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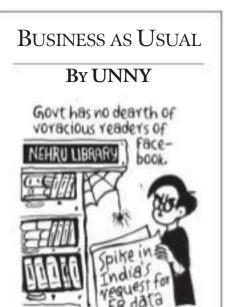
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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

THE ELECTRICITY demand

curve, a key indicator of indus-

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power units across the country

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Low demand behind

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plants shutting down

**AND MTNL** 

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BAD TEETH are not good for astronauts. This is one of the key lessons that experts from IAF's Institute of Aerospace Medicine (IAM) learnt over the last three months during the recruitment of 12 air force test pilots as Gatcans or Gaganaut candidates for Gaganyaan, India's first human space mission.

The pilots, who were selected from a field of 60 with the help of Russian experts, have undergone generic training as astronauts at the Yuri Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Centre in

Operators unable to ink

pacts with distributors. File

Of the country's total installed

generation capacity of 3,63,370

MW, the peak demand met was

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1,88,072 MW on November 7,

according to official data available

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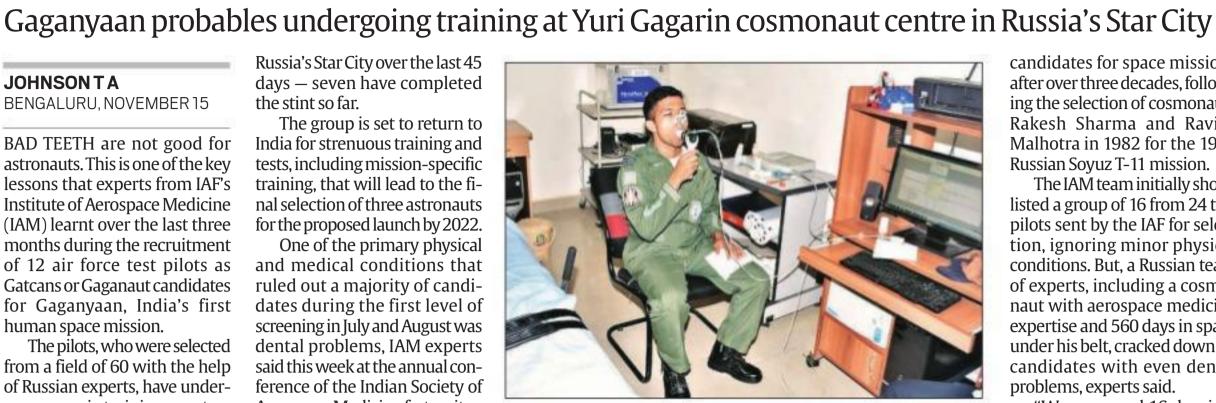
by The Indian Express.

Russia's Star City over the last 45 days — seven have completed the stint so far.

The group is set to return to India for strenuous training and tests, including mission-specific training, that will lead to the final selection of three astronauts for the proposed launch by 2022.

One of the primary physical and medical conditions that ruled out a majority of candidates during the first level of screening in July and August was dental problems, IAM experts said this week at the annual conference of the Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine fraternity.

The IAM is finding its way back to the rigour of selecting



An IAF test pilot undergoes a medical test as part of the **cosmonaut-selection process.** *Indian Air Force* 

Chief Justice India Designate has kindly agreed to preside

candidates for space missions after over three decades, following the selection of cosmonauts Rakesh Sharma and Ravish Malhotra in 1982 for the 1984 Russian Soyuz T-11 mission.

The IAM team initially shortlisted a group of 16 from 24 test pilots sent by the IAF for selection, ignoring minor physical conditions. But, a Russian team of experts, including a cosmonaut with aerospace medicine expertise and 560 days in space under his belt, cracked down on candidates with even dental problems, experts said.

"We prepared 16 dossiers and presented them to a visiting CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

### **SEEKS TO AMEND 1955 LAW**

# House heat for winter session: **Enter citizenship** amendment Bill

Barring Muslims, it will allow people of six religions from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan to apply

**DEEPTIMANTIWARY** & LIZ MATHEW NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

THE CITIZENSHIP Amendment Bill, a contentious legislation that seeks to amend a 1955 law to allow Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians from Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Pakistan apply for Indian citizenship while keeping out Muslims, is all set to be tabled in the winter session of Parliament starting Monday.

On the priority list of the BJP which has also been speaking of replicating the Assam exercise of the National Register of Citizens across the country, the Citizenship Amendment Bill of 2016 lapsed because it could not clear Rajya Sabha before the dissolution of the 16th Lok Sabha. Sources said the Bill will be re-introduced in the winter session for passage in both Houses.

In the list of business for the upcoming session, the Bill is listed: "To amend the definition of illegal migrant, reduction in the number of years of residency period to obtain Indian Citizenship through naturalization and to empower Central Govt. to cancel the registration of Overseas Citizen of India card in case of any violations."

The 2016 Bill sought to amend the Citizenship Act, 1955 to allow Hindus, Sikhs,



### For Hindus out of NRC, Bill key

THE CITIZENSHIP Amendment Bill is a promise the BJP made in its election manifesto. The renewed push comes in the backdrop of over 19 lakh people not making it to the final NRC list. The Bill has raised eyebrows as it is being seen as a bid to accommodate Hindus excluded from the NRC. It provides no relief to Muslims left out of the NRC list.

Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians from Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Pakistan apply for Indian citizenship. But it kept out Muslims. The existing Act allows an immigrant to apply for citizenship if s/he has lived in India for 12 months immediately before the application, and for 11

of the last 14 years. On July 19, 2016, the governintroduced the

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# for sale of power. UNITS AMONG THE 133 FACED WITH 'RESERVE SHUT DOWN/LOW SCHEDULE'

Power station-Unit/State	Capacity (MW)	Shut down since								
Udupi TPP-1/Karnataka	600	28/7/2019								
Shree Singaji TPP-4/Madhya Pradesh	660	10/8/2019								
Shree Singaji TPP-2/Madhya Pradesh	600	20/9/2019								
Shree Singaji TPP-3/Madhya Pradesh	660	4/10/2019								
Kudgi STPP-3/Karnataka	800	6/10/2019								
Solapur-1/Maharashtra	660	7/10/2019								
Solapur-2/Maharashtra	660	9/10/2019								
Gadarwara TPP-1/Madhya Pradesh	800	10/10/2019								
Mauda TPS-3/Maharashtra	660	21/10/2019								
Mahatma Gandhi TPS-2/Haryana	660	21/10/2019								
Talwandi Sabo TPP-3/Punjab	660	2/11/2019								
Rajiv Gandhi TPS-1/Haryana	600	7/11/2019								
(Source: CEA)										

# In Valley, buses start plying and shops stay open for longer hours

CJI-designate S A Bobde (L) greets Justice N V Ramana as CJI Ranjan Gogoi, who retires Sunday, looks on. Neeraj Priyadarshi

**ADIL AKHZER** 

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 15

AFTER MORE than 100 days of lockdown, markets in the Valley have gradually extended their business hours, and public transport is getting back on the roads. On Friday, in city centre Lal Chowk, unlike previous Fridays, shops and other business establishments remained open till afternoon.

Change of Guard

A self-imposed shutdown had prevailed in Srinagar and other districts of the Valley even after the government lifted restrictions imposed following the revocation of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir and the August 5 decision to bifurcate it into two UTs. The two UTs came into being on October 31.

For the last many days, shops are open for longer hours compared with just a couple of hours in the morning. In most parts of

the Valley including Srinagar, shops now remain open till late afternoon.

"Businessmen have extended their working hours and public transport has started plying. The shutdown observed by people was a spontaneous reaction to the August 5 decision. If businessmen are opening their shops for longer than before, it is for survival. Everyone knows that after the clampdown, there was no

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# **CBI** searches Amnesty offices in two cities, rights body says it's harassment

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 15

THE CBI Friday searched offices of Amnesty India in Bengaluru and New Delhi, saying it was acting on an FIR registered after a complaint from the Ministry of Home Affairs about alleged violation of provisions of the Contribution (Regulation) Act and the Indian

Penal Code by the rights body.

Confirming the searches, Amnesty India, in a press release, said: "Over the past year, a pattern of harassment has emerged every time Amnesty India stands up and speaks out against human rights violations in India. Amnesty India stands in full compliance with Indian and international law. Our work in India, as elsewhere, is to uphold and fight for universal human rights. These are the same values that are enshrined in the Indian Constitution and flow from a long and rich Indian tradition of pluralism,

tolerance, and dissent." CONTINUED ON PAGE 8

# SC clears way for ArcelorMittal to acquire Essar Steel

Upholds supremacy of Committee of Creditors, could speed up resolution of other insolvency cases

**AASHISH ARYAN** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

ASSERTING THAT there must be an absolute "judicial hands-off" in any interference with the commercial wisdom of the Committee of Creditors (CoC), the Supreme Court Friday gave the final nod to the Rs 42,000crore resolution plan submitted

by ArcelorMittal for Essar Steel approval ArcelorMittal's plan takes the corporate insolvency resolution process into the final lap for one of the biggest cases from among the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s first list of big defaulters. Essar Steel, which has a total debt of nearly 54,000 crore, was among the biggest defaulters along with Amtek Auto, Bhushan Steel, as

well as Bhushan Power and Steel. The judgment by the apex court is significant in laying down clear guidelines for the

treatment of secured, unsecured financial creditors, and operational creditors in the corporate insolvency resolution process. The judgment, State Bank of India chairman Rajnish Kumai said, will lead to faster resolution of stressed assets with the CoC getting the "ultimate discretion" on distribution of funds.

The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) judgment on July 4 this year had advocated equal pay (at 60.7 per cent of their admitted claims) for all forms of creditors, whether secured or unsecured financial creditors or operational creditors.

Setting this aside, the SC said that jurisdiction of the Nationa Company Law Tribunal and NCLAT was "circumscribed" by provisions of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), which called upon the adjudicating authorities to only check if the res-

olution plan had been approved **CONTINUED ON PAGE 8** 

# Kerala govt's flip-flop on Sabarimala: Won't take young women to shrine



A DAY after the Supreme Court kept review petitions on the entry of women of all ages in Sabarimala on hold and turned to a larger bench, the Kerala government pointed to "grey areas" in the judgment and indicated that it is "not going to take young women to the temple".

The latest stand is in stark contrast to the CPM-led govern-



Temple not venue to exhibit activism: Minister. File

ment's position last year when the Supreme Court had lifted the traditional bar on women of menstruating age from entering

Last year, the government had pushed firmly to implement the court order, while equating the entry of young women to the Left's commitment on ensuring gender justice and protecting the renaissance traditions of the state. However, this move led to largescale protests that contributed to the Left alliance

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# Mystery illness at Rajasthan lake kills 8,000 birds, many migratory

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**EVE OF LANKA POLLS:** 

PROMISES NOT KEPT,

**SAY KEY MINORITY** 

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JAIPUR. NOVEMBER 15 ON THURSDAY, the toll neared 5,000. By Friday evening, over

8,000 had been buried. The dead birds were first have buried a total of 8,065 birds,

spotted five days ago by visitors at Rajasthan's Sambhar Lake, India's largest inland salt water lake, nearly 80 km southwest of Jaipur. Since then, state agencies

from 25 different species including migratory, and rescued 165. Bird watchers fear the final toll may be much higher, considering the size of the lake.

But the big worry, say experts, is that they have still not been able to find the cause of

these deaths. So much so that Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has ordered a rescue centre to be set up at the site, Minister of State for Forests (Independent Charge) Sukhram Vishnoi has rushed to Sambhar, and the Rajasthan High Court has taken suo motu cognizance of the crisis.

On Friday, the government listed the possible reasons behind the deaths before a division bench headed by Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court, Indrajit Mahanty. On the list were viral

infection; toxicity, as a new area of the lake has filled up, leading to higher concentration of salts along the edges; bacteriological infection; and, stress caused by competition for resources that have grown scarce due to high temperature and water levels.

But officials admit there are no clear answers, yet.

Rajasthan's Animal Husbandry director Sailesh Sharma said the National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD) in Bhopal has ruled out bird flu after carrying out tests on samples. "Other labs will continue the investigation," Sharma said. Dr A K Kataria of the



Civic workers bury birds at Sambhar Lake. PTI

Rajasthan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (RAJUVAS), who reached the lake Thursday, pointed to botulism, a paralytic and often fatal disease caused by ingestion of toxins. According to officials at the site, the birds suffered from limb paralysis and diarrhoea.

Kataria also said that the carcasses need to be buried "immediately" to prevent the infection

from spreading to other birds. "Never have so many birds died at Sambhar," said Dr Joy Gardner, who heads the NGO Hope and Beyond that is working at the site. "Also, there are many areas where we haven't reached yet. So the final toll may be much higher."

Experts from the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS), Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON) are also at the site. WII's Dr Anju Baroth said the salinity in the water is high "but no other

adulteration has been found". Officials said the Raiasthan State Pollution Control Board and Sambhar Salts Ltd, a subsidiary of central PSU Hindustan Salts Ltd, have also collected

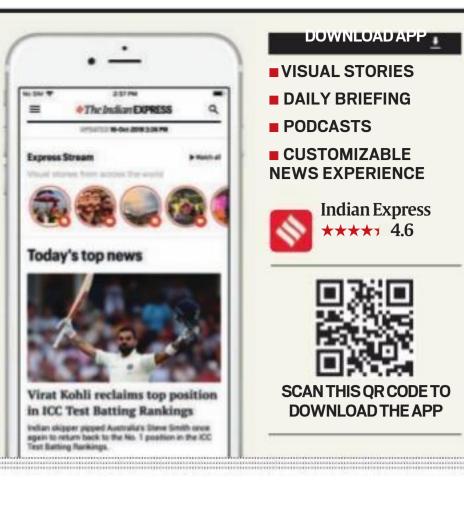
water samples from the lake. Additional Advocate General Ganesh Parihar said the government told the court that "samples from the site have been sent to multiple labs" and that "further preventive action is only possible after the receipt of medical reports".

The government also pointed to delay in collecting the carcasses because of mud, water. and the large area — "around 15kilometre length out of which 12-kilometre area is where birds have died".

Meanwhile, the district collectors of Jaipur, Ajmer and Nagaur have received a grim directive: Take up the disposal of carcasses as a campaign and ensure appropriate disposal.

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SHINZO ABE AS JAPAN'S LONGEST-SERVING PM; HERE'S WHY HIS TENURE IS UNIQUE

In the last three decades, since the reign of former Emperor Akihito began in 1989, Japan has had 17 Prime

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**Foreign Minister** S Jaishankar explains why India decided to avoid RCEP

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Scheme 'half-baked', pollution level still on rise, says **Supreme Court** 

# **EXPRESS** Multiple phone cameras: Is more always better?

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# House heat for winter session: Enter citizenship amendment Bill

Amendment Bill in Lok Sabha, relaxing the 11-year cutoff to six years for people of six religions from the three countries. Also, in 2015 and 2016, the government put out two notifications exempting such immigrants from the Foreigners Act, 1946 and the Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920 — which provide for depor-

tation — to let them continue living in India if they arrived before December 31, 2014.

The Bill has been mired in controversy for leaving out only Muslims. The government, on its part, has maintained the Bill aims to grant citizenship to such minorities who have faced religious persecution in foreign countries. Coming in the backdrop of the NRC, the Bill, in its last avatar, also faced opposition in Assam where there were concerns about dilution of ethnic culture and change in demography. Many said it was in violation of the Assam Accord.

The Bill's introduction assumes significance given that Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said that the NRC exercise will be conducted across the country to weed out illegal citizens but only after the Citizenship Amendment Bill is

passed. "Before NRC, the BJP government is going to bring the Citizen Amendment Bill. All Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Christian refugees who have come to India under this Bill will be given citizenship of India forever... I want to assure all Hindu, Sikh, Jain, Buddhist and

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Christian refugees that you will not be forced to leave India. Don't believe rumours. Mamata Didi is saying there will be no NRC in Bengal. But we will identify each and every infiltrator and drive them out. When Mamata Banerjee was in the Opposition, she had demanded that such infiltrators be driven out. Now since the infiltrators have become her vote bank, she does not want them removed," Shah said in Kolkata last month.

After the final list of NRC in Assam, the party's state unit expressed displeasure, pointing out that the numbers excluded was below expectation, and that many excluded were Hindus. This saw the BJP change its strategy in neighbouring West Bengal, where the ruling TMC had made it an issue. West Bengal is one of the states the BJP has been eyeing to come to

Incidentally, six members of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (IPC), which examthe Citizenship Amendment Bill, gave dissent notes in the report of the panel. The report of the JPC, headed by Rajendra Agrawal of BJP, was placed before Lok Sabha in January this year.

Congress Rajya Sabha members Bhubaneswar Kalita and Pradip Bhattacharya were of the opinion that the Bill could create ethnic divisions in Assam and the rest of the North-East. BJD leader Bhartruhari Mahtab stated that the Bill contravened provisions of the principal Act and ran counter to the spirit of the 1985 Assam Accord.

CPM's Mohammad Salim said the Indian citizenship emanated from the Constitution that granted it as a fundamental right and this right could not be specific to a religion or a country of origin. Saugata Roy and Derek O'Brien of Trinamool Congress said the Bill brought out the ethnic division in Assam. The Bill, in their view, should not be passed by a sheer majority.

The 440-page report appreciated the government decision to give Indian nationality to non-Muslim immigrants from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan on the ground that they were being persecuted in those countries.

# Low demand behind half of thermal power plants shutting down

A total of 119 thermal units across mostly India's northern and western heartland were faced with "reserve shutdown," a technical term for a unit shut down due to lack of demand, while another 14 units on account of developers not managing to ink power purchase agreements (PPAs – or commercial contracts) with electricity distribution utilities.

Grid managers point to this being indicative of tepid industrial and commercial load.

While the cumulative capacity of units under forced shutdown was over 65,133 MW, the worrying aspect is that most of these units have been shut for days, sometimes months, according to data of units monitored by the Central Electricity Authority's (CEA) Performance Operation Monitoring Division updated till November 7.

Additionally, there are well over a dozen thermal units that are down, according to official data, due to technical reasons, the most common being "water wall tube leakage." According to an official in the CEA, this, normally, takes just days of repair. But the fact that these faults, in

# Indian in space: 12 shortlisted, many out due to dental defects

Russian team headed by an aviation specialist...he was the topmost expert in the Russian team. We sat with them and assessed what we had done and unfortunately, only seven of the 16 could clear their assessment. The possible reason is that we came out with a lot of incidental findings which we thought were not very important as far as flying was concerned," said Group Captain MS Nataraj, the chief selection officer for the astronauts at IAM.

"Most of the people who were rejected by the Russians had dental problems which could have created problems in the space flight," he said.

"They were extremely particular about the teeth. Things we thought were okay, they did not think were okay. It may be because they had to abort a mission due to a toothache. When you sit with a flight surgeon who has a PhD in aerospace medicine and a cosmonaut with 562 days under his belt, he knows better," the commandant of IAM, Air Commodore Anupam Agarwal, said.

According to space agencies like Europe's ESA, "astronauts need good teeth because acceleration forces and vibrations during a space flight can be very strong" and "ill-fitting fillings could become loose or fall out, and the atmospheric pressure change may be painful when cavities are present".

At least one Russian cosmonaut — Yuri Romanenko, commander of the Salyut 6 mission in 1978 — is reported to have endured two weeks of unbearable toothache during a mission.

Under a cooperation agreement signed in 2018, Russia is helping India with its first human space mission — specifically, selection and training, and supply of technical equipment like support systems for the Gaganyaan crew module. Apart from dental problems,

other aspects like minor hearing and visual shortcomings were also used to sort the candidates. With the Russians not clear-

ing nine of the initial 16, a fresh batch of 36 test pilots was picked by the IAF to fill the five remaining slots and complete the dozen that will undergo advanced training over two years.

Wiser from assessing factors the Russians had flagged, IAM experts picked 15 from the second batch of 36 and sent their records to the Russians. This time, as many as 12 were cleared from whom IAM chose five. While all the 60 test pilots

who were a part of the selection process were at the top of the fitness grade in the IAF, they were subjected to further rigorous physical tests by the IAM. The physical assessment in-

volved eight activities of which six were athletics, including a 60m sprint and a 5-km run, swimming 25m in 20 seconds and a continuous 200m swim. The candidates also under-

went rigorous psychological and psychiatric testing. "What we did in 1982 served as a very good template to start. A document we put together in 2012 was also suitably modified. We got a document from ISRO as well," IAM's Group Captain Vipin Sharma

There are four levels in selection for the Gaganyaan mission, "The first level is the candi-

date's physical prowess and medical history; level 2 involves medical tests and psychological tests: level 3 involves complex aero medical stresses and grading of the physiological responses; and, level four is the final selection of the individual from the cohort of people who are fit to be astronauts," Sharma

"This activity started in the institute in July... level one and a part of level 2 are over. We have the next part starting after the individuals return," he said.

"The human space programme has taken up every waking moment and a lot of sleep moments as well. We are involved in a large number of things which involves a human going into space. This has been divided into a 16-part vertical. We are in the process of finishing the first part of the task which was selection of astronauts. Our understanding is that the remaining 15 parts are going to be tougher," the IAM commandant, Agarwal,

"The selected astronauts are going to come back after completion of their generic astronaut training in Russia and the next step is difficult, which is mission-specific training. There are many more major tasks like consultancy for crew module tem and crew health monitoring system in space flight," the director general of medical services for IAF, Air Marshal M S Butola, said.

design, onboard life support sys-

"Never forget that some of the most advanced countries have attempted human space programmes and they faced challenges and had to abandon it because they could not succeed. We have to succeed and succeed in our first attempt as we are the only country attempting to send a human to space in the first live launch," he

Since Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the plan for India's first manned space mission on Independence Day, multiple agencies have been working to prepare for the 2022 or even 2021 mission.

For instance, ISRO has to ensure that its GSLV Mk III rocket. which is designated to launch Gaganyaan, is safe for human space flight. ISRO will carry out two unmanned test flights with the crew module to rehearse the mission before the actual launch.

In 1982, IAM selected four from 40 prospective cosmonauts after which Air Commodore Ravish Malhotra and Wing Commander Rakesh Sharma were sent for advanced training with the Russians. IAF test pilots are considered the best candidates to be astronauts due to their ability to stay calm, take rational decisions amid extreme conditions, and familiarity with air and space systems.

most cases, have stretched for days reinforces the belief that there's general reluctance among developers to bring their units back on stream, presumably because demand is down.

Given that coal accounts for around 40 per cent of rail freight, analysts point to the downturn in thermal generation having a cascading impact on the driving down of railway volumes to the lowest this decade, spreading the stress to railway finances. Of the operational units, the

PLF(plant load factor) of thermal units — a measure of average capacity utilisation that measures the output of a power plant compared to the maximum output it can produce during a given time period — was down to 51.05 per cent in end-September, a record low for coal and lignite fired generation units, the mainstay of the Indian power generation. The average PLF for thermal

units in the April-September period for 2019-20, at 57.67 per cent, was the lowest in over a decade, in part due to the increasing share of renewables in India's energy mix. Thermal units — coal and lignite fired units, and gas-based stations account for 63 per cent of India's total installed capacity, down from 73 per cent in March 2016.

The all-India demand generally peaks in October and from mid-November onwards, as demand starts to taper off, but this year's extended monsoon and early onset of winter has partly impacted this consumption

In October this year, power demand fell over 13 per cent on a year-on-year basis, the steepest monthly decline in over a decade. Industrialised states including Maharashtra and

Gujarat saw the sharpest decline, with demand crashing over 22 per cent in Maharashtra and by nearly 19 per cent in Gujarat during the month, according to CEA data. This has been partly attributed to the extended monsoon and flooding in western states, which brought down demand. Aggregate demand was also weak in other industrialised states such as Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal. Haryana and Punjab, though, recorded a growth in demand.

The electricity sector downturn is buttressed by broader data on the economy. The continuing struggle of capital goods firms, too, negates the industrial revival story. High frequency indicators of urban demand have weakened in recent months as reflected in contraction in sales of passenger vehicles and production of consumer durables. Among them, passenger car sales have contracted by double digits every month since April 2019, resulting in major car producers suspending factory production intermittently.

Various indicators of rural demand, according to RBI data, have also remained weak, with motorcycles and tractor sales contracting in July and August. The sales growth of fast moving consumer goods companies, a sizeable part of which occurs in rural areas, has also been sluggish. The reasonably strong kharif foodgrains production in the first advance estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture only 0.8 per cent below last vear's level - and bright prospects for the rabi season in view of soil moisture conditions and comfortable reservoir levels could have a positive bearing on rural incomes and demand, going forward, according

to RBI estimates.

# In Valley, buses start plying and shops stay open for longer hours

transport, and business remained shut for all these months," said Sheikh Ashiq, President of Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI), the largest elected business body in the Valley.

"There was no shutdown call by anyone, it was voluntary. Whatever happens in the coming days, it has to come from people," Ashik said. Uncertainty, he said, continues to loom large. For instance, just two days ago, shutters came rolling down Wednesday over a rumour of a killing. The markets were shut in Lal Chowk within a few minutes.

Mohammed Yaseen, a businessman in Srinagar, said till a few days ago, he used to open shop early in the morning and wrap up business by 10 am. "But ever since it started snowing and mornings became very cold, we decided to open shop around 9 am and close by mid-day," he said.

Keeping shops open for just half-a-day itself is a way of showing protest, according to Yaseen. "It is true we have extended working hours, but there is uncertainty. No one knows what will happen in the coming days."

In North Kashmir's Baramulla district, Ishfaq Ahmad, a businessman said it was not possible to open shop early in the morning in winters. "Now mostly, you see shops opening around 9 am. They remain so till afternoon." Many businessmen faced financial issues and were forced to extend

business hours. On Srinagar roads, public transport, and taxis and mini-

buses have started operating. In other parts of the Valley, though, only private transport is plying. "For three months, I stayed home. Nobody asked us to stay away from the roads. But it was a conscious decision. But then, I have to pay instalments. Banks don't stop charging interest,' said Bashir Ahmad, a taxi opera-

tor in Srinagar. While some commercial cabs have started operating on major Valley routes, members of taxi-stands in Srinagar said they planned to resume services soon. "We are forced to think about getting back to work. Since the last three months, everyone is at home and it is becoming difficult for drivers to feed families and also pay EMIs,' said Mohammed Rafiq, Vice President of Taxi Stand Number 2 in Lal Chowk. He said they were planning to open the gates from Monday.

A senior administrative official in Srinagar told The Indian Express that the situation is gradually improving. "We are monitoring the situation very closely," he said. "But of late, things have improved and we expect further improvement."

Following the lifting of restrictions by the government, the first signs of normalcy were visible with street vendors in Srinagar setting up makeshift stalls in the Polo View area and Hari Singh Street under police protection. With these street markets drawing people out of their homes, Srinagar's busiest flea market on Hari Singh Street witnessed two grenade attacks in which two people died and left dozens of civilians injured.

In October, authorities published full front-page advertisements in local dailies, asking shopkeepers and business houses to resume "normal" business activities.



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DELHI GOVT COUNSEL SAYS STUDIES PROVE SCHEME HAS HELPED

# 'Half-baked odd-even': SC says pollution rising despite scheme being implemented

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THE SUPREME Court Friday called out the odd-even scheme of the Delhi government, calling it "half-baked" in its current form, as pollution levels in the capital had only spiked, despite its implementation which was causing transportation difficulties to people.

"A half-baked odd-even scheme... either you have a full odd-even and give no exceptions... instead you allow twoand three-wheelers which cause more pollution," Justice Deepak Gupta told senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for the Delhi government.

Rohatgi said studies had shown that it had helped reduce pollution levels by 5-12%, and added that the city will collapse if two-wheelers too are stopped from plying.

The bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra quizzed CPCB Member Secretary Prashant Gargava on the effectiveness of the odd-even scheme in the national capital.

"Are we getting benefited by it?" Justice Mishra asked the official, who replied "not more than 3-4 percent". He added that of the figures for vehicular pol-

lution, cars contribute only 3%. Justice Mishra then turned to Rohatgi and said "odd-even may not be the actual solution".

Appearing for the Union Ministry, Environment Additional Solicitor General A N S Nadkarni too cited CPCB data and said the odd-even scheme was not helping reduce pollution

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# Gambhir skips pollution meet, faces heat

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CRICKET AND jalebis entered the The CPCB official said that the immediate solution lay in pre-Delhi pollution debate Friday, as the AAP launched an attack on venting garbage burning and dealing with the hotspots identi-East Delhi MP Gautam Gambhir for skipping a key meeting of a Justice Mishra said "pollution parliamentary committee on the levels are increasing despite capital's air crisis.

odd-even, whatever be the Gambhir was in Indore as a commentator for the India-Bangladesh cricket fixture. A The court also expressed concern over the continuing photo shared by former Indian stubble burning despite its cricketer V V S Laxman Friday November 6 order to take action showed him and Gambhir havto control these and asked Chief ing jalebis — something the AAP latched on to. "Our Hon'ble MP Secretaries of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi to apclaims he skipped a meeting on pear before it on November 25. air pollution in order to earn a liv-



A photo tweeted by V V S Laxman of him & Gambhir

ing. In the same breath, he says he pledges his salary as an MP for his constituency. Going in circles like a jalebi to defend the indefensible," Atishi said, referring to Gambhir's note on Twitter.

Gambhir's note — shared

alongside the tweet, "Agar mujhe were among other notable absengaali dene se Dilli ka pollution kam tees. hoga to AAP jee bhar ke gaali dijiye (If Delhi pollution reduces by abusing me, AAP can feel free to) — read: "I have not entered politics to make money but I do have a family to support. I believe in hard-earned money and not using public funds to further political ambitions. Making my commercial engagements... an issue to mask the incompetence and political greed of their leader is the saddest thing the party, which claims to represent honest people, can do."

Gambhir wasn't the only one missing from the meeting – DDA vice-chairman Tarun Kapoor and all three MCD commissioners

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Parliamentarians of the 29-member committee who turned up was AAP's Raiva Sabha MP Saniav Singh. The Lok Sabha Secretariat sent notices to the members and officers on November 8, requesting them to attend the meeting, held at the Parliament Annexe.

Kapoor and North MCD commissioner Varsha Joshi were attending a conference on urban mobility organised by the Urban Affairs Ministry in Lucknow. SDMC commissioner Gyanesh Bharti was "attending a budget meeting of the Corporation", a senior official said, while EDMC commissioner Dilraj Kaur did not respond to calls for a comment.

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# No odd-even if air improves, final call on Monday: Kejriwal

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CHIEF MINISTER Arvind Kejriwal Friday said that with agencies predicting a dip in pollution levels in the capital, there may not be a need to extend the oddeven scheme, in force from November 4-15.

However, he added if the air quality does not improve as per forecast, the government will review the situation Monday morning and take a call on whether or not to extend the scheme.

"I would like to thank the people of Delhi for their voluntary participation and cooperation. Around 200-350 challans were issued every day on an average, which is very less in a city of 2 crore. Going by the forecast for the next two-three days, air quality is likely to improve. We don't want to cause unnecessary inconvenience to people. We will monitor the situation to-

morrow and day after. If air quality improves, then odd-even is not required. Otherwise, on Monday we will take a final call...now the main reason behind pollution in the city is stubble burning," the Chief Minister

While the combined effect of Delhi's base pollution levels, impact of stubble burning and prevailing weather and wind conditions have kept the air severely polluted for the past four days, India Meteorological Department officials said the situation is set to improve, mainly owing to increased wind speed and a change in wind direction from northwesterly to northerly from Saturday. "As a result, the impact of farm fires on Delhi's air will reduce significantly." said an IMD official.

There was expected to be a significant improvement in Delhi's air quality Friday but a western disturbance caused light drizzle, aiding the accumulation of pollutants.

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2. Project Approval					ing Plan Approved on 11.10 a RERA Registered No: 68		2019			
3. Location	Sector 63A	, Gurug	ram, Haryana							
Provisions     Project Area     714 no. of apartments available out of total 714 per Policy, 5% of total apartments are available public. Community Facilities: One Community					or management quota and	95% of total apartmen	nts are for			
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Category (Type)		No of Units	Carpet Area sqft(approx)	Balcony Area sqft(approx)	Allotment Rate of Apartment (all inclusive)*	With application Booking amount 5%	on allotment 20%			
2BHK TYPE-01		170	573.538	90.590	23,39,447	1,16,972	4,67,889			
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(ii) Balance 75% of the amount in six equated 6 monthly installment spanning over a period of three years. No interest shall fall due before the due date of payment. Any default in payment will bear penal interest as provided in Rule 15 of the Harvana Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Rules, 2017.

6. Parking	Two-wheeler parking with each apartment
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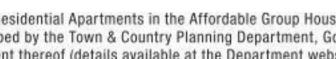


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# BRIEFLY

# UGC nod for 4 new depts at Jamia

New Delhi: Jamia Millia Islamia is introducing four new departments for which the University **Grants Commission has** approved 28 teaching positions. The new departments are Foreign Languages, Hospital Management Hospice Studies, Design & Innovation and Environmental Sciences.

# Two held for card cloning in Chhatarpur

New Delhi: Two men were arrested from Chhatarpur while allegedly attempting to set up cloning equipment in ATM kiosks Thursday. Police said the duo allegedly cloned more than 300 ATM cards across Delhi, MP, UP and Maharashtra. According to police, the accused learned the scam through software engineers they met on social media.

# Four held for 'gangraping woman

*Noida:* Four people were arrested Friday in connection with the alleged gangrape of a 21-year-old woman in Noida. Police said the woman was allegedly led to a deserted area by a peon of a private company who knew her and called her to "discuss a job opportunity". When he molested her, the woman screamed for help, and two men rushed to the spot, police said. They chased away the peon, but then called two others and allegedly

# 'Family murder was robbery gone wrong'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** FARIDABAD, NOVEMBER 15

POLICE IN Faridabad have concluded that a 29-year-old gym trainer allegedly killed a doctor and three members of his family in a robbery gone wrong. This, despite initial scepticism from investigators on his motive since he had carried a knife and change of clothes to the victims' home.

On Friday, police said Mukesh had confessed to killing the family because he had run into a Rs 5 lakh debt due to online gambling.

The victim, doctor Praveen Mediratta (65), ran an X-ray diagnostic clinic from his house. According to police, Mukesh, who knew the family since he was their son's gym trainer, went to the house around 10:30 pm thinking the doctor and his wife would be asleep.

Anil Kumar, ACP, Crime, said: "Mukesh knew their son works the night shift and the couple would be alone. But on the day of the incident, Mediratta's daughter and son-in-law had come to visit him. When Mukesh went to

the house, he saw Mediratta in the living room." Police said the accused told the doctor he needed to get an X-ray done.

According to police, Mediratta felt suspicious but took Mukesh to his basement where the clinic is. As the doctor realised Mukesh hadn't come for an X-ray, the accused stabbed him with a knife he was carrying, said police. Police said he then went to the

doctor's bedroom, where his wife was sleeping. "He took a gold chain, earrings and ornaments worth Rs 2 lakh, but at one point the doctor's wife woke up. He told us she started screaming for help, so he slit her throat. Hearing the woman, her daughter stepped out of her room and went to check on her. Mukesh slit her throat as well and then went inside her room and killed her husband," said ACP Kumar.

Mukesh told police he carried the knife for safety inside his gym bag, where he always carried an extra pair of clothes.

"We weren't sure the house had been robbed but he told us he had taken some jewellery," an officer said.

# As students toughen stand, JNU V-C seeks teacher help to quell protests

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

ON A day the Jawaharlal Nehru University Vice-Chancellor appealed to teachers for their "cooperation" in ending the protests on campus, the JNU Students' Union decided to "reclaim" the administrative block, making it the nerve centre of their protests.

V-C M Jagadesh Kumar in his appeal also asked teachers to "convince students that the changes in hostel charges are not only reasonable but vital for the financial viability of our hos-

"I write to you to seek your cooperation in maintaining a peaceful academic atmosphere in JNU campus. The persistent agitations and protests by a section of students have adversely affected the university's normal academic and research activities," he said. "Such persistent protests in-

ing of walls and floors and indulging in brawls with security guards and breaking open doors have maligned the image of JNU seriously," he added.

volving occupation of the

Administration Building, defac-

Kumar said the administration would "like to engage in a dialogue and discussion, but the



INU students outside the V-C office Friday. Amit Mehra

process and form of any such interaction cannot be dictated through coercion and illegal methods".

The JNUSU meanwhile held a meeting Friday with Student-Faculty Committee members and decided to have continuous mobilisation at the administrative block. "At each time, some students should be here. We cannot surrender the administrative block," JNUSU general secretary Satish Yadav announced at the protest meeting, where students narrated their "plight" over the hostel fee hike.

One such student, Soumyatarini Mishra, said: "I come from a poor family. When I was joining MA, people told me 'why are you studying, you should earn'. I earned money so I could study. By asking me to pays Rs 7,000 a month as hostel fee, you are killing my dreams..."

IMS has developed a QR code

that is on display in waiting ar-

eas and wards to make it easier

for people to pledge their organs.

not forced to donate organs. But

when a person pledges, he talks

about it to his family. This way,

the family knows about organ

donation and at the time of

death, they can take a decision

easily... We have put the QR code

"By pledging, the person is

Statue at centre of row covered for a year

**ARANYA SHANKAR NEW DELHI. NOVEMBER 15** 

THE YET-TO-BE unveiled statue of Swami Vivekananda, covered from head to toe in a cloak and in news for defacement of its pedestal, has been standing near the administrative block of the Jawaharlal Nehru University for almost a year. The idea of having a life-sized statue of Swami Vivekananda was first publically declared in July 2017. At the time, it was not decided where it would be constructed.

In an Executive Council (EC) meeting on June 30 that year, it was decided that the varsity be given a "more pleasing look".

"For a more pleasing look, it has been decided by the competent authority that a statue of suitable height and size of a historically important person like Swami Vivekananda... may be erected with proper elevated platform, stone pathways, benches, lights and interconnected works, including public utilities, etc," the EC stated.

Rector III Rana Pratap Singh had told *The Indian Express* that

the suggestion came from the engineering department.

In January 2018, the then JNU Students' Union president N Sai Balaji filed an RTI, seeking details on the total cost of constructing the statue and the source of funding. The varsity reportedly responded that "no JNU funds are being used".

Replying to another RTI by Balaji, INU's Deputy Registrar (Finance) in May 2018 said "no request regarding construction of Vivekananda statue at ad block was received from the engineering department". In November-December

2018, construction of the statue began at the administrative block. On December 3, 2018, JNU Registrar Pramod Kumar said "one of (JNU's) alumni" was "voluntarily managing all the expenses involved in making and installation of the statue". He did not share any further de-

INU authorities did not say why the statue has not yet been unveiled for almost a year. Calls and texts sent to Registrar, V-C and Rector seeking this information were met with no response.

beaten up by power thieves

**BSES** team

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

A TEAM of BSES Yamuna Power Limited officials was allegedly beaten up by locals during an inspection in North East Delhi's Maujpur late Wednesday night. A BSES spokesperson said the officials, who were accompanied by policemen from Jafrabad police station, were beaten up with sticks when they started collect ing evidence of electricity theft in the area.

The accused have been arrested and an FIR has been registered against them at Jafrabad police station.

In the FIR, BSES employee RS Sharma said, "We found one house in Mauipur where electricity theft was taking place and as soon as officials started videotaping it, the owner of the house Surender, and his accomplices started beating up the team members with sticks."

In the FIR, Sharma said he too was beaten up with sticks when he intervened. "The police personnel who had accompanied us tried to protect us and rushed us to the hospital," he said.

A BSES spokesperson said that the accused were using the stolen electricity for "illegal manufacturing activity and illegal e-rickshaw charging".

# Delhi govt advisory body ties up with J-PAL

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

A KEY Delhi government advisory body has signed an agreement with J-PAL (Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab) South Asia, co-founded by Nobel laureates Esther Duflo and Abhijit Banerjee, for real-time

monitoring of public services. The partnership between the Dialogue and Development Commission of Delhi (DDC) and J-PAL is aimed at improving quality of services, identifying

service delivery issues, and motivating frontline staff to perform duties better, the government said in a statement.

As a pilot, the researchers will study the beneficiary experience in ration shops under the public distribution system (PDS) and mohalla clinics. The beneficiaries will be selected randomly across Delhi for the phone-based survey. In 2015, the Delhi government had relied on the research work of Banerjee and Duflo in designing its 'Chunauti' programme, aimed at improving learning levels in schools.

# Maps of illegal colonies ready

New Delhi: Expediting the process of giving legal status to unauthorised colonies, the Delhi Development Authority will start uploading maps of such colonies on its website from Monday onwards, DDA vice-

"We have readied maps of 500 colonies, but in the first phase, only 50 will be uploaded on the website. The rest will be uploaded in batches of 50. The RWAs can thereafter make objections or suggestions on them," he said.

# At AIIMS, scan QR code to pledge your organs

chairperson Tarun Kapoor said.

Boundaries of 1,728 unauthorised colonies in the capital are supposed to be mapped. **ENS** 

### **ASTHA SAXENA** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15 TO SPREAD awareness about organ donation and meet the huge gap in demand and supply, AI-

**Union ministers Dr Vardhan** and Rijiju at Friday's event

in every waiting area, taking the movement in campaign mode," Dr Aarti Vij, professor and incharge of Organ Retrieval Banking Organisation (ORBO) at AIIMS, told *The Indian Express*.

According to AIIMS data, in India, around 1.5-2 lakh patients require kidney transplant annually, but only 7,500-8,000 receive it. Around 75,000-80,000 patients require liver transplants annually but only around 1,800 such surgeries are performed.

ORBO has already started a single-window approach to facilitate organ donation, tissue donation and whole body donation along with brain death donor registry.

On Wednesday, Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan also felicitated families of organ donors at a function organised on the campus. Families of 38 multiorgan donors, five donors who pledged to give up their bodies for medical education and eight tissue donors were felicitated.

"One donor can save the life of 7-8 patients and enhance the quality of life of 40-50 patients. We need to motivate individuals, families and organisations to pledge to donate organs after death, and to spread awareness about importance of organ donation," said Dr Vardhan.

Expressing concern over the huge gap between the demand and supply of organs, Union Minister Kiren Rijiju underlined the importance of creating awareness about the issue.



raped her, police said. **ENS** 

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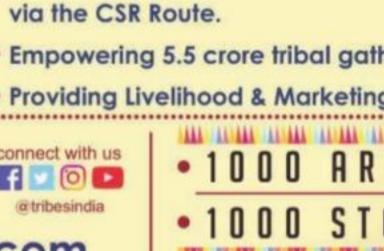
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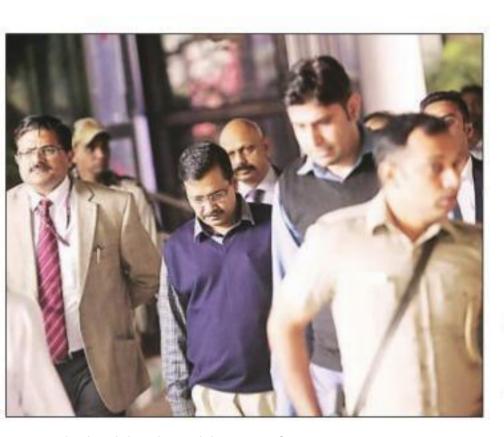


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CM Arvind Kejriwal at Friday's conference. Praveen Khanna

# 'Free cleaning of septic tanks at more than 800 unauthorised colonies'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

THE DELHI Jal Board (DJB) has decided to procure 80 trucks to be pressed into service to clean septic tanks at more than 800 unauthorised colonies housing a population of around 45 lakh — where sewer lines have not reached, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced Fridav.

DJB CEO Nikhil Kumar told reporters that out of the capital's 1,797 notified unauthorised colonies, 430 have sewer lines. The work for installing sewer pipelines in another 400 colonies is in progress, while the rest are dependent on septic tanks which are mostly cleaned by informal workers without any safety gear, leading to deaths and injuries, Kumar said.

dering will be carried out within a month, will be prounder 'Mukhyamantri Septic Tank Safai Yojana', Kejriwal said.

The trucks, for which ten-

The scheme will ensure the safety of sanitation workers and proper septic waste management to prevent contamination of river Yamuna, he added.

The announcement follows

the Union Cabinet's approval to

regularise unauthorised colonies. The Cabinet decision awaits the nod of the Parliament and a mapping exercise by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA), which are among the many conditions that are to be fulfilled before awarding ownership rights to residents of these colonies. "We often hear about unfortunate incidents involving san-

itation workers who are deployed to clean septic tanks. The private agencies involved in the maintenance and cleaning of the tanks do not have a valid licence to do so. They carry out such activities in an unauthorised and illegal manner and do not provide any safety equipment to workers, hence putting their lives at risk. The waste collected from septic tanks is often disposed of into the drains across the city, causing groundwater contamination and water pollution," Kejriwal said.

Under the scheme, people will be able to book services of the trucks by dialling a dedicated helpline.

The DJB, which is the city's nodal agency on water resources, will provide safety equipment to workers deployed for the cleaning of septic tanks, an official statement **TIS HAZARI CLASH** 

# No coercive action against two suspended cops, says High Court

**PRITAM PALSINGH** 

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

THE DELHI High Court Friday ordered 'no coercive action' against two suspended Delhi Police officials who were booked on attempt to murder charges in connection with a clash between lawyers and police at Tis Hazari court complex earlier this

A bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice C Hari Shankar asked the Home Ministry, Delhi Police, Bar Council of India (BCI), Supreme Court Bar Association, Delhi High Court Bar Associations, Bar Council of Delhi and the respective bar associations of all district courts to file replies on the plea of protection from arrest filed by the two personnel.

"Issue notice upon the respondents (total 13 in number). You file your replies within four weeks from today. In the meanwhile, no coercive action shall be taken against these applicants (the two assistant sub-inspectors)," the bench said, listing the matter for further hearing on December 23.

The High Court has already given protection to lawyers from coercive action in connection with FIRs lodged against them.

Following the November 2 clash which erupted over a parking dispute, the High Court had on November 3 taken suo motu cognizance of the incident and ordered a judicial inquiry. It had also ordered action against police personnel involved.

The two ASIs, through their counsel Rajdipa Behura, sought protection against arrest in connection with three FIRs filed against them till "conclusion of the judicial inquiry" into the in-

"The two have been placed under suspension since November 3 and are currently



Over 20 cops and eight lawyers were injured in the violence outside Tis Hazari court on November 2

facing hardship due to the same," Behura said, adding that the magisterial court's November 11 order be quashed and the proceedings related to the FIRs be stayed till then.

The Delhi Police is supposed to file a status report in court on its investigation into the clash by November 20.

Behura submitted that there have been meetings to call off the lawyers' strike, but advocates have sought that the two cops be arrested before they resume work.

"My request is that there should not be any insistence of my (the ASIs') arrest till pendency of the judicial inquiry," she said, adding that "this doesn't reflect nicely on both professions. Litigants are the ones who are suffering because of the strike, which is also not in the interest of the society".

Senior advocate Mohit Mathur, appearing for the Delhi High Court Bar Associations, opposed the same and contended that there cannot be a parity between protection granted to

lawyers against whom FIRs were lodged and the two police officers who allegedly fired gun-

"We have been complaining about police inaction. I don't know how this apprehension of arrest has arisen for these police officers," Mathur said.

#### Work to resume

Meanwhile, the Delhi District Bar Coordination Committee has decided to suspend their strike.

The two ASIs' arrest has been the main demand of all bar associations which had gone on strike.

The decision to suspend the strike came after a meeting between members of the coordination committee took place Friday. "We respect the order of Hon'ble High Court so the abstinence from work is suspended, work to be resumed from Saturday. We thank all the members for cooperation. Our fight for Advocates Protection Act will continue," said Mahavir Sharma, chairman of the coordination committee.

# Finding lawyer to represent them no easy task for police

After Rajdipa Behura

agreed, on Thursday

team of the crime

branch was asked to

escort her from her

court on Friday

morning

Court judge.

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eral lawyers, including former

public prosecutors of Delhi

Police, but no one agreed to

come on board since the lawyer

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yes, but backed out later due to

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mended the name of Behura,

daughter of a retired Supreme

promptly handed over all files.

On Thursday evening, a secu-

rity plan was made for her and

a team of crime branch was

asked to escort her from her

house in Noida to the court on

Friday morning. She reached

the High Court at around 9 am,

where another team of New

Delhi district was already sta-

tioned to escort her. After the

hearing, a team accompanied

her home. Security has been

tightened outside her home as

well as at her office in South

Delhi," the officer said.

"Some of them initially said

Sources said that two days

"She agreed and the team

lice over this incident.

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#### **MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL**

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

FOR THE last 10 days, a special team of Delhi Police had been tasked with looking for an advocate to represent the two suspended assistant sub-inspectors who got some respite from the High Court Friday.

The team approached several senior lawyers but in vain. Their search ended just two days ago, after a standing counsel for the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Rajdipa Behura, agreed to appear for

Behura has been an additional standing counsel for the Delhi Police in the past as well.

A source close to her said, "She was approached and she took it up as everyone deserves a fair hearing and can't be denied their rights... whether other lawyers before her refused to take up the case is not known to her."

spectors (ASIs) were suspended after the High Court, on November 3, sought action against them and ordered a judicial enquiry. On November 7, the special

The two assistant sub-in-

team was formed by Delhi Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik. "A team of two additional

DCPs and several inspectors was formed to look for an advocate to appear on their behalf," a senior officer said.

The team members met sev-

strikes panic

Jumping

buildings,

baby leopard

It jumped inside a factory in Faridabad and was rescued

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** FARIDABAD, NOVEMBER 15

A TWO-YEAR-OLD leopard strayed into the industrial area of Sarurpur in Faridabad, sending locals into panic Friday. Police said that the leopard came from the Aravallis and was seen jumping from one building to another by residents, before he jumped inside a factory.

Police said one of the local boys saw the leopard rolling on the ground near a tree on Thursday night but he did not inform anyone as he was unsure. On Friday morning, around 9 am a woman was standing outside her house with her son when she saw the leopard. "I thought I saw a tiger and screamed... the animal looked at me and ran inside the factory," the woman said.

"We received a call around 9 am about a wild animal roaming in the area, so we immediately informed the wildlife department and headed to the spot. We found that the leopard had climbed the wall of a factory and jumped inside but got stuck there. We took a metal sheet and covered its entry point on the roof and locked all exits," said a police officer. Police said that officials from

the wildlife department came with tranquiliser guns. Rajkumar, one of the officers with the wildlife department, said a personnel fired a tranquiliser shot at the leopard: "It fell unconscious. We will take him back to our facility and free him in the forest."

# Property tax hike among SDMC budget proposals

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

THE SOUTH Delhi Municipal Corporation commissioner Gvanesh Bharti in a budget meeting Friday proposed an increase of one percent in property tax on residential properties in three categories of colonies. However, as per officials, the proposal may not see the light of day with the political wing of the body likely to quash it in view of elections.

The South civic body has also proposed that a Waste-to-Energy plant be installed at Waste to Wonder park, 15,000 LED lights be put up at dark spots, and an engineered landfill site be constructed in Okhla.

The focus of the budget, however, remained largely on sanitation, with the civic body anpurchase nouncing mechanical road sweepers for narrow lanes and extension of waste segregation to more wards. Currently, the waste segregation is being implemented in 40 wards.

The commissioner also proposed 10 new automated multilevel parking at different places. The civic body, in its last year budget, had made a similar promise. Several parking projects pending for over a decade in areas like New Friends Colony and Bhogal are yet to be made completely operational.

The corporation has once again pushed for completion of Poornima Sethi Hospital which presently functions as a poly clinic.

Among other announcements, the corporation said a physiotherapy centre will be opened in East of Kailash and a health centre at Katwaria Sarai.

It also proposed setting up a cremation centre in Dwarka Sector 29 for cremation of dogs.

Provision for open gym in parks, financial assistance to RWAs under Public-Private partnership scheme, sprinkler irrigation systems in over 100

# At IIIT-D exhibition, one-touch solutions for everyday concerns 'Swapeco', which promises to

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

ONE-TOUCH solutions to get rid of household scrap, updates on Metro train delays and checking indoor air quality — these are among the apps developed by students of Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi (IIIT-D) and on display at 'Building Better Interfaces' exhibition on the campus Friday.

Among the apps featured at the one-day exhibition was

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send a scrap collector to the doorstep with just a click. "There are issues with kabadiwallas. You may not find one according to your time, or sometime they use faulty weighing scales...Once a person downloads the app and schedules a pick-up time, either we go personally, or identify kabadiwallas and get them to

work with us," said Mukul

Chhabra, a student of Electronics

& Communication Engineering,

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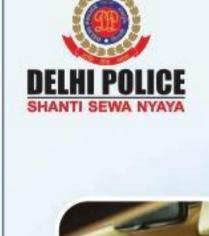
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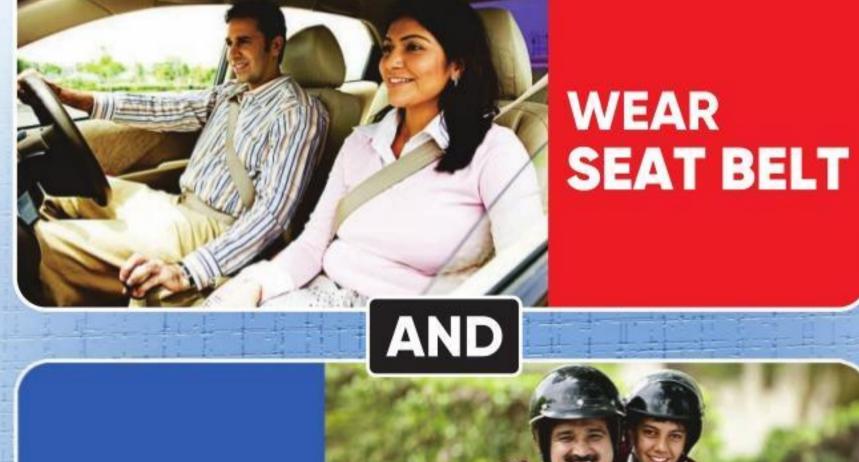
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# PLAYING SAFE

THE CONGRESS central leadership has pulled up its Maharashtra leaders for speaking out of turn on the common minimum programme which is being worked out with the Shiv Sena. The high command is also not happy that a meeting held by leaders of the NCP, Congress and Shiv Sena to discuss the CMP was made public. Although the Congress high command has given an principle go-ahead for exploring the possibility of a tie-up with the Sena, the party still seems to be in two minds. What is interesting is that there is acute lack of trust on Sharad Pawar as well. The common refrain among leaders is that one cannot anticipate what he says and what he does. Pawar is to meet Congress chief Sonia Gandhi on Sunday and top leaders believe the picture will become clear after the meeting.

# REACHING OUT

THE BJP is upset with the behaviour of Shiv Sena, one of its oldest allies and an ideological partner, and the developments in Maharashtra seemed to have had its impact on the party leaders while finalising its strategies for Jharkhand. The party also seems to be making all efforts to keep the other alliance partners in good humour. When Chirag Paswan was made the president of the LJP replacing his father Union Minister Ram Vilas Paswan, both BJP chief Amit Shah and working president J P Nadda rang up Chirag to congratulate him. This is despite the fact that the LIP is fighting the Jharkhand elections alone.

# OFFICE WORK

UNION CONSUMER Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Minister Ram Vilas Paswan will get a completely renovated office soon. Recovering from a fracture in his leg which he sustained during the Chhath puja celebrations earlier this month, Paswan is nowadays working from home. This window is now being used to renovate his office. To give his office a facelift officials are busy dismantling the previous set-up to give an aesthetic change to Paswan's sprawling first floor office at Krishi Bhawan. Incidentally, KV Thomas, Paswan's predecessor in the UPA government, had carried out extensive renovation work in this office, which had caused discomfort to a minister who used to sit on ground floor.

## **INX MEDIA CASE**

# Delhi HC denies bail to Chidambaram

**PRITAM PALSINGH** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

THE DELHI High Court on Friday rejected the bail plea of Congress

leader and former Union minister P Chidambaram, who is in Tihar jail in connection with the INX Media money laundering case. Pronouncing his order, Justice

Suresh Kumar Kait observed that "economic offences constitute a class part and need to be dealt with a different approach in matters of bail". He said "prima facie, allegations are serious in nature and petitioner has played active and key role in the present case". "It cannot be disputed that en-

tire community is aggrieved if the economic offenders who run the economy of the state are not brought to book as such offences affect the very fabric of democratic governance and probity in public life. No doubt, bail is right and jail is exception, but, if bail is granted in such cases, a wrong message goes to the public at large," the order said.

The court, however, said its observations are only with regard to the bail application and not con-

clusive. Therefore, they shall not prejudice the case of Chidambaram in any manner, it said.

The CBI arrested Chidambaram on August 21. The next day, he was remanded in CBI custody and on September 5, he was sent to judicial custody in Tihar jail. The judicial custody was extended several times. On October 16, he was arrested by the ED and remanded in police custody. Later he was sent to judicial custody in Tihar jail, which will now expire on November 27. In the CBI case, the high court denied him bail, but the Supreme Court granted him relief on October 22.

The high court also denied him relief on medical grounds and observed that material collected in the money laundering case by the ED is distinct, different and in-

dependent from that of CBI case. The INX Media case pertains to alleged irregularities in the Foreign **Investment Promotion Board** clearance to INX Media when Chidambaram was the Finance Minister. The CBI and ED have accused Chidambaram and his son Karti of taking kickbacks from INX Media owners Peter Mukherjea and Indrani Mukherjea.

# law that triggered protests **ESHAROY**

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

AHEAD OF the Assembly elections in Iharkhand, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Prakash Javadekar on Friday announced the withdrawal of a draft of amendments to Indian Forest Act 2018. Javadekar, who was accompanied by Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda, said the "draft" was simply an exercise by bureaucrats to "study the issue".

"There was an exercise by some officers, to create a study because 11 states have brought their own Acts. So what can be the common grounds...some officers and experts created a zero draft, which was not a government draft, but it was created because you have a practice of think tanks. So they circulated it to stakeholders. This was taken as a government document, therefore there was hue and cry due to misgivings. Impressions were given as if the government wants to amend the Forest Act and do away with the pro-tribal provisions." he said.

Javadekar said that over the past three days, he and Munda met representatives of Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram — an RSS affiliate – and decided to "completely withdraw" the "so-called draft" so that there is "no doubt in anyone's mind that this government is not against, or not taking away

**SANDEEP ASHAR** 

MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 15

AFTER FORMULATING a draft

common minimum programme

(CMP), the Shiv Sena, Congress

and NCP have now shifted focus

to the power sharing formula be-

whether the three parties can join

hands to form a non-BIP govern-

ment is pending, sources told *The Indian Express* that preliminary

talks regarding the likely power-

sharing arrangement are being

proposal being discussed is re-

garding proportionate distribu-

tion of key ministerial portfolios

between the three parties. While

42 ministerial berths are up for

grabs, sources said the prelimi-

nary talks are regarding distribu-

tion of nine key portfolios —

home, finance, revenue, coopera-

tives, public works, water re-

sources, urban development, rural

lesser seats as compared to NCP

and Sena, has been insisting on an

equitable power distribution model on the ground that each party

needs the other to come to power.

In the Assembly polls, Sena won

56 seats, NCP 54, and Congress 44.

eveing home, cooperatives, and fi-

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gaining hard on the ground that it

has only two seats less than Sena,

which is expected to lead the for-

mation if it comes into existence.

lios, a proposal to group these de-

partments in lots of three in the

order of importance and annual

For a consensus on key portfo-

The NCP, on the other hand, is

The Congress, which won

development and agriculture.

Sources added that the initial

carried out at the state level.

Even as a final decision on

tween them in Maharashtra.



Govt withdraws draft forest

Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar and Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda address the media in Delhi on Friday. PTI



# Move comes ahead of election challenge

THE CENTRE'S move comes ahead of polls in Jharkhand, which has an Scheduled Tribes population of 8,645,042 and where the ruling BJP faces a tough fight. The party is yet to announce its seat-sharing arrangement with AJSU, its oldest ally in the state and another ally LIP has announced that it will go it alone. On the other side, the Congress, JMM and RJD have forged an alliance and sealed the seat-sharing deal. Also, Jharkhand polls would be a crucial test of BJP after it could not perform in Haryana and Maharashtra as per expectations.

Draft CMP ready, Sena, Cong, NCP

shift focus to power-sharing formula

any rights of the tribals". "The rights of the tribals will be protected fully and they will be the main stakeholder in forest

budgets and dividing them pro-

portionately was discussed at the

meeting, a source said. For in-

stance, if the home portfolio goes

to one party, the revenue portfolio

will be held by another, and urban

development will be held by the

third party. Similarly, key depart-

ments driving the state's rural

economy - agriculture, coopera-

tives and rural development —

will be proportionately distrib-

uted between the three parties.

meeting between the three par-

ties in Mumbai saw the emerge-

nce of a draft CMP, meant to thr-

ash out differences on governance

issues. It is learnt that the three

parties also held initial talks re-

garding distribution of portfolios.

to an agreement that the only way

to provide a stable non-BJP forma-

tion is for all of them to join the

government. "Efforts are being

made to ensure that no party feels

The three parties have come

On Thursday, the first joint

development and their livelihood. Let me make it very clear that we are withdrawing, to do away with any misgiving. At this

Maharashtra Congress chief Balasaheb Thorat meets party leaders on Friday. Prashant Nadkar

that it has lost out," a source said.

continued to present a united face,

with NCP spokesperson and

Mumbai party president Nawab

Malik announcing that represen-

tatives from the three sides would

come together on Saturday to sub-

mit a memorandum to Governor

Bhagat Singh Koshyari, demand-

ing immediate relief for farmers

hit by unseasonal rain. "After im-

position of President's Rule, the

government has virtually come to

a standstill. Farmers are suffering.

Several applications for medical

aid from the Chief Minister's Relief

tween the parties at the state level

have been completed, state Cong-

ress president Balasaheb Thorat

said on Friday that "future course

of action will be indicated by

Delhi". Congress president Sonia

Gandhi and Sharad Pawar are

likely to hold further deliberations

Indicating that initial talks be-

Fund are pending," he said.

The three parties, meanwhile,

as tribals' friend and they too have always stood by us. They play a part in preservation, conservation and development of forests and are the important stakeholders of forest development," the minister said.

Tribal Affairs Minister Munda said, "The draft of the Forest Act that had been circulated at the level of officers has been withdrawn and will not be discussed in the future. I welcome this move because there were a lot of misgivings which had been spreading."

Several proposals in the draft had triggered an uproar, with activists alleging that the proposed amendments seek to establish the forest department's stranglehold over forest resources.

The amendment proposed a new category of forests — production forests, meaning forests with the specific objective of production of timber, pulp, pulpwood, firewood, non-timber forest produce, medicinal plants or any forest species to increase production in the country for a specified period. The draft also proposed more powers to forest officials.

The draft had been put on hold after protests broke out and activists and tribals alleged that tribals and forest dwellers would lose their rights if it was implemented.

#### point of time, any thought of amending the Indian Forest Act is completely out of the question,"

Committee's Iharkhand in-charge, tells **MANOJ C G** that the party is confident of winning the state polls in alliance with JMM and "Modi government is known RID, while most of the BIP's allies are going on their own. Excerpts The battle lines have been

drawn in Jharkhand. Your alliance is final and seat-sharing is sorted. How confident are you?

RPN SINGH, All India Congress

'BJP talks about

alliances but NDA

The BIP kept attacking our alliance. They kept asking questions. Now we have strategically announced our alliance — IMM, Congress and RJD — and it is the only alliance in place. The BJP keeps talking about alliances but it seems the NDA is completely decimated all over the country.

From Uttar Pradesh to Maharashtra, and now we are seeing that unfolding in Jharkhand. The JD(U) and LJP are nowhere in the alliance. They are fighting separately. There is a huge problem on the AJSU front. Even if some alliance in a loose way is formed ...the reality is that the BIP can't keep its house in order.

Why did you not include Babulal Marandi's JVM in your alliance? Will it not lead to vote division?

We continued reaching out to him. We were in talks with him, as also our alliance partners, but he has made up his mind to contest

alone. We tried our level best; it did not work out.



If you look at Jharkhand politically, in the Assembly we were not the prime player. We are this time in an alliance where no one gave us more than 22-23 seats (out of 81). We are contesting in 31 seats. It is a process of building the party. We contested the nagar palika and nagar nigam elections independently, and we did extremely well in that.



Our performance in Lok Sabha elections (in Jharkhand) was also extremely encouraging. Regardless of the BIP wave in North India, the Congress did quite well. We only managed to win one but lost one seat by just 1,400 votes, which

we have challenged in court...

there has been a momentum in

favour of the Congress.

Three former state Congress presidents, Ajoy Kumar, Sukhdeo Bhagat and Pradeep Balmuchu have left the party.

They were all workers. People are made leaders by the party and when they left the party, they are back to being workers. So the post is important

because the party makes you something. I do not want to speak about individuals, but everything was offered to these people.

In the event of a hung verdict, would you be willing to do business with **AISU or** 

Marandi's JVM?

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**INTERVIEW** 

RPN SINGH

AICC INCHARGE, **JHARKHAND** 

> Our alliance is extremely confident of forming the government because BJP and AJSU were in power for five years and they are equally to blame for the kind of mess Jharkhand is in, and the anger the people feel.

How will the Ayodhya verdict play out on ground?

We must salute the people of the country. They have accepted it very well.... I think that is an issue which has finally been closed by Supreme Court.

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

# SC refuses to allow Koda to contest Assembly polls

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

THE SUPREME Court on Friday refused to allow former Jharkhand Chief Minister Madhu Koda to contest the Assembly elections.

A bench of Justices N V Ramana and V Ramasubramanian sought a response from the Election Commission (EC) on Koda's plea challenging his disqualification in 2017 for not filing election expenses. The poll panel had disqualified Koda from contesting elections for three years.

At the outset, the counsel appearing for Koda said it has been two years since he has been disqualified and the top court should allow him to contest the upcoming polls. "You yourself are responsible for the delay. You should wait for another one year. We cannot allow you to contest the elections at this stage. We need to hear the other side (EC)," the bench said and issued a notice to EC.

On November 13, the apex

Governor hits back at Mamata:



**DECISION** 

**JHARKHAND** court agreed to hear Koda's plea

challenging the EC's decision after his counsel said the last date for filing nomination for the assembly polls is November 18. In 2017, the EC disqualified

Koda from contesting elections for allocation scam case and sentenced to a three-vear iail term.

#### three years for failing to file details of expenses in the 2009 Lok Sabha polls when he won from Singhbhum as an Independent. He has also been convicted in a coal block

# Rly hikes food prices, fare of premium trains to go up

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

THE TICKET prices of Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Duronto Express trains will see a 3-9 per cent hike as Railways has jacked up the prices of the food it serves on these trains as part of the fares.

The price of food items served on other mail/express trains, where passengers have to buy the food on board, has also been hiked.

While hiking the prices, the Railways has in many cases cut down the quantity of food items stipulated to catering vendors in the various menus. For the Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Duronto trains, the increase in prices is significantly high, in many cases double. In the case of mail/express trains where



Railways said tariff of Rajdhani has been revised after 6 years

food is sold to passengers, minimum quantities of many of the food items required to be served, too, have seen a reduction.

The changes are in accordance with requests from IRCTC and recommendations of the Menu and Tariff Committee set up by the Railway Board, according to an or-

der from the Railway Ministry. "The tariff of Rajdhani/Shatabdi/ Duronto trains has been revised after six years since the last revision in 2013 while the tariff of standard meals for mail/express trains after seven years since the

last revision in 2012," a ministry statement said. "With a view to arrive at realistic prices, a committee was nominated by the Railway Board to examine and recommend the revision in menu and tariff of these services. The committee scientifically examined all aspects of costing keeping in mind the objective to provide good quality and hygienic food to the travelling passengers on Indian Railways," the statement said.

Under the existing system, passengers in many premium trains have the option to opt out of the food offered and will not have to pay catering charges.

"To continue giving good quality food, catering charges need to be revised," Minister of State, Railways Suresh Angadi told reporters.

For premium trains, the fare hike to be borne by the passenger will vary, depending on duration of the journey and how many meals have been served to her.

The increase reflects the money that vendors get from IRCTC for serving the set menu decided by Railways. In the case of ordinary mail/express trains, the vendors get to charge passengers directly. In mail/express trains a-la-carte food items will not be sold anymore and only meals will be allowed. Railways has not increased the rate of Janta Meal of poori aloo, which sells at Rs 20.

Railways will also introduce "snack meal" at Rs 50. IRCTC will decide the snack meal menu later. "The revised catering tariff shall be effective from March 29, 2020," said the ministry statement.

# Some people using tongue loosely **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

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in this regard on November 17-18.

leadership of the three parties are

yet to take a final call on power

sharing. Stating that the talks so

far had been constructive, he said,

"I can say that you won't have to

wait much longer for an elected

focused on providing a stable gov-

ernment that can last the full five

years". He said he cannot give a

deadline for government forma-

tion, but ruled out the "possibility

of mid-term polls." NCP's Malik

said the CM post would go to Sena

if the three parties came together.

"We are being asked if the CM will

be from Sena. The fallout between

BJP and Sena has been over the

CM post. The latter was humili-

ated. So, our responsibility would

be to honour their self-respect."

Pawar remained non-committal.

"If somebody asks for the CM's

post, we would then think over it."

Pawar on Friday said "talks are

government in the state."

Thorat also hinted that the

HITTING BACK at Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's remark that some people have become mouthpiece of the BJP, West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar on Friday said some people are using their tongue too often and very loosely.

"Some people are using their tongue too often and very loosely. There is no need to play every ball in the game of cricket. I would continue to serve the people of the state," Dhankhar told reporters.

Taking a veiled dig at Dhankar, Banerjee on Thursday said, "There

are some people who are behaving just like a BJP mouthpiece. They want to run a parallel administration. Central government is an elected body and the state government is also an elected body. Federal structure must work as per our Constitution. It should be allowed to work. The central government works as per constitutional provisions and the state government must work in a

similar manner," Banerjee said. Responding, the Governor said, "No one should make a comment without properly under-

standing my statements." The Governor also slammed the state government for not responding to his request for a hel-

Earlier this week, the Governor requested for a helicopter to travel to Farakka in Murshidabad district. However, according to a Raj Bhavan statement, the state government did not respond till Thursday. "Whenever I get a communication from the chief minister, l respond within 24 hours," he said. Dhankhar visited Farakka on

icopter to travel 600 km on Friday.

Friday morning to attend a programme at SNH College. The statement said the request for the chopper was made well

in advance but there was no re-

sponse from the administration. The TMC had questioned the need for a helicopter for the

Governor's travel.

#### **ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

THE INCOME Tax Appellate Tribunal on Friday upheld the withdrawal of income tax exemption granted to Young Indian, an entity controlled by Congress president Sonia Gandhi and her family since assessment year 2011-12. The company was incorporated in FY12. The tribunal dismissed the appeal made by Young Indian seeking that its exemption not be withdrawn retrospectively.

In its order, the Delhi bench of the tribunal said, "No genuine activities have been carried out by the assessee either in furtherance of its objects or otherwise, which can be held to be for charitable purpose because one of the socalled purpose of acquiring Associated Journals Ltd [AJL] was not carried out at all.

"Otherwise, also, we have already discussed and given our categorical findings that till the grant of the registration and surrender made by the assessee, no worthwhile activities were carried out by AJL... what it turns out to be is that the assessee has acquired AJL, a company that owns property worth hundreds of crores from which the AJL had been enjoying only rental income," the tribunal said.

# IN FAREWELL ADDRESS, REFERS TO HOOLIGANISM IN SOME POCKETS OF COURT SYSTEM

# CJI Gogoi to judicial officers: Deal with those within who are hostile to legitimate processes

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

**DENOUNCING THE "increasing** indifference to decorum" in courts, Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi in his farewell address to judges of High Courts and subordinate Courts on Friday asked them to sternly deal with "rank hooliganism and intimidatory behaviour" which he said "has become the order of the day in some pockets of our court system".

With just days left for his retirement, CJI Gogoi declined requests from the media for interviews, saying that "the bench requires its judges to 'maintain' silence while exercising their freedoms" and "it is not the requirement" of the judiciary to reach citizens through the press except in an extraordinary situation. Later, at a farewell organised for him by the Supreme Court Bar Association, CJI Gogoi, in a departure from the norm, chose not to deliver a speech.

In his address to judges via videoconferencing, the CJI strongly deprecated the increasing lack of decorum in courts.

Without naming any section, he said that "rank hooliganism and intimidatory behaviour has become the order of the day in some pockets of our court system".

"As an institution, we have tried to deliver much more than what is reasonably possible, yet, today each of us is required to deal with new challenges, which unfortunately arise from within and outside of our court complexes and our judicial processes. Within our court complexes, there is an increasing indifference to the decorum and discipline that were always the hallmark of our institution. Sadly, such indifference lies more amongst some of the stakeholders who are part of the justice delivery infrastructure, yet are completely indifferent to its health and progress... This has to be acknowledged, so that its vicious designs are defeated and the glory of our institution stands uncompromised," he said.

Calling upon judicial officers to deal with such conduct, he said, "It certainly is not your business to suffer the belligerence of a handful, who may masquerade as stakeholders but are hostile to legitimate processes and would go to any length to brow-beat the seekers of truth and justice before us."

CJI Gogoi also called upon High Courts to "shake off the sense of any inertia and play an active part as the true guardian of all court complexes under their jurisdiction as well as of the judicial process, besides safeguarding the well-being of our judges and the magistrates there".

He added, "As an institution, it is time that we heavily invest in vigilance functions that would keep our court complexes, our judicial processes, our judges and our staff safe from the clutches of such local influences who do not have any allegiance to our institution but use our processes to carry out their nefarious designs". He responded to criticism that

the Indian judiciary was a remnant of the Raj and emphasised that "our legal system is not only Indian but is it also has its roots deeply embedded in the common aspirations that binds all of our countrymen to a single destiny".

The speech also touched upon the question of pendency, and said that "young judges need to work hard towards refining their skills and capabilities to improve the quality of justice, rather than to be troubled by this perception of pendency". In a statement issued in re-

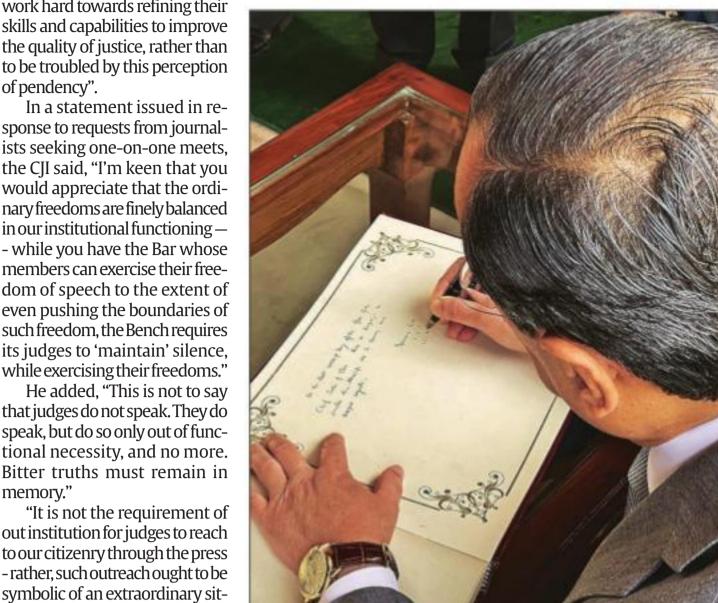
sponse to requests from journalists seeking one-on-one meets, the CJI said, "I'm keen that you would appreciate that the ordinary freedoms are finely balanced in our institutional functioning — - while you have the Bar whose members can exercise their freedom of speech to the extent of even pushing the boundaries of

while exercising their freedoms." He added, "This is not to say that judges do not speak. They do speak, but do so only out of functional necessity, and no more. Bitter truths must remain in

its judges to 'maintain' silence,

memory." "It is not the requirement of out institution for judges to reach to our citizenry through the press -rather, such outreach ought to be symbolic of an extraordinary situation demanding an exception to the norm," he said.

CJI Gogoi is set to demit office on November 17.



CJI Gogoi signs the entry book at Raj Ghat Friday. Neeraj Priyadarshi

Savarkar a true social religious reformer, says Venkaiah

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

VICE-PRESIDENT M Venkaiah Naidu on Friday said RSS ideologue Vinayak Damodar Savarkar was a freedom fighter, social reformer, writer, poet, historian, political leader and philosopher — all rolled into one. He was speaking at the launch of Vikram Sampath's book, Savarkar: Echoes From a Forgotten Past, at Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Delhi.

"The story of Veer Savarkar, as it unfolds in this book, reveals the staunch patriotic vision of this bold and determined son of Mother India who named the 1857 rebellion as the first war of independence and chose armed resistance as the modus operandi for achieving Independence... Savarkar provided leadership to several other young brave hearts in London and across Europe to garner support for India's freedom," Naidu said. He added that Savarkar's legacy is "illustrious" but also "controversial"

"Veer Savarkar was no ordinary man. He was a visionary social reformer, a forward-looking liberal, an iconoclast in many ways and an eminently practical strategist who wanted to free India from the colonial rule, if necessary, by violent armed resistance," he said

# **BEWARE OF** THE HARMFUL **EFFECT OF** NOISE POLLUTION

# WE CAN REDUCE NOISE POLLUTION BY FOLLOWING THE TIPS BELOW:

- Say No to Crackers During Festivals & **Important Occasions**

- Use The Acoustic Enclosure with D.G.Sets Shut the Door when using noisy Machines
- ▼ Do not Honk! Unnecessarily
- Use the Sound Limiters with DJ and Public Addressing System

**Effects of Noise Pollution:** 

Damage of our eardrums and loss of hearing,

Aggressive behavior, Disturbance of sleep,

Constant stress, Fatigue, and Hypertension,

Blood pressure, cardiovascular disease,

Stress-related heart problems,

Nervous Disorders,

Thickening of the Blood,

Neurological Problems.

Increases stress leading to psychological disturbance,

- Follow the Noise Rules and Limits of Noise level
- Go Green by planning trees

If someone violates the noise rules and creates the excessive noise (complaint may be lodged)

Helpline No. 155271 and Website ngms.delhi.gov.in

## **Sources (Cause) of Noise Pollution:**

- Engineering companies, Printing presses,
- Textile mills, Metal works,
- Mechanical pneumatic drills,
- Transportation, Constructive Activities,
- Loudspeakers,
- Social events like worship places, parties, gigs and discos,
- Stone crushing, Bulldozing, Welding,
- Automobile repair activities,
- Fireworks.

# Mitigation measures:

- Ear protection using ear muffs or plugs especially for babies, elderly people, handicapped persons, pet animals etc.
- Avoid using headphones or earplugs at high volumes.
- If suspecting hearing loss, get tested.
- Use of sound insulating architectural elements in offices, apartments, industries and public places.
- Planning living spaces such that there is sufficient distance between the source of noise and residences, schools and hospitals.
- Use of silencers in automobiles.
- Lubrication and maintenance of machinery.
- Plant more trees at strategic points. These act as sound barriers.
- Need to put a stop to parties and religious functions that are held at high pitch all through the night, causing many to spend sleepless nights.

Department of Environment, Government of NCT of Delhi

# Hindu Mahasabha wants Godse's court statement in school syllabus

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BHOPAL. NOVEMBER 15** 

THE HINDU Mahasabha on Friday demanded that Nathuram Godse's statement in court during the Mahatma Gandhi assassination trial be included in the school syllabus.

Observing Godse's 70th death anniversary, some activists of the Hindutva organisation gathered at its office here and garlanded photographs of Godse and Narayan Apte, a co-conspirator in Gandhi's assassination who was also hanged, and performed 'aarti' while police kept guard outside the private building.

The Hindu Mahasabha had in 2017 installed a bust of Godse in the office amid religious fanfare. Calling the office a temple, the outfit had sought a piece of land to build a temple for him. The then BJP government had served a notice to the outfit and later seized the bust amid tension.

On Friday, the Hindu Mahasabha held its event under the banner of Yuvak Hindu Mahasabha (YHM) and later handed a memorandum to the district administration with a charter of four demands, one of which was to include Godse's court statement in the school syllabus. The second demand was to observe Guru Gobind Singh's sons'

sacrifice as Bal Shahid Diwas in place of Bal Diwas (Children's Day, celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru on November 14). The Mahasabha also demanded that the bust seized two years

ago be returned so that it can be installed. Booking those who vandalised the statue of Swami Vivekanand at INU for sedition and their immediate arrest was the last demand in the memorandum. Mahasabha national vice-president Jaiveer Bharadwaj said that

YHM was only a front. While the BJP and VHP distanced themselves from the Gwalior event, the ruling Congress condemned it. Congress leaders said

they would ask the government to act against those who glorify as-

# **ODISHA**

sassins of the Father of the Nation.

# Minister faces heat after booklet to students says Gandhi death accidental

**SAMPAD PATNAIK** BHUBANESWAR, NOVEMBER 15

ODISHA'S MINISTER for School and Mass Education Samir Ranjan Dash has been asked by the Speaker to make a statement in the ongoing session of the Assembly after it emerged that his department had distributed a booklet on Mahatma Gandhi, describing his death an "accidental sequence of events".

The booklets, titled *Ama Bapuji: Eka Jhalak* (Our Bapuji: A Glimpse) were distributed among government school students of Classes IV to VIII on the occasion of Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary. It said that on January 30, 1948, Gandhi died of "akasmika ghatanakramey dehabsana (an accidental sequence of events)".

Soumya Ranjan Patnaik of the ruling BJD said, "All should condemn this. Giving misleading information to students and people is as good as sowing poisonous seeds for the future

State Congress president Niranjan Patnaik termed the publication as a "shameful attempt by Odisha government to exonerate the killers of Gandhi". "On one hand, Odisha CM says Gandhi's ideal of *ahimsa* should be included in our Constitution. On the other hand, his government publishes booklets which falsely claim Gandhi died 'accidentally'," the Congress leader tweeted.

"It is evident that the minister may not or could not have factchecked the booklet, but he has to explain which bureaucrat sanctioned this misleading text that does not mention Nathuram Godse shooting the Mahatma," said social activist Prafulla Samantara. Meanwhile, a local news channel has been circulating an al-

leged phone conversation with Dash, where he is purportedly heard defending the booklet. "Saying the death was due to accidental circumstances is not erroneous. The booklet could have mentioned Nathuram Godse and the shooting, but why should we seed words like hatya (murder) in the minds of school children?" Dash purportedly says.

However, later speaking to The Indian Express, Dash said that he will only make a statement in the House. He also denied that he had spoken with any news organisation on the matter.

WITHPTIINPUTS

Court," he said.

CPM central committee

member and Law Minister A K

Balan echoed the view after a

meeting of the party state secre-

tariat, which is learnt to have

weighed against taking young

women to the temple. "The gov-

ernment will not give protection

for young women who attempt

to trek to the hill shrine. If some-

one arrives to make the situation

worse, the government will not

women, including activists, at-

tempted to visit the temple, al-

though only two are known to have officially entered the shrine

with police protection. The

protests, meanwhile, caused

heavy losses for the Travancore

Devaswom Board, which runs the

temple, with a Rs 200-crore fall in

revenue, as devotees largely kept

September 28, 2018 judgment

lifting age restrictions on the en-

try of women may impinge on

the affairs of other religions too

and will require a more detailed

On Thursday, the Supreme Court concluded that its

away fearing violence.

Last year, scores of young

allow it," Balan said.

FROM PAGE ONE

Sabarimala flip-flop

ending up with just one seat out

This time, the two-month an-

nual Sabarimala pilgrimage sea-

son starts Saturday, and Hindu

groups have again warned of

protests if the bar on women is

not adhered to. With local body

polls coming up in a few months,

CPM leader and Devaswom

Board (Temple Affairs) Minister

Kadakampally Surendran said it

would be better to maintain the

status quo that prevailed before

last year's verdict until the larger

with the government to make the

pilgrimage a smooth affair. There

are grey areas in the latest decision

Asked about the government

ensuring the entry of young

women last year, Surendran said:

"Last year, there was a verdict be-

fore us. Now, the situation has

changed. This year, the govern-

ment is not going to take young

women to the temple.

Sabarimala is not a place for ex-

hibiting activism. If anyone

(young women) wants to go to

Sabarimala, let them come with

an order from the Supreme

of the Supreme Court," he said.

"Everyone should cooperate

bench delivers a final order.

of 20 in the Lok Sabha polls.

#### **SEDITION CASE**

Give Shehla 10-day notice before arrest: court to police

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

A COURT on Friday directed the Delhi Police to issue a 10-day pre-arrest notice to Shehla Rashid if the need arises to arrest her in the alleged case of defaming the Army, while disposing of her anticipatory bail application.

On August 18, Rashid posted a series of tweets, alleging excesses by the forces against children and youths in the Valley. Mentioning two of the tweets, advocate Alakh Alok Srivastava, the complainant has said, "She is deliberately and intentionally spreading fake news with the intention to incite violence..."

On Friday, Additional Sessions Judge Satish Kumar Arora said, "Keeping in view the nature of allegations and also considering the submissions of IO (investigating officer) that the investigation is at a preliminary stage, anticipatory bail application is disposed of with directions to the IO that if need arises for the arrest of the applicant/accused, she be issued a ten days pre-arrest notice."

**AVISHEK G DASTIDAR** TUNDLA (UP), NOVEMBER 15

INDIA'S ECONOMY is "doing very well" and the indicators are visible — weddings are not being called off, and trains and airports are full, Union MoS for Railways Suresh Angadi said Friday.

Responding to a question from *The Indian Express* on the state of the economy, Angadi said "common people are happy" but some are trying to "damage the name" of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on this issue. "The state of the economy is

very good. Airport full hai, koi seat nahin milta, railway station mein ticket nahin milta, woh full hai...Kisi ka shaadi nahin rukta hai. kisi ka kaam nahin rukta hai (Airports are full, there is no seat available, tickets are not available at railway stations, they are full...no one's wedding is called off, no one's work is affected)," he said.

"The common people...they are more happy. Only few people are creating (the issue) to damage the name of (the) hon-



All is well, weddings not called off, trains

are packed: Railways MoS on economy

**Union MoS for Railways Suresh Angadi in Tundla, UP on Friday.** Prem Nath Pandey

ourable PM, who is more popular in the world," the BJP MP from Karnataka said.

The Minister's comments come in the backdrop of the overall GDP growth forecast decreasing to 5.6 per cent and factory output contracting by 4.3 per cent, the lowest in eight

Asked about these numbers, Angadi said it was part of a "three-year cycle" in every economy. "Every three years, there is a phase...cycle rehta hai (it is a cycle)...you look at every three years, the economy of every country, there is up and there is down," he said.

Striking an upbeat note,

Angadi said the "monsoon is good, harvest is good". "In the entire country, economy is doing very well...Prices have not the problem?" he said.

gone up. You tell me, where is

Angadi also said that India was poised to become a \$5 trillion economy and a manufacturing hub through the flagship

Make in India initiative. On Friday, the Minister inspected the Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) line, between Badhan and Khurja via Tundla, which will soon be commercially operational.

"After the DFC is operational, logistics cost in India will go down from 14 per cent to 8 per cent... In the coming days, India is going to be a manufacturing hub... Every state has Make in India. We can go for export also... We can make small ancillary units for export," he said.

Around 400 freight trains were part of trial runs over the 194-km DFC stretch. Being built with World Bank assistance, the corridor will connect Ludhiana in Punjab to Dankuni in West Bengal. The Western DFC, being built with Japanese loans, is from Dadri to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust.

Both the DFCs are expected to be fully operational by 2021 after which around 70 per cent of freight trains will shift to these lines, freeing up capacity in conventional lines. The total cost of the project is Rs 81,459 crore.

PM Modi

deal again

# SC on ArcelorMittal by the CoC. The apex court also sible to investors in the market,

said agreed with the bank's submissions that the "equality for all" approach, as held by NCLAT would encourage banks to opt for liquidation of companies rather than their resolution under IBC.

As banks earn profit by earning interest on money lent with low margins, it would not be right to give them the same treatment as operational creditors, the apex court said. "It also clarifies the long-held position of priority of financial creditors in distribution of sale proceeds in enforcement or liquidation. The effect of this finding will be that financial creditors will have priority over operational creditors," said Kumar Saurabh Singh, Partner at Khaitan & Co.

The option of forming subcommittees which can negotiate with resolution applicants for better offers should also be respected. the apex court said.

The SC judgment, experts said, is an important course correction in the re-establishment of the narrow path that tribunals must

"The noise-to-signal ratios after the last NCLAT order could have made the IBC incomprehen-

# Cong targets over Rafale

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 15

CONTINUING TO target Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the multi-crore Rafale fighter jet deal, the Congress on Friday demanded that the CBI lodge an FIR

Calling the BJP's jubilation "premature", Congress leader Prithviraj Chavan said the "saffron party had celebrated without going into the details" of the SC's latest verdict. The BJP had launched an offensive against the Congress Thursday for celebrating after the Supreme Court dismissed review petitions against the top court's December 14, 2018, verdict which said that there was no occasion to doubt in the decision-making process in the procurement of 36 Rafale fighter jets.

In its judgment Thursday, the Supreme Court also said that "the judgment sought to be reviewed, would not stand in the way of the first respondent in Writ Petition (Criminal) No 298 of 2018 from taking action on Exhibit P1-complaint in accordance with law and subject to first respondent obtaining previous approval under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act."

Chavan, however, took recourse to a paragraph of the same judgment, which states that the "judgment of the court in Rafale case would not stand in the way of the investigating agency and taking action...", and demanded that the CBI should lodge an FIR in the matter.

Chavan also reiterated Congress's demand for a probe by a Joint Parliamentary Committee (IPC) into allegations raised in the matter. He also reminded that the review petitions had been filed by former BJP ministers Arun Shourie, Yashwant Sinha and Prashant

examination.

said Sudipta Routh, partner at What is also confirmed by this judgment is that in matters of approval of a resolution plan or dis-

tribution of funds among credi-

tors, the final decision will always lie with the CoC and adjudicating authorities like the NCLAT should not interfere, Singh said. The dilution of the provision which mandates resolution within 330 days — or liquidation — also reasserts the purpose of the code, experts said. The govern

ment should now suitably amend the law so as to give more clarity on the duration of the resolution, they said. Friday's judgment, which sets the ball rolling for Arcelor Mittal's takeover of Essar Steel, comes after a long wait for Lakshmi Niwas Mittal.The 69-year-old steel baron of Indian origin, who left India in 1976 to expand his father's steel

wanting to set up a business in India since 2005. With the judgment in, ArcelorMittal said it would look forward to closing the acquisition

business in Indonesia, has been

# CBI searches Amnesty

"As part of the Nobel Prizewinning movement, Amnesty India holds itself to the highest evidentiary standards. Over four million Indians have supported Amnesty India's work in the last six years and around 100,000 Indians have made financial contributions. Our work in India, as elsewhere, is to uphold universal human rights and build a global movement of people who take in-

justice personally," it said. A CBI official said the searches were based on an FIR registered on November 5 against Amnesty International India Pvt Ltd (AIIPL) Indians for Amnesty International (IAIT), Amnesty International India Foundation (AIIFT), International South Asia Foundation (AISAF) and others.

"The Home Ministry complaint said FCRA and IPC laws were contravened by the entities by receiving foreign contributions through AIIPL even though prior registration or permission was denied to AIIFT and other trusts under FCRA," the official said, adding that the alleged contravention reported totalled Rs 36 crore.

According to the Home Ministry complaint, AIIPL is a forprofit company, and Londonbased Amnesty International worked through four companies — named by the CBI in the FIR.

The complaint alleged that a payment of Rs 10 crore, classified as FDI, was remitted to Amnesty India from the London office without taking the Home Ministry's approval. Another Rs 26 crore, the complaint stated, had been remitted to Amnesty India "primarily from the UK-based entities".

While forwarding the complaint, the Ministry directed the CBI to involve the Income Tax department and Enforcement Directorate in case violation of relevant laws was detected during

# Summit on innovations in public healthcare to begin today

**ABANTIKA GHOSH** NEW DELHI. NOVEMBER 15

THE SIXTH National Summit on Innovations in the Public Healthcare System is scheduled to start on November 16 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The twoday summit will share some of the most innovative efforts undertaken by states in public health, and will help explore which programmes are scalable at the national level, and which

could be adopted by other states. Some programmes to be showcased include delayed cord clamping (DCC) in Gujarat. DCC is the practice of clamping the placenta cord of a newborn a few minutes rather than seconds after birth, allowing more placental blood to

flow into the newborn, thus in-

creasing the infant's blood volume.

According to various studies, this is more conducive to the healthy development of the brain of a newborn. It also increases the infant's iron stores, a crucial outcome in a country grappling with anemia,

say senior health ministry officials. The DCC has already been chosen for replication nationally, with former National Health Mission Mission director Manoi Ihalani — who has since joined the World Health Organization, South-East Asia Regional Office - having written to the states to

explore incorporating the practice in their respective programmes.

The Basti Dawakhanas of Telangana, built along the lines of the Mohalla clinics of Delhi that aim to bring preventive and promotive healthcare to the neighbourhood to promote health and

wellness, too are on their way to

be nationally scaled.

Another innovation to be summit is the mobile phone app called ImTeCHO (Innovative Mobile-phone Technology for Community Health Operators) in Gujarat, which is built on the principles of the Mother and Child Tracking System. It sends messages and daily schedules to accredited social health activists (ASHAs) so that they have the information of every pregnant woman due for a pre-natal checkup or every new baby due for a immunisation shot under their watch. This acts both as a reminder to the workers on the ground and as an important aid for their supervisors to keep

Kerala's Mission Aardram, which aims at creating a peoplefriendly health delivery system, will also be showcased at the

watch on their progress.

summit. The programme, through state-of-the-art investigation and intervention protocols, envisages transforming all Primary Health Centers into Family Health Centres as a firstlevel health delivery point. The mission envisages ensur-

ing quality care at Primary Health Centres. All high footfall hospitals will be transformed to patient-friendly Out Patient Service providers. The services include web-based appointment system, virtual queues, patient reception at registration centres, and waiting rooms with wi-fi facilities.

Both ImTeCHO and Mission Aardram are entries in the session on innovations relevant for Ayushman Bharat - Health and Wellness Centres, of which 1,53,000 centres are being set up in the country.

**NAGA PEACE TALKS** 

# Govt interlocutor says concerned over hill, valley people relationship

**NEW DELHI. NOVEMBER 15** 

NAGALAND GOVERNOR R N Ravi, who is the government's interlocutor for peace talks with Naga insurgent groups, on Friday met leaders of the United Naga Council (UNC) of Manipur at Kohima and exhorted them to bridge the gap between the hill and valley people of the state.

Ravi expressed concern over deterioration of "traditional brotherly relations" between these two communities in Manipur, stating that the vexed issue cannot reach its logical conclusion without taking all neighbours into confidence.

In an official statement released on Friday, Ravi said he met the leaders of the apex body of Naga tribes of Manipur in his endeavour towards a comprehensive resolution of the Naga issue with due regards to the

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sensitivities of all the stakeholders, including the neighbours.

"The Government of India interlocutor expressed concern over deterioration in the traditional brotherly relations between the hill and the valley people of Manipur in recent decades due to the politics of vested interests. The reality that the Naga issue cannot be resolved in isolation or reach its logical conclusion without taking all stakeholders, including the neighbours, into confidence was re-emphasised," the statement said.

Ravi said the imperatives of restoring the traditional harmonious relation among the hill and the valley people of Manipur were adequately emphasised.

"The UNC leaders were exhorted to take effective measures to reach out to the valley people in the spirit of mutual love and understanding for an enduring peaceful co-existence,"

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According to the statement, the UNC leaders were briefed about the current status of the peace talks, including the significant development of amicably settling all contentious issues be-

> "When the Naga issue is at the stage of settlement, the UNC leaders were reminded of their responsibility in ensuring that the Naga tribes of Manipur maintain a cordial relationship with the fellow communities of the state," it said.

tween the negotiating parties.

Negotiations to find a lasting solution to the seven-decade insurgency problem in Nagaland are on, with Ravi holding discussions with insurgent group NSCN-IM regularly in recent

A framework agreement was signed on August 3, 2015 by NSCN-IM leader Thuingaleng Muivah and Ravi in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra

# Abdul Jabbar, face of Bhopal gas

Bhopal: Abdul Jabbar, a leading figure in the fight for justice for victims of the 1984 Bhopal gas tragedy, died late on Thursday at a private hos-

pital. He was 62. and was under treatment.

"He waged a continuous battle for justice for those affected by the gas tragedy. He

> portant role in providing employment and rehabilitation to survivors, said Chief Minister Kamal

# leak protests, dies

Known as Jabbar Bhai, he was himself a victim of the industrial disaster and suffered health effects due to the gas leak from the Union Carbide India Limited's Plant. He was ailing for the last few weeks

played an im-



New Delhi. Praveen Khanna

dismissed review petitions seeking a probe into the Rafale deal, advocate Prashant Bhushan and former Union minister Arun Shourie called for a CBI probe into the purchase of 36 Rafale fighter jets by the government. They claimed that the separate judgment authored by Justice K M Joseph mandates that the CBI launch a probe.

On Thursday, the Supreme Court bench headed by CJI Ranjan Gogoi turned down petitions seeking a review of its 2018 decision on the matter. It stated that there were no grounds for the CBI to initiate a probe into allegations of impro-

priety or irregularity in the deal. Justice KM Joseph, who along with the CJI and Justice S K Kaul made the bench, in a separate concurring judgment said though the review had been dismissed, it will "not stand in the way" of the CBI from taking action on the document after obtaining previous approval under Section 17A of the

Bhushan and Shourie contended at a press conference that the SC has "acknowledged that the judgment notwithstanding, the CBI is still required to comply with the direction issues in three sought a review in January. Bhushan, and not the Congress. from Amnesty International UK the investigation.

Prevention of Corruption Act.

Rafale fighter jet deal Lalita Kumar vs Government of Uttar Pradesh on time-bound inquiry and investigation into the matter leading to registration of FIR for which the first step the CBI is required to take is seek approval of the very government against" whose Prime Minister

Prashant Bhushan and Arun Shourie at a press conference in

Bhushan, Shourie call

the complaint has been made. Bhushan said "we hope now the CBI will move" as the judgment by CJI Ranjan Gogoi and Justice S K Kaul "has not said anything to the contrary", and this makes the concurring judgment binding.

Shourie said the "self-restraint of the SC" along with Section 17A makes for a "dangerous combination" and gives the government "khulli chhoot" (absolute freedom) in matters of national security.

A senior Defence Ministry official disagreed with the assessment of Bhushan and Shourie, and told *The Indian Express*, "Both the judgments state that an FIR cannot be filed now." A probe by the CBI, the official added, "will be in express violation" of the SC verdict and "there is no scope for further inquiry".

Shourie, Bhushan and former Union minister Yashwant Sinha had moved the Supreme Court in October 2018 demanding an FIR on the Rafale deal. After the SC in December decided there was no case to doubt the decision-making on the deal, the

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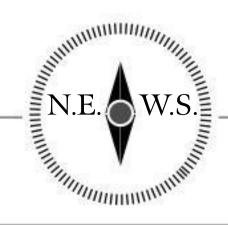
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# North HC rejects bail blea of rape-accused BSPMP

Allahabad: The Allahabad High Court on Friday rejected the bail application of parliamentarian Atul Kumar Rai, who is accused of raping a college girl. The BSP MP from Ghosi parliamentary constituency had surrendered in court on June 22. An FIR was registered against the accused MP on May 1 in

Varanasi after the victim, a resident of Ballia district, approached the police. The court rejected the bail application noting that the MP had several criminal cases pending against him. Rai has claimed that he was being falsely implicated by his political opponents in the case.



Assam Jatiyabadi Yuva Chatra Parishad (AJCP) activists at a protest rally against the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill in Guwahati on Friday. PTI

#### South

# 2 arrested for boy's death after falling into sambhar vessel

*Amaravati:* Two days after a six-year-old boy died after falling into a vessel with hot sambhar at a school in Andhra Pradesh's Kurnool district, authorities have found several violations in the school management and arrested its managing director Vijaya Kumar Reddy and correspondent Nagamalleswara Reddy based on a complaint from

the students father, police said. Nandyal sub-divisional police officer Chidananda Reddy said no care was taken during meal distribution in the school, as a result of which the LKG student Purushottam Reddy died on Wednesday. Collector G Veerapandian has appointed a three-member committee to conduct an inquiry into the incident. **PTI** 

### **EAST**

# Odisha to compensate 8,000 families for fishing ban

Bhubaneswar: The Odisha government has decided to compensate 8,000 fishermen families who would bear losses due to fishing ban, imposed from November 1, for the protection of the endangered Olive Ridley sea turtles, an official said. The restriction on fishing activity will be in force till May 31, 2020 and the state would provide Rs 7,500

to each family during the period, the official said. Principal **Chief Conservator of Forest** Sandeep Tripathy said the ban on fishing by the trawlers with 30 HP or more has been imposed up to "20 kms inside the sea, particularly in Olive congregation area and their buffer zones in three river mouths — Devi Dhamara, Rushikulya". **PTI** 

## WEST

# Bank manager, two others booked for cheating woman

*Jalna:* An offence has been registered against three people, including the manager of District Co-operative Bank's Partur branch, for allegedly cheating a woman of Rs 2.88 lakh, police said Friday. In 2008, the complainant deposited Rs 2.93 lakh in the name of her children at the bank, an official said. When she went to the bank to with-

draw the amount, the manager told her only Rs 5,000 were left in the account, he added. Later, the complainant found out that her brother Bhagwan Dadarao Khot, in connivance with branch manager Ashok Haribhau Kavatkar and accountant-cashier Ramesh Bhutekar, had usurped Rs 2.88 lakh from the account, he said. PTI

## **JUSTICE NARIMAN DISMISSES ED PLEA AGAINST SHIVAKUMAR**

# Read dissenting verdict on Sabarimala, our orders are not to be played with: SC

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, NOVERMBER 15

A DAY after dissenting with the majority view in the Sabarimala case, Justice Rohington F Nariman of the Supreme Court had a terse message for those flouting its orders.

"For your edification and ed-

ification of government... read the dissenting verdict that we gave in the Sabarimala case yesterday... Tell the officials that our judgments are not to be played with... Kindly instruct your officials to read what the judgment of this court is on Article 141. It's important," Justice Nariman told Solicitor General Tushar Mehta dismissing the Enforcement Directorate's plea against the bail granted to Karnataka Congress leader D K

**NAVEEDIOBAL** 

has witnessed.

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 15

AWAMI NATIONAL Conference

president Begum Khalida Shah

has described the current clam-

pdown on the political leader-

ship in Kashmir as the worst she

has been harsher than at any

time that I can remember in the

past. They have surpassed all

previous episodes of atrocity,"

said Shah, who is former CM

Speaking to *The Indian* 

Express at her home, where she

has been detained since August

5, she said this was the first time

in her 84 years that she had been

placed under custody. "I remem-

ber when my father (Sheikh

Mohammad Abdullah) was

fighting for Kashmir. We were in

Gulmarg in 1953 and the mili-

tary took him away. Even then,

the family was not harmed, the

reason was (Article) 370. This

time, we have all been held

hostage on account of 'the situa-

tion' which they (the govern-

ment) have themselves created."

ries of the Gupkar declaration of

August 4, they will all come to-

gether, and we will demand

Srinagar: Former Jammu and

Kashmir chief minister and

People's Democratic Party (PDP)

chief Mehbooba Mufti on Friday

was shifted from the Chashma

Shahi hut to government resi-

dential quarters in Srinagar, close

political leader to be shifted to a

different location following their

arrest after the abrogation of

Article 370 of Jammu and

said she had sent a request to the

government to shift her mother.

Mufti's daughter Iltija Mufti

"She was shifted in the after-

Kashmir on August 5.

Mufti is the first mainstream

to the city centre of Lalchowk.

She added, "All the signato-

Faroog Abdullah's elder sister.

"This time, the government

Govt has been harsher

than at any time I can

remember: Farooq's sister

Shivakumar in a money-laundering case.

The bench was apparently irked after senior advocates Mukul Rohatgi and A M Singhvi pointed out that the ED in its plea had "resurrected" Section 45(1) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, which had been struck down by the Supreme Court last year. Singhvi also contended that the agency had copied parts of its petition from the petition filed in the case of former Union minister P Chidambaran as it referred to the accused as former home minister.

As Mehta — who appeared for the ED — tried to explain, Iustice Nariman cut him short and said "this is not the way to deal with citizens' rights".

The Sabarimala remarks —unconnected with the matter

restoration of Article 370 in its

original shape, with all its origi-

orders on November 14 that the

family was free to step out of their

house in Srinagar, "we were warned not to participate in

protests or hold press briefings".

However, she said, as they tried to

visit her sister, the security called

for the gates to be locked again.

"We are yet to be told why we are

not allowed to go out," she added.

special status as the "removal of

the soul from the body", she said,

"We are at least within our

homes, look at how they are

preparing the MLA hostel for

moving those held at SKICC. The

windows are being blocked with

plyboard sheets. Is this how you

over the last three months, Shah

said that the people of the Valley

are treading carefully, "but once

they decide it is time to resist

not lost hope. "I believe strongly

that this won't stay either. The

BJP is already losing its grip. They

owe their majority to every sin-

gle Kashmiri, they won their ma-

jority through Pulwama and

noon today. We had requested

the government to shift her be-

cause the hut where she was

kept was not fully equipped for

Kashmir's winters. I had written

a letter a month ago," Iltija told

apart from the winter condi-

tions, the other reason why

Mufti had been shifted was be-

cause officials living in other gov-

ernment huts in the Chashma

Shahi area had shifted to Jammu

security in the area because the

PDP chief was kept there." **ENS** 

"We couldn't withdraw the

after the Darbar move.

A senior official said that

The Indian Express on Friday.

Balakot," she said.

Mehbooba Mufti shifted to

govt quarters in Srinagar

However, she said she had

this, they will not turn back".

Referring to the clampdown

keep human beings?"

Describing the revocation of

Shah said that despite verbal

nal guarantees."

being heard — took everyone in the courtroom by surprise. Mehta responded that all orders of the court are taken se-

riously. On September 28, 2018, the Supreme Court had in a 4:1 decision lifted age restrictions on the entry of women to Sabarimala temple. This led to protests and many petitions were filed seeking review of the judgment.

On Thursday, a five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi in a 3:2 ruling decided to keep the review petitions pending, saying they raised several questions that needed to be considered by a larger bench.

Disagreeing with the majority view, which sought to club the Sabarimala matter with issues of Muslim, Parsi and

Dawoodi Bohra women, Justices Nariman and D Y Chandrachud had said that the only "narrow question" before the bench was whether the Sabarimala ruling should be reviewed. Writing for both, Justice Nariman also took a stern view of the protests, and said that compliance with its orders was not an option, and told the Kerala government that "organised acts of resistance to thwart the implementation of this judgment must be put down

The judges said "bonafide criticism of a judgment, albeit of the highest court of the land, is certainly permissible, but thwarting, or encouraging persons to thwart, the directions or orders of the highest court cannot be countenanced in our Constitutional scheme of things. After all, in India's tryst with des-

firmly".

tiny, we have chosen to be wedded to the rule of law as laid down by the Constitution of India. Let every person remember that the 'holy book' is the Constitution of India, and it is with this book in hand that the citizens of India march together as a nation, so that they may move forward in all spheres of human endeavour to achieve the great goals set out by this 'Magna Carta' or Great Charter of India".

The judgment said that by Article 141, the law declared by the Supreme Court shall be binding on all courts, which includes tribunals, within the territory of

The ED had approached the court against the October 23 order of the Delhi High Court order granting Shivakumar bail in the money-laundering case.

UTTARAKHAND Tell Dalits, tribals about injustice by Cong, NC in J&K: Nadda to booth workers

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** DEHRADUN, NOVEMBER 15

BJP WORKING president J P Nadda on Friday asked booth workers of Uttarakhand to reach out to Dalits and tribals, and tell them that the Congress and National Conference had done injustice to them in Jammu and Kashmir.

Nadda said people from these sections have rights and would be able to contest elections in future because the Narendra Modi government had nullified the provision of Article 370 that gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir.

He said there was no political reservation for tribals in J&K even though Ladakh has a tribal population. Nadda said that Gujjars and Bakarwals are tribals, but no Lok Sabha or Assembly seat was reserved for them because of Article 370. "After abrogation of Article 370, delimitation of constituencies will be done and for the first time a patriotic tribal from I&K will be elected for Lok Sabha and the state Assembly," Nadda said.

Nadda said that those who came to India from West Pakistan in 1947 and settled in different parts of the country outside J&K became part of mainstream. He pointed out that IK Gujral, Manmohan Singh and LK Advani came from West Pakistan, and two of them became Prime Minister and Advani became Deputy PM. "But those who settled in J&K could not contest election of even councillor, had no voting rights in MLA elections. Now, after abrogation of Article 370, any refugee who came in 1947 and is living in J&K will have the right to contest elections," Nadda said.

# RAJNATH VISITS ARUNACHAL

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at Arunachal Pradesh's Tawang on Thursday for the 'Maitree Diwas' celebrations to boost civil-military friendship in the region. China on Friday objected to Singh's visit of he northeast state, which Beijing claims to be part of South Tibet. PTI

# 3 J&K former CMs may remain in detention, hints minister

**ARUN SHARMA** 

JAMMU, NOVEMBER 15

A DAY after Lt Governor G C Murmu said that Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir may be held soon, Union Minister of State in the PMO Dr Jitendra Singh on Friday hinted that three former chief ministers of the erstwhile state may remain under detention for some more time.

Singh said this was the first festive season in Jammu and Kashmir in 30 years that not a single incident had taken place. Without naming anyone, he added, "Now you people say that it could be possible as those three people were under detention. This means things will be alright if they stay in detention. Then let them remain in detention."

Singh made these remarks in his inaugural address at a regional conference on Replication of Good Governance Practices in the Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh.

NC MP Farooq Abdullah, his son Omar Abdullah and PDP leader Mehbooba Mufti have

been under detention in Kashmir since the Centre decided on August 5 to scrap special status and bifurcate the state of J&K into two Union territories. All three have served as chief ministers.

In his address, Singh asked participants not to be judgemental. "We have to change the narrative so that we can achieve good governance and development and reach those who do not know what they do not know. Unfortunately, there is a section of people in this periphery who do not know what they have been deprived of. And now we have a new dispensation and new order who will be reporting to the Centre and we know

Claiming that for the first time there has been decisive action against militancy, Singh said, "I am sure this will be the last phase of militancy in this re-

He added, "It is the responsibility of all of us to cooperate with the two Lt Governors and two administrative set-ups... And please do not be judgemental... You will realise that whatsoever happens will be good."

# **PCI** committee to visit J&K on December 7

New Delhi: The fact-finding committee of the Press Council of India is slated to travel to Jammu and Kashmir on December 7 to assess the situation there, PCI chairman CK Prasad said Friday.

The need for the committee came up because the PCI had impleaded itself in a petition filed by Kashmir Times Executive Editor Anuradha Bhasin in August, in which she had asked for removal of restrictions on communications.

The PCI had stated in its petition that it should be heard as the case "concerns the rights of the journalists/media for free and fair reporting" and "national interest of integrity and sovereignty" Following this move several members of the Press Council had objected to the petition, saying that they were not consulted.

After this it had decided to send a fact finding committee to assess the situation in the two new UTs and report back. **ENS** 

and Farooq **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

Cong slams

Centre over

detention of

Mufti, Omar,

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

THE CONGRESS on Friday targeted the government over the continued detention of former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Ministers Farooq Abdullah Mehbooba Mufti and Omar Abdullah and signalled that it will raise the issue in Parliament when the new session begins on Monday. The party asked whether Abdullah, MP from Srinagar, will be allowed to attend Parliament.

The Congress also slammed the government for not lifting several restrictions, like the curbs on Internet, imposed in the Valley. "The Prime Minister is going around the world saying all is well And in Kashmir, telephones are not ringing, there is no electricity and hospitals are not functioning properly. If all is well, why are mainstream leaders like Farooc Abdullah, Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti still in custody. Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera told reporters. "It is like operation is successful but the patient is dead...is this the solution that you have found?" he said.

The Congress alleged that the Centre had left no stone unturned in "internationalising Kashmir" and questioned the decision to allow a delegation of European parliamentarians to visit Kashmir while not allowing Indian MPs to go there.

"When Farooq Abdullah sings Ram Bhajan or says Bharat Mata ki Jai, he does not think what the response of separatist forces will be...You have forgotten his decades-long service to the country. You have put them in the same category as separatists... Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti were ministers at the Centre...they had taken their oaths under the Constitution of India," he said.

He said the BIP government's Kashmir policy has resulted in foreign countries raising questions on India's internal matters for the first time. "How did they gather courage to ask questions on our internal issues...that is our question to you," Khera said.

COMMITTEE TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS, TAKE SUGGESTIONS TODAY

# Chhattisgarh moves closer to journalist protection law, releases draft

**DIPANKAR GHOSE** 

RAIPUR, NOVEMBER 15

A COMMITTEE set up by the Chhattisgarh government in February to finalise a law for the protection of journalists is set to begin its three-day visit to the state on November 16 to take suggestions on board. The committee headed by Justice Aftab Alam, a retired Supreme Court judge, has prepared a draft of the Chhattisgarh Protection of Mediapersons Act that has now been made public for suggestions.

However, the draft has drawn flak from activists, who pointed out that control over action under the law still largely remains with the local

administration, which is often behind the threats to journal-The committee includes

Justice Aftab Alam, Justice Anjana Prakash, a retired judge of the Patna High Court, senior Supreme Court advocate Rajuram Chandran, Advocate General of Chhattisgarh High Court, DGP, Principal Secretary (Law Department), Chief Minister's Media Advisor Garg, Dainik Ruchir Deshbandhu Chief Editor Lalit Surjan and Nagpur-based senior journalist Prakash Dubey as members.

A senior government official said, "Discussions will be held in Raipur, Bastar and Ambikapur. The meetings have been set up in a way that there is time for journalists and journalist unions as well as common people separately. These suggestions will then be considered by the committee."

The draft envisages a "Register of Mediapersons" for which an "Authority for the Registration of Mediapersons" will be set up, including senior journalists and officials of the Department of Public Relations.

The draft suggests the creation of a Committee for Protection of Mediapersons within 30 days of the Act coming into force. It is in the ambit of this committee to "deal with complaints of harassment, intimidation or violence, or unfair prosecution and arrests of mediapersons". According to the draft, the committee will EXPLAINED Why the law is being drafted

IN CHHATTISGARH, especially in Bastar, journalists have often claimed to have been targeted by the government machinery, intimated, harassed and unlawfully arrested. For the last few vears, local journalists have rallied around the demand for a journalist protection law.

include a police officer not below the rank of the Additional DGP, Head of the Department

of Public Relations, three mediapersons "of at least 12 years' standing, at least one of whom shall be a woman, who qualify to be registered under this Act".

Under the committee, "risk management units" will be set up at the district level comprising the District Collector, district DPR officer, SP and two mediapersons from the district, at least one of whom will be a woman. The draft makes it a duty of each member of risk management units to immediately inform the Collector or SP about any "complaint or information of threat or harassment, intimidation or violence to persons in need of protection", according to the draft. The SP or District Collector will have to immediately institute emer-

convene the risk management unit, it says. Alok Shukla, convenor of

the Chhattisgarh Bachao Andolan that has been at the forefront of demands for such a law, said, "The current form of the draft seems to concentrate on the registration of mediapersons instead of their protection. The composition of the risk management unit is five people, three of whom are the SP, Collector and from the DPR, who pick the remaining two journalists. Journalists often face harassment from the police or the administration. How will this committee act independently? This is fundamentally flawed.'

The draft states that the

gency protection measures and committee and the risk management unit may call for further information from the source of the complaint or from other sources to assess the level of risk and the appropriate response. It states that the risk management unit shall formulate a protection plan to safeguard such persons if it considers the need for protection measures. The draft also says that pub-

lic servants who "wilfully neglect duties" under the Act could be given a jail term upto one year. "Offences under this Act shall be investigated by a police officer not below the rank of a Deputy Superintendent of Police. Offences under this Act shall be cognizable and bailable," the draft states.

# 10 Express Network

# NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

Notice Inviting Tender

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Lucknow invites Open tender through E-tendering system on behalf of President of India invites sealed open tendr in Single packet systems from Advertising Agencies in prescribed proforma to permit three years contract of Sole advertising rights for commercial publicity at Various Station of Lucknow Division, payment of EMD and Tender Fees is paying through net Banking payment gateway.

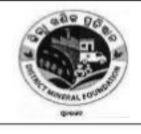
Details of stations & Tender notice No., Reserve Price, EMD and Cost of bid document

SI. No.	Tender Notice No.	Station	Description of works	Estimated Value for 01 year (Reserve Price in Rs.)	Cost of Earnest Money Deposit (In Rs.) through online payment	
1	29-2019- MBP- SOLE RIGHT	Mohibulapur	Sole right advertisement of Mohibulapur Station.	₹ 3,19,318/-	₹ 19,200/-	₹ 1,000/-
2	30-2019- STP- Sitapur SOLE RIGHT		Sole right advertisement of Sitapur station.	₹ 5,64,447/-	₹ 33,900/-	₹ 2,000/-
3	31-2019- LMP- SOLE RIGHT		Sole right advertisement of Lakhimpur station.	₹ 2,11,870/-	₹ 12,800/-	₹ 1,000/-
4	32-2019- BRK- SOLE RIGHT	Bahraich	Sole right advertisement of Bahraich station.	₹ 2,57,047/-	₹ 15,500/-	₹ 1,000/-
5	33-2019- JKNI- Jharkhandi SOLE RIGHT		Sole right advertisement of Jharkhandi station.	₹ 1,81,637/-	₹ 10,900/-	₹ 1,000/-
6	34-2019- BLP- SOLE RIGHT	Balrampur	Sole right advertisement of Balrampur station.	₹ 2,50,013/-	₹ 15,100/-	₹ 2,000/-

 Period of Contract: 03 years,
 Website address: www.ireps.gov.in. CPRO/Vanijya-162 Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), Lucknow

About any passenger amenity complaint SMS on Mob. No.: 09794845955 Do not smoke Bidi/Cigaratte in train.

#### ଜିଲ୍ଲା ଖଣିଜ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠାନ,ସୁନ୍ଦରଗଡ. DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION, SUNDARGARH



(1st floor, DMF Office) District Rural Development Agency, Sundargarh - 770001 Tel/Fax No. 06622-273846 E-mail -dmfsundergarh@gmail.com

Letter No. 760 / (DMF)

Dated the 14/11/2019

#### RFP. NO:- DMF/SNG/2019-20/05

The Collector-cum-Chairperson, District Mineral Foundation (DMF) Sundargarh Government of Odisha invites technical and financial proposals from reputed implementing Agency / Firms of National and International repute for "Selection of Agency for Establishment of Comprehensive Call Center at Sundargarh" under DMF fund as detailed in the Scope of Work in this DTCN. The interested and eligible Firms with valid Registration Certificate as a Company, as detailed in DTCN, may apply for the same in OFF-LINE mode. (For details visit www.sundergarh.nic.in)

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1	Name of work	"Selection of Agency for Establishment of Comprehensive Call Center at Sundargarh"				
2	Method of selection	QCBS				
3	Joint venture / Consortium	No				
4	Contacting authority	Chief Executive Officer, DMF, Sundargarh				
5	Availability & Downloading of tender documents from the Website	<b>16.11.2019</b> (11.00 A.M.) to <b>07.12.2019</b> (05.00 PM) Website: www.sundergarh.nic.in				
6	Last date of bid submission	07.12.2019 till 5:00 PM				
7	Cost of Bid Document	<b>Rs.10,000/-</b> to be submitted in shape of DD in favour of Chief Executive Officer, DMF, Sundargarh to be drawn at Sundargarh.				
8	EMD	Rs.1,00,000/- to be submitted in shape of DD in favour of Chief Executive Officer, DMF, Sundargarh to be drawn at Sundargarh.				
9	Submission of queries if any	Latest by 30.11.2019 (5.00 PM)				
10	Opening of Technical & Financial Proposal	10.12.2019 at 11:00 AM				
11	Validity of Proposal	90 days from the date of submission				
12	Mode of submission	Through Speed Post / Registered Post (Indian Post) and no other means.				
13	Address	Chief Executive Officer,				

Collector-cum-Chairperson DMF, Sundargarh.

## उत्तर प्रदेश जल विद्युत निगम लि०

Tel: 06622-273846

District Mineral Foundation,

Sundargarh (Odisha) - 770001

Email: dmfsundergarh@gmail.com;

(उ.प्र. सरकार का उपक्रम) कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, ओबरा जल विद्युत गृह, ओबरा (सोनभद्र)

## E-TENDER NOTICE

Online e-tenders are invited in two parts Namely Part-Ist (Technical Bid) and Part-IInd (Price Bid) up to 14:00 Hrs. on 12.12.2019 for the following work as listed below from the contractors having requisite work experience and financial capabilities. The tender documents can be downloaded from and uploaded on eprocurement website www.etender.up.nic.in.The tenderers will have to pay a nonrefundable fee as the cost of tender documents before schedule time of opening of the tender Part-Ist inform of demand draft issued by nationalized bank of India in favour of Executive Engineer HOPS Obra, Sonebhadra (U.P) Payable at Obra. Part-I Shall contain the pre-qualifying details, along with duly signed documentary evidences, technical & commercial terms and conditions, scanned copy of Earnest money in the form of FDR/TDR/CDR etc(Fixed) only in favour of Executive Engineer HOPS Obra, Sonebhadra (U.P) Payable at Obra as well as demand draft towards tender fee. Part-IInd shall contain price bid only. Tenderers are requested to get themselves registered with U.P. Electronics corporation, Ashok Marg, Lucknow so as to obtain digital signatures for the participation. Undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof. The bids of the firms without Demand draft towards the cost of tender document and without Earnest Money deposit will not be opened. In the event of date specified for bids opening, being declared a holiday then bid shall be opened on next working day at schedule time.

(Technical and Financial) at e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in	12.12.2010 apto 14.001110
Last date and time for submission of Hard original documents of tender fee and earnest money along with copy of all other required certificates and documents in the undersigned office.	13.12.2019 upto 14:00 Hrs
Date and time of opening of e-bids (Part-Ist)	16.12.2019 at 14:00 Hrs
Date and time of opening of e-bids (Part-IInd)	Shall be intimated Later
Venue of opening Bid	Office of Executive Engineer, HOPS, Obra, DisttSonebhadra (U.P.)
	(Technical and Financial) at e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in  Last date and time for submission of Hard original documents of tender fee and earnest money along with copy of all other required certificates and documents in the undersigned office.  Date and time of opening of e-bids (Part-Ist)  Date and time of opening of e-bids (Part-Ind)

1. Last date and time for submission of e-bids 12.12.2019 upto 14:00 Hrs

Name of Work: General Cleaning Work of 3x33MW capacity Hydel Obra

Power Station, Obra, Sonebhadra (U.P.)

Earnest Money: Rs. 12,000/-, Estimated Cost: Rs. 5,98,000.00 Tender Cost: Rs. 1180/- including Taxes.

2. Tender Specification No: T-07/HOPS/2019-20

Name of Work: Round the clock Operation & Routine Maintenance of 2x20

Ton AC plant along-with Operation & routine Maintenance of DPH and switching ON/OFF exterior lights for one year at 3x33 MW Capacity HOPS, Obra, Sonebhadra (U.P.)

Earnest Money: Rs. 12,500/-, Estimated Cost: Rs. 6,21,000.00

Tender Cost: Rs. 1180/- including Taxes.

3. Tender Specification No: T-08/HOPS/2019-20

Name of Work: Hiring of 04 Nos. Taxi permit four wheel light vehicle Bolero/ Sumo/Xylo etc. (Diesel) with drivers round the clock for one year under EE Hydel Obra Power Station, Obra.

Earnest Money: Rs. 21,000/-, Estimated Cost: Rs. 10,48,000.00

Tender Cost: Rs. 1239/- including Taxes.

4. Tender Specification No: T-96/HOPS/2019-20

Name of Work: Hiring of 01 No. Bus (minimum capacity 18 seats) round the clock for one year for transportation of shift and maintenance staff working at HOPS under Executive Engineer HOPS Obra, Sonebhadra.

Earnest Money: Rs. 11,000/-, Estimated Cost: Rs. 5,25,000.00 Tender Cost: Rs. 1180/- including Taxes.

(एम०के० गौतम) अधिशासी अभियन्ता

#### SEARCH OF MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo), Namely: Nishu Kumari, D/o: Ravindra Kumar Singh, R/o: H.No. D-60, Pandav Nagar, Delhi, Aged: 14 years, has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S. Mandawali , Delhi since 10.07.2016 vide FIR No. 285/16 U/S 363 IPC, Dated 10.07.2016,



has been lodged at P.S. Mandawali, Delhi. Nishu Kumari Her physical description is as under:

Complexion: Fair, Height: 5' feet, Face: Long, Physique/Build: Thin, Clothing: Pink colour top & Blue colour Jeans pant.

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing/kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Mandawali, Delhi at Email: cic@cbi.gov.nic.in or website : http://cbi.nic.in Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 S.H.O

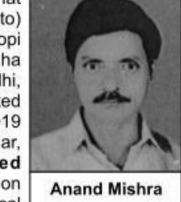
> P.S. Mandawali, Delhi, Ph.: 011-22720808, 22720030, 8750870627

### SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED MALE

General Public is hereby informed that one male (depicted in the photo) namely Anand Mishra S/o Lt. Sh. Gopi Narayan R/o H.No.A-202, Near Radha Krishan Mandir, Swaroop Nagar, Delhi, Aged-48 Years has been reported missing/kidnapped since 16.10.2019 from the area of P.S. Swaroop Nagar, Delhi vide DD No.09-A dated 19.10.2019 lodged at Police Station Swaroop Nagar, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

DP/7114/ED/19.

DP/764/ON/19



Complexion: Shallow, Height: 5'6", Face: Round, Built: Medium, Clothing: Pink coloured Shirt, Grey coloured pant and Black coloured slipper in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Swaroop Nagar, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in or website: http://cbi.nic.in Tele No.: 011-24368638 or 24368641 FAX No.: 011-24368639 SHO, Swaroop Nagar, Delhi

Tel.: 011-27811415, 27811738

### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE **APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON**

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Virender S/o Diwan Singh R/o: House No. G-5/281, Near Mother Dairy, Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case F.I.R. No. 541/16 u/s 379/411/427 IPC registered at P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon that the said Virender could not be found and where it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused Virender has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Virender is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before 23.01.2020.

DP/778/ON/19 (Court Notice)

By Order Ms. Richa Sharma, Metropolitan Magistrate, (North) Room No. 306, Rohini Courts, Delhi

# Appeal for Identification



General public is hereby informed that one male Name: Uknown, S/o: Unlnown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 40 Years, Height: 5', Sex: Male, Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Without Clothes, Place of Recovery: Found dead on 05.11.2019 from foothpath HC. Sen Road Near Gandhi Maidan Parking, Chandni Chowk, Delhi.

In this regard DD No. 27-A, dated 05.11.2019 has been lodged at Kotwali Police Station, Delhi. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

> SHO PS. Kotwali, Delhi

DP/617/N/19

Ph.: 011-23977100, 23953442

# **GOVERNMENT COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, KEONJHAR** (A Constituent College of BPUT, Rourkela)

At : Jamunalia, P.O. : Old Town, Dist : Keonjhar, Pin : 758002(Odisha) Tel.: 06766-213180 (O), Website: www.gcekjr.ac.in, Mail ld: principal@gcekjr.ac.in

IFB No.GCE/TEQIP-III/2019/421 Date: 15.11.2019 CORRIGENDUM

#### NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR PROCUREMENT OF SEM (SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE) This is in reference to Tender Notice No.GCEK/TEQIP-

III/2019/364 Dated 25.09.2019 published on 26.09.2019 for procurement of equipment Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM). The Pre-Bid Meeting was held on 15.10.2019. As decided by the Expert Committee after the Pre-Bid Meeting suggestions from various firms, some changes have been made in the specification of SEM of the Tender Document.

For revised specification, please visit the website link http://www.gcekir.ac.in/tenders/. The Last Date for the submission has also been extended up to 05.12.2019 till 10:00 AM and Tender Opening time will be at 12:00 Noon on the same day. Tender opening meeting will be organized in the Office of HOD, Mechanical Engineering, Government College of Engineering, Keonjhar at 12:00 Noon on 05.12.2019. Sd/-Principal

# APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



DP/622/N/19

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male Age: 40 years, Complexion: Shallow, Height: 5'4", ID Mark: A tattoo mark on his right arm, was wearing Red & Blue Jacket & Bare feet, was found dead at

Company Bagh, Chandni Chowk, Kotwali, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 28-A, dated 28.10.2019, has been lodged at P.S. Kotwali, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO P.S. Kotwali, Delhi Ph.: 011-23977100, 23921740

# **'STARVATION DEATHS'**

# Govt calls for postmortem after each death at Bru camps in Tripura

**DEEPTIMAN TIWARY** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

FOLLOWING REPORTS of starvation deaths from Bru refugee camps in Tripura, the Centre has asked the Tripura government to ensure that every death —- irrespective of the cause stated by the family of the deceased is followed by a postmortem.

Sources said the Centre believes that reports of starvation deaths are being exaggerated by the refugees as they do not want to leave the camps and go to Mizoram. The Ministry of Home Affairs

(MHA) has stopped ration allowance for Bru refugee camps from October as they were supposed to have shifted to Mizoram following an agreement signed between community leaders, the Centre and the governments of Tripura and Mizoram. However, after the reports of starvation deaths, the Tripura government has again started providing rations to the refugees.

"The ration supply was stopped because adequate arrangements were made in Mizoram in accordance with the package agreed to in the final settlement. The people must go back to Mizoram. However, since the refugees are alleging starvation deaths, it has been decided that every dead body will be sent for postmortem so that actual cause of death can be ascertained. These would include natural deaths as

well," a central government official said.

Sources in the Tripura government said that based on the claims of the refugees, ration supply has been started and the deadline for repatriation to Mizoram has been extended to November 30. "But we believe that these claims of starvation deaths are being made to put pressure on the government to let these camps continue. That is why we want a postmortem for every dead body. People are reluctant to shift to Mizoram. Some have genuine fear of persecution. Others are used to living here and do not want to begin a new life in Mizoram. There is also an element of local politics. Earlier, they would not even report normal deaths so as to continue getting the rations in the name of the deceased," said a state government source.

Six members of the Reang or Bru community have reportedly died in relief camps in Tripura since October 1, after the Centre decided to stop food supplies and cash dole. They were among 32,000 Brus living in these camps since 1997, when they fled their homes in Mizoram. While community members have claimed that these were starvation deaths, the administration has denied the claims.

In June 2018, community leaders from the Bru camps signed an agreement in Delhi with the Centre and the two state governments, providing for repatriation in Mizoram. But most

camp residents rejected the terms of the agreement as "insufficient". Only 5,000 have gone back and the ongoing ninth phase has succeeded in sending back only about 700 of the remaining 32,000. The camp residents say the package does not guarantee their safety in Mizoram. They have demanded resettlement in cluster villages, among

other things. After a series of meetings over repatriation failed to make headway, the government suspended food supplies. It offered a final package, which expires on November 30: Rs 25,000 for each family that accepts the package and gets ready to be repatriated within two days. This did not find any takers either.

Rations were stopped twice in the past, including in October 2018. These decisions came right before a phase of repatriation was about to start.

Bru or Reang is a community indigenous to Northeast India, living mostly in Tripura, Mizoram and Assam. In Tripura, they are recognised as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group. In Mizoram, they have been targeted by groups that do not consider them indigenous to the state. In 1997, following ethic clashes, nearly 37,000 Brus fled Mamit, Kolasib and Lunglei districts of Mizoram and were accommodated in relief camps in Tripura. Since then, 5,000 have returned to Mizoram in eight phases of repatriation, while 32,000 still live in six relief camps in North Tripura.

# Express reporter wins award for reports on medical malpractices

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M, principal correspondent with The Indian Express, has won the national award named after Dr Mangalam Swaminathan, a former journalist and art lover. Sheriff has been chosen for the National

Award For Excellence in Medical Malpractices Investigation. Announcing the first awards of the foundation, R Balashankar, Chairman and Managing Trustee, said, "The New Delhi: Tora Agarwala, Assistant Editor with The Indian Indian Express serial stories on Johnson & Johnson by Kaunain Sheriff has caught national attention and international expose and made a big change in the practice of medial behaviour and cost in the country," he said.

In August last year, *The Indian Express* first reported on how the US pharma giant buried key facts on the faulty hip implant surgeries and kept the regulator in the dark. The stories also revealed that over 3,600 patients with faulty hip implants remained untraceable, and that at least four deaths have been reported from among those who underwent surgeries using these devices.

The award ceremony will be held on November 29 in New Delhi.



**Kaunain Sheriff M** 

reporter for feature on Hima Express, has won the PoleStar Award for the 'Best Good News Feature'. Agarwala was given the award for her report 'Hima Das,

the girl who chases time' at the 21st Annual PoleStar Awards, which were conducted in Chennai on Friday. The chief guest of the event was S Ramadorai, former chairman, National Skill Development Corporation. Arun

Jain, founder of PoleStar Foundation and Chairman and Managing Director, Intellect Design Arena Limited, was also present along with other dignitaries from industry, media and academia.

The PoleStar Foundation was set up in 1998 to recognise excellence in journalism in India.

# Bihar State Milk Co-operative Federation Ltd. DAIRY DEVELOPMENT COMPLEX, P.O. - BIHAR VETERINARY COLLEGE PATNA-800014 (BIHAR)

(Though e-tendering mode only on website- www.eproc.bihar.gov.in) NIT No: Comfed:Engg: 4132

Notice Inviting Tender . Name & address of advertiser: Managing Director, Bihar State Milk cooperative Federation Ltd., Dairy Development Complex O-BV. College, Patna 800014. 2. Date of issue of e - tender notice: 20.11.2019 (Wednesday) 3. Period for down loading the

ender document: From 21.11.2019 (Thursday) to 11.12.2019 (Wednesday) up to 17.00 hours through above website. 4. Date & ime of pre bid meeting: 30.11.2019 (Saturday) at 11.00 noon at COMFED Hor, Dairy Development Complex, P.O. - B.V. College Patna – 800014. 5. Last date & time for uploading tender Documents by the bidders: 13.12.2019 (Friday) up to 17.00 Hours on www.eproc.bihar.gov.in 6. Last date, time & place for submission of original instrument of EMD & cost of tender 12.2019 (Monday) up to 15.00 Hours at COMFED Hgr., Dairy Development Complex, P.O.-B.V. College, Patna-800014. 7. Date time & place of opening of Techno commercial bid : 16.12.2019 (Monday) up to 15.30 Hours on www.eproc.bihar.gov.in Date & time of opening of price bid: Date & time will be communicated later subsequent to approval of techno commercia old Place - www.eproc.bihar.gov.in 9. Validity: 180 Days (One hundred eighty days), 10. Details of work:

SI. No.	Name of the work/ item	Estimated cost	Cost of tender document (Non refundable	money to be deposited	Bid processing fees to be paid through on line (Non refundable)	Completion period
31	Supply, Installation, Testing & commissioning and mounting of 10 KL Liquid Nitrogen Tanker Barrel on chassis - 02 Nos as per technical specification. (The size & Model of suitable Chassis to be indicated by successful bidder. Chassis is in scope of COMFED.)	Lakh	5,000.00	1,00,000.00	₹ 1000.00 + taxes	06 months & 15 days.

 For participation in the above e- tender process the bidders are required to get themselves registered as per details given at www.eproc.bihar.gov.in so that the user ID, Password and digital signatures are issued to them. Tender Document can be seen and purchased from web site www.eproc.bihar.gov.in. **Managing Director** The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

# **MAGH MELA 2020**

Prayagraj Mela Authority Triveni Bhawan, Triveni Bandh, Daraganj, Prayagraj 

**Notice Inviting E-Tender- For Appointment of Agency to Provide Public** Address System, Empanelment of Catering Services Agencies, Hiring of **Boats and Selection of agency for Parking Facility Management at** Magh Mela, 2020 by Prayagraj Mela Authority

The Prayagraj Mela Authority Invites Bids for Tender No. 10/MM 2019-20 for "Appointment of Agency to Provide Analog Centralized and Standalone Public Address Systems for Magh Mela 2020", Tender No. 13/MM 2019-20 for "Empanelment of Catering Services Agencies for Prayagraj Mela Authority", Tender No. 17/MM 2019-20 for "Hiring of Boats for Magh Mela 2020" and Tender No. 18/MM 2019-20 for "Selection of agency for Parking Facility Management at Magh Mela, 2020". The Request for Proposal Documents shall be made available from the Uttar Pradesh E- Procurement website Https://etender.up.nic.in on 16/11/2019 for Tender No. 10/MM 2019-20, Tender No. 13/MM 2019-20 and on 18/11/2019 for Tender No. 17/MM 2019-20 and Tender No. 18/MM 2019-20. Interested parties may download/upload their proposal from 1700 hrs 16/11/2019 till 1200 hrs 22/11/2019 for Tender No. 10/MM 2019-20, Tender No. 13/MM 2019-20 and from 1000 hrs 18/11/2019 till 1200 hrs 08/12/2019 for Tender No. 17/MM 2019-20 and Tender No. 18/MM 2019-20 via Digital Signature Certificate (DSC). The bids received by interested parties shall be opened in the presence of the respective bidders at 1500 Hrs on 22/11/2019 for Tender No. 10/MM 2019-20, Tender No. 13/MM 2019-20 and at 1600 Hrs on 08/12/2019 for Tender No. 17/MM 2019-20 and Tender No. 18/MM 2019-20. Details regarding the tender shall be made available on https://etender.up.nic.in

> District Magistrate, Prayagraj /Vice Chairperson. Prayagraj Mela Authority

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# Act against urban Naxals: Shah to CRPF

Home Minister calls for decisive campaign against LWE in six months, focus on road connectivity

**DEEPTIMAN TIWARY** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 15

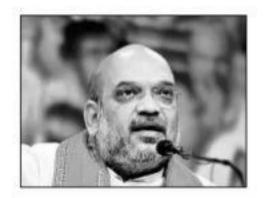
HOME MINISTER Amit Shah on Friday asked the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) to not only fight terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir and Maoist rebels in central India, but also go after "ur-

ban Naxals". "The Home Minister directed the CRPF to carry out an effective and decisive campaign against Left Wing Extremism in the next six months. Action needs to be taken against the urban Naxals and their facilitators. The Home Minister emphasised that the road connectivity and medical infrastructure in LWE areas should be upgraded," a statement by the Ministry of Home Affairs said.

The statement comes in the backdrop of the arrest by

Maharashtra police of civil rights activists in connection with the Bhima Koregaon matter for allegedly supporting Maoists. Shah has on multiple occasions said that his government has no sympathy for "urban Maoists" who allegedly support subversive movements.

"Left-wing violence was initially considered as ideological and gullible people were misguided to kill others. I don't consider these urban Maoists as ideologists. These people are the supporters and propaganda agents of the Maoist elements unleashing terror in tribal region and using the poor tribal people. We have no sympathy towards them. We will deal with them sternly." Shah had said in the Lok Sabha during a debate on a Bill to amend Unlawful Activities Prevention Act in July.



**Amit Shah** 

The minister made his latest statements on his maiden visit to the CRPF headquarters at the CGO complex on Friday. Following the visit, Shah tweeted: Visited the @crpfindia headquarters in New Delhi. CRPF personnel have always lived upto their motto of 'Sewa and Nishtha' by protecting our nation at different terrains. I salute the courage & bravery of CRPF personnel and their fami-

lies. We are proud of their exemplary valour."

Shah was apprised of the organisational structure of the CRPF and its special forces by force DG R R Bhatnagar in a presentation. A detailed presentation was also made on the situation in Jammu and Kashmir, sources said.

taken against the terrorists and Law and Order be maintained. ance of the CRPF in that theatre," the MHA statement said.

MHA officials said that Shah directed that senior officers should visit the families of "martyrs" and understand their requirements so that their problems are resolved. He also asked for a database of such families and their basic issues and grievances to be systematically ad-

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 15

THE BOMBAY High Court on Friday granted activist Gautam Navlakha interim protection from arrest till December 2 when the court is expected to hear anticipatory bail pleas of Navlakha and activist and professor Anand Teltumbde, both charged under UAPA sections in the Elgar Parishad case. Navlakha moved the High

Court on Wednesday after a special court in Pune turned down his anticipatory bail application and refused to grant further interim protection from arrest.

Justice Prakash Naik observed on Friday that the cases of Navlakha and Teltumbde arise from the same offence and their petitions are being contested on the common issue of maintain-



HC grants Navlakha protection

from arrest till December 2

be arrested," Justice Naik said.

the matters could be preponed, Teltumbde's counsel Mihir Desai expressed difficulty in attending the hearing before December 2.

The court, therefore, listed both anticipatory bail applications on December 2.

Special public prosecutor Aruna Kamat Pai opposed the grant of protection from arrest to Navlakha and said judicial propriety demanded that he seek extension of the interim protection before the Supreme Court that granted him interim protection till November 12 while hearing his petition for quashing the FIR filed against him.

Navlakha's counsel Yug Chaudhry, who cited Teltumbde's case and sought interim protection on parity, said the argument of seeking interim protection before the Supreme Court "made no sense" because the proceedings before the Supreme Court had been disposed of and he had approached the High Court after the special court in Pune turned down

# Latest arrests in Kushinagar mosque blast case: Ex-Major, his grandfather

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 15

FOUR DAYS after an explosion occurred at a mosque at Bairagipatti village in Turqpatti police station area of UP's Kushinagar district on Monday afternoon, a former Army Major and his grandfather — prime accused in the case — were arrested on Friday, taking the total number of arrests to six.

Main accused Qutubuddin Ansari and his grandson Dr Ashfaq, former Army Major (Medical Corps), had been on the run since the blast.

Ansari, a retired government official, was wanted for keeping explosives inside the mosque, which triggered the blast.

The police had arrested the mosque's cleric, Maulana Azeemudin (28), who hails from West Bengal, and three local residents, Izhar, Aashig and Javed, on Wednesday, for their alleged involvement in the incident. They were produced in a local court, which sent them to jail. On Thursday, the police obtained a permission to take them in its re-

The four accused were taken in police custody for 48 hours starting Friday morning. The police are also searching for another local resident Munna who has also been named in the FIR lodged in the case.

Inspector General, Gorakhpur Range, Jai Narain Singh, said all six accused, including Ansari and Ashfaq, are presently being questioned.

Police said at first Azeemudin had informed police that Ansari had kept a bag containing explosives in the mosque.

"During questioning, however, Ansari denied keeping the explosives in the mosque. When Azeemudin was asked again during questioning, he changed his earlier statement and claimed he was not aware who brought the explosives to the mosque. Ansari and Azeemudin were also confronted, but nothing came out so far," said a police officer who is part of the inves-

UP Police also checked the antecedents of Azeemudin from West Bengal but did not find anything suspicious about him.

**UP DGP Om Prakash Singh** said it is too early to ascertain the motive behind the incident and that investigation is on.

The police are now waiting for forensic reports on the explosion fragments, which were picked up from the spot.

A police officer said Ashfaq was present at the mosque when the blast took place on Monday afternoon. The blast caused damage to the walls and glasses in the building.

"Dr Ashfaq retired from the post of Army Major (Medical last posted in Hyderabad," said Kushinagar Superintendent of Police Vinod Kumar Mishra. adding that Ashfaq's wife, who is also a doctor, is still in Indian

When contacted, Bairagipatti village's pradhan Sachidanand Tiwari said Ansari and his family shifted to Mau district long time back. "Ansari and Ashfaq used to visit the village twice a month to look after their ancestral properties. Ansari used to hold meetings with locals and youths from outside at his house."

**ALLEGATIONS OF MONEY-LAUNDERING** Kerala HC directs that ED be impleaded in case

involving IUML leader specified) were deposited into an **SHAJU PHILIP** account of the newspaper with THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

NOVEMBER 15 THE KERALA High Court on Friday directed that the Enforcement Directorate be impleaded in a petition seeking a probe into moneylaundering allegations involving senior Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) legislator and former public works minister V K same for purchasing properties. Ibrahim Kunju.

The VACB on Friday verbally told the court that the agency has come to know about the transaction of Rs 10 crore to the account of Chandrika daily, but did not probe Kunju.

When the petitioner demanded that a thorough probe

VEER SURENDRA SAI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY P.O.: ENGINEERING COLLEGE BURLA, DIST.: SAMBALPUR ODISHA-768018, www.vssut.ac.in

No. VSSUT/PGSR/7189/2019

Kunju is already under the

scanner of the Vigilance and Anti-

Corruption Bureau (VACB) in a

corruption case related to the con-

struction of a flyover in Kochi.

which has become unfit for traf-

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came after petitioner Girish Babu

G alleged that during demoneti-

sation, Rs 10 crore was deposited

into a Punjab National Bank (PNB)

account in Kochi, maintained by

IUML mouthpiece Chandrika. The

depositor Sameer as well as Kunju

have been members of the direc-

tor board of the daily. Besides, sev-

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The HC's direction on Friday

ing in 2016.

Date: 14.11.2019 ADMISSION NOTICE

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The envelope containing the application should be super scribed as "Application for Ph.D Programme: SPRING: 2020" along with the name of the Department / Specialization as applicable. For detailed information regarding eligibility and selection process of each programme, please visit the University website www.vssut.ac.in . The authority reserves the right to accept/reject any or all the applications or the entire selection process without assinging any reason thereof.

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#### TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER, **HARYANA**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

All concerned are informed that as per Rule 104 of CMVR, 1989 the eligibility criteria for the fitment of retro reflective tapes, rear marking plates and circular reflectors to the Transport Vehicles in the State is available on the website of the Department (www.haryanatransport.gov.in).

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- b. Name of the authorized testing agency. c. Type Approval Certificate with number and date along
- with its date of validity. d. Maximum rates per meter including fitment charges.

These manufacturer(s) and their subsidiaries as well as Authorised Distributors/ Dealers having type approval certificate will affix the retro reflective tapes, rear marking plates and circular reflectors as per prescribed specifications and issue a fitment certificate thereof mentioning therein the Vehicle Registration Number, Name of the Manufacturers and their Subsidiaries/ Authorised Distributors/ Dealers, Type approval certificate number along with name of the Testing Agency and number and date of the receipt for fee charged.

> Sd/- Transport Commissioner, Haryana.

"The Home Minister directed that effective action should be

He also directed that the Civic Action Programmes be carried out, besides organising sports and tours. The CRPF should also reach out to the villagers and assist them in obtaining the benefits of many central schemes which are applicable to them, he said. Proper Winter provisioning for the forces should be done and their welfare looked after. He also appreciated the perform-

dressed.

"He expressed concern about the hard and long deployment of jawans in difficult theatres and discussed various measures for giving them relief and an opportunity to stay with their families. He directed that the building infrastructure of the CRPF and their residential quarters should be improved and more quarters at different duty locations of CRPF should be constructed," the

Gautam Navlakha

ability and hence, it would be appropriate to hear them together.

"The applicant (Navlakha) needs to be protected due to apprehension of arrest. Until December 2, applicant should not

While the court had asked if

his anticipatory bail plea.

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विज्ञप्ति संख्याः 243/25/E-2/CJ-JD/2018-19 दिनांक 04 अक्टूबर, 2019 द्वारा

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Sd/.. K. Senthilvel

दिनांक : 15 नवम्बर, 2019

Director (I/c)

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DR/01	В	Assistant Security Officer (A)	05	01	08	02	03	19 @	As on last date of receipt of application-18 to 27 years (Relaxation in	₹ 35400 (Level-6) + admissible allowances
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@ includes 03 vacancies of BARC, Visakhapatnam # includes 25 vacancies of BARC, Visakhapatnam

\$ includes 14 vacancies for Ex-Serviceman

Detailed advertisement is available on our websites www.barc.gov.in and https://recruit.barc.gov.in ONLINE application facility will be available from 16/11/2019 to 06/12/2019

DIRECTOR GENERAL NAVAL PROJECT NAVAL **DOCKYARD, MUMBAI (DGNP (MBI)** OUTSOURCING OF TECHNO-LEGAL CONSULTANT / **ADVISOR ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS** 

 Applications are invited by Director General Naval Project, Mumbai [DGNP] MBI)] from individuals/firms for hiring as Techno-Legal Consultant/ Advisor for preparation and defence of two arbitration cases of DGNP (MBI) for which notice has been issued. The period of engagement shall be 24 months which may be extended on mutually acceptable terms and conditions.

2. The advertisement, giving detailed Scope of Work and Qualification and Experience, has been published in the Government Employment News Paper dated 16 Nov 19.

3. Interested & Eligible bidders may submit their technical and price bids in two separate covers (clearly super scribed as Technical Bid and Price Bid respectively) with complete information along with all supporting documents in closed envelope super scribed as 'Application for engagement as Techno-Legal Consultant/ Advisor in DGNP (MBI)', at the following address:

Director General Naval Project (MBI)

Naval Dockyard, SBS Road Mumbai - 400023

4. The last date of submission of Applications is **16 Dec 19** till 1500 hrs. Applications received thereafter whether by Post/Courier or by hand deliver or otherwise will not be entertained. For any query/clarifications Cdr Mahesh Mukhedkar, JD (DM) on 022-22751258/22751261 may be contacted.

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### CANCELLATION / TEMPORARY CHANGE IN TERMINAL / **EXTENSION OF TRAIN(S)**

In order to further strengthen the existing infrastructure and for smooth train operations, Northern Railway will undertake the works of replacement of sleepers and repair of washable apron at P.F. no. 1 of Hazrat Nizamuddin Station. To execute these works, Northern Railway will take power and traffic blocks up to 18.11.2019. Consequently, the following trains will temporarily be affected as under :-

Train No. & Name	Date of Cancellation (from originating station)
64420 Ghaziabad-Hazrat Nizamuddin EMU	upto 18.11.2019
64419 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Ghaziabad EMU	upto 18.11.2019
64088 Hazrat Nizamuddin-New Delhi EMU	upto 18.11.2019
64093 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Shakurbasti EMU	upto 18.11.2019
64096 Shakurbasti-Hazrat Nizamuddin EMU	upto 18.11.2019
64087 Hazrat Nizamuddin-New Delhi EMU	upto 18.11.2019
64090 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Hazrat Nizamuddin EMU	upto 18.11.2019
64092 Hazrat Nizamuddin-Hazrat Nizamuddin EMU	upto 18.11.2019

#### **TEMPORARY CHANGE IN ORIGINATING STATION OF TRAIN** Train No. & Train Name Train to Date from originate from originating station

From New Delhi Railway 12190 Hazrat Nizamuddinupto Station instead of Hazrat Jabalpur Mahakoshal Express 19.11.2019 Nizamuddin Railway Station

## **EXTENSION OF TRAIN**

12189 Jabalpur-Hazrat Nizamuddin Mahakoshal Epxress will be extended to New Delhi Railway Station upto 18.11.2019. It will terminate its journey at New Delhi instead of Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station.

Note:- For any kind of information passengers are requested to contact Railway Enquiry No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in. Security Helpline No. 182 and Passengers Complaint Helpline No. 138





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Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment **Department of Empowerment of Persons with** Disabilities (Divyangian) CGO Complex, New Delhi

National Action Plan for Skill Development of PwDs Notice inviting Expression of Interest for empanelment of Training Partners from organizations having infrastructure as per training center guidelines of the Department

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), invites Expression of Interest (EoI) from eligible organizations having infrastructure as per skill training center guidelines of this Department for "Empanelment to conduct placement linked skill training for Persons with Disabilities under National Action Plan under SIPDA".

The pro-forma of Eol can be downloaded from the "Skill Development for PwDs" section of the website of the Department: www.disabilifyaffairs.gov.in Training Center guideline is also available under "Circular/ Notification" section of the same website. Interested organizations (Govt. organisations/Non Organisations/Universities/ Private training organisations etc.) may submit their Eol latest by 20th December, 2019 at the below mentioned address: The Under Secretary (Skill), Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), 5th Floor, B Wing, Pt. Deendayal

Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi-110003,

Email- disabilityskillnap@gmail.com

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Corps) two years back. He was Army and posted in Hyderabad.

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Babu has alleged that the illegal gains made by Kunju in corrupt dealings during construction works undertaken by PWD had been parked with Chandrika daily's accounts as benami deposits. Former PWD secretary TO Sooraj, who had been arrested in the flyover case, too had amassed illegal wealth and had used the

was required to expose the links between the dubious transactions and the flyover scam, the HC mentioned that there is an element of money-laundering in the case.

Subsequently, the court ordered that the Enforcement Directorate be impleaded in the issue and the petitioner was told to move an application in this re-

#### **COMMERCIAL SITES**

FOOD COURT/OFFICE PURPOSE/ INSTITUTE (1ST FLOOR), AND DORMITORY FOR GENERAL **PUBLIC AND DRIVERS/ CONDUCTORS ON RENT** FOR 06 YEARS AT ISBT, SECTOR-43, CHANDIGARH

Chandigarh Transport Undertaking invites e-Tenders (Online Tenders) from the Individuals/ Reputed Food Chains/ Companies/ Firms etc. for the Allotment of Food Court/ Office Purpose/ Institute (1st Floor) and Dormitory for General Public and Drivers/Conductors on Rental Basis for 06 years at ISBT, Sector-43, Chandigarh. The interested parties can apply for the bidding on or before 06.12.2019 upto 14.00 Hrs. The terms and conditions of the bidding can be seen on the website of Chandigarh i.e. http://etenders.chd.nic/nicgep/app or http://chandigarh.gov.in or http://chdctu.gov.in.

**Sd/- Director Transport** U.T., Chandigarh.



Bihar State Milk Co-operative Federation Ltd.

Dairy Development Complex, P.O.- Bihar Veterinary College, Patna-800014 (Bihar) Phone No.-0612-2224083, 2228953, 2228347, Fax No.-0612-2228306 Website: www.sudha.coop

#### **TENDER NOTICE**

Bihar State Milk Co-operative Federation Ltd, Patna (COMFED) invites sealed bid for creating reverse logistic and recycling of post-consumer 2500 MT LDPE / LLDPE SINGLE - LAYERED PLASTIC (SLP) Waste through Sustainable Waste Disposal Mechanism in Bihar, Jharkhand, Delhi NCR, North-East States, Northern part of West Bengal etc for one

The detailed tender document can be downloaded from the website of Comfed www.sudha.coop

Last date of bid submission of bid is 07th December 2019 (Saturday), up to 5 pm at following address, the bids will be opened on 09th December 2019 (Monday) at 12.30 PM in presence of bidders: Bihar State Milk Co-operative Federation Ltd.

Dairy Development Complex, Post- BVC Patna - 800014, Bihar, Phone No. 0612-2228347/2228953/2220387.

Managing Director

# APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one male was found lying Unconcious at Hanuman Mandir, Connaught Place, New Delhi on 25.10.2019, and he was taken to Lady Harding Hospital for Treatment vide MLC No. 78698/19 where he was refer to Dr. RML Hospital Where During Treatment He was declared Dead by the Doctors on dated 11.11.2019 In this regard a DD No. 29-A, Dated 12.11.2019 has been



lodged at P.S. Connaught Place, New Delhi The description of the dead body is given as under:

Name: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: About 55 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, Built: Thin, Hair: Long Black & Grey, Wearing: Black Shirt & Brown Pant.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the information about the dead male but no clue has come to light so far. If any one is having any information about this dead male please inform the undersigned.

P.S. Connaught Place, New Delhi Ph.: 011-23747100, 23364139, 8750870525

CENTRAL ELECTRICITY SUPPLY UTILITY OF ORISSA OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (ELECT.), **ELECTRICAL CIRCLE CUTTACK, ORISSA-754012** CAD-576 PHONE: 0674-2310703, 2312006, 2324223, FAX - 2310703,

# Notice Inviting Tender No-(OT)- 03/19-20

Lt No 3329/ Dated 14/11/2019.

DP/2150/NDD/19

Sealed quotations are invited from intending Registered HT Licensed Electrical Contractors having valid Registration to execute the electrical works for re-construction and shifting of 33KV line with UG cable (CRRI-I & CIRRI-II 33KV Feeder) existing inside the premises of STP-II, Matgajpur of OISIP due to construction of sewage treatement plant under CMC, Cuttack of CDD No-II Cuttack in 100% Deposit work scheme on partly Turn key basis. The details of work along with Terms & Conditions of the above work which can be available on payment of Rs. 16,800/- (Rupees sixteen thousand eight hundred) only (Rs 15,000/- towards paper cost + 12% GST) (Non Refundable) in shape of cash / bank draft in the office of Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle, CESU, Cuttack.

- 1. Sale of Tender Paper 18.11.2019
- 2. Due date of receipt of Tender Paper 05.12.19 up-to 1.00 P.M. 3. Opening of Tender Paper - 05.12.19 at 03.30 P.M

4. Approx. works value - Rs 1,63,88,911/-

Tender will summarily be rejected in absence of the following

- documents. 1. EMD @ Rs 1,64,000/- of the estimated value to be deposited in shape of Cash/Bank draft drawn in favour of "CESU, ELECTRICAL
- CIRCLE CUTTACK". 2. Copy of valid License/PAN/GST up to the current financial year.
- 3. No Previous EMD will be adjusted. 4. No Telegraphic Tender will be accepted.
- 5. Copy of the Money Receipt towards purchase of Tender documents.

The undersigned reserves the right to accept of reject the Tender without assigning any reason thereof and also right to split-up the Tender quantity.

**Superintending Engineer (Elect)** 

**Electrical Circle, CESU Cuttack** 04010/11/0005/1920

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE, HIMACHAL PRADESH (E-TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF ANTI RABIES INJECTION

TO H.P.GOVT. HEALTH INSTITUTIONS) Block No. 6, SDA Complex, Swasthya Sadan, Shimla - 171 009

Tel.: 0177-2621424, 2628252, FAX: 0177-2620661. Website: https://hptenders.gov.in E-mail: ddhsproc@gmail.com Tender reference No: HFW-H (Proc) -ARV/2019

## SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

On-line tenders are invited from Manufacturers of Medicines/Drugs or their authorized Distributors for supply of Injection Anti Rabies Vaccine approximately 30000 Vials to H.P.Govt. Health Institutions on F.O.R. door delivery basis. The required quantity can be increased or decreased at the discretion of tender Inviting Authority. The approved rates shall be valid upto 31.03.2020. However, validity period of approved rates can be further extended on mutually agreed terms. The detailed tender document can be viewed and downloaded from website: https://www.hptenders.gov.in, w.e.f. 13.11.2019 to 28.11.2019 upto 11.00 A.M. The Last date and time for submission of cost of tender document, submission of Earnest Money Deposit & uploading of filled in tender documents is 28.11.2019 upto 1.00 P.M. The Tender will be opened on 28.11.2019 at 02.30 P.M. All subsequent corrigendum, modifications and clarifications in respect of this tender will be published only on aforesaid website. The bidders are advised to visit the aforesaid website without assigning any reason.

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tender offers without assigning any reason.

> Additional Director -cum-Chairman, **HPHPC**, Directorate of Health. Kasumpti, Shimla-171009



JAMMU AND KASHMIR POWER TRANSMISSION **CORPORATION LIMITED** Office of the Executive Engineer, TLMD-IV, Jammu (e-mail- extlcd2@gmail.com), Ph. No./Fax- 0191-2453427

**INVITATION FOR e-BIDs** 

E NIT Nos.: TLMD-IV/J/01 of 2019-20

Dated: 13.11.2019 Executive Engineer , TLMD-IV, Jammu (hereinafter referred to as "the Employer") for and on behalf of Managing Director, JKPTCL, wishes to receive e-bids for Turnkey project including Supply, Transportation, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of following work in Jammu District of Jammu & Kashmir :-

"Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of LILO-II of Double Circuit Hiranagar -Bishnah Transmission Line from 400/220kV Jatwal Grid Station associated with Transmission System Strengthening of JKPTCL under PMDP Scheme-15'

 Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully Submission of e- Bid against this Standard Bidding Document (SBD) shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications. The scope of work covered under following package

"Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of LILO-II of Double Circuit Hiranagar -Bishnah Transmission Line from 400/220kV Jatwal Grid Station associated with Transmission System Strengthening of JKPTCL under PMDP Scheme-15" shall include:

The above scope of work is indicative and the detailed scope of work is given in the **TechnicalSpecification (Volume-II)** of the Bidding documents.

- The completion period for subject Package shall be the period as specified in Special Conditions of Contract.
- The detailed Qualifying Requirements (QR) are given in **SECTION-III**, Vol-I of the Bidding Document.
- The Bidders should visit the site before quoting, to well acquainting himself with actual local condition and requirement thereof.
- The tender document is available at website: http://jktenders.gov.in. Interested bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online upto the date and time mentioned in the table below:

H.	e-Bid submission (end) date & time	11.12.2019 upto 12.00 Noon  Executive Engineer
G.	Bid submission (start) date & time	03.12.2019 at 02.00 P.M.
F.	Replies to Clarifications	03.12.2019 upto 12.00 Noon
E.	Pre-Bid Meeting	30.11.2019 at 11.00 A.M.
D.	Last date for Receipt of Clarifications	25.11.2019 upto 12.00 Noon
C.	Start date for Receipt of Clarifications	16.11.2019 from 02.00 P.M.
В.	Date & Time of downloading of Bidding	The Bidding Document can be Documentdownloaded over http://jktenders.gov.in from 14.11.2019 at 10.00 A.M.
Α.	Estimated Project Cost	Rs. 396.69 Lakhs

#### Sainik and Ardh Sainik Welfare Deptt. Haryana Sainik Bhawan, Sector-12, Panchkula Tender for Hiring Chartered Accountant for

**Auditing the Accounts of Haryana Amalgamated** Fund for the Welfare of Ex-Servicemen.

Sainik and Ardh Sainik Welfare Department Haryana invites Quotations/ Tenders in Sealed Cover for Hiring Chartered Accountant Located at Chandigarh, Panchkula & Mohali for Auditing the Accounts of Harvana Amalgamated Fund. Scope of Work is given below:-

# Scope of Work

- i) Conducting Internal Audit of Books of Accounts of Haryana Amalgamated Fund at HQ Level and All Distt. HQ Level. ii) To provide services related to Income Tax Matters
- including Filing of e-IT Returns and to Dispose Off all other issue related to Income Tax of the Haryana Amalgamated Fund. iii) Preparation of Annual Audit Report and Balance
- Sheet of the Fund.

## Eligibility Criteria

- The Chartered Accountants (Partnership or Proprietorship) should be Registered with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI).
- The Firm shall Submit a Copy of its Affiliation/ Registration with Indian Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.
- iii) The Firm (Partnership or Proprietorship) should have been in Operation for 3 years after its registration and at least 3 years experience of Internal Auditing, Preparation/ Verification of Annual Accounts of Govt. Organisation/ Societies/ Autonomous Bodies/ Filing of e-ITR of Income Tax.
- iv) The Average Gross Professional Fee Received/ Earned by the Firm in the last 3 Financial Years must be equal to or more than Fifteen Lacs Per Annum.
- The Proprietor or Partners of the Firm or any CA or CMA Employed/ Associated with the Firm should not have been Debarred or Cautioned by Institute of Chartered Accountants of India/ Institute of Cost Accountants of India/ Central/ State Public Sector Enterprises/ Government (Central/ State) during the last three years.
- vi) Copy of Last Income Tax Return to be submitted.
- vii) The Firm needs to Submit Documents of at least Two Currently Running Contract of similar nature along with the Satisfactory Service Certificate. (Preferably of Government Organisations).

## Submission of Tender

Interested Firms Meeting all the Eligibility Criteria as mentioned above may Submit their offer of the Tender by 27th November, 2019 upto 01.00 P.M. at the following l address:-

Director, Sainik and Ardh Sainik Welfare Department-cum-Secretary Haryana Amalgamated Fund for the Welfare of Ex-servicemen, Room No. 67, 4th Floor. Haryana Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

Quotation/Tender received after the prescribed Date and Time will not be entertained. The Sealed Quotations/ Tenders will be Opened on 27th November, 2019 at **03.30 P.M.** in the presence of Chartered Accountants or their Authorized Representatives.

The Firms of Chartered Accountants are requested to quote their Audit Fees and Travelling Expenses as under:-

i) Audit Fees Per Year

ii) Lumpsum Travelling Allowance

## Time Period of Engagement

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The Selected Chartered Accountant will be required to provide the above mentioned Service Initially for the Financial Year 2019-20. The work relating to Audit of Accounts and Preparation or Receipt & Payment, Income & Expenditure A/c and Balance Sheet etc. is required to be completed before 15th May, 2020. The Online ITR is required to be filed before the date of fixed by Income Tax Department. The Assignment may be continued for another period of One year or so, on satisfactory performance, on mutually agreed terms. Director, Sainik and Ardh Sainik Welfare

Department-cum-Secretary Haryana Amalgamated Fund reserves the right to cancel any or all Quotations without assigning any reason. Incomplete Quotation/Tender shall be rejected. Sd/- Director.

Sainik and Ardh Sainik Welfare

Department, Haryana.

भारतीय कटेनर निगम लिमिटेड CONTAINER CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD. CD, Tughlakabad, New Delhi – 110 020

TENDER NOTICE (E-Tendering cum Reverse Auction Mode only) Online Open Tender in two bid system for Handling and Road Transportation of containers at RCT/Suranussi, Dist. Jalandhar, Punjab only through E-Tendering cum Reverse Auction Mode CON/NR/TC/H&T-RTO/SRX/2019 Name of Work Handling and Road Transportation of containers at RCT/Suranussi, Distt. Jalandhar Punjab Estimated Cost Rs. 9,36,85,937/-perannum (excluding GST) Period of the contract 1+1 years Rs. 5.00,000/-through e-Payment.

Rs. 5.310/-inclusive of all taxes and duties (Non-refundable) through e-payment, Tender Processing Fee\* Date of Sale (On Line) From 16.11.2019 at 15:00 hrs. to 13.12.2019 (upto 16:00 hrs.) Pre-Bid Meeting 03.12.2019 at 15:00 hrs. Issue of Corrigendum (Ifany) On or after 05.12.2019 on www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL only LastDate&Timeofsubmission On 16.12.2019 upto 15:00 hrs. Date & Time of Opening On 17.12.2019 at 15:30 Hrs.

Rs. 1000/-inclusive of all taxes and duties through e-payment.

For eligibility criteria and other details please log onto www.concorindia.com or eprocure.gov.in of www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL. Bidders are requested to visit the websites regularly. CONCOR reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof. For Executive Director/NR UJVN Limited

H.O.: "UJJWAL', Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006

Telephones: 0135-2763808 & Fax- 0135- 2763508 CIN No.U40101UR2001SGC025866 TIME EXTENSION NOTICE

Cost of Document\*

पत्र सं0: 648 - 14/11/2019

Due to unavoidable circumstances the date of submission and opening of E tender notice No-30/EE (M)/MB-II/18-19: (Procurement of 02 Nos HVOF coated Runners for 76MW Francis Turbine.) invited by the office of the Executive Engineer (Maintenance). MB-II, Chinyalisaur (Uttarkashi) is hereby extended as follows: -Last date of downloading the tender - 22.01.2020 up to 16:00 Hrs

Last Date for submitting of bid in - 22.01.2020 up to 16:00 Hrs. the portal Last date of submitting hard copy 27.01.2020 upto 11:00Hrs

of documents Due date for opening the tender 28.01.2020 at 11:00 Hrs. Other Terms & Conditions shall be remain unchanged. Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be

obtained from the e-procurement portal http://uktenders.gov.in

Executive Engineer "Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

TAMILNADU MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD. (A Government of Tamilnadu Undertaking) No. 417, Pantheon Road, Chennai-600 008. Phone: 044-2819 1890, 2819 0259 / Fax: 044-2819 0636 Website: www.tnmsc.com, E-Mail: enquiry@tnmsc.com the bidders meeting the eligibility criteria in the tender document for the supply of Albendazole Tablet IP - as per IP Addendum 2019 to TNMSC Ltd. under rate contract system for one year from the date of acceptance. 017/M(P)/ALBEN/TNMSC/2019, Tender Reference No. Dated 18.11.2019 Tender Document Sale Period 18.11.2019 to 25.11.2019 Last Date and Time for receipt of 26.11.2019 upto 10.30 AM Date and Time of opening 26.11.2019 at 11.00 AM The tender document can be downloaded from the websites of **www.tnmsc.com** and www.tenders.tn.gov.in on free of cost.

## CHENNAI SMART CITY LIMITED Chennai

DIPR/4339/Tender/2019

Venue of Clarification

Due date and time of

conference

NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EoI) C.S.C.L.C. No.217/2018-19: Selection of Consultants for Integrated

Parking Management Project for Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) Availability of Eol document | From 18.11.2019 in Website https://tntenders.gov.in Date and time of 02.12.2019 at 3.00 p.m. clarification conference

submission of Eol Date and time of opening of Eol **24.12.2019** at **3.30 p.m.** Managing Director

(Chennai Smart City Limited) DIPR/4349/Tender/2019

details.

23.12.2019 upto 3.00 p.m.

E-TENDERING

# NORTHERN RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER SHORT TERM NOTICE No. NIT- 29/UMB-2019-20 DATED: 14.11.2019 Open tenders through E-tendering are invited by Sr. Divisional Engineer/Coordination, Northern Railway, Ambala from the

willing contractors for following work upto 15.00 hrs. on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter. Period of Date of Approx. Earnest Cost of Money Tender Completion closing Name of work No. (Rs.) document & opening Construction of all civil work in c/w Provision of 3 nos. 6110226 122200 5000 04 Months | 02.12.2019 lifts at SASN station on CDG-MRND section in the section of SSE/W/I/CDG under

NOTE: 1. Tenderers are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/TIN/GST as per conditions. The required Earnest Money & Tender document cost will be acceptable On-line payment through Net Banking/ or Payment Gateway payment only well before & upto 15.00 hrs. of closing date & time of tender. 2. Tenderers should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in E-Tendering of works tenders. 3. For detail, please log on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in. 4. GST will be levied as per GST Act. 2017. SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Date :-

#### **GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA** OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE. KENDRAPARA- JAJPUR e mail- serwkpd@vahoo.com

e-Procurement NOTICE : Construction of Bridge works under Biju Setu Yojana in the District of Kendrapara 1. Name of the work

Letter No.-

- 2. Class of Contractor : B & A Class as specified in the column 6 of the Annexure.
- 3. Time for Completion : As specified in the Column-7 of the Annexure 4. Detail Projects As per Annexure attached
  - Other details

Tender Online RCK - 24/19

**Procurement Officer** Availability of Tender On-line for Last Date & Time Identification bidding of seeking Opening of tender tender Technical Bid Financial Bid clarification Will be intimated Superintending Tender Online 19.11.2019 at 07.12.2019 up to 11.12.2019 at Engineer, Rural Works RCK-24/19 11.00 AM 2.00 PM 11.00 AM Circle, Kendrapara-

Further details can be seen from the website: www.tendersorissa.gov.in

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Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Kendrapara- Jajpur

ADVERTISEMENT Government of Gujarat hereby invites applications/nominations for the post of Member in gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (GERC)

Regulation) Act, 2003 with a Chairperson and two Members. On expiry of term of appointment as Member, GERC, in respect of Shri K. M. Shringarpure, the post of a Member of the Hon. Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (GERC) will fall vacant w.e.f. 28.12.2019 (A.N.) For filling up of this post, a selection committee for obtaining the suitable names for the appointment, is being formed by the State Government. The Selection Committee will select and recommend the panel of suitable names. The State Government has, therefore, decided to prepare a list of the persons who are interested to

The Hon. Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (GERC) has been constitude under

the provision of section 5 of the Gujarat Electricity Industry (Reorganisation and

have their names for consideration of the Selection Committee. The above vacancy of Member is required to be filled up from the filed of Law as per the Judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 12.04.2018 in the Civil Appeal No. 14697 of 2015 – State of Gujarat & Others vs. Utility Users' Welfare Association & Others. **Desired Qualifications** 

In terms of Section 5 of the Gujarat Electricity Industry (Reorganization and Regulation) Act, 2003, Member of the GERC shall be a person who has special knowledge and professional experience in the filed of finance, commerce, economics, and regulation of industry, law or management.

As per the Judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 12.04.2018, a person of law as a Member of the Commission, shall be a person, who is, or has been holding a judicial office or is a person possessing professional qualifications with substantial experience in the practice of law, who has the requisite gulifications to have been appointed as a Judge of the High Court or a District Judge.

**Term of office and Conditions of service for the post:** 

The term of Office and Conditions of service for the person finally selection for appointment on the post of Member, Hon. GERC, shall be as per the provisions of the Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conditions of services of member) Rules, 2003, as amended from time to time. Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conditions of services of member) Rules, 2003 and Amendments are available at Department's website www.guj-epd.gujarat.gov.in.

The Member shall hold Office for a term of 5 (five) years from the date he enters upon his office or till he attains the age of 65 (sixty five) years, whichever is earlier.

The person, so appointed, as a Member, Hon. GERC, would have to resign or opt voluntary retirement from the service to which he or she belongs, if he or she holds any office under State or Central Government or any Public Sector or any Government Body. Application should contain the following:

a) Name b) Age & Date of Birth

c) Position now held

d) Educational Qualification

Details of posts previously held

The details about Publication of any book or article or a paper on the subject of Power and related issues, if any, along with a copy of such book, article or a paper. (2) A letter expressing willingness to resign his/her persent post and join GERC if selected.

(3) A letter from the person proposed intimating the details of any office, employment or consultancy agreement of arrangment which he/she has in his/her own name or in any firm, association of persons or body corporate, or in the names of any relative, carrying on any of the following business namely:-

Generation, Transmission, Destribution or Supply of electricity (ii) Manufacture, sale or supply of any fule for generation of electricity

(iii) Manufacture, sale, lease, hire or otherwise, supply of or dealing in inachinery, plant, equipment, apparatus or fittings for generation, transmission, distribution, supply or use of electricity and

(iv) Any entity providing professional services to any of the businesses referred to in sub-clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) above.

The applications/notifications of suitable persons/officers possessing requisite qualification and experience for selection to Member as indicated above are to be sent to the following address latest by 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2019.

The Principal Secretary to Governmetn, Energy and Petrochemicals Department,

Government of Gujarat, Block No.5, 5th Floor, Sardar Bhavan,

Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar, Gujarat-382 010 Fax No. 079-23250797 Email: secepd@gujarat.gov.in INF/1519/19-20

Officer on Special Duty **Energy and Petrochemicals Deptt.** Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar

Raymonton, Chamai - 800 014. Indian Bank, a leading Public Sector Bank, is interested in identifying Service providers for Providing MPLS connectivity for Wide Area Network. Interested parties may refer Bank's

Office of the Chief Executive Officer,

Chennai Smart City Limited, Chennai

Managing Director

SUPPLY OF PAKUR BALLAST E-TENDER NOTICE NO. KIR/Engg./

Website: www.indlanbenk.in/fenders for

are invited by the undersigned for the following works: Brief Description of ₹10,02,91,889.40; Earnest Money: ₹6,51,500.00. E-tenders will be closed at 15:00 hrs. on 13-12-2019 and Opened at 15:30 hrs. on 13-12-2019. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tenders will be available upto 15.00 hrs of 13-12-2019 in website http://www.ireps.gov.in.

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#### NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY OPEN TENDER NOTICE Dy. Chief Engineer (Const.), North-

Western Railway, Bikaner for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-Tenders (Single Packet) for the following work :- Tender No. : NWR-SC-BKN-004-2019-20 Name of the work with its location : Hiring of 04 (Four) number Tata Sumo/Mahendra Bolero Scorpio/Toyata/Tavera or any other equivalent road vehicle for the use o officers based at Bikaner in connection with various ongoing projects over Bikaner division. Approx. cost of the work: Rs. 48,45,138.24 Earnest Money to be deposited : Rs. 96,900.00 Date for submission of e-Tender: 18.12.2019 up to 15.00 hrs Details and particulars of website where e-tender can be seen & filled up : www.ireps.gov.in Official email address: deputy1bkn@gmail.com

Please join us on f | | /NWRailways TURNOUT RENEWAL WORK AT LUMDING DIVISION E-TENDER NOTICE NO. LMG/Engg/

118 of 2019; Dated: 11-11-2019. Etenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: Brief Description of Item: BG Through turnout renewal (with sleepers) 1 in 12 (Xing & switches) at Panikheti (PHI)=4 sets, Thakurkuchi (TKC)=4 sets, Panbari (PNB)=3 sets, Digaru (DGU)=4 sets, Tetalia (TTLA)=2 sets (Total=17 sets) under the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN/I/Lumding. Tender Value: ₹1.12.20.968.47; Earnest Money: ₹2,06,100.00. E-tenders will be closed 15:00 hrs. on 09-12-2019 and Opened 15:00 hrs. on 10-12-2019. The complete information with tender documents of above e-tender will be available upto 15.00 hrs of 09-12-2019 in website

www.ireps.gov.in Divisional Railway Manageri Works, Lumding NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY Follow us on @SCRailwayindia Details of the Tender Notices of S.C Railway can be seen on our website: www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

T. N.No.29/19 dt. 15.11.19 **SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS** e-Procurement Tender Notice

The following Tenders have been

floated online. Tenderers are requested to visit the website www.ireps.gov.in and submit their offers online. The Tender Description, Qty, EMD, SD may be seen in website. Offers submitted manually will not be accepted. Offers by post will not be entertained. Tender Closing time is 14.30 hrs of the Due date of the Tender. "For all indigenous offers, EMD will be accepted only via online system as

available on www.ireps.gov.in." Tender No Short Description 56-19-1193B Relay, AC Immune, plug-intype

29-19-1355 | Steel lock Nuts

S.No.0723.12.19.

81-19-1428 CARBON DI-OXIDE GAS 77-19-1234B Paint Black japan 31-19-1100 Stage-2 fuel oil filter 30-19-3656 Silent Block

Note:-Due dates of Tender Opening: S.No.01 Dt.09.12.19; S.Nos02 of 10.12.19; S.Nos. 03 on 11.12.19; S.Nos.04 on 12.12.19, S.Nos.05 16.12.19; S.Nos.06 19.12.2019;

29-19-1149 Gasket Overhauling Kit

Beside above mentioned tenders there are other tenders having value below Rs. 25 lakhs. For details, please visit Railway website above.

**Principal Chief Materials** Manager/Secunderabad For further tender conditions /

details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at

https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

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# 13 FOURTH RING LECTURE



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar delivers the Fourth Ramnath Goenka Memorial Lecture in New Delhi on Thursday, November 14. Praveen Khanna

# How do you reconcile Howdy Modi and Mamallapuram? Look beyond dogma'

Excerpts from Ramnath Goenka Memorial Lecture by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. Full text on www.indianexpress.com

T IS a great privilege to deliver the 4th Ramnath Goenka Lecture. As you all just heard, he had a well-deserved reputation for saying what needed to be said. It is in that spirit that I address you all today.

Albert Einstein is best known for his theory of relativity. Had he opted for a career in political science, he could have actually easily been famous for a theory of insanity. His definition of that state of mind was doing the same thing over and over again — and expecting different results. A corollary of that is to do the same thing in different situations — and then expect the same results. This is important to recognise at a moment in world politics when many of our long-held assumptions no longer hold true. If the world is different, we need to think, talk and engage accordingly. Falling back on the past is unlikely to help with the future...

f the landscape looks very different today, so do India's partners. The relevance of the US or China is far more than anytime earlier. The Russian relationship has defied odds by remaining incredibly steady. Japan has become an important factor in our calculations. The rediscovery of Europe is again underway, with France now a critical strategic partner. The Gulf has been bridged in an extraordinarily effective manner. ASEAN has grown closer, and Australia's relevance is more apparent. Africa is the focus of development assistance and opening of new Embassies. And as you would have noted from the recent UN General Assembly, our outreach extends from South America and the Caribbean to the South Pacific and Baltics. Closer home, there is an unprecedented investment in the neighborhood whose consequences are becoming apparent. Put together, the scale and intensity of our global engagement would be difficult to recognise for someone dealing with it even a few years ago.

so too is the argumentation. So, the first caution is to avoid obsessing about consistency. because it makes little sense in such changing circumstances. There is certainly a place for constants, but not to the extent of elevating them to immutable concepts. On the contrary, it is only by recognising change that we are in a position to exploit opportunities. The purposeful pursuit of national interest in shifting global dynamics may not be easy; but it must be done. And the real obstacle to the rise of India is not anymore the barriers of the world,

The issues and relationships are different,

sharpened over a boundary dispute and a Tibet complication. The experience with Pakistan was similar, despite that country moving to greater reliance on terrorism. To some extent, this is a debate about realism and hard security. What it really suggests is a need for an unsentimental audit of Indian foreign policy.

India's record includes dark moments like the 1962 defeat against China. Or tense ones like the 1965 war with Pakistan where the outcome hung in balance till the very end. And the more triumphal ones such as the 1971 victory which created Bangladesh. There are enough dichotomies in our past to generate a spirited debate on successes and failures. A misreading of geopolitics and economics upto 1991 stands out in contrast to the reformist policies thereafter. Two decades of nuclear indecision ended dramatically with the tests of 1998. The lack of response to 26/11 is so different from the Uri and Balakot operations. Whether it is events or trends, they all bear scrutiny for the lessons they hold. If we look back at this journey of independent India, the growth in its capabilities and influence should not conceal the missed chances and shortcomings. The roads not taken may often be an exercise in imagination. But equally, they are a sign of honest introspection...

ow has Indian foreign policy evolved since Independence? Understanding that is done best by dividing into six broad phases, each a response to a different strategic environment. The first phase from 1946-62 could be characterised as an era of optimistic non-alignment. Its setting was very much of a bipolar world, with camps led by the United States and the USSR. India's objectives were to resist the constraining of its choices and dilution of its sovereignty as it rebuilt its economy and consolidated its integrity. Its parallel goal, as the first of the decolonised nations, was to lead Asia and Africa in a quest for a more equitable world order... For a few years, our position on the world stage seemed assured. The 1962 conflict with China not only brought this period to an end, but in a manner that significantly damaged India's standing.

The second phase from 1962-71 is a decade of realism and recovery... [India] looked beyond non-alignment in the interest of national security, concluding a now largely forgotten defence agreement with the US in 1964. External pressures on Kashmir mounted

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but the dogmas of Delhi...

Now, evidence strongly supports the view that India has advanced its interests effectively when it made hard-headed assessments of contemporary geopolitics. And even more so when it did not hesitate to break with its past. The 1971 Bangladesh war, the 1992 economic and political repositioning, the 1998 nuclear tests or the 2005 India-US nuclear deal are instructive examples. Indeed, it is only through a series of disruptions that India was able to bring about decisive shifts in its favour. In contrast, the pursuit of an apparently consistent course despite changing circumstances often led us to lose the plot. This was the case with engaging China in the 1950s as part of a larger postcolonial front, even as political differences

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in this period of vulnerability. The global context remained bipolar, but it now saw the emergence of limited cooperation between the US and USSR. South Asia happened to be a particular area of convergence and Indian diplomacy had to face the superpowers together, as it did in Tashkent in 1965. It was also a period when domestic challenges were particularly acute, ranging from political turbulence to economic distress. But for our purposes, what is important is that even though the stress levels were higher, we came through an anxious period without too much damage.

The third phase, from 1971 to 1991, was one of greater Indian regional assertion. It started with the decisive dismantlement of an India-Pakistan equivalence through creation of

Bangladesh, but ended with the IPKF misadventure in Sri Lanka. The larger environment by now was dramatically different, with the Sino-US rapprochement of 1971 upending the strategic landscape. The Indo-Soviet Treaty and the adoption of more pro-Soviet positions on international issues were India's response to this challenge. It was a particularly complex phase as the US-China-Pakistan axis which came into being at this time seriously threatened India's prospects... The collapse of USSR, its close ally, and the not unconnected economic crisis in 1991 compelled us to look

again at the first princi-

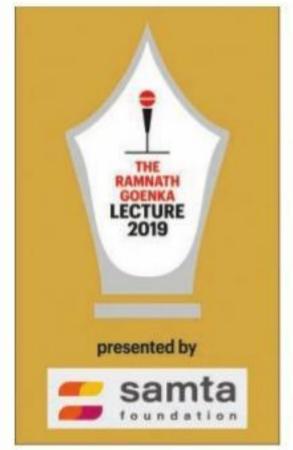
ples of both domestic

and foreign policy. The dissolution of the USSR and the emergence of a "unipolar" world characterised the fourth phase. It encouraged a radical rethink in India on a broad range of issues. And it shifted focus to safeguarding strategic autonomy. If India opened up economically more to the world, its reflection was also evident in new diplomatic priorities and approaches. The Look East policy summarised the changed Indian approach to world affairs, which also saw adjustments in its position on Israel. This is a period where India reached out to engage the US more intensively, yet did so while protecting its equities in critical areas. This quest for strategic autonomy was particularly focused on securing its nuclear weapon option, but also visible in trade negotiations. By the turn of the century, enough had happened for India to now shift gear again and move to a higher level. After 1998, it was now a declared nuclear weapon power, had fended off Pakistan's military adventurism again in Kargil in 1999, generated enough economic growth to be of global interest, and managed well a United States that was focusing more on developments in Asia and the

consequences of Islamic fundamentalism. ...[The] fifth phase is one where India gradually acquired the attributes of a balancing power. It is reflected in the India-US nuclear deal as well as a better understanding with the West at large. At the same time, India could also make common cause with China on climate change and trade, and consolidate further ties with Russia while helping to fashion BRICS into a ma-

jor forum.. A number of developments came together to change calculations by 2014, initiating the sixth phase. To begin with, China gathered more momentum and the terms of engagement it offered to the world progressively hardened... At the other extreme, the American trumpet sounded increasingly uncertain... For its part, Europe too turned increasingly inwards, not appreciating that political agnosticism would have its own cost... The full impact of the 2008 financial crisis and global economic rebalancing made itself felt in a variety of ways. As the world saw a wider dispersal of power and more localised equations, it was evident that multi-polarity was now seriously upon us. Clearly, this called for a very different approach than practising politics with a more limited set of dominant players...

So what does the past teach us?...





tions are very much a test of will. Swami Vivekananda perceptively described the world as a gymnasium where nations come to make themselves strong... The early misreading of Pakistan's intentions can perhaps be explained away by lack of experience. But the reluctance to attach overriding priority to securing borders even a decade later is much more difficult to justify. It was not just that the challenges of 1962 were unanticipated. It was more that a diplomacy focused on world politics did not give it the primacy it deserved. Somewhere, there was an implicit but deeply entrenched belief that India's high standing in world affairs was protection enough against global turbulence and competitive politics. It was, therefore, at some cost that we discovered that outcomes can be decided as much on the field as at conferences...

Overcoming many chal-

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There was little awareness in the 1950s that we were dealing with a battle-hardened neighbour to the North. Or indeed of the strategic significance of Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir... In 1972 at Shimla, India chose to bet on an optimistic outlook on Pakistan... It resulted in both a revanchist Pakistan and a continuing problem in Jammu & Kashmir. That it has taken us so long to link talks with Pakistan to cessation of terrorism speaks for itself...

The economic counterpart of these concerns constitute a second basket. If one considers all the major growth stories since 1945, a common feature was the extraordinary focus that they put on leveraging the global environment... Much of India's industrialisation and capacities in other domains were direct achievements of collaborations enabled by diplomacy. Steel, nuclear industry, higher education and computing are some examples. This held true even more for the post-1991 reform period and the shift eastwards of India's economic centre of gravity. The interconnection between diplomacy, strategy and economic capabilities is, however, not self-evident. As in security, it is important to distinguish between cause and effect. The economy drives diplomacy; not the other way around. Few would argue that the reforms of the 1990s and greater openness have served us well. But as we then extrapolated it onto free trade agreements with South-East and East Asia, the proposition has become more challengeable... The growing deficit numbers are a stark reality. More importantly, their negative impact on industry at home is impossible to deny. And China, of course, poses a special trade challenge even without an FTA.

In this background, the recent debate about the RCEP offers lessons in foreign policy as much as in the trade domain. On the one hand, we should not go back to the old dogmas of economic autarky and import substitution. But at the same time, embracing the new dogma of globalisation without a cost-benefit analysis is equally dangerous. What we saw in Bangkok was a clear-eyed calculation of the gains and costs of entering a new arrangement. We negotiated till the very end, as indeed we should. Then, knowing what was on offer, we took a call. And that call was that no agreement

at this time was better than a bad agreement... Any quest to maximise options and expand space naturally requires engaging multiple players. Conceptually, this third basket is a given in Indian foreign policy since there is a basic consensus about nurturing our independence. While it has served us very well in the first decade of a bipolar world, we also discovered the associated danger of being left short on all accounts. As India saw in 1962, the best of both worlds is easier imagined than realised. In the periods thereafter, the distance from one pole was also not automatically compensated by the other. Sometimes, global circumstances required us — as in 1971 — to lean on one side, just as China itself did in 1950 and 1971. As a general rule, extracting more from the international system depends on the bigger picture and a zero-sum game cannot be an assumption... Hedging is a delicate exercise, whether it is the non-alignment and strategic autonomy of earlier periods, or multiple engagements of the future. But there is no getting away from it in a multi-polar world. This is a game best played on the front-foot,

right. The foreign policy of all nations is set against the backdrop of global contradictions. They reflect an assessment of opportunities and compulsions, and of risks and rewards. Even if we are to get our immediate situation right, a misreading of the larger landscape can prove costly. In our own case, going to the United Nations on Jammu & Kashmir clearly misread the intent of the Anglo-American alliance then and of the seriousness of the Cold War. Years later, our early awareness about growing Sino-Soviet differences did not mature on our expected timelines. In the 1960s, 1980s and again after 2001, we grossly underestimated the relevance of Pakistan to American and Chinese global strategy. This is not to suggest that India has not had its successes. Indo-Soviet and later Indo-Russian relations are a direct product of our global strategising. After 1991, so too has been the adjustment in our policy towards the United States. Both the Indo-Soviet Treaty and the India-US Nuclear Deal were outcomes of a larger reading of world. That is the case with correctives introduced in respect of the US in 1973 and China in 1976 to overcome the polarisation that had been created by the 1971 situation. Identifying the opportunities thrown up by the structure of world politics can also help mitigate risks... Today, an appreciation of world politics must include a proper understanding of Sino-US contradictions, of growing multipolarity, of weaker multilateralism, of larger economic and political rebalancing, of greater space for regional powers, and of the world of convergences. Each of them is a factor in driving the policy initiatives of the present era...

Thile the previous phases of foreign policy each have a neat description, how do we categorise the current one. Part of the challenge is that we are still in the early phase of a major transition. The contours of even the near future are not vet clear. One solution is to anchor it on Indian aspirations and speak of our goal of emerging as a leading power. The problem is that others tend to take it as a statement of arrival rather than a goal on the horizon. Taking off from non-alignment, we could perhaps speak today of multialignment. It appears more energetic, more participative as compared to an earlier posture of abstention or non-involvement it certainly sounds very much more vigorous. The difficulty is that it also appears opportunistic whereas India is really seeking strategic convergence rather than tactical convenience. Putting India First may be another way of capturing a strong and pragmatic policy outlook. But this suffers from a comparison with other nations, some of whom have chosen to be more self-centered. In India's case, nationalism has in fact led to greater internationalism. Advancing prosperity and influence may be a fair description but it is not exactly a catch word. Perhaps we need to accept that a single phrase may elude us for some time in the midst

Now this talk is about dogma and entrenched views are naturally strongest on the more perennial challenges. In the case of India, it will come as no surprise to any of you that this relates to Pakistan. Changes in thinking will trigger a debate and that has been the case for the past few years. That fact is that we had allowed the narrative to focus mainly on a dialogue, when the real issue was stopping cross-border terrorism. Dogma treats every new approach as an unjustified deviation. In the last five years, however, a different normal has developed and global conversations on cross-border terrorism have become more serious. Just look at the FATF as proof of that assertion. As we move decisively to combat separatism in Jammu & Kashmir, there is some talk today of its internationalisation and hyphenation of our ties with Pakistan This is thinking from the past, reflecting neither the strength of India, the mood of the nation nor the determination of the Government Uninformed comments abroad on our internal affairs is hardly internationalisation. And the reputational and real differences between India and Pakistan puts paid to any hyphenation effort. In reality, these fears are but a thinly disguised advocacy of inaction. Their intent, conscious or otherwise, is to legitimise a status quo that has now been overtaken by history.

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The balance sheet for India's foreign policy after seven decades presents a mixed picture.

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appreciating that progress on any one front strengthens one's hand on all others. In that sense, it is having many balls up in the air at the same time and displaying the confidence and dexterity to drop none. To the uninitiated or the anachronistic, the pursuit of apparently contradictory approaches and objectives may seem baffling. How do you reconcile a Howdy Modi, a Mamallapuram and a Vladivostok? Or the RIC (Russia-India-China) with JAI (Japan-America-India)? Or the Quad with the SCO? An Iran with the Saudis or Israel with Palestine? The answer is in a willingness to look beyond dogma and enter the real world of convergences. Think of it, not just as arithmetic but as calculus. This new game is a challenge for practitioners and analysts alike, but

one that must be mastered to forge ahead. ... When we look at [the] fourth basket, it is evident that a low-risk foreign policy is only likely to produce limited rewards... But having noted that, the truth is that ascending up the global ladder did require taking big calls, whether conventional or nuclear, political or economic. Not all risks are necessarily dramatic; many just require the confident calculations and determined follow up of day-to-day management but their aggregate impact can result in a quantum jump in global positioning. To a

certain degree, we see that happening today. The fifth basket is in a return to the diplomatic primer: reading the global tea leaves

National development is at the heart of any assessment, and it is difficult to quarrel with the view that there has been significant progress, but not enough. The comparison with what China achieved in the same period is sobering Reading the global tea leaves right and then leveraging the international situation could have gone better. Indeed the mantra of unchanging foreign policy axioms has discour aged an honest review of our performance and the introduction of timely correctives. Diligence and debate have not been as rigorous as they should for an aspiring player. When combined with the hesitations of history, it had led to unexplored avenues and unrealised out comes. But we are now at the cusp of change With more confidence, the pursuit of seemingly divergent goals and the straddling of contradictions are being attempted. Taking risks is inherent to the realisation of ambitions. A nation that has the aspiration to become a leading power someday cannot continue with unsettled borders, an unintegrated region and under-exploited opportunities. Above all, it cannot be dogmatic in approaching a visibly changing global order. Napoleon once said that history is a version of past events that people have decided to agree upon. The world that awaits us not only calls for fresh thinking, but eventually, a new consensus at home as well. Putting dogmas behind us is a starting point for that journey.