when the evenly-matched Karnataka and Tamil Nadu lock horns in the title clash of the Vijay Hazare Trophy here on Friday.

The Manish Pandey-led Karnataka were convincing in their victories in the knockout games but Tamil Nadu, who dominated the league phase, were a tad lucky as the rain rule allowed them to go past Punjab in the quarterfinals before young M Shahrukh Khan guided them home in the semifinal against Gujarat. The two sides are equally matched, with a formidable batting line-up and a set of quality bowlers, though the presence of R Ashwin gives the TN attack more experience and variety.

The Friday's clash will be decided by how the two bowling attacks perform given that both teams have a lot of depth in batting.

The home side has been well served by out-of-favour Test opener K L Rahul (546

own in the quarterfinals and semis and his opening partner Devdutt Padikkal (598 runs from 10 matches). Captain Manish Pandey has been in good touch too and he will look to pull his weight in the summit clash as runs in 10 games), who has come into his would Mayank and Test discard Karun Nair.

R Ashwin and Mayank Agarwal will be seen in action in the final.

Tamil Nadu have an equally formidable batting unit with Baba Aparajith (480 runs) southpaw Abhinav Mukund (440 runs) and the stylish Murali Vijay at the forefront. Skipper Dinesh Karthik has donned the finisher role with some telling knocks and would

be expected to lead from the front in the final All-rounder Vijay Shankar and young Shahrukh Khan have made crucial contributions with the latter putting his hand up in a tricky chase on Wednesday.

The Karnataka bowling has seen an unlikely hero emerge with V Kousik picking up four wickets in the semifinal demolition of Chhattisgarh while the pacers -- experienced Abhimanyu Mithun and Prasidh Krishna -- and the spinners K Gowtham, Shreyas Gopal and Praveen Dube among the wickets. The host bowlers will be up against a confident Tamil Nadu batting line-up and stopping it will hold the key to success.

Off-spinner Ashwin and leg spinner Murugan Ashwin will be aware that the Chinnaswamy stadium with its small boundaries can be tough on the bowlers and have a huge task of containing the likes of Rahul, Mayank. The final offers Tamil Nadu a chance for redemption after the horror run in the previous two seasons while Karnataka which hasn't had a great 2018-19 season will also look to start with a bang with a title win.

### What's ICC without BCCI, asks board treasurer Dhumal

New Delhi: INDIA NOT having a "say" in the ICC is a major concern for newly appointed BCCI Treasurer Arun Dhumal, who has questioned the very relevance of the world body if it doesn't have the country in a prominent role. "Could we have ever imagined that BCCI will not have a say in ICC's roadmap? It was never imagined. What is ICC without BCCI?' asked Dhumal, referring to India's absence from the ICC's newly created working group to chalk out a fresh governance model. He also made it clear that BCCI is not on board with the ICC as far as the Future Tours Programme (FTP) for the 2023-2031 cycle is concerned. "We are not agreeable to the new proposal of the ICC with regards to increase of tournaments," he said.

Dhumal said cutting down on unnecessary expenditure would be high on his priorities. He would look to use that money to improve the financial position of first-class cricketers.

# Satwik-Chirag beat the big 'Daddies', enter quarterfinals at Paris

Satwiksairai Rankireddy (L) and Chirag Shetty shocked reigning world champions

Mohammad Ahsan and Hendra Setiawan 21-18, 18-21, 21-13. File

**SHIVANI NAIK** 

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 25

BECAUSE IT is Indonesians, it's important to know that badminton's most passionate fans tend to slap nicknames onto their shuttlers they love, with not a shred of meanness in their intent. Their most exciting men's doubles combine of Gideon-Sukamuljo, a hugely adored pairing, is happily called Minions, for their bumble bee like work-rate.

So, the waves of concern for "Daddies" emanating from the south east islands for Mohammad Ahsan and Hendra Setiawan should be seen not as an ageist snide, but a typically Indonesian affable habit of keeping their labels short, simple and matter of fact, non judgemental. Ahsan is 32, Setiawan is 35; they are reigning World and All England champions.

Crucially for India's best pairing of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, the 'Daddies' still iffy from niggles sustained at the China Open last month, are just a touch slow. It mattered mightily when the Indian World No.11s revved up the pace to stun the Indonesian greats 21-18, 18-21, 21-13 at the

Super 750 French Open.

The legends and India's sparking youngsters would meet in the hotel lobby later. where Ahsan would tell the boy with the smash of a beast, "hey very big smash! I couldn't play it!"

Satwik remembers learning to smash like

them while coming up, and was punch pleased, saying "Today I even talked with them! But they are always friendly." He was eager to tell Ahsan how the com-

petitors had turned to fanboys at All England when after Setiawan got injured, Ahsan steered the pair to a win singularly. But "big smash" left him without speech. It was more than Satwik's big boomer

though. Indians had all the plans to drill in

deep. But first up, Indians had their familiar starting troubles. Chirag was twice faulted for his serve though the Indians led 14-11. "Then we gave away 5 quick points in silly mistakes, - serv-

ing, receiving," he said of the short snappy

rallies where Indonesians bunched up points

With Satwik-Chirag, the comebacks are always the most entertaining part of their wins. It started with them taking a short re-

and went into the lead. So far, so normal.

grouping mental break and levelling at 17all. Calmer now, free of panic, Chirag served well now to get 4 straight points and close out at 21-18.

were ready for the European stage on

Wednesday after Michy Batshuayi's late win-

ner fired them to a 1-0 Champions League

win at Ajax that puts them square in the fight

Substitute Batshuayi struck in the 86th

"It feels huge, which always scares me be-

Frank Lampard's side had to ride their

luck in the Johan Cruyff Arena, with Quincy

Promes' first half tap-in ruled out for the

tightest of offsides and Edson Alvarez hitting

the post with a diving header near the hour

they could compete with Europe's top sides

despite losing Eden Hazard in the summer.

going toe-to-toe with one of the continent's most dynamic attacking teams in a tight contest before winning their sixth straight match

However, a youthful Chelsea showed

No excuses from now to dip from that."

for the knockout stages.

It was becoming evident that the Indians needed to keep the shuttle low, and eschew the flat exchanges. Indians would start slow in the second, stare at a 10-4 lead and jog upto 9-11.

The Indonesians were giving it their all in their rally and reached 20-16 before closing out at 21-18. Even Stevens.

### Helping hand

It's here that India's new foreign coach, Flandy Limpele, the Indonesian brought in his insiders' knowledge of the Daddies.

"He told us to play as quick as possible at the net. They were not the fastest movers by then," Chirag says, but the old foxes still had their muscle memory reflexes.

The idea was to not allow them any traction in the air. "Coach kept saying, don't let them catch shuttle higher," Chirag says. The Indonesians are masters at creating openings and prefer flat back 'n' forths, so the Indians starved them off the height. Both Chirag and Satwik would rush to

the net and catch the shuttle fast, and keep the shuttle as if at the end of their yo yo strings. Adopting a stance of high racquets. they would create a wall not allowing the Indonesians to bisect them forcing lifts for 5 quick points in the decider after the break.

The Daddies fumbled with service errors even as Satwik's smashes killed with more venom and Chirag's taps hammered the final nails.

"This'll probably be amongst our Top 3 wins. We went into the match as underdogs,

not too tensed," Chirag would say. After their Thailand Open win few months back, the duo had missed the World championships due to injury and found tough resistance from the Japanese at Korean

Open despite running them close. At Denmark last week, Satwik had been felled by a viral.

"It was very tough, the first two days at Paris. I was out of stamina. But then my sleep, food improved and I was feeling better today," he said. "Today when we switched gears in the third playing very fast, I knew my game was on track," he added.

The Indonesians usually target opponents body and catch them on the second shuttle. But conditions in France — slower shuttles, no drift, helped. "Our defense is not the greatest, but in

these conditions, we feel more confident of defending," Chirag said. Paris can be called the Indians' favourite venue. They even sent Indonesians into a tizzy on twitter when they packed Daddies off home.

# Virat & Co. could play D/N Test against B'desh

**SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY** KOLKATA, OCTOBER 24

INDIA COULD be playing a pink-ball, day/night Test, when they host Bangladesh for a two-match series next month. The *Indian Express* has learnt that the matter was on the agenda, as BCCI president Sourav

it with the other BCCI office-bearers and the apex council members as well. Ganguly is a strong advocate of day/night Tests, with audiences for the long-form shrinking rapidly. However, the new BCCI president will not impose it on the team and

the feedback from Kohli and the team man-

agement will be given due weightage.

Ganguly had a meeting with India captain

Virat Kohli on Thursday. Ganguly will discuss

The first Test against Bangladesh would be played at Indore from November 14, while Kolkata play host to the second Test from November 22. This paper understands that at the moment there's a fifty-fifty chance that one of those matches could be a day/night affair.

The Indian team management has had its reservation about day/night Tests. Last year, when West Indies came here, then BCCI acting secretary Amitabh Choudhary wanted the first Test at Rajkot to be a day/night game. The Committee of Administrators (CoA) vetoed it, as according to them, players were reluctant. India also refused to play a pink-ball Test

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ries, beginning November 3.

medical team.

BANGLADESH ALL-ROUNDER Mohammad

Saifuddin was on Thursday ruled out of the upcoming three-game T20 series against

India owing to a nagging back injury. The 22-

year all-rounder, who had missed

Bangladesh's crucial World Cup match

against Australia at Nottingham and the ODI

series in Sri Lanka, will not be able to recover

in time from a back injury for the India se-

sistent injury would take more time to heal

and he will continue his rehab while being

monitored by the Bangladesh Cricket Board's

T20Is, did not feature in any competitive

match since playing the final of a T20 tri-se-

Saifuddin, who has taken 12 wickets in 13

Multiple scans confirmed that the per-

DHAKA. OCTOBER 24

All-rounder Saifuddin

Ganguly is a strong advocate of day/night Tests, with audiences for the long-form shrinking rapidly. However, the new BCCI president will not impose it on the team and the feedback from Kohli and the team management will be given due

in Adelaide. However, after taking charge of the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB), Ganguly had brought in pink-ball matches in local cricket. "Let's see. Before talking to the team management, this needs the approval of the BCCI members. But I always believe that's the way forward in Test cricket. Games are being played before empty stands," the BCCI president had said last week.

There's a school of thought, though, that the SG pink ball might not be up to the mark. The ball didn't receive a positive feedback from the domestic players, when it was used in the Duleep Trophy. Then again, the BCCI general manager, cricket operations Saba Karim has always maintained that the cricket board works closely with the manufacturer so that there's a constant improvement of

ruled out of India tour ries featuring Afghanistan and Zimbabwe on September 24. "Due to a reoccurring back injury Saif(uddin) will be rested from the India tour this year giving him an opportunity to consolidate his recovery over a longer period of time," said Bangladesh team physiotherapist Julian Calefato in a statement.

The three-match T20 series starts in New Delhi on November 3 followed by matches at Rajkot and Nagpur on November 7 and 10 respectively. Bangladesh will also play two Tests as part of the World Championship. The upcoming tour was on Monday thrown into jeopardy after the Bangladesh players refused to participate in any cricketing activity until their demands, including a hike in salary, were met.

However, the tour was back on track after the cricketers, led by star all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan, on Wednesday called off their strike after getting assurance from the country's board that all their demands will be met.

**AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE** AMSTERDAM, OCTOBER 24 CHELSEA SHOWED that their young side

weightage.

minute to seal a hugely impressive win in Amsterdam that puts Chelsea level on six points with last year's semifinalists at the top of Group H. Valencia will have the chance to draw alongside their group rivals with a win at Lille later on Wednesday. cause there's a lot to do. We're entitled to be excited about the way we played tonight," Lampard told reporters. "That's the blueprint.

the cricket ball.

in all competitions. They face Ajax at Stamford Bridge in the next round of games in a clash that on Wednesday's evidence looks to be the key in deciding who tops the group. "They're still babies in terms of Champions League minutes... football will continue to give you tests all the time to I don't want to say they're there or 'this is it'," added Lampard. "But I thought the balance of young players that are learning quickly and the experienced players who they rely on to set examples feels good."

In a match littered with sloppy passing in the final third, it was another substitute in Christian Pulisic who provided a moment of quality to slot a low cross across the area that Batshuyai got to first. The Belgian's finish squeezed in off the crossbar to send Chelsea's players and fans wild and provide Ajax with their first defeat of a season that had seen them continue with the form that bewitched Europe last season.

Chelsea restricted Ajax's talented attacking side, led by Dusan Tadic and Hakim Ziyech, to just two shots on target, while academy graduates Callum Hudson-Odoi, Mason Mount and Tammy Abraham initially led the charge at the other end.





Chelsea's Michy Batshuayi (R) scores the winner in the 86th minute against Ajax in their Group H game in Amsterdam. AP

Lampard spoke very highly of Hudson-Odoi on Tuesday and the winger was a threat on the left, even though the youngster was wasteful when he got the ball. The 18-yearold gave the ball away in attacking positions a number of times in the first half and fired a very presentable chance wide in the 27th minute when a Marcos Alonso cross dropped to him in the area. The only shot on target in the opening period came from Mount, who played a neat one-two with Hudson-Odoi before forcing Andre Onana into a smart save at his near post.

However, it was Promes who came closest to opening the scoring when he pounced on Hakim Ziyech's deflected shot to tap home, only to see the goal ruled out as he celebrated with his teammates and supporters. The home fans could hardly believe their luck when Alvarez's header bounced off the upright after the break, as Chelsea's defence briefly wobbled before regaining composure and becoming the second team this season to shut out flamboyant Ajax.

Lampard sent on Pulisic and Batshuayi for Willian and Abraham and the move almost paid off immediately, the striker finding himself completely free in the box in the 73rd minute only to lash his finish way over the bar. However he soon had his winner thanks to American Pulisic, himself just 21, who has been left out of the limelight this season but made an impact when he laid on his attacking partner for a huge winner.

### Messi on target

Prague: Lionel Messi claimed another goalscoring record as Barcelona edged a spirited Slavia Prague 2-1 on Wednesday to stay top of Champions League Group F. Messi opened the scoring after three minutes, beating Slavia goalkeeper Ondrej Kolar with a low left-footed shot to become the first player ever to score at least once in 15 consecutive Champions League seasons. The 32-year-old Argentinian first robbed midfielder Petr Sevcik outside the Slavia box before an exchange with Arthur put him neatly through the static Slavia defence.

Barca earned a second on 57 minutes when Slavia winger Peter Olayinka deflected a Luis Suarez close-range shot from an impossible angle into his own net as the hosts failed to clear Messi's free kick.

Olayinka sealed Barca's sixth straight competitive win but deprived Suarez of a goal that would end his four-year drought in away games in European cup competitions. Before that, left-back Jan Boril equalised for Slavia five minutes after half-time, capitalising on a superb pass threaded by Lukas Masopust that found him one-on-one with goalkeeper Marc Andre ter Stegen.

#### **RESULTS** RB Leipzig 2 1 Zenit 0 1 Chelsea Ajax 2 10lympique Lyonnais Benfica Inter Milan 2 0 Borussia Dortmund Slavia Praha 1 2 Barcelona Lille 1 1Valencia Salzburg 2 3 Napoli 1 4 Liverpool Genk

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### **Inter Milan interested** in Bayern star Mueller

Inter Milan are interested in signing former Germany star Thomas Muller, who has lost his starting place at Bayern Munich, magazine *Kicker* reported. The 30-year-old has often found himself on the bench this season behind Philippe Coutinho, who Bayern coach Niko Kovac prefers in the attacking midfield role. According to Kicker, Inter's "interest is intensifying" and the Italian giants could bring Muller to Milan in the January transfer window. Mueller made a rare start, only his fifth of the season, in Tuesday's 3-2 win at Olympiakos in the Champions League on the right wing, helping set up two goals for Robert Lewandowski. It has been a difficult year for Mueller, who was told by Germany coach Joachim Loew in March that he has no future in the national squad.

### Mumbai City open account in Kochi

A late goal from Amine Chermiti saw Mumbai City FC stun Kerala Blasters FC 1-0 in a closelyfought Hero Indian Super League clash at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Kochi on Thursday. The teams had several half chances to break the deadlock but lacked an end product for most of the game until Chermiti's smart 82nd-minute finish settled the contest. While the result meant Mumbai start their season with a win, it was also their first-ever victory over Kerala Blasters in Kochi. On Friday, ATK will host newcomers Hyderabad FC.

### La Liga to appeal Clasico date change

La Liga said it will appeal the decision to play Saturday's postponed Clasico between Barcelona and Real Madrid on December 18. The Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) announced the new date on Wednesday after the two clubs came to an agreement following the postponement of the original fixture at Camp Nou due to violent, pro-independence protests in Catalonia. La Liga proposed the postponement last week but want the match to be rescheduled for December 4. Listing its reasons for opposing December 18, La Liga said the rules state postponed games should be played at the earliest possible opportunity, which is December 4, and that clubs have no

power to decide dates of matches.

Shivpal recorded a best throw of 83.33m to win the gold medal. File

### Shivpal bags gold at World Military Games

Para-athlete Anandan Gunasekaran clinched his third gold of the event, while javelin thrower Shivpal Singh bagged another yellow metal for the country as India continued their fine show at the ongoing 7th CISM World Military Games in Wuhan on Thursday. After claiming top honours in the men's disabled 100m and 400m IT1 events earlier, Gunasekaran won the gold in men's disabled 200m IT1 event with a timing of 24.31s. Fajardo Pardo Teodicelo of Colombia (26.11s) won the silver in men's disabled 200m IT1 event, while Peru's Casa Jose (27.33s) bagged the bronze. Shivpal, 24, who hails from Chandauli village near Varanasi, increased India's tally by clinching the gold in javelin throw with a best effort of 83.33m. In 25m center fire pistol men individual event, 2010 Commonwealth Games gold medallist marksman Gurpreet Singh claimed the bronze medal with a total score of 585. India have so far garnered seven medals from the Games, which includes six gold and one bronze.

### Renault disqualified from Japanese GP

Renault drivers Daniel Ricciardo and Nico Hulkenberg were disqualified from the Japanese Grand Prix on Wednesday after their team was punished for breaching regulations over brakes, the governing body FIA announced. Ricciardo was sixth and Hulkenberg 10th in the race at Suzuka on October 13 but the French team will now lose the nine points accrued by the Australian driver. Racing Point's Lance Stroll and Toro Rosso's Daniil Kvyat will now be classified ninth and tenth respectively. Renault said later Wednesday that the team could appeal the sanction.

### Woods shares firstround lead in Japan

Tiger Woods returned to competition in style, shooting his best score in more than a year to take the lead with a spectacular six-under-par 64 in the opening round at the Zozo Championship on Thursday. Two months after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery, the 15-time major champion made an "ugly start", hitting his opening tee shot with a five wood into a pond at Narashino Country Club. Three straight bogeys augured for a long day, but for the next 15 holes he could do nothing wrong, running up nine birdies in his first career appearance in the Tokyo area.



### Italian legend Rossi hits 400th Grand Prix

The most experienced motorcycle rider in history marks another milestone in Australia this weekend, with veteran Valentino Rossi gearing up for his 400th Grand Prix. The Italian, still arguably the sport's biggest draw despite winning the last of his seven premier class world titles in 2009, conceded it was a "great achievement". "It's been a long, long time," admitted the 40-year-old, who made his debut in 1996 in the 125cc class. "It's good to make 400 here in Phillip Island because it is an iconic place for motorsport," he added of a circuit where he has won eight times six in the premier class to go with two from his 250cc days." Known as "The Doctor", he signed a two-year contract with Yamaha in 2018, which means he will remain in the sport until at least 2020.

# Business as usual for Federer

Reaches his 17th Basel quarterfinals with a thumping straight-sets win over Moldovan Albot

games. "I moved and

served well, I was really

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ROGER FEDERER crushed Radu Albot 6-0, 6-3 on Wednesday to win his 22nd match in a row at the Swiss Indoors and earn a quarterfinal place at his home event for the 17th time. The nine-time champion was ruthless in a 22minute opening set, finishing the entire job in 63 minutes in front of 9,000 fans.

He will on Friday face the winner from Stan Wawrinka and Frances Tiafoe, who both earned straight-set wins earlier in the day. "It's a super feeling to know exactly where the ball is going, what the other guy is doing," said top seed Federer.

"I was hitting a lot of winners, those kind of moments are really rare." Federer's Swiss compatriot Wawrinka fired 10 aces and 30 winners to overwhelm fellow veteran Pablo Cuevas 6-3, 6-4 to make it into the second round, keeping alive his outside chances of making the ATP Finals.

Federer, who is playing in Basel for the 19th time, won his first set to love at the tournament since 2006. His loss of just three games on Wednesday was his most powerful showing on the ATP since beating Andreas Seppi at the Paris Masters 6-1, 6-1 four years ago.

"I'm very happy, it was important to start the second set with a break," said 38-vear-old Federer. "Even though I was playing well, I was not over-confident, I was always worried that he might make a comeback."

If Wawrinka beats America's

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Tiafoe in their second-round match, the Swiss pair will clash on Friday in the quarters.

"I hope Stan goes through, I always enjoy playing him," added Federer, who holds a 23-3 edge in the series against his close friend.

"I'm glad that he is back (from double 2017 knee surgeries)." Federer dominated 49th-ranked Albot, sweeping the first eight games before the Moldovan got on the scoreboard. The top seed finished on a first match point after five aces and five service breaks. Wawrinka, who was a runner-up to Andy Murray in Antwerp last weekend, currently

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stands at 15th in the race for the focussed. I'm really happy to get through in two sets."The seventh season-ending showpiece in seed is playing Basel for the 14th London with 1,500 rankings points available between Basel time and improved his record at the event to 12-13. Three-time and next week's Paris Masters, the final event of the regular cammajor winner Wawrinka said his paign. Six of the eight spots for the three-set final loss to Murray in ATP Finals have already been se-Antwerp on Sunday proved useful cured. Wawrinka, 34, ended each in Basel. "Antwerp really helped set against Uruguay's 45th-ranked me today, I've got confidence in Cuevas with aces, breaking once my game, the game is there."

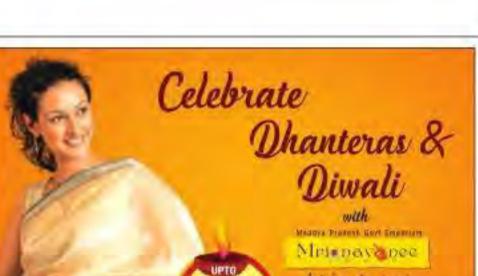
per set to go through to the sec-But he refused to speculate on ond round in 67 minutes. "It was any London chances: "I'm supergreat for a first match." said far away, so it's not at all in my Wawrinka, who lost just nine mind." Sixth seed David Goffin points in 10 service

also stayed in the race to London with a 6-4, 6-4 defeat of 2014 US Open champion Marin Cilic.

Goffin entered this week at provisional 10th in the race and is duelling with Italy's Matteo Berrettini, who currently stands eighth, and ninth-placed Roberto Bautista Agut. Ricardas Berankis of Lithuania lined up a secondround match with third seed Stefanos Tsitsipas after defeating Pablo Andujar 6-1.6-1.

Filip Krajinovic will next take on fifth seed Fabio Fognini after going past Serb compatriot Laslo Djere, 6-1, 6-4.

Australian Alex De Minaur defeated Taylor Fritz of the US 6-3, 6-3 and Switzerland's Henri Laaksonen was put out by Germany's Jan-Lennard Struff 6-3, 6-4.



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1.	Total Income	7,778.53	9,314.60	16,027.63	7,825.16	9,379.55	16,235.57	
2.	Net Profit for the period before tax (before exceptional items*)	1,097.85	1,448.45	2,234.20	1,099,33	1,453.96	2,251.74	
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6.	Equity Share Capital (face value ₹2/- per share)	39.95	39.94	39.95	39.95	39.94	39.95	
7.	Earnings per share on net profit after tax - face value ₹2/- each (in Rupees) a) Basic	43.80	48.88	106.75	44.25	49.17	107.17	

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New Delhi, 23/10/19

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During the current quarter ended September 30, 2019, the Company has introduced a voluntary retirement scheme (VRS) and the Company has considered a provision of Rs. 60.11 crores for employees who have accepted to be part of VRS as exceptional item in the financial results. The Company had deposited and created provision for "National Calamity contingent Duty" ("NCCD") including applicable cess in its Haridwar plant during prior years, while contesting the same on the

ground that NCCD is in nature of excise duty and should be covered by Area based exemption. Pursuant to favourable order from Hon'ble supreme court, the provision has been reversed as exceptional item in the quarter ended June 30, 2019. 4. The Company elected to exercise the option permitted under Section 115BAA of the Income-tax Act, 1961 as introduced by the Taxation Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019. Accordingly, the Company has recognised Provision for Income tax for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2019 and re-measured its Deferred tax assets /liabilities basis the rate prescribed in the said section. The impact of this

change will be recognised over the period from July 01, 2019 to March 31, 2020.

6 The above results for the guarter ended September 30, 2019 have been reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and approved by theBoard of Directors in their meeting held on October 23, 2019.

Based on the guiding principles given in Ind AS-108 on 'Operating Segments', the Company's business activity fall within a single operating segment, namely automotive segment. Accordingly, the disclosure requirements of Ind AS 108 are not applicable

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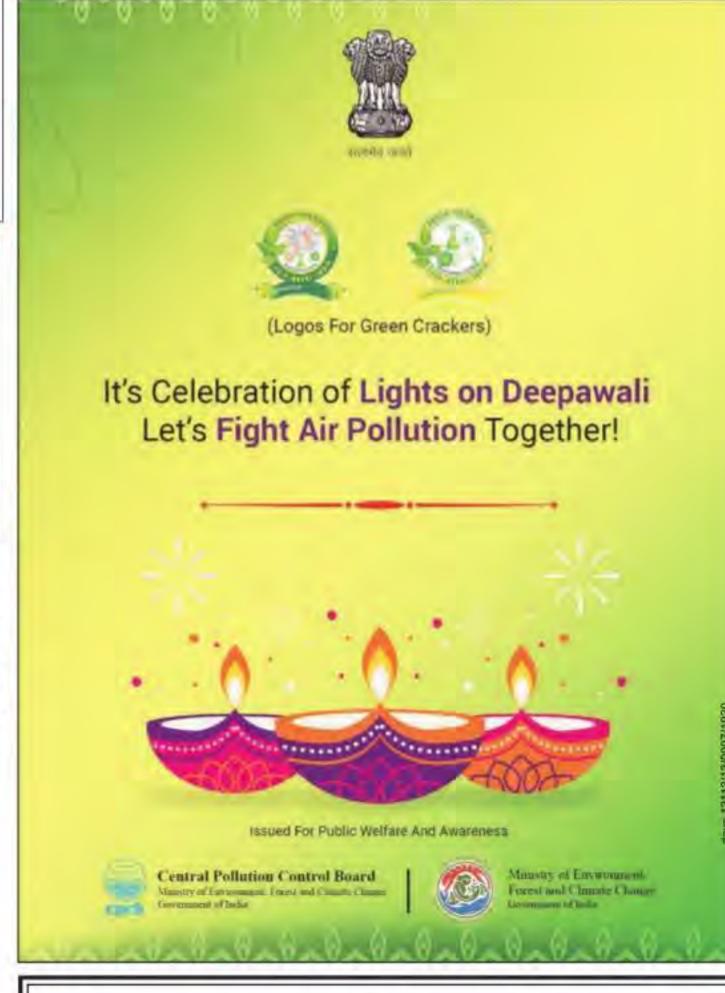
FIFA SELECTED China as host of the inaugural edition of the expanded Club World Cup in 2021 but delayed a decision on how the 24 slots for the tournament will be distributed.

A proposal on how many teams would qualify from the six confederations was shared with FIFA Council members for approval at a meeting in Shanghai on Thursday, including Europe having eight participants. But a vote on the participation model was pulled because Oceania's only way of qualification would be its Champions League winner

first defeating the domestic champion of host nation China in a playoff. Oceania is pushing for a guaranteed place in the group stage in China in June 2021, as FIFA's task force on the revamped Club World Cup originally proposed in March. That is according to people with knowledge of the situation who spoke on condition of anonymity with The Associated Press to discuss the contents of a private meeting.

FIFA only said the qualification process "will be finalized in a consultation process between FIFA and the six confederations."

FIFA President Gianni Infantino said the governing body will make "zero" out of the new event because all the profits will be reinvested back into club football. "I hope China will help FIFA to organize it in financial terms,' Infantino said after the meeting in Shanghai. "It will be the club football event which will generate the highest revenue per match." Infantino said FIFA along with the Chinese soccer federation and government will push ahead with planning on the tournament.









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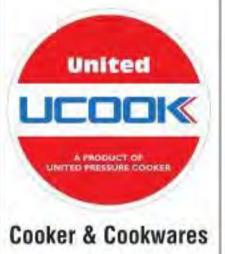


















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# Ursula's bumpy start

Why the incoming boss of the European Commission is struggling



Ursula von der Leyen hails from the EPP but is not considered "one of us" among its parliamentary ranks. Reuters

EMMANUEL MACRON was visibly angry. "I need to understand what was at play," he told journalists on October 10th, chopping the air with his hands. "I need to understand what was at play. Resentment. Pettiness perhaps. But I need to understand." The European Parliament had just rejected Sylvie Goulard, his nominee for the next European Commission. This had not been part of the plan. Mr Macron won a diplomatic triumph in the summer when he persuaded Angela Merkel and other leaders to help him manoeuvre Ursula von der Leyen, a German minister who shares his vision of a tougher and more thrusting EU, into the leadership of the union's executive. Mrs von der Leyen duly lined up Ms Goulard, a long-standing Macroniste, for a new mega-job overseeing industrial policy and defence.

Sadly, the members of the three parliamentary committees charged with assessing Ms Goulard's candidacy voted by 82 votes to 29, with one abstention, to reject it. Outside of her (and Mr Macron's) liberal group she received just 12 votes; in other words, very few from the centre-right European People's Party (EPP) and centreleft Socialists and Democrats (S&D) groups that Mrs von der Leyen will constantly have to rely on for majorities in the parliament. Both camps claimed afterwards that she had not contacted them to discuss the vote in advance. Mr Macron was not amused.

MEPs cited Ms Goulard's role in a past scandal over European parliamentary jobs and payments for her role at an American think-tank (she denies wrongdoing in both cases, investigations into the first of which cost her job as French defence minister after just one month in office in 2017). Wary of a "twotier" EU, central and eastern Europeans in particular insisted that the French candidate not be subjected to lower standards of propriety than their own nominees. But a bigger factor in the rejection was the widespread sense in the EPP and the S&D that Mrs von der Leyen herself had been imposed on them. They would have preferred the next Commission president to be one of their own "lead candidates" who campaigned for the job ahead of the European elections in May. The apparent expectation that they defer to her and Mr Macron's choice of internal market commissioner prompted the revolt. "Guys, we are go-

ing to kill [Goulard] in the vote later but do not say until then," read an internal EPP memo accidentally tweeted ahead of the ballot. Mr Macron's Europe minister declared the result "a major institutional crisis".

That was and is an overstatement—for now. MEPs also threw out the Romanian and Hungarian nominees over conflict-of-interest concerns. With insufficient time to find and approve three replacement candidates, on October 16th the parliament postponed its up-or-down vote on the final line-up and thus pushed the new commission's arrival in office from November 1st to at least December 1st. It could all take even longer. Neither Mr Macron nor Mrs von der Leyen has the parliamentary muscle needed to guarantee that the next French nominee will

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meet with the support that eluded Ms Goulard. The French president's power base there is not yet commensurate with his dominance among national leaders; he long dragged his feet on his party's incorporation into the liberal group, considering himself above the contest between the eu's party groups. Mrs von der Leyen hails from the EPP but is not considered "one of us" among its

parliamentary ranks. Some sympathy is due to both of them. The parliament's petty squabbles—and the grinding slowness of European initiative to which they contribute—is an indulgence the eu can scarcely afford. As The Economist went to press leaders were gathering in Brussels to discuss not just the Brexit drama but conflict in the Middle East, the new eu

budget and unresolved eu carbon emissions targets. Mrs von der Leyen and Mr Macron, backed on some topics by the more cautious Mrs Merkel, want the continent to be a more decisive actor in such arenas and in Ms Goulard had a solid candidate for one of its crucial roles. Tit-for-tats and further delays are the last things they or Europe need.

### The perils of politicisation

Yet both also have lessons to learn. In past decades France and Germany dominated They could more easily settle decisions, sometimes with the commission president mediating, and impose them on the rest of the club. The parliament was relatively toothless. All of that has changed. The EU is more plural, its diplomatic and political landscape more diverse and its parliament more powerful. More by necessity than by design, and partly under the stress of crises, the European project has become more political and less narrowly technocratic—one reason why Mr Macron, fearful of adding any fuel to the fires of populism, rather shortsightedly decided this week to veto the start of eu accession talks with North Macedonia and Albania. The European elections in May saw turnout rise for the first time ever, betokening the genuine Europeanisation of some political debates. It produced a more fragmented parliament of shifting, hard-won majorities; one with, moreover, a stronger sense of its own legitimacy and a heightened willingness to assert itself.

Both Mrs von der Leyen and Mr Macron have, in so many words, welcomed the trend towards a more confident and political European project. But if they are sensible, they will not merely treat that as a licence for technocrats and national leaders to ram through bigger things, faster. Irritating power games in the European Parliament are the manifestation of something important. In a more confident and political European project there may well be more opportunity to do big things, but the need to argue and win support for doing them is likely to be commensurately greater too. In future, European leaders will have to work harder to make their case, forge political bases, do deals and marshal coalitions. Whisper it softly, but "more Europe" will not make the eu easier to lead. Quite the opposite.

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### CANNABIS AND PREGNANCY

# Smoked out

In rats, cannabis during pregnancy rewires the brains of offspring

AS GOVERNMENTS around the world update their policies towards the legality of cannabis, that drug's medical and recreational use is spreading. Many women therefore want to know whether it is safe to take the stuff during pregnancy, and face a dearth of evidence to guide them. The use of cannabis by pregnant women is on the rise. A study in a Californian health-care system suggests uptake increased from 2.4% of pregnant mothers in 2002 to 3.9% in 2014. Other work in Western countries has found rates of between 3% and 16%. Such use is by no means simply recreational. Medical cannabis is employed in many places to control nausea and vomiting, so pregnant women have turned to it to treat morning sickness.

Some groups would like to promote the use of cannabis during pregnancy as safe and beneficial. CannaMommy, a website which supports a mother's right to choose "plants over pills" during pregnancy, thinks mothers-to-be should be able to decide how they video on the site says, "Fact: Cannabis is safer than pharmaceuticals".

medicate themselves. A banner across one

It isn't a fact, however. The absence of evidence is not evidence of absence. What evidence there is, moreover, is not encouraging. Some studies indicate that using cannabis during pregnancy has long-term consequences for the development of a baby's brain. These investigations are obser-

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vational, not double-blinded clinical trials. so they are not completely conclusive. However they suggest prenatal cannabis exposure predisposes people to hyperactivity, impulsivity, loss of attention, psychosis and increased sensitivity to drugs of abuse.

A paper published this week in Nature Neuroscience examines these issues more systematically. Miriam Melis of the University of Cagliari, in Monserrato, Italy and her colleagues carried out experiments, albeit on rodents rather than people, that looked into the question of prenatal exposure to cannabis by administering the drug's main psychoactive ingredient, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) to pregnant rats.

THC interacts with the endocannabinoid system, a network of brain cells which communicate with each other using THC-like molecules. Neuroscientists' concerns about using cannabis during pregnancy stem from the fact that, in developing brains, the endocannabinoid system directs cell growth, the



The use of cannabis by pregnant women is on the rise. Reuters

differentiation of neurons and the way in which neurons grow, form junctions with each other and are pruned.

Dr Melis administered low doses of the (equivalent to a single, mild joint) to pregnant rats. She then looked at the behaviour and neurobiology of the offspring. One test happened in the third and fourth week after birth. A second was when the animals were older—an age roughly equivalent to the period just before adolescence in humans. Before the second test, the youngsters were

given a dose of thc.

Dr Melis found that exposing rat embryos to the rewired the part of the brain that handles reward and motivation—but only in males. Neurons in this area were more excitable than those in control animals when stimulated by dopamine, another chemical that carries messages between neurons. They also fired off their electrical impulses at a higher frequency. In people, says Dr Melis, hyperactive dopamine neurons of this sort are a feature of vulnerability to a range of

psychiatric disorders that include schizophrenia, mania and drug addiction. Another effect that Dr Melis detected was impaired "sensorimotor gating". This is the way that a brain filters out superfluous information and prevents an overload of data.

These underlying neurological changes did not, however, manifest themselves immediately as changes in behaviour. Instead, the rats concerned acted normally until given their preadolescence doses of thc. At this point their behaviour changed, as they became hyperactive and increasingly likely to take risks.

Though it is sometimes hard to translate work done on rodents to human beingsparticularly in this case, when only males seem affected-Dr Melis's findings lend support to the conclusions of observational studies which suggest that prenatal exposure to cannabis leads to increased susceptibility to a range of mental health problems. There was one intriguing positive finding. The authors were able to correct their rats' behavioural and neurological abnormalities by dosing them with pregnenolone, a drug currently undergoing tests for the treatment of cannabis addiction, schizophrenia, autism and bipolar disorder. But the long and short of the work done thus far is that consuming cannabis during pregnancy is far from safe.

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I Aradhana W/o Ajay Mohan Dvivedy R/o D-255 Karampura New Delhi-110015 have changed my name to Aradhana

Dvivedy. 0040517323-10 I Anjuman Begum W/o Mohd Wasi R/o H.No.7886, Gali Haji Mehboob Wali, Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi-110006 have changed my

name to Arjuman Begum for all purposes. 0040517277-1 I Akimaddin Ahamed S/o Noimaddin R/o Naoda Baharail.

Hemtabad, Uttar Dinaipur, WB-733134, have changed my name to Akimuddin Ahamed.

0070680288-1 PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that my client Mr. Manoj Gupta S/o Sh.P.C Gupta R/o B-3/5, Vasant Vihar, new delhi-110057 has applied for conversion of the SFS Flat No.1549, on the Ground Floor, Block-C, Pocket-I, Cat.III, situated at Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070 from lease hold to free hold. That the my Original Allocation Letter, Fifth and final Demand Letter Possession Letter site. Demand Letter,Possession Letter,site Possession Letter,NOC for Water and Electricity issued by the Delhi Development Authority in respect of the above said flat has been lost or misplaced by me and is not traceable inspite of my best efforts. I have lodge inspite of my best efforts. I have lodge a FIR in Police Station Crime Branch New Delhi vide LR. No. 1785295/2019 dated 22.10.2019.

Any person(s) claiming any right interest, having any objection or found in possession of original document may write/contact with above named person at above address within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objections with respect to the property can personally inform or write to Dy. Director (LAB) H or Director (H)-1, D. Block, 3rd Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA,

MUKESH KUMAR JHA (Advocate) Ch.No.-9,DDA, Vikas Sadan INA, New Delhi Enl.No.-D-2778/10 Public Notice Be it known to all the whom. my clients, S. Charanicet Singh S/o Late Gian Singh & Smt. Sarbilt Kaur W/o S. Charanjeet Singh, both R/o 184-A, Gautam Nagar, New Delhi -110049, have disowned their son Shri Gagandeep Singh, aged about 40 years, from their all movable and immovable properties in any manner whatsoever and Shri Gagandeep Singh, shall have no rights, title and interest in all movable and immovable properties of my

(Sallendra Kumar Mohallik) (Advocate) 304, N-161, Yusuf Sarai Community Centre, ND. M: 9810015594, 9810866907.

clients in future.

LOST & FOUND

It is notified for the information that my original certificate of main secondary examination of year 1990 and roll no 475909 issued by CBSE has been actually lost Name Rupesh Bajaj Address G-3/221-222 Sector 16 Rohini Delhi-89 Phone 9873565162

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**Lost** original Transfer Certificate dated 08-01-2001 issued by Ansal Housing and Construction Ltd. for Office No.919-A, Kirti Shikhar Building, District Centre, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058 favouring Rajeshwar Bhardwaj S/o Rammurti Bhardwaj. FIR lodged vide LR No.1788032/2019 dated. 23-10-2019 Founder inform at:9971598067 0040517274-1

Lost(File) Original Registry of Property No.C-45 Ground-Floor, Gali No.3, West Chander Nagar Delhi-110051, founder may inform-Kawaljeet Kaur and Jasmeet Kaur #9818588081 0040517343-6

My Original Certificate of Main

Secondary School Examination of Year 2012 and Roll No. 1177697 issued by CBSE has actually been lost. Name of the Candidate: Ayush Agarwal, Full Address and Tel: K-3 Civil Township Rourkela, Odisha-769004, 7077100803 0040517296-1

It is notified for the information that my Original Qualifying **Examination Certificate of** Main Sr. Secondary Examination of Year 2014 and Roll No. 9199861 issued by CBSE actually has been lost. Geetali Arora, 292-293, 2nd Floor, Street No 10, Main Faiz Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi 110005 Mob: 9212798449

0040517280-1

PUBLIC NOTICE This is to bring to the public at large that my client Smt. Savitri Devi D/O Late Sh. Singl

Ram W/O Late Sh. Attar Singh Dalal R/O H.No. W.P. 383, Wazirpur Village, New Delhi 110052, severed her all relations from his Sor Satveer Singh Dalal) in past. Mean ner husband has expired and over a period ne, now the relation between son Considering the love and affection towards her son Mr. Satveer Singh Dalal, my client now revoked the earlier disowned notice against her son Mr. Satveer Singh Dalal with effect from the date of publication of this notice i.e. 20th October 2019. Hereafter th earlier disownment of her son Mr. Satvee Singh Dalal stands Null and Void. Mr. Satvee ringh Dalal herein after have all rights as son acluding rights in my client's Movable and RAKESH K. LAKRA (Advocat Ch. No. 127 Civil Wing, Tis Hazari Courts Delhi-54.

PUBLIC NOTICE To be known to all that my client Avinash Chander S/o Harbans Lal R/o Flat No. 127-B. Pocket-F. GTB Enclave, Delhi-93 owner o the above said property. The Original DDA Letter, NOC of Water & Electricity connection slip in respect of property No. 127-B, Pocket-F, GTB Enclave, Delhi vide File no. Mo36(98)88/ NN/RP has been actually Lost / Misplaced. An F.I.R to this effect has been lodged in the Police Station, Crime Branch, Delhi vide (LR No. 1787700/2019 dated 23.10.2019). Any person(s) claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original document, may write/contact with above address/Phone No.9810052742 with in 15 days from the date of publication of this notice or write to Dy. Director (LAB) or Director (Lab Housing), DDA Vikas Sadan, Delhi-23 S.K. Gupta (Advocate) Ch. No. D-209, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi-32

PUBLIC NOTICE My clientess Smt. Anupama Jain lo Late Anil Kumar Jain r/o 8/84. FF, Nehru Gali, Vishwas Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-32 have Debar her son Himanshu Jain & his wife Seema Jain & their both daughters Tarishi Jain & Trisha Jain all r/o 8/84, FF, Nehru Gall, Vishwas Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-32 from all her movable and mmovable properties, any body dealing with them shall do so at his own risk and consequences my client has no responsibility in any manner in any case. ushkar Walla-Advocate, Chamber No-T-37, Tehsii Rd., Tis Hazari courts 0-54

PUBLIC NOTICE My client Shri Ramhit Sahni S/o Shri Bansi Resident of flat No. 140, Pocket-40, Near Arya Samaj Chitranian Park, New Delh 110019 severe all relation & debar his son Sandeep Sahni and his wife from all Movable-Immovable properties due to their misconduct and misbehavior, My clients will not be responsible for their any

acts in future whatsoever.

**MANOJ SHISHODIA** (Advocate Ch. No. 306 Saket Courts

PUBLIC NOTICE his notice is hereby given to the public a large that my clients Shri Akhilesh Kumar S/o Shri Adya Prasad Singh and his wife Smt. Geeta Singh W/o Sh. Akhilesh Kumar both R/o H.No. A-13, Gali No. 5B, West Karawal Nagar Delhi- 110094 have disowned/debarred their two sons, elder Shri Abhishek Kumar Singh Kumar Singh aged 26 yrs. from their a moveable and Immovable properties/assets fo all purposes due to their disobedient and crue

may deal with them at their own cost and ris

llegal activity of their above named disown

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a notified to General Public that in

client Mr. Jawarhar Lat Sto Late Shi Menth Rai R/o 3-17, Ajay Ensaye Megh Ray R/o 3-17, Ajay Erisaya, Najatyarh Road, Delhi-110018 with his from will and contain the hour afready gilled his Property bearing no. 5-17. Ajay Endava, Najalgarh Road, Dothi-110018 measuring 200 Sq. yards in tayout of the doughter-n-law hamely 3mt. Asha Madan W0 Shr. Ashak Madan RJo 5-17. Alay Enclave, Najalgam Road, Dalhi-1 (0) 18 by virtue of Registered Gift Dees Dated 29/03/2010, And Apen from it. my client namely Mr. Jawarha: Lal Sto Late Shill Megh Raj had also executed the Registered Will Dated. 11/07/2017 in favor of his orandson namely Ypoe how, nemer I har any of my legal heirs have any hight, like and inversit in respect of the immovable property as mentioned attoyo, except Smt. Asha Medan & her family members and in second of the immovable properties. respect of the movable properties except Mr. Yogash Madan & his family members. I had already discovned debared and desninerated all of my three daughtle's namely (1)Smt, Vearo tungar (2) Nirmal Khattar (3) Suduan Verma alengiwh air of their family members from all my muyuable and miniovable properties, which I own today or may have at the time of my death by virtue of Public notice Moreover, if after my death, any of my above mentional designer or their lamity members disputes or mises any today. doubt or objection with regard to genuineness of Registered Birt Geed Caleu. 29/03/2010 in favour of Ms. Axisa Milden and Registered Will Digital: 11/07/2017 in favour of Mr. togesh Mactin, their the same night not be invario, melleved and considered. Trierefore it is neithed to public at large that the Gift Deed Dated 29/03/2010 and Will Dated: 11/07/2017 is true genuine and correct, which is exec with my free consent and accord. An one dealing with them shall do so at he his risk and resource/hittes and or cients shall not in any way! manner be freed table/responsible for any set and teen of the aforesaid persons PIYUSH PAHUJA (Advocate)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Saroj Bansal W/o Late. Sh. Rakesh Bansal R/o-1665, 2nd Floor, Sector-46, Gurgoan, Haryana has disowned and debarred her Elder son Vaibhav Bansal from their all movable and immovable properties due to his misbehavior and bad conduct. Any body dealing with him in any manner whatsoever will be doing so at his/her own cost, risk & responsibilities. My Clients shall not be S. K. Gupta (Advocate) Ch. No. D-209, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

relations from their son Ashish age 21 years and their daughter Ash aged 23 years and disowned them and debarred the said persons from my client's movable and immovabl properties due to their misbehaviou and that the said person are not unde control of my client. Whosoeve dealing with them in any manner sha do the same at his/her/their own risk

and responsibility. My client shall no

be responsible for any loss or an

Shop No.13, DDA Market, EA-Block

G.S. Sachdeva (Advocate

Maya Enclave, New Delhi-6

That my Client Smt. Kamlesh Dev

R/o RZ-487, Gali No.14, Palam Colony

Kailash Puri Extn., Palam Vihar, Delh

110045, has broken all blood/famil

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER, CONSTRUCTION UNIT, U.P. JAL NIGAM, SAHARANPUR NIT No :-3112 / 203 / 173

Dated-18.10,2019 E-TENDER NOTICE Online percentage rate e-tenders

in two bid system for the following work of water supply scheme under "NATIONAL RURAL DRINKING WATER SUPPLY (QPV)" programme District-Shamli on turn key basis is hereby invited on behalf of chairman, U.P. Jal Nigam from the reputed contractors having work experience of similar works & financial capabillities. Tender document shall be available on eprocurement website http://etender.up.nic.in. interested Contractors may view & download tender document (i.e. Technical & Financial capacity evaluation cum technical bid and financial bid) on e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in from date 04.11.2019 (17:00 Hrs.) to 10.11.2019 upto (17:00 hrs.) pload duly filled online Dt 11.11.2019 (upto 15:00 hrs.). Technical bid opening Date 11.11.2019 (at 17:00 hrs.) at Office I the General Manage Construction Unit, U.P. Jal Nigam, Saharanpur.

उत्तर प्रदेश जल नियम, यान्त्रिक मण्डल, आर-1, राजनगर, (हिन्ट चौराहे के पास). गाजियाबाद (छ०प्र०) पिन- 201002 g 0 स0-860 / निविदा / 114 दिनांक-22.10.2019

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उठ प्र0 जल निगम की और से बढ़ौत शहर में अमृत कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत 19 नग नलकर्णों के प्रम्य हाउसों पर आन्तरिक बिद्यतीकरण आटोमेटिक क्लोरीनेटिंग लान्ट सर्वा बोल्टेंब स्टेबलाइजरी की आपुर्ति एवं अधिष्ठापन च 5 वर्षो वे रप्परपार्व हेरा 'Electrical & Mechanical works including Supply and Installation of Pumping Plant' 4 रिजिएटर्ड 'ए/बी' अंभी के पंजीकत ठकेदारों से ई-टेण्डरिंग प्रक्रिया द्वार निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती है। प्राप्त निविदाशों का दिनांक 08.11.2019 क अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, यान्त्रिक खण्ड, उठ प्रठ जल निगम गाजियाबाद के कार्यालय मे निविदा समिति द्वारा उपस्थित ठेकंवारी कं समक्ष पूर्वोन्ह 03:00 बजे खांली जायेगी निविद्याओं को उठ प्रठ की E-procurment website http://etender.up.nic.in 43 दिनांक 30.10.2019 से दिनांक 06.11.2019 तक डाउनलोड किया ज सकता है। निविदा प्रपन्न का भूल्य रू0 5000.00 + (18%) GST है। निविदा सुवना सं सम्बन्धित विवरण जल निगम की वेब साईट jn.upsdc.gov.in पर एवं कार्यो का विरत्त विवरण E-procurment website http://etender.up.nic.in सं प्राप्त किया ज

### NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

सकता है।

The Executive Engineer Civil Division No. XI, I&FC Department, Govt. o NCT of Delhi, Sector-15, Rohini, New Delhi-110085 invites on behalf of the President of India, online Percentage Rate tender from approved and eligible contractor registered with Irrigation & Flood Contrl Departmen for the following works and the Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website

https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in 1. NIT No: EE/CD-XI/NIT-18/2019-20 Name of Work:- A/R & M/C Supplementary Drain. Sub:- Work: Maintenance of Supplementary Drain removing hyacinth/patera and al floating waste material from the drain in between RD 22471m to RD 25075m for a period of one year Estimated Cost: Rs. 692000/-Earnest Money: Rs. 13840/- Period of completion: ONE YEAR, Last date & time of submission of tender: upto 03:00 p.m on 31.10.2019. (Tender l.D.-2019\_IFC\_182714\_1)

2. NIT No: EE/CD-XI/NIT-19/2019-20/ Name of Work:- A/R & M/O Supplementary Drain. Sub:- Work: Maintenance of Supplementary Drair removing hyacinth/patera and al floating waste material from the drain in between RD 25075m to RD 28080m for a period of one year Estimated Cost: Rs. 799000/-Earnest Money: Rs. 15980/- Period of completion: ONE YEAR, Last date & time of submission of tender: upto 03:00 p.m on 31.10.2019. (Tender I.D.-2019\_IFC\_182718\_1)

3. NIT No: EE/CD-XI/NIT-20/2019-20/ Name of Work:- A/R & M/O Supplementary Drain. Sub:- Work:-Maintenance of Supplementary Drain removing hyacinth/patera and al floating waste material from the drain in between RD 28080m to RD 313000m for a period of one year Estimated Cost: Rs. 856000/-Earnest Money: Rs. 17120/- Period of completion: ONE YEAR, Last date & time of submission of tender: upto 03:00 p.m on 31.10.2019. (Tender I.D.-2019 IFC 182720 1) 4. NIT No: EE/CD-XI/NIT-21/2019-20/

Name of Work:- A/R & M/O Supplementary Drain. Sub:- Work:-Maintenance of Supplementary Drair removing hyacinth/patera and al floating waste material from the drain in between RD 31300m to RD 34500m for a period of one year. Estimated Cost: Rs. 851000/-Earnest Money: Rs. 17020/- Period of completion: ONE YEAR, Last date & time of submission of tender: upto 03:00 p.m on 31.10.2019. (Tender I.D.-2019\_IFC\_182727\_1) DIP/Shabdarth/0894/19-20

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e-bids for supply of following items: Item Details & Tender No.

(ET/NMDC/Bacheli/028099/176/19-20/ET-532 Date 14.10.2019)

Prospective bidders may download the tender documents from website: http://www.mstcrcommerce.com/eprochome/nmdc/buyer\_login.jsp and upload their offer on the portal as per instructions provided in tender document.

Jt. General Manager (Materials)

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD

E-Tender No. ALD-Sig-84-2019-20 E-Tender Notice

Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Coordination/North Central Railway/Allahabad

for and on behalf of the President of India, invite E-Tender on prescribed form for the following works up to 12.00 hrs. on 13.11.2019. The details of the Tender is an under Earnest Cost of Completion Approx. Cost Tender No. & Name of Work of work Money Tender Form Period ALD-Sig-84-2019-20: Hiring of One Nos. Non AC 24 multi utility vehicle i.e. Mahindra Scorpio, Mahindra 9,22,441.44 18,500/-

Zylo, Toyota Innova, Mahindra XUV, or similar in perfectly good condition based at ALJN on 24 hours basis

for the usage up to 2000 km per month as per special conditions of contract for a period of 24 months for

the use of Sr. DSTE/ALJN Date of Closing of tender: 13 11.2019, Availability of tender form: Tender forms shall be available on www.lreps.gov.in 21 days prior to date of opening of the tender. Earnest Money to be deposited: The prescribed amount of Earnest Money as mentioned above must be deposited along with the tender form Online through Internet Banking or Online Payment gateway only. The tenderar(s) should note that, in any case, the Earnest Money in any other form than specified above shall not be acceptable. Tenders without earnest money shall be summarily rejected. Time, date & place of opening of tender: Tender will be opened through E-tender at office of Divisional Railway Manager. Allahabad on or after pre determined date at 12:30 hours. In case tender opening date happens to be holiday, Tenders will be opened on the next working day. Validity of offer: 45 days from the date of opening. Right of Railway to deal with tender: Railway administration reserves the rights to postpone/modify or to cancel the

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Sd/- Executive Engineer,

Mechanical, SKIMS

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR,** SHER-I-KASHMIR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, SOURA OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL

Tel.: 0194-2403679, 2401618, Ext. 2159, E-mail: mechanicalskims@gmail.com SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS Gist of e-NIT NO. 31 OF 2019-20 Dated: 19.10.2019

For and on behalf of Governor of Jammu & Kashmir State, Executive Engineer, Mechanical, SKIMS, Soura, Srinagar, invites Online e-Bids in Two (02) Cover System from Registered/ Reputed and Experienced Firms having expertise as detailed in the Tender Document for the following works:

Sr. | Name of the Work **Estimated Cost** No. (Rs. in Lacs) Providing and Fitting of Central Heating Facility to under Construction 15.10 Physiotherapy Ward, Extended Casualty, Doctor's Rooms and Allied Works at SKIMS, MCH, Bemina. The complete tender document is available at website: http://jktenders.gov.in. Interested Bidders/ Tenderers may view, download the e-Bid Document, seek clarification and submit

their Bid Online upto the Date and Time mentioned in the Table below. Tender Documents

contain Qualifying Criteria for Bidders, Specifications, Bill of Quantities & Terms and

Conditions of the contract and other relevant details. Date and Time of Downloading/Sale of Tender Documents 22.10.2019 from 11.00 Hours (Starting Date) Date and Time of Bidding Queries/ Clarification/Pre-Bid Meet 30.10.2019 at 11.00 Hours iii) Last Date & Time of Bid Uploading 02.11.2019 upto 16.00 Hours iv) Date of Submission on Hard Copies (Only Original EMD/ DD 04.11.2019 upto 14:00 Hours for Document Fee) v) Date & Time of Commercial/Technical Bid (Cover-I) Opening 05.11.2019 11:00 Hours (Or Next Convenien vi) Date & Time of Financial Bid (Cover-IInd) Opening of the Shall be intimated separately Qualifying Bidders vii) Cost of e-Bid Document Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand only) viii) Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (CDR/FDR) Rs. 30200/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand & Two Hundred only) ix) Completion Time Thirty (30) days Plan Works for the Year 2019-20 x) Budget Head

Dated: 19.10.2019 HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED

No.: SIMS 139 EX.467/19-1532-40-3708-11

Last date of tender submission

("A State Government Undertaking") No.HPSEBL (Sectt.)/CE (Comm.)/IPDS/IT Phase-2/ITIA/Vol.-6/2019 1000321 Dated 23.10.2019

NOTICE INVITING TENDER Domestic Competitive Bidding (e-mode) Subject: GPS based GIS Survey & Updation of Assets, Asset Mapping and Consumer Indexing of HPSEBL within the Geographical Boundary of 40 Towns covered under IPDS IT Phase-II. Online lenders are invited, on the prescribed formal from eligible contractors for GPS based GIS

of 40 Towns covered under IPDS IT Phase-II, towns/office list attached at Annexure A. The detail of schedule of sale of tender document is as below: Sr. No. Information to bidders Tender No. HPSEBL/CE(Comm.)/IPDS/IT Phase-2/ITIA/VOI -6/19-2 2 Estimated Cost Value Rs. 2,50,00,000/-Rs. 2,50,000/-**Earnest Money Deposit** Start date of tender sale 28:10:2019 at 3:00 PM Last date of tender sale 18.11.2019 upto 11:59 PM

Survey of Assets, Asset Mapping and Consumer Indexing of HPSEBL within the Geographical Boundary

Tender Opening Date NOTES:

 Submit regulate Earnest Money Deposit (EMD). Out of Rs. 2,50,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Fifty) Thousand), Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh) has to be submitted through Demand Draft and balance amount i.e. Rs. 1,50,000/- through Bank Guarantee. Scanned copies of same have to be uploaded at site. 2. The tender documents are available online (auto-send) after receipt of prescribed Non-refundable

19,11,2019 upto 01:00 PM

19.11.2019 at 03:00 PM

payments as under: Description of payment Through online payment mode In favour of M/s (T) Ltd., Delhi for Rs 1,000/- (GST extra) Annual registration charges Tender Processing fee In favor of M/s ITI Ltd., Delhi for Rs. 5,000/- (GST extra) Cost of tender documents In favour of HPSEBL, Shimla for Rs. 10,000/- (Plus GST@12%)

3. Get registered at www.tenderwizard.com/HPSEB to obtain tender documents. For "e-tendering Steps/Manual\* please visit home page www.tenderwizard.com/HPSEB. (tender wizard helpdesk Nos 8261922200, 8261033300 and 9625033300).

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# 31 TALK ART, MUSIC, STYLE, FOOD



'Sahir's poetry is a

beacon of hope'

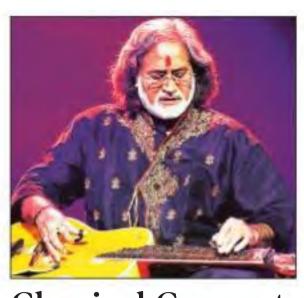
On his 39th death anniversary today, a new book explores

the enduring legacy of Sahir Ludhianvi

### SPREADING THE SCROLL

A 19th-century Burmese-illustrated manuscript has gone on public display for the first time as part of a major exhibition exploring Buddhism at The British Library in London. It has more than 120 items on display that span 20 countries and over 2,000 years.

### **AROUND TOWN**



### **Classical Connect**

THE INTERNATIONAL Ancient Arts Festival that aims to highlight therapeutic benefits of music and dance in restoring individual health and harmony will begin with a performance by its director and Odissi dancer Reela Hota. It will be followed by a collaboration between Grammy award-winning musician Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt (pictured), who plays the Mohan Veena, and German guitarist Matthias Muller. On the second day, the play *Rakt-Kalyan*, directed by Santanau Bose, will be staged. It was written by Girish Karnad in 1989. On October 30 and 31, at Shriram Centre for Performing Arts, Safdar Hashmi Marg. Tickets on bookmyshow.



### Passage to India

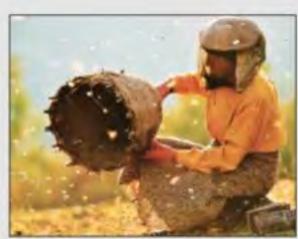
THE VIENNA Boys Choir, with a history dating back 700 years, is probably the besttravelled music ensemble, clocking around 300 concerts every year. This year they are coming to India, where the group first travelled in 1961. Their programme comprises pieces telling its historic roots, with compositions written especially for the imperial choir from the 15th, 16th, and 17th centuries, as well as classical favourites by Mozart, Rossini, and Schumann. In addition, the choir will sing Viennese waltzes and polkas by Johann and Josef Strauss. To complete their passage to India, the boys have learned two very special pieces: Man kunto and the famous bhajan Raghupati raghav. On October 28, 7 pm, at Kamani Auditorium. Tickets on bookmyshow.

### **Festive Fervour**

WITH THE festive season coming to an end, catch the Diwali Mela at Dilli Haat, pot of festivities. From a host of traditional, cultural and ethnic products to mouth-watering delicacies from various corners of India, it is likely to be a unique spot to celebrate Diwali. Till October 27, opposite INA Market.

INA which has always been a melting

### And the Award Goes To





(From left) Stills from Honeyland Ljubomir Stefanov; Eeb Allay Ooo!

AS THE Jio MAMI 21st Mumbai Film Festival with Star comes to an end on Thursday evening, *Eeb Allay Ooo*!, a film about a young migrant who bags the 'government job' of mimicking langurs in Delhi, and Honeyland, the story of a woman who follows the ancient beekeeping tradition to cultivate honey in the mountains of Macedonia, emerge as the

top winners. Set in Delhi, Prateek Vats' debut feature Eeb Allay Ooo! bagged the Golden Gateway award in the 'India Gold section' for his comical yet disturbing take on social conditions. In the same section, Gitanjali Rao's debut animation feature, Bombay Rose, received Silver Gateway and writer-director Saurav Rai got the Grand Jury Prize for Screenwriting for Nimtoh (Invitation), a poignant comment on social structure. Shardul Bhardwaj got the Special Jury Mention Best Actor (Male) for *Eeb Allay* 

Ooo! while Mohini Sharma got Special Jury Mention Best Actor (Female) for her portrayal of a widow enjoying her freedom and discovering small joys of life in Aise Hi.

The festival was a week-long celebration of some of the best works and talent in the world of cinema. It showcased some of the finest recent features and documentaries. In the International Competition section, Ljubomir Stefanov and Tamara Kotevska's *Honeyland* won the Golden Gateway trophy. Rodd Rathjen's Buoyancy won the Silver Gateway award. The Grand Jury Prize in this section went to Suhaib Gasmelbari's Talking About Trees, which is a documentary about a group of people trying to revive cinema culture in Sudan. In this section, Carlo Sironi's Sole and Amjad Abu Alala's You Will Die at Twenty were selected for Special Jury Mention.

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#### **NAWAID ANJUM**

THIRTY-NINE years after his death, poet-lyricist Sahir Ludhianvi (1921-1980) continues to enjoy public interest in his life and work. In 2013, Akshay Manwani presented an indepth and insightful analysis of the poet and his writings in Sahir Ludhianvi: The People's Poet (HarperCollins). Now, a new biography titled Sahir: A Literary Portrait (Oxford University Press) by US-based Surinder Deol, 79, looks at his life through the prism of his poetry. He has translated about 90 nazms, ghazals and bhajans in English. Deol, in 2014, had also translated Mirza Ghalib's Diwan-e-Ghalib and had called it Treasure: A Modern Rendition of Ghalib's Lyrical Love Poetry. Deol has also co-authored Gopi Chand Narang's classic treatise, Ghalib: Innovative Meanings and the Ingenious Mind (2017). Excerpts from an interview:

#### What are some of the cornerstones of Sahir's poetry that accord him a singular status among the Progressive poets?

All Progressive poets shared some common themes — they were anti-war, pro-Independence, they opposed the excesses of the colonial-capitalistic system, and exploitation of the farmers and workers. Sahir had all of this, and he brought forth a lyrical style which he used to craft little stories within his poems. Taj Mahal, written in 1964, is a story of the meeting place that belongs to two lovers. Parchhaaiyaan (1955) hints at the misfortune of two lovers caught in the midst of a much bigger war. There are many other examples too. Secondly, Sahir was a communist sympathiser, but he never became a member of the Communist Party of India or an agenda-pushing poet. He always expressed his true feelings. There was never the pressure to toe the pro-Soviet line. So, we have this freshness in his poetry, which we don't find in many other Progressive poets. He also had the most significant impact on the hearts and minds of people because he entered the film industry just at the right time, and he was much more successful than his peers.

#### The book also draws the parallel journey of another Progressive poet, Faiz Ahmed Faiz, who, like Sahir, got early acclaim.

I talk about some of the commonalities between these two extraordinary poets in my book. In both the cases, there was one poem that worked for them like magic. For Faiz, it was Mujh se pehli si muhabbat mere mahboob na maang and for Sahir it was Taj *Mahal.* Another thing that both of them shared was the unique quality of ghazaliyat (lyricism) and taghazzul (versification). They were both nazm poets who also wrote beautiful ghazals, but they were the only ones who used the art of ghazal writing in producing great nazm poetry. In terms of differences, Faiz is definitely more political or we can say that the circumstances of life left no choice for him. Sahir kept his politics within certain undefined boundaries of progressivism. After Independence, he showed great reverence for Nehru and his socialist vision for India. We can also call Sahir an enlightened nationalist; his love for India as a country was unbounded; he admired the valour of men in uniform and they loved him in return. Although both were atheists, Faiz shows, at places, the influence of tasavvuff(Sufism) and Sahir, because of his heart-touching bhajans, became an exponent of Rama and Krishna bhakti, and a voice for the divine light. His words Allah tero naam, ishwar tero naam are permanently etched in Indian consciousness.

#### Is translating Sahir easier than other **Urdu poets, like Ghalib?**

Urdu poetry, in general, is difficult to render into another language because there are metaphors and similes that Urdu poets use, which are hard to describe meaningfully in English. Like Ghalib. Sahir is easy in places and also very difficult and abstract. There is

after reading him in English. I am sure people around the world will enjoy Sahir's poetry because there is lot that is common between these two poets.

### Do you see Sahir as a poet, a lyricist or a

romantic? Or all rolled into one? Sahir did something which no film lyricist did before. He transitioned his literary poetry from his book Talkhiyaan (1945) into film songs. Thus, Hindi cinema gained songs that were literary masterpieces. Pyaasa (1957) was a fusion of good cinema and great literature. Another good example is Kabhi Kabhie (1976). Sahir is always romantic on the sur-

face and still hides a lot of bitterness underneath (exploitation of women in our society, income inequalities and violence).

Going to college in the early '60s was not a great time. India-China war was a great disappointment, followed by Nehru's death. Then, there were wounds of the Partition that

very bright. Sahir showed us the mirror but also gave the message of hope and optimism. His snug romanticism, coupled with the coming 'dawn' (social and political revolution) that would take care of all our ills, appealed to young people of my generation. His words have the potential to inspire the young generation of today as well.

### Do you think Sahir's life and work were defined by the women in his life?

Sahir never talked about his romantic life. What we know comes from his friends or secondary sources. We can draw conclusions based on our understanding, but there are aspects of his life, for which we have conjectures but no clear answers. Sahir was a complex human being. His psyche was shaped by challenging circumstances – growing up in the care of a mother who faced grave financial and social constraints, disappointments in early romantic entanglements, an uncertain future; his inability to complete his college education. I agree with his friend Ahmad Rahi's assessment: 'In his entire life, Sahir loved once, and he nurtured one hate. He loved his mother, and he hated his father'.

#### How do you look at the legendary love story of Sahir and Amrita?

We only know one part of the story – Amrita fell in love with him at a young age; this love became a fire that slowly consumed her; she wrote about it in both prose and poetry. But Sahir never said a word about it. He liked Amrita immensely. He admired her talent. But whether he was in love with her is something for which we have no definite answer. I have tried to psychoanalyse him but have ended my pursuit with questions. Was he a man who was unable to get into a stable, romantic relationship? Was there something he found within himself that made him reluctant to initiate a relationship, knowing that it would go nowhere? Was his deep love and affection for his mother a roadblock? I wish we had answers.

### What lessons can we get from Sahir's

poetry today? Looking back, I can say that Sahir's poetry never lost its relevance. He touched upon issues like poverty, inequality, gender gap, environment, the threat of a war that has not gone away. Some of the chal-

> lenges are even bigger today than in his time. India's natural beauty that was a sugary mix in his love and nature equation is more in danger today. India's secular tradition faces its most significant test. Religion, which was our high strength, is being used to tear us apart. There are historic elections, and great victories are won in the midst of

> much jubilation, but what

happens to democratic institutions and respect for peoples' rights later are matters



(Clockiwse from above) Sahir Ludhianvi; the cover of Sahir: A Literary **Portrait**; Surinder Deol



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**SURINDER DEOL** 

no way we can bring his lyricism to its full flowering in another language, but anyone who is not familiar with Urdu can get a feel of his poetry. Most people love Pablo Neruda

What drew you to his poetry?

had not yet healed. The future didn't seem

of concern. Sahir's poetry is a beacon of hope. After the dark night, there is dawn. Things may look bad, but the future is always sunny and bright as long there are men and women of goodwill who aspire to create a better future. Woh subah kabhi to aayegi (that dawn will arrive some day) can never lose its magic.

# Lead, Kindly Light

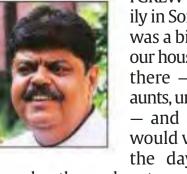
### This Diwali, various artistes recount their favourite memories of the festival

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**RAJIV MALHOTRA** 

CORPORATE CHEF, CHOR BIZARRE



I GREW up in a joint family in Sonipat and Diwali was a big celebration in our house. Everyone was there — grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins — and a lot of people would visit throughout the day. My mother,

grandmother and aunts would make sweets, especially besan ki barfi, and garnish the barfi with muskmelon seeds. These would have been collected in glass jars through the year just for the purpose of liberal usage in the barfi.

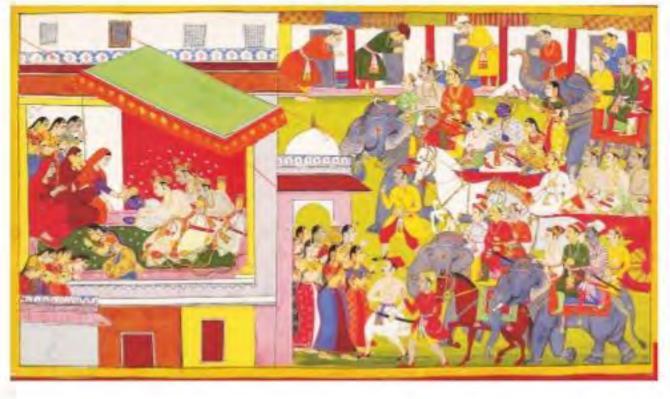
We would also have lauki ka halwa, sooji ka halwa, moong dal halwa, and makhane ke kheer, with lots of chironji and dry fruits added to it. You don't get imartis so easily these days, but back then, we would also have lot of imartis. It's not so easy to make them at home, so we used to get these from the halwai. There was the *prashaad*, which would be jalebis and raw milk. This is a Punjabi tradition. These days, people stay away from sweets, so many people prepare or gift savoury snacks. In my childhood, this was simply not done. It had to be sweets. After all, Diwali is the festival of sweets.

**CHANDAN TIWARI FOLK SINGER** 



IN FOLK songs, especially the ones in UP and Bihar, most of the stories that revolve around Lord Ram are to do with either his marriage or the separation period. Ramjiyavan Das Bawla, who is known as Tulsidas of Bhojpuri,

poet Snehlata who considered Janaki (Sita) her friend, and saint poet Narayan Das Bhaktmali better known as Buxor Wale Mamaji — all three were focussed on Ram's exile. Despite the battle of Lanka being so significant, they



A Rajasthani miniature painting by Sahib Din that showcases Lord Rama reuniting with Bharata and Satrughna. They enter Avodhya and drive through the bazaars to the palace where they are received by their mothers. Photo courtesy: Wikimedia Commons

were not interested in writing about the warrior Ram or the gallant Ram, they instead focussed on Ram's disposition as a child, as a young boy, as a lover, as a bridegroom, and as a son-in-law. There are very few songs that are centred around his return to Ayodhya, For example, Saanwala sarkaar haste haste aaya. This is sung on two occasions — at Ram Navmi and then at Diwali. At a very basic level, a lot of folk songs focus more on Ram's personality in all its gentle tones, much more that on him as a king or as a warrior. Poets like Musa Kaleem sang of Ram Rajya. Its context and reference may have been different but the imagination

is that of the Ram Rajya.

### **MADHVI PAREKH**

**ARTIST** 



I GREW up in Sanjaya village near Ahmedabad. During my childhood, Diwali was very different from how we now celebrate it in the city. Decorating the house

was an important part of

the festivities and we would begin with cleaning the walls of the house with cow dung. For us the celebrations would begin on Dhanteras. There was no colour available, so the rangoli would be



SAHIR

The clay replicas of various freedom fighters

made using sieved white chuna, haldi and kumkum. I recall making simple designs, usually flowers and swastika, or writing 'shubh laabh' or 'padhaaro'. We would even colour the horns of the cows. We used to wear new clothes, burst a lot of crackers and prepare delicacies such as moong dal papad, besan ladoo, and gujhiya. That experience has stayed with me. Even now, sometimes I feel that the way I make borders or even the flowers that I paint is how I worked on the rangoli patterns.

### **LOKESH JAIN**

THEATRE DIRECTOR

GROWING UP in old Delhi, my childhood memories of Diwali are associated with the craftsmen there. They would create these small toys made of clay that would be sold at places like Sitaram Bazaar. These included statues of Guru Nanak, Mahatma Gandhi, BR Ambedkar, Subhash Chandra Bose. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Jawaharlal Nehru, alongside Ganesh and Laxmi. There used to be these small toy replicas of free-



dom fighters from different religions that symbolised peace and we would decorate our houses with them. There was a whole world hidden there. Being a Jain, Diwali also marks the day when Lord Mahavir

attains nirvana. The sweet shops would sprout on the road near our home like one sees in *The Arabian Nights*. There were kilos of sweets such as petha, motichoor ke ladoo and others stacked up. Interestingly, I was fascinated by the way the porters who carried sacks of goods in purani Dilli celebrated Diwali and sang songs in Awadhi and Bhojpuri. It was just not limited to the middle class or the upper class; I was intrigued by 'Majdooron ki Diwali' and how they celebrated it. They would decorate their thelas and rickshaws with flowers and diyas. Also, the local eunuch community and folk musicians would go from one house to the other asking for money.

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5 Signs of relief that may extend

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8 Followed a girl in the end

performer(8)

story(4)

7 Take stock (6)

to train (5)

traffic(8)

(4)

(4)

11 By no means rapid

advancement (4,8)

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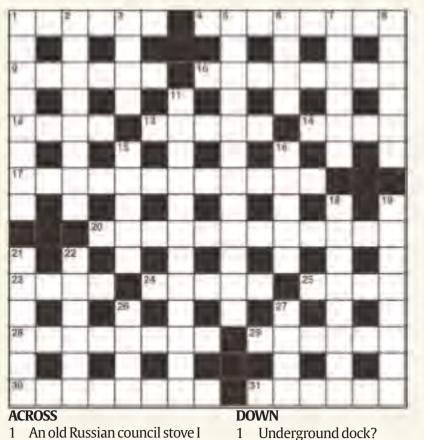
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27 Sight examination

on the vessel (4)

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leaves the court? (4,4) 9 He works with locks (6)

10 They should be able to identify any salts in a mixture (8) 12 A rake has nothing to feel sorry

about (4) 13 Metal ring held by a friend (5)

14 Czech currency flowing into Germany (4)

employment? (6,6) 20 It fires the spirit of motorists

17 One too careless for regular

23 We object to journalist briefly being employed (4) 24 Possibly eager to correspond

25 Actors throw away line? (4)

28 Member of the family changes the guard (8)

29 Faint intelligence evinced by a dolt(6)

30 Lady-killer?(8)

31 Went from side to side wrongly, we'd say (6)

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### **OVER THE HEDGE** by Michael Fry & T Lewis

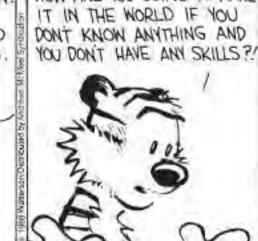




### **CALVIN & HOBBES** by Bill Watterson



I DON'T NEED AN EDUCATION. I DON'T NEED TO LEARN THINGS, I DON'T NEED TO DEVELOP SKILLS IT'S TOO MUCH TROUBLE.





### **MARVIN** by Tom Armstrong







### JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip. Riches do not exhilarate us so much with their \_\_\_ as they torment us with their \_\_\_ .-

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**MUTISM AELRMV** 

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every digit from 1 to 9

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Genius

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### **DAY TODAY**

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sharp and incisive thoughts,

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Therefore we may surmise that

although you're going through a

lively phase, nostalgic trips may

nothing wrong with turning the

be the most satisfying: there's

**GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)** 

Cancer in your solar chart.

because of the

meanwhile, urges you to be

**TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)** 

deeply, looking for the

what you find.

clock back.

indicates that you should probe

**ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)** LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23) At the risk of opening up a few old wounds, you should

face awkward issues

Travel is always an

experience, partly

carpet is being your feet at home. Don't be unduly concerned if you imagine that you are being undermined or pulled back to the past, for you will eventually see the benefits of a backwards step.

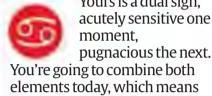
SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

must do now is ensure that legal questions are faced fair and square. Also, get in touch with family members who are far away or overseas. And, lastly, do finalise travel plans, otherwise you'll find that you've missed the boat or lost your way.

### You have to cope

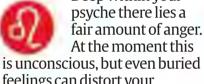
By all means make a fuss and stamp your foot, especially if money is changing hands. It doesn't matter whether you're popping to the corner shop or moving a fortune around the world, you know what you want. And other people must listen. If they don't, then they'll lose out.

#### CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Yours is a dual sign,



you'll have to pick your target carefully or rue the consequences. If you blame the wrong person then thev'll be out to get their own back.

#### LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) Deep within your



is unconscious, but even buried feelings can distort your everyday behaviour, so do try not to take resentments out on people who have done nothing wrong, however strongly you feel.

### **VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)** The whole emphasis

in your chart is slanted towards public affairs, both social and professional. It therefore stands to reason that you will do your best if you are out in the world, meeting and overcoming new challenges. There's nothing to be gained from burying your head in the sand.

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You may now begin to feel that the pulled from under

BY PETER VIDAL

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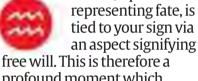
### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

with so many personal changes that you may not have time to catch your breath. Rearranging social engagements is one thing, but you will probably do best to concentrate on necessities, like the money situation: it's time to settle your debts and balance the books.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) Venus' profoundly pleasant

relationship with Saturn is excellent from the financial stance, pointing to a steady increase in your earnings as a result of your own past efforts. It also encourages you to make personal vows: luck doesn't come into it.

#### AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19) Saturn, a planet



profound moment which shows that your personal desires are harmonised with life's deeper purpose: it's your self-discipline which saves the day.

### PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Although a financial transaction did not work out as hoped, you may have a chance to make up for lost ground over the coming four weeks. In the meantime, put extra effort into enjoyment. You owe it to yourself. And, as you know, if you don't help yourself, then nobody else will.

26.09.2019 from 17:00 Hrs.

### (E-Tender Notice) NIT No. 551/P&D(TS)/SS&P-359 Dated: 16.10.19

Name of Office: Chief Engineer/Transmission System P&D(TS) Directorate BBMB, SLDC Complex, Industrial Area Ph-1, Chandigarh-160002 Scope of Work: Design, Manufacture, Testing before despatch, Supply Delivery, testing & commissioning at site of four (4) nos. 132 KV Dupley type (without door) C&R panels for 132kV Ganguwal-Kotla Tie circuits-& II having Numerical Protection Relays (SCADA compliant), Two (2) nos. each at Ganguwal Power Houses & Kotla Power Houses. The due dates against above NIT are as per the following schedule:

Last date & time for receipt Tender Document Fee 07.11.2019 upto 1700 Hrs Last date & time of online Bid submission 25.11.2019 upto 1100 Hrs Due date & time of online Bid opening | 25.11.2019 from 1500 Hrs. onwards

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### Government of India **Ministry of Jal Shakti Deptt. Drinking Water & Sanitation**

8th Floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003

**Dated:** 23rd Sept.,2019

### **Tender Notice**

Subject: Notice inviting Tenders for Disposal of old vehicle.

Sealed tenders on behalf of the Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation are invited from interested Companies/ Firms/ Agencies/ Individuals for purchase of old condemned vehicle Make: one number Maruti 5X4 (Model 2009). The full details can be downloaded from the website of the Department i.e. www.mdws.gov.in.

(Sunil Kumar) Under Secy. to the Govt. of India Telefax: 24368612 davp 35301/11/0004/1920

#### **GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH Directorate of information and Public Relations** Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh No. IPR/Advt/Emp-159/2018(Part-I)

Dated Naharlagun the 17th October 2019

### **INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

The Secretary, Information and Public Relations, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, on behalf of Governor of Arunachal Pradesh invites Expression of interest from Bureau of Outreach and Communication (BOC) erstwhile Directorate of Advertising and Audio Publicity (DAVP) approved agencies for empanelment as advertising agency for publishing advertisements of departments/ offices/ institutions under Government of Arunachal Pradesh in the National and

#### Regional newspapers. **TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

1. Agency/firm should be duly approved by BOC/ DAVP and have an experience of at least five years experience in the

2. Should be approved/empanelled by at least 3 (three) state Governments for at least 3 years. 3. Agency/ firm which agree to bill in BOC/ DAVP rates for all

advertisements issued to/through it should only apply. 4. No newspapers published from Arunachal Pradesh shall be included in the list of newspapers under the agency.

5. Firm/ agency should be duly registered under appropriate section of law/ Act. 6. Firm/ agency should have its own PAN and GST number.

The sealed quotation of Interest accompanied with relevant documents should reach to the Director of Information and Public Relations, Polo Colony, Near Heema Kids Paradise school, Naharlagun- 791110 latest by 30.10.2019.

#### Sd/-(Himanshu Gupta) IAS, Secretary

Information and Public Relations, Itanagar Dated Naharlagun the 23rd October 2019

### Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat

Opp. PRL, Nr. L. D. College of Engineering, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad

Expression of Interest/Tender document/ Proposal by Knowledge Partner for STUDY IN GUJARAT Campaign Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat, Ahmedabad on behalf of Department of Higher Education, Government of Gujarat intends to invite responses from eligible and reputed "Bidders" for "Study in Gujarat" Campaign. Interested Agencies should submit their proposal in two separate sealed covers containing Technical Documents and Financial quotes. Last date of application submission of documents to KCG is 07.11.2019. 03.00 pm. The Tender Document is available on KCG website www.kcg.gujarat.gov.in.

NO.INF/ABD/1135/2019

CEO, KCG

# Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (A Government of India (Ministry of Railways) Enterprise)

NOTICE FOR INVITING E-TENDER No. All/EN/WC/RUB Covering /1&2 Dt: 16.10.2019

CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER, DFCCIL, A-1, Circular Road, Ajmer for and on behalf of DFCCIL invites Two Packet open e-tenders for the following work:- 1) Tender No. All/EN/WC/RUB Covering/1: Name of Work: Providing covering sheds on RUB approaches & Misc. works in Madar-Marwar Jn. Section under CGM-Ajmer unit of Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited. Estimated Cost of Work: Rs.10,47,89,417/-, Completion Period: 6(Six) Months. Type of Bid: Two packet open e-tender. Bid Documents Cost: Rs. 10,000/-+ 18% GST. Earnest Money/Bid Security: Rs. 20,95,800/-. 2)Tender No. All/EN/WC/RUB Covering/2: Name of Work: Providing covering sheds on RUB approaches & Misc. works in Marwar Jn. - Iqbalgarh Section under CGM-Ajmer unit of Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited Estimated Cost of Work: Rs.9,60,71,248/-. Completion Period: 6(Six) Months. Type of Bid: Two packet open e-tender, Bid Documents Cost; Rs. 10,000/- + 18% GST Earnest Money/Bid Security: Rs. 19,21,500/-Availability of Bid Document: 25.10.2019. Date & Time for Submission of filled tender document: Up to 15.00 Hrs on 26.11.2019 Date & Time of Opening Tender: 15.30 hrs of 26.11.2019. Tender documents should be downloaded from the website address www.tenderwizard.com/DFCCIL. No tender document will be available offline. Downloading of tender documents online and submission of tenders online is mandatory for these tenders. Address for Communication: Office of the Chief General Manager, Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Ltd. A-1, Circular Road, Ajmer- 305001 Tel/Fax No. 0145-2970463. Detailed terms & conditions and future corrigendum/addendum will be posted on www.tenderwizard.com/DFCCIL only.



P.O. Duliajan - 786602, Assam, India, CIN: L11101AS1959G0I001148 NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

EOI NO: PA/65-243/2019 dated 25.10.2019

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF OIL'S CSR PROJECT ON SKILL & CAPACITY BUILDING

Oil India Limited (OIL), a Govt. of India "Navaratna" category Enterprise, engaged in the business of Exploration, Production and Transportation of Crude Oil & Natural Gas and production of LPG is intending to tie-up with reputed organizations working in the areas of Placement linked Skill and capacity building and having training centers in Assam catering to unemployed youths of North East India. The format and other details of the EOI is available at OIL website www.oil-india.com

interested agencies who fulfill the eligibility criteria may submit the "Expression of Interest" along with relevant documents in sealed envelopes superscribing "Expression of Interest for implementation of Skill & Capacity building project of OIL" latest by 11-11-2019 before 3.30 PM to the following address:

General Manager - Public Affairs Public Affairs Department Oil India Limited, District: Dibrugarh Duliajan, Assam, PIN: 786602

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**MARTYRS OF CISF ON 25TH OCTOBER** 



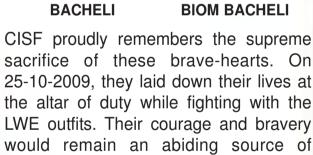




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### Govt. of Jharkhand **Energy Department Jharkhand Renewable Energy** Development Agency (JREDA) 3rd Floor, S.L.D.C. Building, Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi-834002

their noble deed

Ph.: 0651-2491161, Fax: 0651-2491165 E-mail: info@ireda.com: Website: www.jreda.com

		curement Notice
Te	nder Reference No.; 18/JR	EDA/WS/19-20 Date: 24,10,2019
1	Name of the work	Engagement of Training/Consultancy Firms towards conducting training to solar technicians of Single Village Piped Water Supply Scheme.
2	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Rs. 30,00,000/-
3	Period of Engagement	12 (Twelve) Months
4	Date of publication of NIT on website: http://jbarkbaudlenders.gov/in	25.10,2019 (Friday)
5	Last date & time for receipt of colline bids	18.11.2019 (Monday) Upto (68:00 PM
n.	Submission of original uspies of Bid for & EMD (Office)	18.11.2019 and 19.11.2019 up to 5.00 PAI
7	Technical Bid Opening Dale	20.11.2019 (Wednesday) at 07 00 PM.
K	Name & address of office myiting tender	Director: Thankhand Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA), 3rd Floor, SLDC Building, Kusai, Deranda. Ranghi- X34002 (Jhankhand)
Ó	Connect no of programment afficer	0631-2491163/61
10	Helpline not of e-procurement	0651-3491163/61

http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in & www.jreda.com. Further details can be seen on website: http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in & www.jreda.com

Name of Item

Supply, installation &

commissioning of Screw Air

Compressor with Drayer VFD, 300 Nos.

PR 220835 Energy (19-20) D

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Any corrigendum/addendum can be seen on website:

Consignee/ Place of

Tender Opening

General Manager, Verka

Patiala Dairy, Ph No.

80549-98531, 80549-

Director JREDA, Ranchi

E.M.D

(Rs.)

1,00,000/-

### **NORTHERN RAILWAY**

Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems) N.I.T. No. 22/19-20 dated 23.10.2019. 1. Name of work with its location; Hiring of Inspection Vehicle for ADEN/E-II and ADEN/Hort, for two years under Sr. DEN/Estate, 2 Approx. Cost of Work: 2177280 3. Earnest Money: (it should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only, Note: - FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 2015/CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016 43600 4. Completion period of work: 24 Months 5. Cost of tender on cash/by post (It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only, Note: FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 2015//CE /CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016) 3540 6. Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender: Upto 15.00 hrs on 19.11 2019 Opening of tender at 15.00 hrs or 9.11,2019.7. Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be

purchased etc.: Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. 128-W/269/OET/19-20/WE/NIT 22 Dated: 23.10.2019. SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILI BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD 🚳 (Power Wing) CORRIGENDUM-1 NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER NIT No. 28/13/BBMB Dated 26:09:2019 Name of Office: Superintending Engineer/DPH Circle, BBMB (PW) Slapper (HP) Name of the Work: (i) Capital maintenance of 165 MW Dehar Unit No. 3 alongwith repairing of 1st set of underwater parts at DPH Stapper. (ii) Capital maintenance of 165 MW Dehar unit No. 2 and repairing of 2nd set of underwater parts at DPH Stapper.

Last Date & Time for upload Pre-qualification documents | 06.11.2019 upto 12:00 Hrs. Last Date & Time for download tender documents | 20.11.2019 upto 12:00 Hrs. 20.11.2019 upto 14:30 Hrs. Last Date & Time for Submission of online bid Due Date & Time for Opening Online Bid 20.11.2019 from 15:00 Hrs. Estimated Cost ₹ 260 Lacs For Detailed NIT/term & condition etc., please visit/download from BBMB website

www.bbmbeproc.abcprocure.com & www.bbmb.gov.lin 525-PR-Generation-4 For Your Better Tomorrow Save Energy Today **NORTHERN RAILWAY** 

**TENDER NOTICE** Invitation of tender through E-tendering (E-Procurement Systems) S. N.IT. No. NIT-30-19-20-W-2 No. Removal/Disposal of muck/Malba/ Name of Work with its location Garbage/cow dung etc. lying in Rly. colony & Yard (GZB-SRE) in the Section of ADEN/ Approx. Cost of work Rs. 60.49.014.10 3 Earnest Money Rs. 1,21,000/- (It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note:- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on as per Railway Boards letter No. 2015/CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016) 4 Completion Period 06 Months Rs. 5,900.00 (It should be in the form of Cost of tender on Cash/by post net banking or payment gateway Only Note:- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on as per Railway Boards letter No. 2015/CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016) 08.11.2019 to 22.11.2019 upto 15:00 hrs. Date and time of submission of tender and opening of tender Opening of tender 22.11.2019 at 15:00 Any civil engineering works contract or Similar Nature of Work Tree Plantation, garden maintenance any horticulture/landscaping works. Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. Website particulars notice board location complete www.ireps.ggv.in details of tender can be seen

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where the tender form can be

No.: NIT-30-19-20-W-2 Date: 23.10.2019.

SHORT TERM E TENDER NOTICE Date & Time for Sale/ Date & Time of Last Date & Time of downloading of e-tenders online Submission of online e-tenders opening of e-tenders Technical Bid:-04.11.2019 05.11.2019 at 02:00 PM 26:10:2019 Financial Bid:

04:00 PM

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CFM. 7 Bar Complete accessories 98534, 80549-98535 08.11.2019 at 11:00 AM Bidders shall have to pay required Tender Processing fee through online mode only i.e. through debit/credit card for getting registered for e-tendering system. EMD should be made only through online mode i.e. Credit/Debit card, NEFT/RTGS, Internet Banking. For participating in the above e-tender, the parties shall have to get themselves registered with our e-Tendering portal i.e. eproc.punjab.gov.in and get USER ID and Password well in time. For downloading tender through e-tendering, process flow, please contact e-Procurement help desk on given Nos. 0172-2970263, 2970284 immediately so that process of timely registration and downloading the tender is completed in time by the date of tender opening. For additional details regarding e-tendering please visit website eproc.punjab.gov.in General Manager (QA&E) Note:- Tender processing Fee is Non-Refundable.

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