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Jharkhand to vote in five phases from November 30

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 1

ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS will be held in Jharkhand across five phases starting November 30, the Election Commission (EC) announced Friday.

Close to 2.5 crore voters in the state will exercise their franchise on November 30, and December 7, 12, 16 and 20. Thirteen seats will go to poll in the first phase, followed by 20 in the second, 17 in the third, 15 in the fourth and 16 in the final phase on December 20. The results will be announced on December 23.

The elections have been announced within ten days of poll results from Maharashtra and Haryana, where the BJP failed to match its Lok Sabha performance. The stakes, therefore, are high for the ruling party as Jharkhand is crucial to determine whether the BJP wave still prevails. Friday's announcement also scotched rumours of early elections in Delhi.

Jharkhand is currently under BJP rule with Raghubar Das as Chief Minister for a five-year term. In the 2014 Assembly elections, the BJP bagged 37 seats and formed the government with alliance partner All

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VISHAL MENON
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BURNING EYES, sore throats, heavy breathing and that all-pervading smog — rarely does a cricket team or its doctors have to factor in all these elements before an international match.

But post-Diwali, Delhi welcomed Bangladesh with the most unusual concerns ahead of the series-opening T20 match. The tourists didn't complain, but Bangladesh coach Russell Domingo did admit that the situation was "far from ideal" for an

END CROSS-BORDER TERROR, SAYS JOINT STATEMENT

With India against terror, will talk Kashmir with PM: Merkel

Kashmir ground situation not good for people in long run: Chancellor

SHUBHAJIT ROY
& VERENA HÖLZL
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 1

IN A more robust joint statement than the one issued two years ago, India and Germany Friday called for a halt to "cross border movement of terrorists" and asked all countries to ensure that their territory is "not used to launch terrorist attacks on other countries".

Later, in a separate interaction with the German media, visiting German Chancellor Angela Merkel said she would discuss the issue of Kashmir with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "The situation for the people on the ground as of now is not good for the long-term, this certainly has to change," she said.

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German Chancellor Angela Merkel with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi, Friday. Renuka Puri



SIKH PILGRIMS TO KARTARPUR WON'T NEED PASSPORT, ONLY ID: IMRAN

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Kulgam killings: Bengal to bring home 131 workers from Kashmir

SWEETY KUMARI
KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 1

THE WEST Bengal government is bringing back 131 workers from Kashmir following the killing of five labourers from Murshidabad district in south Kashmir's Kulgam by suspected militants, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said in a programme at Eco park Friday.

"A total of 131 workers who had gone to Kashmir are being brought back to West Bengal



The wife and son of Rafikul Sheikh, who was among the 5 workers killed in Kulgam

with the help of the state government. They are from Murshidabad, Dinajpur and Malda," Banerjee told reporters.

The government has initiated the process and two officials have already left for Kashmir to bring back the workers to the state via train. Sources said the government is planning to send police officers to Kashmir so that proper arrangement can be made for more workers willing to return to their homes in Bengal.

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Cong leaders threw in towel even before Maharashtra, Haryana elections: Gehlot

MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 1

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT the Congress leadership in Maharashtra and Haryana threw in the towel even before the state polls were held last month, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said the party should now fight elections with its "full might", not with a "defeatist mindset".

Gehlot was speaking at The



Ashok Gehlot at The Indian Express Idea Exchange

Indian Express Idea Exchange Friday even as the Election Commission announced the schedule for Assembly elections in Jharkhand.

Arguing that people are "angry" and "distressed" with the BJP-led central government's "mismanagement" of the economy, Gehlot said it was time for the Congress and other Opposition parties to hit the streets. "And when the agitation will kick off, those who are

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DELHI GOVT ORDERS SCHOOLS TO SHUT UNTIL NOVEMBER 5

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Bangla players in New Delhi, Friday. Praveen Khanna

international fixture.

The South African coach, who hails from the windy coastal city of Port Elizabeth, dealt with questions on the weather diplo-

matically. "Conditions are obviously not perfect with the smog, but it's the same for both teams. We have some scratchy eyes, maybe a little sore throat now

and then, but it's okay. Nobody is sick or anything... it's not ideal, but we're not going to moan about it," Domingo said.

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Govt says not alerted on breach, WhatsApp says it did — in May

Officials claim security issue info was too technical, didn't mention Pegasus

KARISHMA MEHROTRA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 1

A DAY after the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology sought an explanation from WhatsApp on the alleged surveillance of phones of more than two dozen people by operators using the messaging platform to install Israeli spyware Pegasus, government sources said they are "disturbed" that neither did WhatsApp nor its parent company Facebook bring the privacy breach of Indian citizens to their notice though they have had numerous meetings since summer.

Late Friday, WhatsApp, however, said it had "notified relevant Indian and international government authorities" in May about "a security issue" that it had "resolved" and had also tried to reach out to the targeted users.

An establishment source countered the WhatsApp response, suggesting that the May notification was "too technical a jargon" and the messaging plat-

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Spotlight back on data access

WHATSAPP HAS been resisting calls from governments to weaken end-to-end encryption. Arguments in the Supreme Court have raised questions of government access to WhatsApp data and encryption. The IT Ministry has said that they will update the IT Act with new Intermediary Guidelines by January 15.

form did not reveal that "privacy of Indian users had been compromised". The information shared, the source said, was "only about a technical vulnerability

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End Pegasus maker's export licence: Plea in Israel court

SEEMA CHISHTI
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 1

RULES REGULATING the sale of Israeli spyware Pegasus, allegedly used by operators to target phones of WhatsApp users for surveillance in several countries, are at the centre of a legal battle in Tel Aviv.

On November 7, a district court in the Israeli capital will hear arguments on why the country's Ministry of Defence needs to cancel Pegasus-developer NSO Group's export licence.

The central point being raised is why "despite the licensing of the software (Pegasus) regulated by Israel's Defence Export Controls Agency (DECA) being under the same type of licensing requirements and

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INSTAGRAM UNVEILS BORN ON INSTAGRAM, UNLABEL SERIES FOR CREATORS

Instagram unveiled a slew of initiatives for Indian content creators on its platform at the 'Instagram Experience' (IGX) event in Mumbai, India. These include new 'Unlabel' content series and an initiative called 'Born on Instagram'. The keynote was hosted by Vishal Shah, VP of Product at the company


VIDEO OF THE DAY



TAWANG FESTIVAL 2019

Arunachal Pradesh celebrated the 3-day Tawang Festival

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DELHI-NCR AIR POLLUTION

'Want answers from Haryana, Punjab CMs on stubble burning'

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Samsung Galaxy Fold: Is fold the future?

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On the first episode of the technology podcast, Our Own Devices, reporters unpack the foldable smartphone trend, whether the Galaxy Fold is Samsung's contender against the iPhone and how it will change how we consume content.



Manohar Lal Khattar

In Haryana, Rs 1,000 reward for information on farm fires

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 1

THE HARYANA government Friday announced a cash award of Rs 1,000 to anyone who provides them information about cases of farmers burning crop residue in their area. The identity of the informant will be kept secret.

Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, who chaired a meeting on crop residue management here, also asked officers of agriculture and farmers' welfare department to visit the 10 villages of the state where maximum crop residues were burnt to ascertain the reasons.

He also directed deputy commissioners to take stringent measures to prohibit burning of crop residue.

In the meeting, the officers apprised Khattar that "a 34 per cent reduction has been registered in the area burnt in the state upto October 22 this year as compared to the corresponding period the last year". The government said "while crop residue burning was reported on 57,000 hectares of land last year, this year, it was reported only on 38,000 hectares".

Khattar also directed the concerned officers to encourage farmers not to burn crop residues and also apprise them of the different options of crop management. The CM also asked DCs to organise gram sabha meetings so that detailed deliberations could be held with farmers.

Khattar also directed officers to explore options for purchase of crop residue from the farmers.

Air Marshal B Suresh takes charge of IAF's western command

New Delhi: Air Marshal B Suresh took over as the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the crucial Western Air Command on Friday.

Suresh, a decorated officer, was commissioned as a fighter pilot into the Indian Air Force on December 13, 1980, the air force said.

Suresh is a "strategist and tactician of repute within air force circles and as the exercise director, he is credited with having been the mastermind behind IAF's superlative performance during Exercise Cope India 2004, the first international bilateral exercise with the US Air Force held after nearly 40 years," it said. PTI

CLARIFICATIONS & CORRECTIONS

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IN THE report *Padsalgikar, ex-police chief of Mumbai, is new Dy NSA*, it was wrongly mentioned that Pallavi Purkayastha was raped before her murder. She was not raped.

The Indian Express apologises for this mistake.

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Israel court

export restrictions applicable to military weapons and national security systems" due oversight has not been exercised.

The legal action in Tel Aviv, brought by nearly 30 human rights activists, is supported by Amnesty International as part of a joint project with NYU School of Law's Bernstein Institute for Human Rights and Global Justice Clinic. This centre specialises in questions of justice "for human rights defenders targeted with malicious software".

Amnesty International has said its own activists were targeted by Pegasus in June 2018. In a lawsuit brought before a US federal court Tuesday, Facebook-owned WhatsApp alleged that the NSO Group targeted some 1,400 WhatsApp users with Pegasus.

On Thursday, The Indian Express reported that WhatsApp had confirmed that phones of human rights activists and journalists in India had been targeted for surveillance by operators using Pegasus. While declining to reveal the identities and "exact number" of those targeted for surveillance in India, a WhatsApp spokesperson said "it is not an insignificant number".

The affidavit filed by Amnesty in support of the petitioners in the Tel Aviv court speaks of the role of the Israeli government in ensuring that NSO takes responsibility for the end-use of its software and stops selling it to governments to target rights activists and political opponents.

"Despite the foreseeable risk of violations of the human rights to privacy, freedom of opinion and expression of human rights defenders resulting from the sale to and use by certain governments of NSO Group's technology, Israel is failing to prevent or restrict such sales. The Israeli government is therefore breaching its duty under international human rights law to protect against violations of rights guaranteed by the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights," it stated.

Amnesty International's representatives said they are asking for "Israel's Ministry of Defence to cancel NSO's licence".

On Friday, a Reuters report from Jerusalem said the Israeli government denied any involvement in the alleged cyber-hack by NSO Group.

Distancing Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government from the alleged attempts to send malware to the mobile devices of a number of WhatsApp users, Israeli security cabinet minister Zeev Elkin said that if anyone had done anything "forbidden" they could expect to find themselves in court.

"NSO is a private player using capabilities that Israelis have, thousands of people are in the cyber field, but there is no Israeli government involvement here, everyone understands that, this is not about the State of Israel," Elkin told 102.FM Tel Aviv Radio.

In the interview, Elkin also said: "It is true that when people do things that are forbidden — I have no way of determining whether they did indeed do anything forbidden — then the justice system here and in other countries will throw the book at them."

The NSO Group has not so far revealed who is or who is not a client. Sources say contractual and legal constraints and its 'Transparency Statement of Principles' prevent it from divulging this. It has maintained that "the sole purpose of NSO is to provide technology to licensed government intelligence and law enforcement agencies to help them fight terrorism and serious crime. Our technology is not designed or licensed for use against human rights activists and journalists. It has helped to save thousands of lives over recent years." Responding to queries from

The Indian Express on the legal case filed by WhatsApp in the US, NSO said: "In the strongest possible terms, we dispute today's allegations and will vigorously fight them. The truth is that strongly encrypted platforms are often used by pedophile rings, drug kingpins and terrorists to shield their criminal activity. Without sophisticated technologies, the law enforcement agencies meant to keep us all safe face insurmountable hurdles. NSO's technologies provide proportionate, lawful solutions to this issue."

"We consider any other use of our products than to prevent serious crime and terrorism a misuse, which is contractually prohibited. We take action if we detect any misuse. This technology is rooted in the protection of human rights — including the right to life, security and bodily integrity — and that's why we have sought alignment with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, to make sure our products are respecting all fundamental human rights," it said.

Jharkhand

Jharkhand Students' Union that had won five seats. Six MLAs of former CM Babulal Marandi's party Jharkhand Vikas Morcha also joined the BJP soon after the elections.

Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) chief Hemant Soren had told The Indian Express this week that his party will tie up with the Congress for the polls, but lead the alliance and contest more than half of the seats in the state on its own. The JMM has 19 MLAs while Congress has eight legislators in the current Assembly.

There will be approximately 30,000 polling stations in the states and the Model Code of Conduct has come into immediate effect. This is also the first state election in which senior citizens voters above the age of 80 years and voters who are physically challenged will have the option of casting their vote through postal ballots. The term of the current 81-member Assembly ends on January 5 next year.

Kulgam killings

The labourers, who worked in an apple orchard, were asked to step out of their rented accommodation in Kulgam, taken to a nearby area, and then shot dead. The deceased were identified as Naimuddin Sheikh, Murshali Sheikh, Rafikul Sheikh, Rafique Sheikh and Kamaruddin Sheikh, all from Bahalnagar village in Murshidabad's Sagardighi.

The Chief Minister also claimed it was a pre-planned attack. "The manner in which they were murdered brutally after being abducted, I think it is pre-planned," she said while demanding an investigation into the killings.

Hours after the incident Tuesday, Banerjee had expressed shock and sadness. "Words will not take away the grief of the families of the deceased. All help will be extended to the families in this tragic situation," she had tweeted.

Ashok Gehlot

working under pressure now...the judiciary, income tax, ED or CBI, their ways will change. When the mood will change, the mood of the public on the streets will change...bureaucrats and agencies, they will understand that there can be a change anytime. Now the country is going in one direction...look at the judiciary. We never expected that the judiciary will behave this way," he said.

Questioning the logic behind holding five-phased elections in Jharkhand, Gehlot also demanded that the government explore the possibility of state funding of elections to bring transparency and eliminate the use of black money.

"The EC has announced that elections in Jharkhand will be

With India on terror fight, will hear PM on Kashmir: Merkel

adding that she would advocate "de-escalation and relaxation".

The joint statement, which was issued earlier after Modi met Merkel, is far stronger than the one issued in May 2017 when he had visited Germany. From Delhi's perspective, it is aimed at Pakistan.

Friday's statement also indicated that Germany has moved closer to India's position on Afghanistan, as they agreed on the need for "dismantling of terrorist safe havens and sanctuaries".

After their meeting during the day, Modi said: "We have resolved to intensify bilateral and multilateral cooperation to deal with terrorism and extremism." Later, the two leaders met over an official dinner hosted by the Prime Minister.

Responding to questions on Kashmir earlier from the German media, Merkel said: "About Kashmir specifically we haven't spoken yet. It will be on the agenda tonight and I will say that we advocate de-escalation and relaxation...We hope that India and Pakistan will find a peaceful solution together...We know the Indian position. But I first also want to hear the arguments of the Prime Minister."

The joint statement, meanwhile, said Germany will work toward facilitating "export of military equipment as well as

technology sharing" with India. In another key upgrade, it also sought deeper cooperation between the defence industries of both countries to take advantage of "defence corridors set up in the states of Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh" under the Make in India initiative.

The two sides also decided to establish regular dialogue between their defence ministers, alternately in India and in Germany, at least once every two years.

The joint statement said the two leaders expressed strong concern on the "global scourge" of terrorism and called upon all countries to work towards disrupting terrorist networks and financing channels. "The leaders underlined the need for all countries to ensure that their territory is not used to launch terrorist attacks on other countries in any manner," it said.

Referring to the need for presenting a united front in the fight against terror, the two leaders called for the finalisation and adoption of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (CCIT) in March 2020. While the CCIT was mentioned in the 2017 statement, this is the first time that a deadline has been specified.

While agreeing to continue cooperation within the frame-

work of the Joint Working Group on counter-terrorism, they spelt out specific the areas this time: "information and intelligence sharing on terror networks" and experiences in dealing with the growing phenomenon of "radicalisation". The two leaders asked officials on both sides to schedule the next meeting of this working group at the earliest.

The two sides also agreed to "deepen efforts to restart" stalled negotiations between India and the European Union (EU) on the Bilateral Trade and Investment Agreement (BTIA). Negotiations have been held up since May 2013 after both sides failed to bridge gaps on crucial issues.

On Afghanistan, India welcomed Germany's efforts at co-organising an Intra-Afghan Dialogue that includes the government and ensures an Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace process.

"They called for a cessation of violence; breaking of all ties to international terrorism; dismantling of terrorist safe havens and sanctuaries; preservation of the Constitutional order and the respect for the universal human rights of all Afghan citizens as enshrined in the Constitution. Germany appreciated India's contribution in development cooperation and rebuilding of Afghanistan," the

statement said.

A total of 17 agreements were signed in the fields of agriculture, maritime technology, ayurveda and yoga, among others.

Besides, five joint declarations of intent, including cooperation on strategic projects, green urban mobility, artificial intelligence and prevention of marine litter, were also signed.

"We will be happy to engage in big infrastructure projects which India is envisaging," Merkel said.

The Chancellor referred to "artificial intelligence" and "digital transformation" as an area of cooperation.

"India has a huge potential here especially when it comes to digitalisation. But the development is very fast as when it comes to 5G and AI. It's a challenge and if we work together, this would be a wonderful way of cooperation. It's also about trade, innovation, investment and knowledge," she said.

While "economic relations" have increased, Merkel said they could be "intensified even more", while referring to the fast-track mechanism.

"We can bring some cases where difficulties have occurred in terms of economic investments. We could really find help here quickly and make India a modern industrialised nation," she said.

'WhatsApp never brought up breach'

but nothing on the fact that privacy of Indian users had been compromised".

To this, a WhatsApp source said that the issue was simply "a security issue in May" and was later found to be linked to Pegasus through work done with Citizen Lab.

The conflicting claims provide no clarity on the the privacy breach sequence and the nature of notifications between government authorities and WhatsApp.

Earlier in the day, a government official said WhatsApp is legally bound to disclose any cyber incident to the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), and "this conduct raises questions" about their security at a time when the platform is facing regulatory clearance hurdles to bring WhatsApp Pay to India. Another government functionary said: "The government is disturbed by the coincidence that WhatsApp is under global pressure for traceability and this legal case with the NSO Group (in a US federal court) is filed at the same time."

By evening, a response came from a WhatsApp spokesperson: "Our highest priority is the privacy and security of WhatsApp users. In May we quickly resolved a security issue and notified relevant Indian and international government authorities. Since then we've worked to identify targeted

users to ask the courts to hold the international spyware firm known as the NSO Group accountable. We agree with the government of India it's critical that together we do all we can to protect users from hackers attempting to weaken security. WhatsApp remains committed to the protection of all user messages through the product we provide."

On May 17, CERT-In posted a "vulnerability note" on its website. It notified a "buffer overflow condition error" vulnerability in the WhatsApp messaging platform that could be exploited. "A vulnerability has been reported in WhatsApp which could be exploited by a remote attacker to execute arbitrary code on the affected system."

It had highlighted that "a remote attacker could exploit this vulnerability by making a decoy WhatsApp voice call to a target user's phone number and thereby sending specially crafted series of SRTP packets to the target system. This could trigger a buffer overflow condition leading to execution of arbitrary code by the attacker. Successful exploitation of this vulnerability could allow the attacker to access information on the system such as call logs, messages, photos, etc which could lead to further compromise of the system."

Official sources pointed to "the timing" of WhatsApp's

case against the NSO Group. "The timing is full of suspicion and a lot of suspicious circumstances are there. How is it that they have picked up those elements who are most hostile to the government — Elgar Parishad, Bastar, Kabir Manch. How has WhatsApp picked them up selectively from some school in Canada? This is all too much of a coincidence. Select people who are anti-Modi government," the government functionary said, referring to the list of rights activists, lawyers and journalists who were made alleged targets of surveillance.

On Thursday, The Indian Express reported that WhatsApp, which sued Pegasus-developer NSO Group in a US federal court Tuesday, had confirmed that Indian journalists and human rights activists were among targets of surveillance by operators using the Pegasus spyware.

That very day, Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister for Law and Justice, Communications, Electronics & Information Technology, while expressing concern over the "breach of privacy of citizens of India", asked WhatsApp to "explain the kind of breach and what it is doing to safeguard the privacy of millions of Indian citizens". The Ministry of Home Affairs also warned of strict action against those found violating the law of the land.

deep concern. "Everyone is distressed. Businesses and industries have taken a hit. People are losing jobs, be it in automobile sector, real estate or small trade. There is huge anger and there is an atmosphere of fear also, which should not be there in a democracy," he said.

Gehlot also said the media is under tremendous pressure, and that there is fear of raids by agen-

cies hanging over its head. Asked about the Congress leadership's approach to the Haryana and Maharashtra elections, with not many of its central leaders seen campaigning, Gehlot said: "I accept that we did not campaign in Haryana and Maharashtra the way we should have with enthusiasm. Had we campaigned that way, the outcome could have been different..

The local leadership should have shown the guts needed. They should have approached the elections saying we will perform our duty, come what may. That we have been chief ministers, ministers, we will fight with all our might and help whoever who needed support. That did not happen."

Gehlot said: "When such an atmosphere develops, even the

central leadership finds it difficult to go (for campaigning). The central leadership goes when there is demand. There was an atmosphere that we will lose the elections anyway. When you yourself think that way... that was a blunder."

Stressing that the party should "enter the electoral field with all its might", the Chief Minister said: "You never know when the public mood will change. When the public mood can change vis-a-vis Indira Gandhi, it can change in the case of (Narendra) Modi, too. Every Congress worker should show the courage. Defeats and victories are part of democracy," he said.

Apart from the BJP, Gehlot also accused the RSS of acting like an "extra constitutional authority". "It was said during the Emergency that Sanjay Gandhi was acting like an extra constitutional authority. What is the RSS now? And is the media writing about it? The RSS is being consulted before appointing a chief minister or a minister. Every minister has an RSS person working with him as an OSD...their writ runs and not the minister's...but the media does not write all this," he claimed.

Cricketers

The National Capital has been in the grip of a severe pollution crisis since last week, with the air quality index breaching the 'severe' mark of 400 to touch 484 Friday. Schools have been told to shut till November 5, and the government is distributing 50 lakh masks to students. From Monday, the capital will roll out the odd-even road space rationing scheme to cut vehicular pollution.

It was not surprising then to see more than a few Bangladesh players with pollution masks. On Thursday, batsman-keeper Liton Das wore one briefly before removing it for his batting session. On Friday, the numbers swelled — Domingo, batting coach Neil McKenzie, spin coach Daniel Vettori and allrounder Soumya Sarkar were among those sporting masks.

For the Kotla regulars, though, it would not have been a rare sight. Two years ago, Sri Lanka physiotherapist Nirmalan Dhanabalasingham had to scamper to the nearby lanes in Daryaganj for buying masks. During the match, their fast bowler Suranga Lakmal suffered bouts of nausea and vomited.

That Test also saw Indian pacer Mohammed Shami slumping on a chair near the boundary ropes, and spinner Kuldeep Yadav passing him a mask. A year earlier, a Ranji Trophy match between Gujarat and Bengal was cancelled due to poor air quality.

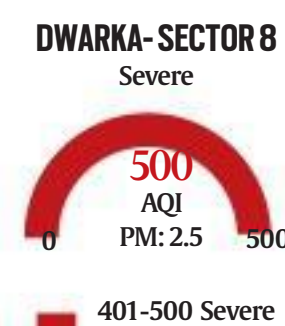
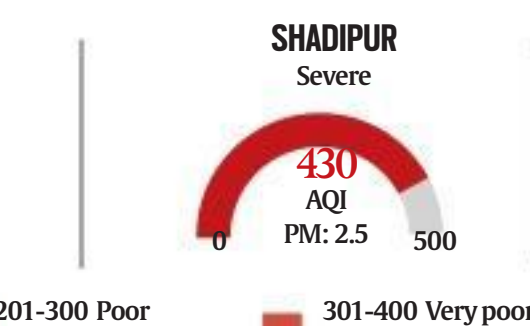
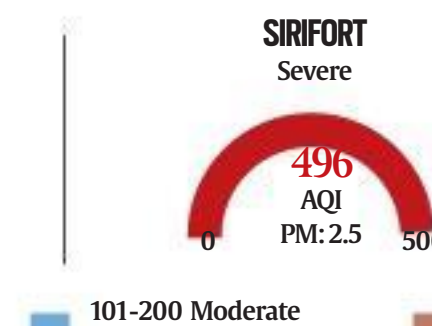
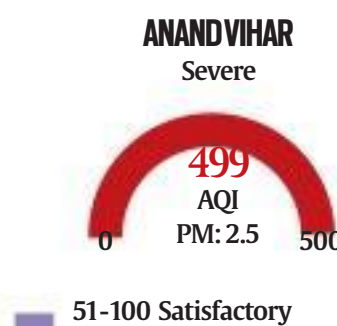
But then, cricket is not the only sport to be affected by Delhi's air. Last year, Dutch footballer Gianni Zuiverloon, who played for Delhi Dynamos in the Indian Super League, said several players of his team were taken ill. Even athletes who had trained at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium last year complained of throat and chest pain — they received an advisory from the Athletic Federation of India to wear masks during training.

None of the Indian players sported a mask on Friday, though. And batting coach Vikram Rathour deflected the pollution query deftly. "You are asking the wrong person. I have played all my cricket in North India. Yes, there is pollution, but there is a match that has been scheduled and we will give our 100 per cent," he said.

BCCI's newly elected president, Sourav Ganguly, has already emphasised the need to be more practical when deciding fixtures. "In the future, when we schedule matches in North India during winter, we will have to be more practical," Ganguly had said. "It's too late to do anything because a lot of preparation goes into matches — tickets and crowds...fingers crossed."



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AAP MLA granted bail in rioting case

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

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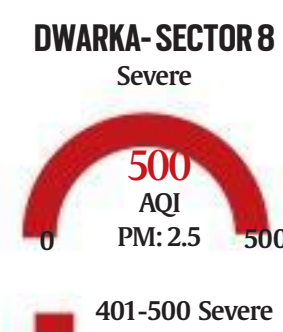
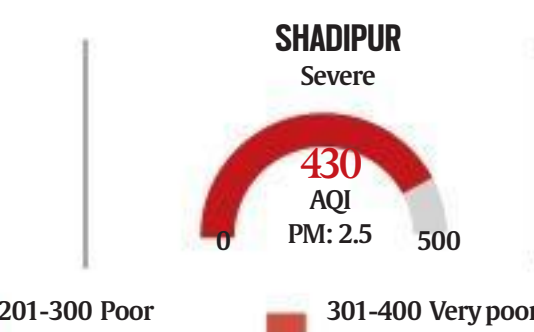
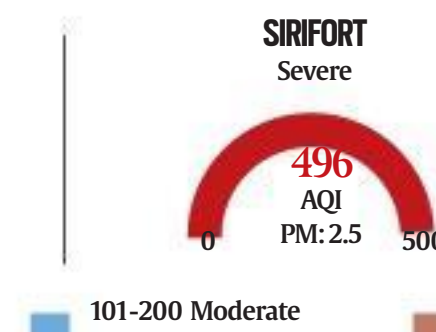
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AS DELHI’S air quality dipped into the ‘severe plus’ category, Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA) ordered a complete ban on construction till 6 am Tuesday. According to officials at IMD, the city is expected to see some relief by Monday evening with an increase in wind speed.

Directions issued by EPCA Friday extended the existing ban — from 6 pm to 10 am — to the whole day till Tuesday morning.

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EPCA chairperson also said

that agencies need to ensure compliance as despite efforts, many instances of local pollution were being noticed.

The Delhi government, meanwhile, decided to stagger working hours for several offices and departments during the odd-even scheme.

“This is the first experiment of staggered office timings. Private offices are not included but next time we will consider staggered timings for them too,” Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said.

According to an order issued by the general administration department, working hours of a total of 42 government offices have been staggered, with 21 having office timings from 10.30 am to 7 pm and rest from 9.30 am to 6 pm.

The order said the new office timings will only be applicable during the odd-even scheme from November 4-15.

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PUNJAB, HARYANA and the Centre should urgently fix timelines to stop stubble burning, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said Friday, hours after Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar criticised him for “indulging in a blame game” over the issue of pollution.

Even as Kejriwal and Javadekar accused each other of politicising the issue of dip in air quality, BJP Rajya Sabha MP Vijay Goel, sporting a mask, sat on a fast “against pollution”. A portrait of Mahatma Gandhi and the message “Kejriwal government is responsible for pollution” were put up at the venue.

Speaking at an official event on e-mobility, Javadekar raked up the issue of the Delhi government allegedly not paying its share in constructing the Eastern Peripheral Expressway till the intervention of the Supreme Court.

“The CM of Delhi is doing politics even over pollution and indulging in blame game. I will not stoop to that level, but would like to say the Delhi government was supposed to pay Rs 3,500 crore for the EPE and bypass road that would have bought down pollution of Delhi. Later, the court had to order them to release Rs 1,000 crore. Instead of blaming Punjab and Haryana, leaders from all five states in the region should sit together. Instead of doing that, if one chooses to indulge in blame game, a lot of secrets will tumble out,” Javadekar said.

Addressing a press conference later, Kejriwal squarely blamed stubble burning in the neighbouring states for the ongoing smog crisis in the national capital. Kejriwal sought to corner the BJP by describing the statements made by its leaders as “insulting” to the people of Delhi.

“Even till September 30, we could see blue skies, stars at night. Today, everything has turned hazy. To the leaders saying that pollution is not because



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of stubble burning. I want to ask, what could have possibly changed in one month? Nothing major has happened in the state, no major industries have opened, no new vehicles have come in, so there is no other cause of pollution in Delhi.

“We are doing whatever is possible at our end. The Opposition should not blame the people of Delhi. One leader is apparently on a fast (Vijay Goel). It amounts to trivialising the matter, mocking the people of Delhi... Rome was not built in a day. We should praise the fact that 80-85% of our kids did not burst crackers this time. I was pained to see how a few Opposition leaders were asking people to burst crackers,” Kejriwal said.

Asked about Javadekar’s statement, the CM said: “How are we politicising? They are politicising. We have always thanked them for getting the EPE constructed. They are vying for credit. They built mohalla clinics, schools, made travel for women free in buses. They did everything. They should now end stubble burning.”

Kejriwal added that the people of Delhi are “fed up with pollution”. “So we want specific timelines from the Haryana and Punjab state governments as well as the central government on stopping stubble burning in the states. We demand specific timelines and milestones on actions taken by these governments on stubble burning. They must also be answerable for their actions,” he said.

Noida, Gurgaon warn of strict action against those violating ban

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HOURS AFTER the Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority called for halting construction activities in the capital, Noida and Gurgaon administrations Friday ordered a ban on all construction activities in their areas till November 5. Noida’s air quality index dipped to 499, its lowest this season, while it was 469 in Gurgaon — both in the ‘severe’ category.

According to guidelines issued by the Gautam Budh Nagar administration, construction activities, including the use of stone crushers and hot mixers, are banned in Noida and Greater Noida region till 6 am Tuesday. Coal and other fuel-based industries that are yet to shift to piped natural gas will also have to close operations, said officials.

Officials said a decision to shut schools will be taken later. “Since weekends are holidays,

we will review the air quality on Sunday and take a decision,” said B N Singh, district magistrate of Gautam Budh Nagar.

For residential and commercial purposes, the use of generator sets have been banned, apart from exceptions listed by the EPCA. In case of brick kilns, only those with zig-zag technology are allowed to operate.

“The administration is coordinating closely with the State electricity departments to ensure that the electricity supply is 24x7 in the area and the use of gensets doesn’t cause further inconvenience,” said Singh.

In Gurgaon, Deputy Commissioner Amit Khatri said strict action will be taken against violators. “They will be penalised and an FIR will also be filed against them,” said Khatri.

Meanwhile, daily wage labourers in Noida and Greater Noida remain uncertain about their salaries for the coming days. “Even a single day of no work impacts our incomes,” said Kamlesh, a daily-wage labourer.

No EPCA ban on trucks for now, thanks to a robust RFID system

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Charge (ECC) at 13 toll plazas, which get over 80% of the traffic, has improved and the number of trucks entering the city has reduced. Before the project was fully implemented, around 8,000 trucks were entering the city per day. After implementation, this number is down to 3,664 per day.

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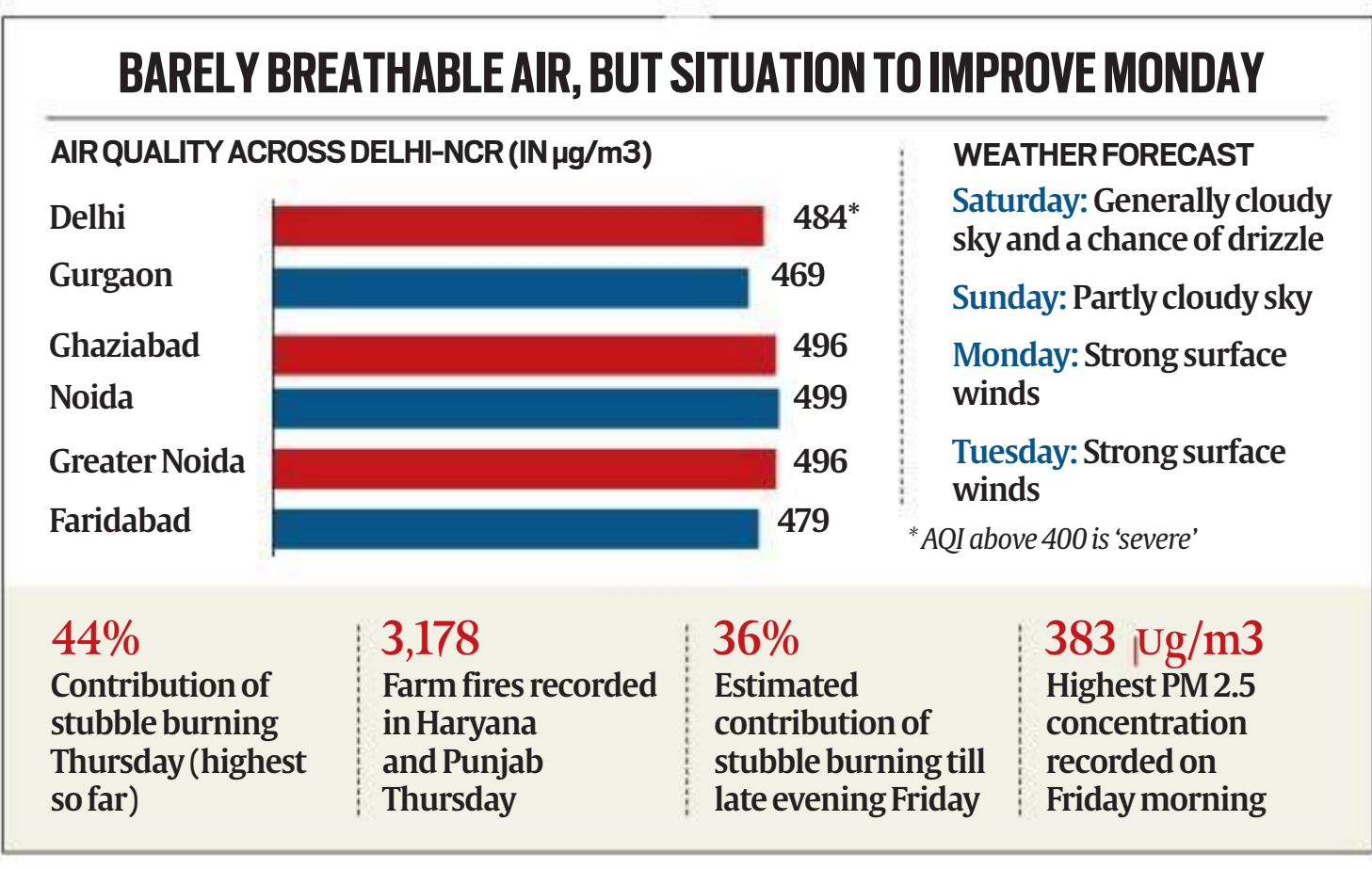
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At the event, both Sisodia and Kejriwal pointed to stubble burning in neighbouring states.

“Experts say that air pollution has come down by 25% in Delhi while across the country, air pollution is increasing... Now in October-November, all this smoke from stubble burning from Punjab and Haryana has been coming. You should all write to Khattar uncle (Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar) and Captain uncle (Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh) asking them to take care of your health,” said Kejriwal.

EPCA orders complete construction ban, govt staggers office timings

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 1

AS DELHI’S air quality dipped into the ‘severe plus’ category, Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA) ordered a complete ban on construction till 6 am Tuesday. According to officials at IMD, the city is expected to see some relief by Monday evening with an increase in wind speed.

Directions issued by EPCA Friday extended the existing ban — from 6 pm to 10 am — to the whole day till Tuesday morning.

EPCA also ordered closure of hot mix plants and stone crushers till Tuesday, along with closure of all industries that have still not shifted to using natural gas (except power plants) to avoid the addition of more pollutants to air. EPCA chairperson also said

that agencies need to ensure compliance as despite efforts, many instances of local pollution were being noticed.

The Delhi government, meanwhile, decided to stagger working hours for several offices and departments during the odd-even scheme.

“This is the first experiment of staggered office timings. Private offices are not included but next time we will consider staggered timings for them too,” Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said.

According to an order issued by the general administration department, working hours of a total of 42 government offices have been staggered, with 21 having office timings from 10.30 am to 7 pm and rest from 9.30 am to 6 pm.

The order said the new office timings will only be applicable during the odd-even scheme from November 4-15.

No EPCA ban on trucks for now, thanks to a robust RFID system

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 1

MEASURES UNDER the air quality emergency category usually include banning entry of trucks into city limits, but the EPCA has decided to hold off on the action this time. The reason — a robust Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) system.

According to EPCA member Sunita Narain, with the implementation of RFID, the collection of Environment Compensation

Charge (ECC) at 13 toll plazas, which get over 80% of the traffic, has improved and the number of trucks entering the city has reduced. Before the project was fully implemented, around 8,000 trucks were entering the city per day. After implementation, this number is down to 3,664 per day.

The increased usage of the Eastern and Western Peripheral Expressways, which can be used by trucks that are only passing through Delhi to go to other locations, has also meant a lower number of trucks now land at

Delhi’s doorstep. According to EPCA Chairperson Bhure Lal, close to 70,000 trucks are using the expressways everyday, up from around 55,000 earlier this year.

“As compliance is high, and the number of trucks evading ECC by paying cash to operators or by using the free lane, has come down from around 33% to 18%, we are not imposing the restriction yet as it will lead to a build-up of vehicles on the border. When these are allowed again, the pollution load will go up once more,” Narain said.

Odd-even is based on trust, CM tells parents of schoolgoing children

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 1

THE ENTIRE system of odd-even scheme is based on trust, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said Friday, when asked whether parents who are going to pick their children up or returning after dropping them at school will be exempt from the scheme.

The scheme, notified Friday, has the provision of exempting vehicles carrying children in school uniform. However, parent groups have been asking for clarity on it. “We believe schools open before 8 am and parents will re-

turn home after dropping their kids by the time odd-even starts. At noon, if someone says he or she is going to pick their children up from school, we will go by trust, like in case of medical emergencies. The entire odd-even scheme is based on trust,” Kejriwal said.

Electric and hybrid vehicles are also not exempted this time.

Meanwhile, the Delhi High Court Friday directed the Delhi government to consider as representation three PILs filed against the odd-even scheme. A bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice C Hari Shankar asked the Delhi government to take a decision before November 5.

‘AIM IS TO FIND MORE SUCH TRACES’

Year after unearthing link to Iron Age, ASI prepares for another round of excavation at Purana Qila

SOMYA LAKHANI
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 1

OVER A year after traces of Painted Grey Ware at the Purana Qila pointed at links to the Iron Age — thereby pushing back Delhi’s history by centuries — the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) will conduct another excavation at the monument in a month’s time.

“The site of the excavation will be different from last time.

The aim is to take the findings of the earlier excavations forward, to find more such traces,” said an ASI source. The ASI has announced B R Singh, who is stationed at the Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Institute of Archaeology of ASI in Greater Noida, as the project director.

In the past, ASI has done excavations at the Purana Qila in 1954-55 and 1969-72 under the then ASI director B B Lal, and from 2013-14 and a final leg in 2017-18 under project director Vasant



Kejriwal asks Centre for a timeline to stop stubble burning

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 1

PUNJAB, HARYANA and the Centre should urgently fix timelines to stop stubble burning, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said Friday, hours after Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar criticised him for “indulging in a blame game” over the issue of pollution.

Even as Kejriwal and Javadekar accused each other of politicising the issue of dip in air quality, BJP Rajya Sabha MP Vijay Goel, sporting a mask, sat on a fast “against pollution”. A portrait of Mahatma Gandhi and the message “Kejriwal government is responsible for pollution” were put up at the venue.

Speaking at an official event on e-mobility, Javadekar raked up the issue of the Delhi government allegedly not paying its share in constructing the Eastern Peripheral Expressway till the intervention of the Supreme Court.

“The CM of Delhi is doing politics even over pollution and indulging in blame game. I will not stoop to that level, but would like to say the Delhi government was supposed to pay Rs 3,500 crore for the EPE and bypass road that would have bought down pollution of Delhi. Later, the court had to order them to release Rs 1,000 crore. Instead of blaming Punjab and Haryana, leaders from all five states in the region should sit together. Instead of doing that, if one chooses to indulge in blame game, a lot of secrets will tumble out,” Javadekar said.

Addressing a press conference later, Kejriwal squarely blamed stubble burning in the neighbouring states for the ongoing smog crisis in the national capital. Kejriwal sought to corner the BJP by describing the statements made by its leaders as “insulting” to the people of Delhi.

“Even till September 30, we could see blue skies, stars at night. Today, everything has turned hazy. To the leaders saying that pollution is not because



BJP’s Vijay Goel sits on a ‘fast against pollution’, Express

of stubble burning, I want to ask, what could have possibly changed in one month? Nothing major has happened in the state, no major industries have opened, no new vehicles have come in, so there is no other cause of pollution in Delhi.

“We are doing whatever is possible at our end. The Opposition should not blame the people of Delhi. One leader is apparently on a fast (Vijay Goel). It amounts to trivialising the matter, mocking the people of Delhi... Rome was not built in a day. We should praise the fact that 80-85% of our kids did not burst crackers this time. I was pained to see how a few Opposition leaders were asking people to burst crackers,” Kejriwal said.

Asked about Javadekar’s statement, the CM said: “How are we politicising? They are politicising. We have always thanked them for getting the EPE constructed. They are vying for credit. They built mohalla clinics, schools, made travel for women free in buses. They did everything. They should now end stubble burning.”

Kejriwal added that the people of Delhi are “fed up with pollution”. “So we want specific timelines from the Haryana and Punjab state governments as well as the central government on stopping stubble burning in the states. We demand specific timelines and milestones on actions taken by these governments on stubble burning. They must also be answerable for their actions,” he said.

Noida, Gurgaon warn of strict action against those violating ban

AMIL BHATNAGAR
& SAKSHI DAYAL

NOIDA, GURGAON, NOVEMBER 1

HOURS AFTER the Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority called for halting construction activities in the capital, Noida and Gurgaon administrations Friday ordered a ban on all construction activities in their areas till November 5. Noida’s air quality index dipped to 499, its lowest this season, while it was 469 in Gurgaon — both in the ‘severe’ category.

According to guidelines issued by the Gautam Budh Nagar administration, construction activities, including the use of stone crushers and hot mixers, are banned in Noida and Greater Noida region till 6 am Tuesday. Coal and other fuel-based industries that are yet to shift to piped natural gas will also have to close operations, said officials.

Officials said a decision to shut schools will be taken later. “Since weekends are holidays,

we will review the air quality on Sunday and take a decision,” said B N Singh, district magistrate of Gautam Budh Nagar.

For residential and commercial purposes, the use of generator sets have been banned, apart from exceptions listed by the EPCA. In case of brick kilns, only those with zig-zag technology are allowed to operate.

“The administration is coordinating closely with the State electricity departments to ensure that the electricity supply is 24x7 in the area and the use of gensets doesn’t cause further inconvenience,” said Singh.

In Gurgaon, Deputy Commissioner Amit Khatri said strict action will be taken against violators. “They will be penalised and an FIR will also be filed against them,” said Khatri.

Meanwhile, daily wage labourers in Noida and Greater Noida remain uncertain about their salaries for the coming days. “Even a single day of no work impacts our incomes,” said Kamlesh, a daily-wage labourer.



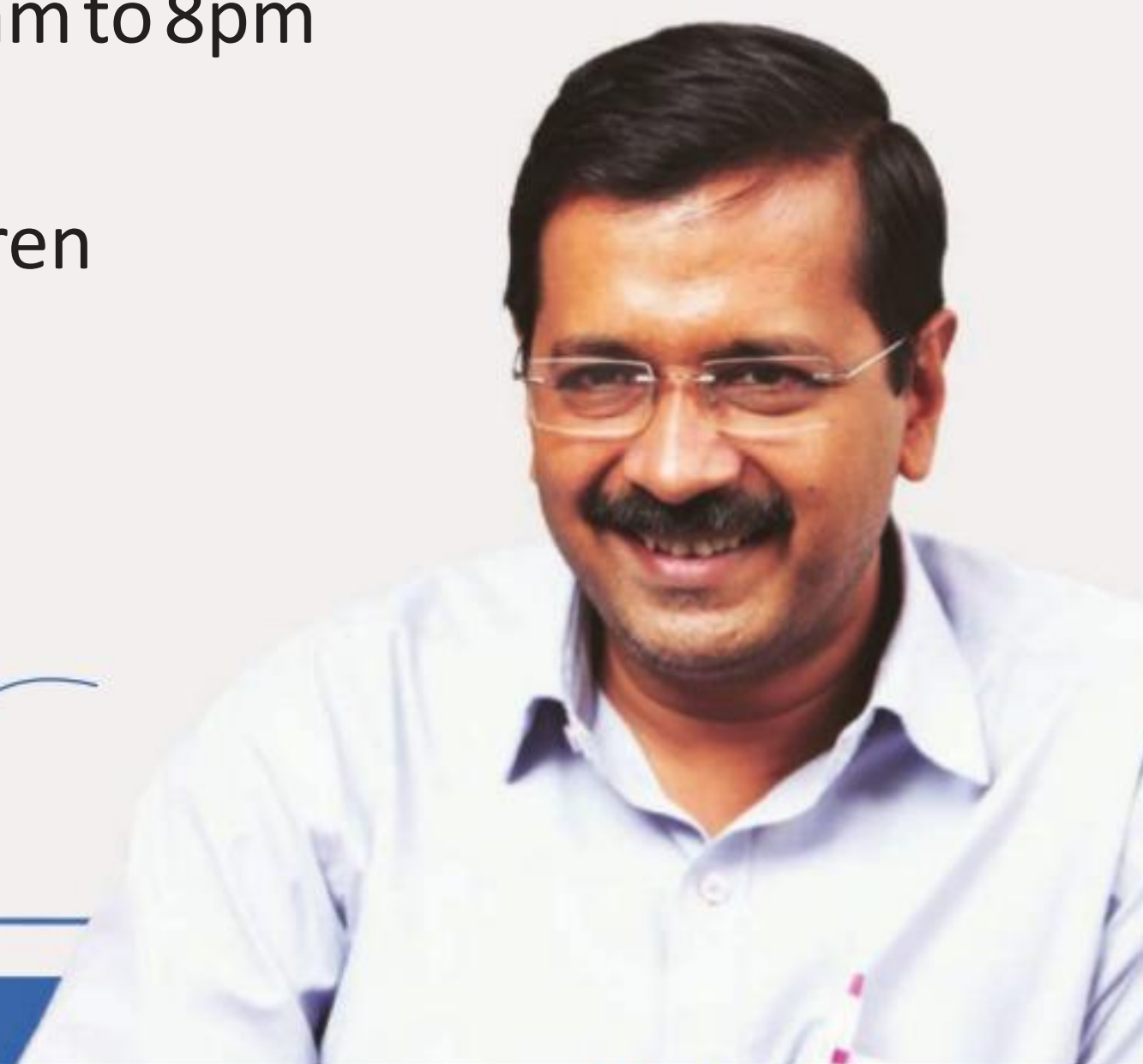
KEEPING DELHI'S AIR CLEAN IS MY RESPONSIBILITY!



ऑड-ईवन
फिर से
4 से 15 नवंबर

DELHI'S POLLUTION IS DOWN BY 25%
BUT SMOKE FROM STUBBLE BURNING IS COMING TO DELHI
SO, ODD EVEN IS BEING INTRODUCED ONCE AGAIN

1. On odd dates - 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15 November - only vehicles with number plates ending with an odd number - 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 - can ply on the roads
2. On even dates - 4, 6, 8, 12, 14 November - only vehicles with number plates ending with an even number - 0, 2, 4, 6, 8 - can ply on the roads.
3. This rule is applicable from Monday to Saturday, from 8am to 8pm
4. Odd Even rules are not applicable on two-wheelers
5. Cars with only women commuters or cars carrying children wearing school uniform will be exempt
6. Violation of Odd Even will attract a fine of Rs 4,000



Police trail thief to bust entire gang

JNUSU office-bearers get showcase notice

Manu Sharma moves HC for early release

AIIMS staffer among 10 held for robbery

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 1

A MONTH after four burglars allegedly broke into a head constable's house in Saket, police arrested the gang after a brief shootout in Mayur Vihar Friday. The accused have been involved in more than 94 cases of burglary in South Delhi and other areas.

The complainant, head constable Rajesh Kumar, said the men broke into his house when he and his family were away.

DCP (South) Atul Kumar Thakur said the accused, Wasim, was identified after a sketch was made with the help of neighbours. An officer said, "We found that they were involved in several burglaries. They would use their WagonR and target government quarters and DDA flats."

"We wanted to arrest the entire gang so we tracked their car and planted a GPS device. On Friday, we found they were going to commit another burglary and arrested them," said Thakur.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 1

THE JNU administration issued showcase notices to the students' union president, vice-president and a few other students Friday, following recent protests on campus.

The JNUSU has been protesting against a new draft Inter-Hall Administration (IHA) manual which, they claimed, "seeks to implement a massive fee hike in JNU hostels, along with regressive provisions such as curfew time, hefty fines and punishments for protests, and a complete disappearance of reservation policies in hostel allotment".

Issuing the notice, the university proctor said it was in response to a security complaint received by the chief proctor that a group of students were involved in locking Dean of Students Umesh Kadam's office.

The administration also issued a statement, claiming there are no changes in curfew timings and dress code in the dining hall in the new hostel manual as alleged by JNUSU".

While the administration said there was "no massive hike", new hostel charges have been put out by the administration. For example, service charges have been increased from Rs 0 to Rs 1,700 a month. Similarly room rent for single room has been increased from Rs 20 per month to Rs 600 per month, and for a double-sharing room from Rs 10 per month to Rs 300 per month. The mess security amount, which is refundable, has been increased from Rs 5,500 to Rs 12,000.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 1

MANU SHARMA, convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of model Jessica Lal in 1999, once again moved the Delhi High Court seeking premature release from jail. This comes 10 months after the court ordered the premature release of former Youth Congress leader Sushil Kumar Sharma, who had served over 23 years in prison for the murder of his wife Naina Sahni in 1995.

Manu Sharma's plea came up for hearing before a bench of Justice Manmohan and Justice Sangita Dhingra Sehgal, which sought the response of the Delhi government's department concerned within four weeks. The court fixed the matter for further hearing on December 16.

On December 21 last year, the HC had ordered Sushil Sharma's premature release after quashing the recommendations of the Sentence Review Board (SRB), which had rejected his plea to be set free.

Manu Sharma, in his plea filed through advocate Amit Sahni, sought setting aside of the July 19 SRB recommendation rejecting his plea, as well as the September

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
Noida, NOVEMBER 1

TEN PEOPLE, including "an Uber cab driver and an AIIMS lab technician", have been arrested for allegedly looting people by offering them a lift, police said.

According to police, the accused are divided into three gangs and have allegedly carried out more than 100 such incidents, mostly in Greater Noida.

"Their modus operandi involved offering a lift to people. Before dropping their victims at their designated location, one of the accused would pretend to be ill. They would then stop the car at a remote location, assault the passenger, and steal their valuables," said Ranvijay Singh, SP, Rural, Gautam Budh Nagar.

An Uber spokesperson said: "No records of the driver and the cab mentioned have been found so far. An internal probe is being conducted. We will provide full cooperation to the police."

GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA
DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES

Notice Inviting Tender

NIT Ref No.F.1 (11)/NHM/Super Speciality Hospital/2018
Dated : 30.10.2019

NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR
Selection of Service Provider for setting up of Super-Speciality/ Multi-speciality Hospital of NABH accreditation in the Newly Constructed G+ 7 building in the IGM Hospital Complex

Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) are invited online from resourceful, experienced and bonafide firms/ agencies for **Setting up of Super-Speciality/ Multi-speciality Hospital of NABH accreditation in the Newly Constructed G+7 building in the IGM Hospital Complex.**

The detailed terms & conditions and NIT document are made available in the e-procurement web portal **https://tripuratenders.gov.in**. The last date of submission of proposals online is 10.12.2019 upto 18:00 Hrs.

For any modification in the NIT, the same shall be notified by issuing corrigendum in the e-procurement web portal only. Hence prospective bidders are requested to keep themselves updated from the e-procurement web portal.

Sd/-
Director of Health Services
Govt. of Tripura

HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
District Commercial Complex, HUDA Building, Tarnaka, Secunderabad-500007

Advt. No. 2019/Misc/MPU/Ptg/HMDA/2019 Dated: 29.10.2019

RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION

The HMDA is inviting application from eligible and competent professionals in the areas of Senior Urban Planners, Junior Urban Planners, GIS Engineers/ Specialists, Transportation Planners, Infrastructure Planners/ Engineers, Environmental Planners/ Designers/ Engineers, Landscape Architects and Project Managers on Outsourcing/ Contract basis.

Interested Candidates can apply on or before 15.11.2019 online at HMDA website www.hmda.gov.in/careers and the shortlisted candidates will be called for interview. For more details visits www.hmda.gov.in/careers.

Sd/-
R.O. No. : 239-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2019-20 Metropolitan Commissioner

कार्यालय, कार्यपालक अभियन्ता लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, गुमला

tender Extention Notice

इस कार्यालय के अत्यंकालीन E—Tender No.WRD/MID/Gumla-F2-23/2019-20 Renovation of Pandarni M.J. Scheme जिसका P.R.N.218862 M.I. (2019-20) है, अपरिहार्य कारणों से Tender date में शोधित किया गया था जिसका प्रकाशन P.R.N.219978 M.I. (2019-20)D है, इस योजना का पुनः Tender date में निम्न प्रकार संशोधित किया जाता है ।

Particulars	Previous date	Extention date.
(1) Date of publication of Tender	31.10.2019	02.12.2019
(2) Last date/Time for submission of Tender in website.	07.11.2019	10.12.2019
(3) Submission of Cost of Tender & bidding document.	08.11.2019	11.12.2019
(4) Opening of Tender	09.11.2019	12.12.2019

अन्य शर्तें पूर्ववत् रहेगा ।

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, गुमला ।

P.R.221402 Minor Irrigation(19-20):D

NORTHERN RAILWAY
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Engineer -III, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender for the following work. 1. **Name of work:** DL-I-Proposed updating, reconciling, certification and computerization of land plans for station in between station and Railway colony area etc. in Delhi Division. 2. **Approx cost of work:** Rs. 2,03,21,757.70 (Rupees Two Crore Three Lakh Twenty One Thousand and Seven Hundred Fifty Seven and Seventy Paise only). 3. **Earnest Money to be deposited:** Rs. 2,51,600/- (Rupees Two Lakh Fifty One Thousand Six Hundred Only). 4. **Cost of tender document:** Rs. 11800/- 5. **Date & Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender:** 26.11.2019 @ 15:00 Hrs. 6. **Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen:** www.ireps.gov.in. * The tenderer's must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system. * For all terms and conditions please refer tender document. * No manual offers are acceptable. * Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only. **No.No. 128-W/2019-Tender Notice/NT/36/2019-20/M-3 Dated: 01.11.2019**

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निविदा शुद्धि-पत्र सूचना

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि PR-221117 Road(19-20)*D से विभिन्न समानाच पत्रों में प्रकाशित दृढ़की सैनोटेरिजम से मोटे-नापे-संगनी पथ का चौड़ीकरण, मजबूतीकरण कार्य (कुल लम्बाई —9.856 कि०मी०) कार्य वर्ष 2019–20. कार्य का निविदा सूचना में निम्नलिखित संशोधन किया जाता है :-

	पूर्व में आम्तिजत	संशोधन
1. वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	05.11.2019 10.30 बजे पूर्वाह्न	06.11.2019 10.30 बजे पूर्वाह्न
2. फ्री-कीड मिट्टी की तिथि/ समय	—	11.11.2019 3.00 बजे अपराह्न ।
3. निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि/ समय	25.11.2019 12.00 बजे दोपहर तक	संध्यागत
4. निविदा खोलने की तिथि/ समय	26.10.2019 12.30 बजे अपराह्न ।	संध्यागत

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PR 221413 Road (19-20)_D

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Hall No. 1 (3rd Fl.), Rajiv Gandhi Handicrafts Bhawan, Baba Kharak Singh Marg Connaught Place, New Delhi-110001, Email: ncdpd@ncdpd.in, Website: www.ncdpd.in

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

NCDPD invites EOI from the reputed agencies for setting up of testing facilities for Bamboo at Bamboo & Cane Development Institute (BCDI), Agartala, Tripura. Interested agencies having experience of setting up of testing facilities/ laboratories for Bamboo may submit their EOI. The detailed ToR for the same can be obtained from the website: www.ncdpd.in. The last date for submission of Eoi is 7 days from this publication.

कार्यालय, कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, गुमला।

Tender Extention Notice

इस कार्यालय के अत्यंकालीन E—Tender No.WRD/MID/Gumla-F2-25/2020 Renovation of Phattinar Bhaiyabandh M.I. Scheme जिसका P.R.N. 218923 M.I. (2019-20) है, अपरिहार्य कारणों से Tender date में संशोधित किया गया था जिसका प्रकाशन P.R.N.219980 M.I. (2019-20)D है, इस योजना का पुनः Tender date में निम्न प्रकार संशोधित किया जाता है ।

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PR 221404 (Minor Irrigation) 19-20 (D)

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES [Under Proviso to Rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Indian Overseas Bank**, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "**As is where is**", "**As is what is**" and "**Whatever there is**" on Dates as mentioned below (date of the sale) for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder due to the Secured Creditor from the below mentioned Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s).

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/Guarantor & Branch	Description of the Immovable Property	Reserve Price	Amount mentioned in the notice (Plus future interest & expenses to be calculated further)	E-auction Date
			EMD of the Property Bid Increase Amount		Timing of E-auction Bid submission last date
1.	Borrower: M/s R.K. Furniture Prop. & Mortgagor: Rakesh Kumar, Roh Bazar, Dist.-Nawada, Nawada-805107 B/o: Nawada (BIHAR)	1. All part and parcel of the building area 2 decimal whose sale deed no.-14900 dated 27.11.2012 situated at Khata No.-793, Plot No.5985, Mauza-Musepur, PS-Roh, District-Nawada-805107, standing in the name of Mr. Rakesh Kumar S/o Ramchandrar Prasad. Bounded: North-Dharam Deo Yadav, South-Md. Kamal, East-Gayatri Devi, West-Moti Bhuiyan. 2. All part and parcel of the building area 2 decimal whose sale deed no.15552 dated 10.12.2012 situated at Khata No.-793, Plot No.-5985, Mauza-Musepur, PS-Roh, District-Nawada, Nawada-805107 standing in the name of Mr. Rakesh Kumar S/o Ramchandrar Prasad. Bounded: North-Dharam Deo Yadav, South-Md. Kamal, East-Rakesh Kumar, West-Moti Bhuiyan.	₹10,94,000/-	₹4,54,684/- and interest thereon	21.11.2019
			₹1,09,400/-		11:00 AM to 1:30 PM
			₹10,000/-		19.11.2019
2.	Borrower: Mr. Apin Kumar and Mrs. Asha Devi Guarantor: Mr. Amrendra Narayan Singh, New Area, Nawada, District- Nawada- 805110 B/o: Nawada (BIHAR)	All the part and parcel of land and building measuring area 5½ decimal whose Sale Deed No.15322 Dated 30.08.1986 in the Name of Mrs. Asha Devi W/o Sri Amrendra Narayan Singh, under Khata No.322, Plot No.2209(New), 3745(Old), Mauza-New Area, P.S & Dist.-Nawada, Nawada-805110, Bounded: North-Janardan Singh, South-Birendra Singh, East-Kanti Sinha, West-Noor Khan.	₹24,65,000/-	₹3,36,159/- and interest thereon	21.11.2019
			₹2,46,500/-		11:00 AM to 1:30 PM
			₹10,000/-		19.11.2019
3.	Borrower: Mr. Sushil Kumar Prince and Mrs. Shashi Kala Kumari, Address: Line Par, Mirzapur, Nawada, District-Nawada-805110. B/o: Nawada (BIHAR)	All the part and parcel of land and building measuring area 1¼ decimal whose Sale Deed No.4018 Dated 30.03.2012 in the name of Mrs. Sashi Kala Kumari W/o Sanjay Kumar Sinha and Mr. Sushil Kumar Prince S/o Late Awdhesh Kumar Sinha Under Khata No.24(New) 26(Old), Plot No.477(New) 700(Old), Mauza-Mirzapur Line par, P.S & Dist.-Nawada-805110. Bounded: North Smt. Pushpa Devi, South-Yadunandan Prasad, East-10ft General Rasta, West-Niz.	₹15,15,000/-	₹5,92,206/- and interest thereon	21.11.2019
			₹1,51,500/-		11:00 AM to 1:30 PM
			₹10,000/-		19.11.2019
4.	Borrower: Sh. Ashok Ray (Mortgager), S/O Sahdeo Ray, R/O-Village-Belhar, Post-Darihara, Dist.-Saran, Bihar-841247 B/o: Hajipur (BIHAR)	1. Residential vacant land situated at village and Anchal-Aurai, Sub-registry-Katra, DSRO & Dist.-Muzaffarpur, Rev. Thana No.-97, Khata No.-840, Khesra No.-645, Area-18 decimals in the name of Ashok Ray. Boundaries: North-Road, South-Triveni Ray and Others, East-Niz Ashok Ray, West-Kanchan Rai. 2. Commercial vacant land situated at Village and Anchal-Aurai, Sub registry-Katra, DSRO & Dist.-Muzaffarpur, Rev. Thana No.97, Khata No.-842, Khesra No.-536 and 537, Area-20 decimals in the name of Ashok Ray. Boundaries: North-Road, South-Rameshwar Rai, East-Rameshwar Rai, West-Vinod Rai.	₹9,72,000/-	₹16,59,274/- and interest thereon	21.11.2019
			₹97,200/-		10:30 AM to 11:30 AM
			₹50,000/-		18.11.2019
5.	Borrower: M/s Maa Kalra Motors, Prop.: Sushil Kumar (Mortgager) S/o Shri Kapileshwar Prasad Singh, At- Adalpur, Dighikala, Hajipur, Dist: Vaishali, State-Bihar 848115. Guarantor: Sri Sanjeev Kumar Sah, S/o Lt. Rajender Sah, At-Village + PO-Thara Gopalpur, PS-Wauni, Block-Pusa, Dist-Samastipur (Bihar) B/o: Samastipur	All that part and parcel of the residential house property situated at Adalpur, PO-Hajipur, Vaishali, consisting of Khata no-60,127, Khesra no-304,306, Thana no-139, Jamabandi no-755 within the registration sub-district Hajipur and District Vaishali in the name of Shri Sushil Kumar S/o Shri Kapileshwar Prasad Singh, Area-4.5 Decimal = 1 Katha (including construction). Bounded by: North-Ram Prasad Singh, South-Rameshwar Singh, East-18 feet road bihar Sarkar, West-Ramchandra Singh.	₹26,53,000/-	₹33,74,027/- and interest thereon	21.11.2019
			₹2,65,300/-		11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
			₹50,000/-		18.11.2019

For Detailed terms and conditions of the sale, Please refer to the link provided in secured creditor's website i.e. www.ioib.in_https://www.publishertenders.gov.in, www.bankauctions.in.

Date : 01.11.2019
Place : Patna

Authorized Officer
Indian Overseas Bank

राजस्थान बैंक
Indian Bank
RAJOURI GARDEN BRANCH

J-13/33, Patel Market, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi-110027
Ph: 01125193097 Website: www.indianbank.in
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POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Indian Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 25/02/2019. Calling upon the borrower Mrs Shashi Shekhawat, W/o Mr Surendra Naruka & Mr Surendra Naruka C-171/A, Upper Ground Floor, Sadh Nagar, Palam Colony, Area of Village Palam, New Delhi – 110045 with our Indian Bank Rajouri Garden Branch to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs 10,44,822.00 (Rupees Ten Lakhs forty four thousand eight hundred twenty two only) plus further interest at the agreed rate from 25/02/2019 till the date of repayment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on this **28th day of October of the year 2019**. Balance outstanding in the account as on 27.10.2019 is Rs 934925.00 (Rs Nine Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Five Only). The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank for an amount of Rs 934925.00 (Rs Nine Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Five Only) as on 27.10.2019 and interest thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Equitable Mortgage of property at C-171/A, Upper Ground Floor, Forming part of Khasra no. 32/1/1, situated in the Abadi known as Sadh Nagar, Palam Colony, Area of Village Palam, Delhi State, New Delhi, which is bounded as under- East: Gali 16 ft wide, West: Property of others, North: Road 15ft wide, South: property of others

Date: 28.10.2019
Place: New Delhi

Authorised Officer
(Indian Bank)

Delhi Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd.
An Enterprises of Govt. of NCT of Delhi
ISBT Sarai Kale Khan Delhi-110013
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer, DTIDC invite tenders on behalf of MD, DTIDC Ltd for the following works through e-procurement solution only.

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Tender ID No. : 2019_DTIDC_182958_1
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Estimated Cost : Rs. 7,78,800/-
Earnest Money : Rs. 15,576/-
Time Allowed : One Year

Last date of receipt of tenders : 08.11.2019

The Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in/>

Sd/-
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राजस्थान आवासन मण्डल

क्रमांक: अं.पु.अं.सूचन/2019-20/214 निविदा सूचना संख्या 04/2019-20 दिनांक: 22.10.2019

राजस्थान आवासन मण्डल की ओर से विभिन्न आवासीय योजनाओं के लिये उपयुक्त श्रेणी के राजस्थान आवासन मण्डल में पंजीकृत संवेदकों एवं "अन्य विभागों में एए एवं ए श्रेणी के पंजीकृत संवेदकों से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में ऑन लाइन ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट प्रक्रिया से बिड आमंत्रित की जाती है।

निविदा की कुल लागत	रुपये 157.00 लाख (02 कार्य)
ऑन लाइन बिड मिलने की दिनांक	08.11.2019 सायं 6:00 बजे से 18.11.2019 तक
ऑन लाइन बिड एवं निश्चित प्रपत्र अपलोड करने की दिनांक	08.11.2019 सायं 6:00 बजे से 18.11.2019 तक
निविदा अनुसार निष्पन्न ड्राफ्ट व अन्य मूल प्रपत्र भौतिक रूप से कार्यालय में जमा करने की दिनांक	19.11.2019 सायं 6:00 बजे तक
ऑन लाइन मद संख्या 1 व 2 की वित्तीय बिड खोलने की तिथि	21.11.2019 प्रातः 11:00 बजे
यूनिक बिड नम्बर (UBN)	मद संख्या-1 RHB1920WSOB00116 मद संख्या-2 RHB1920WSOB00117

तकनीकी बिड एवं वित्तीय बिड आवासीय अभियन्ता-ई-प्रोक् जल्दपूर्व के कार्यालय में उपरोक्तानुसार खोली जायेगी। ई-टेंडरिंग प्रक्रिया में सिलित कार्यों हेतु राजस्थान आवासन मण्डल में समुचित वर्ग के पंजीकृत संवेदक एवं "अन्य विभागों के एए एवं ए श्रेणी एवं विस्तृत कार्यों हेतु मण्डल में समुचित वर्ग के पंजीकृत संवेदक ही मांग से सकते है। "अन्य विभागों में "एए" श्रेणी के पंजीकृत संवेदक 1.50 करोड़ से अधिक के समस्त कार्यों एवं "ए" श्रेणी के पंजीकृत संवेदक 1.50 करोड़ से अधिक एवं 3.00 करोड़ तक के कार्यों की निविदा में ही मांग ले सकते। निविदा से संबंधित समस्त विवरण एवं शर्तें वेबसाइट www.rhbonline.raajasthan.gov.in व वेबसाइट <https://eproc.raajasthan.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।

E Mail id: ace3.rhb@rajasthan.gov.in
अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता, नृतीय, जयपुर ।

राज. संवाद /सी-2019-20/3450

BIHAR SCHOOL EXAMINATION BOARD

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
(Through e-procurement mode only over <https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in>)

Tender Notice No.- PR 427/2019

Bihar School Examination Board, Patna invites e-tenders under two bid systems from the reputed Agency/ Sound Firms/Companies for the "**Procurement and installation of cloud infrastructure for hosting Online Facilitation System for Students and various services of Bihar School Examination Board**".

Scope of Work : Procurement and installation of cloud infrastructure for hosting Online Facilitation System for Students and various services of Bihar School Examination Board

Cost of Tender document (In Rupees)	Tender processing Fee (Non Refundable) (inclusive of GST @18.00%) to be paid through e-payment mode (i.e. NEFT/RTGS/ Credit Card/Debit card) (in Rupees)	Earnest Money (In Rupees)
2000.00 (Two Thousand Rupees only)	1,180 (One Thousand One Hundred Eighty Rupees only)	2,00,000 (Two Lakhs Rupees only)

Tender Schedule/ Programme

Date and Time for Activity	Date/Time: Duration
Online Sale/Download date of Tender documents	From 04.11.2019 (11:00 Hrs.) to 19.11.2019 (11:00 Hrs.) (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
Pre-Bid meeting	09.11.2019 at 12:30 Hrs. (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)
Last Date/Time for submission/ uploading of offer/Bid	19.11.2019 up to 13:00 Hrs. (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
Submission of form fee & EMD in Hard copy/Original	19.11.2019 up to 13:30 Hrs. (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)
Date & Time for opening of Technical Bid	19.11.2019 at 15:00 Hrs. (https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in) (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)
Financial Bid Opening Date and Time	Date to be announced later by competent authority.

❖ Detailed descriptions of the items and instructions for submitting your offer can be downloaded from e-tender website <https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in>.

❖ For support related to e-tendering process, Bidders may contact at "e- Procurement HELP DESK First Floor, M/22, Bank of India Building, Road No-25, Sri Krishna Nagar, Patna- 800001, Ph. No: 0612-2523006, Mob- 7542028164" or may visit the link "**Vendor Info**" at <https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in>.

❖ Corrigendum / Addendum, if any, will be published on e-Procurement Portal, Bihar <https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in> itself.

❖ **Contact Details:** Sh. Jai Kishore Singh, Nodal officer - +91 6299923095, E-Mail ID - eproc.bes@gmail.com

❖ **Note:** - Bihar School Examination Board reserves the right to accept/ reject/reschedule any or all tenders without assigning any reasons.

Secretary



Senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad with the party's Haryana leaders Bhupinder Singh Hooda and Kumari Selja along with other MLAs. Kamleshwar Singh

Cong infighting comes to fore at Haryana CLP leader selection meet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 1

THE CONGRESS Legislature Party in Haryana Friday authorised AICC president Sonia Gandhi to pick its leader after the newly elected legislators failed to reach a consensus on electing a head.

The Congress, marred by factionalism and infighting, won 31 of the 90 seats in the Haryana Assembly polls last month.

A meeting of the newly elected MLAs to choose the CLP leader was called by the state party chief Kumari Selja at the party office here. AICC in-charge for Haryana Ghulam Nabi Azad and senior party leader Madhusudan Mistri also at-

tended the meeting.

Sources present in the meeting said the MLAs proposed two names — former chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda and former CLP leader Kiran Choudhary — for the post. Ahead of the polls, Hooda had replaced Choudhary as the CLP leader.

While 24 MLAs backed Hooda, seven favoured Choudhary, triggering a tug of war between the two groups.

For the past several months, Congress in Haryana had been suffering from a fierce infighting. After party's poor performance in Lok Sabha polls May this year, party high command had replaced state unit chief Ashok Tanwar and handed over the reins to Kumari Selja. Tanwar had later quit the party.

Khattar takes stock of BJP's poll performance

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 1

HARYANA CHIEF Minister Manohar Lal Khattar Friday held a meeting with BJP leaders who held ministerial positions in the previous government and discussed the reasons for the relatively poor performance by the party in the recent Assembly polls.

Against a strength of 47 in the 2014 assembly polls when the party formed the government

with absolute majority, BJP won 40 out of 90 assembly segments in 2019.

"A detailed discussion was held on the reasons due to which the party lost on various seats, also in the assembly segments from where ministers were contesting... Various people gave suggestions on how to improve party's performance and what could be the possible reasons for party's loss in 2019 assembly polls," Krishan Bedi, one of the ministers who lost his seat, said.

MAHARASHTRA

Cong frosty towards having tie-up with Sena, says Pawar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 1

NCP CHIEF Sharad Pawar on Friday said that his party was not in talks with the Shiv Sena following reports that the latter was exploring options of staking claim to form the government in the state with the help of NCP and Congress. Pawar also said that the central leadership of the Congress has so far been inimical to the idea of having any pact with the Shiv Sena.

"No one is in contact with us. No one has spoken to us. (Sena MP) Sanjay Raut sits in Parliament with me and we have meetings. We do not speak about political dealings but about what the political situation is like around us. We have been having such discussions. However, neither has anyone come to us with any proposal nor have we gone to anyone with any offer," Pawar told mediapersons during his visit to Nashik district on Friday.

On Thursday, Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray had indicated that his party was exploring options beyond the BJP. Subsequently, Raut met Pawar at his residence Thursday evening.

Pawar also said that the possibility of the Congress supporting the Shiv Sena was bleak. There had been talks that the Sena could seek out both the Opposition parties for external support to form the government.

"I have seen the Congress leadership from up close. The national leadership as per my experience is cold towards such an arrangement... My feeling is that the Congress leadership will not support such an arrangement," he added.

NCP leader Nawab Malik, meanwhile, said the party was open to the option of finding an alternate to the Sena-BJP government. "Even after getting a majority, if the Sena and BJP fail to provide a stable government, we will definitely think of providing an alternate government," he added.



NCP chief Sharad Pawar on Friday visited farmers in Nashik district, where nearly 50 per cent of the total land under cultivation has been damaged by unseasonal rainfall. Express

State Cong leaders meet Sonia, she may speak to Pawar soon

MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 1

AMID THE uncertainty over government formation in Maharashtra due to the bickering between allies BJP and Shiv Sena, Congress president Sonia Gandhi, sources said, could meet or speak to NCP supremo Sharad Pawar in the next couple of days to discuss the situation. The Sena has signalled that it was in touch with both the Congress and the NCP.

Top Congress leaders from Maharashtra on Friday flew to Delhi and apprised Sonia of the evolving political situation in the state. Sources said the leaders have conveyed to her that the Sena is "feeling humiliated" and its chief Uddhav Thackeray is upset with the BJP over its reluctance to accept the 50:50 power sharing formula.

A section of senior Congress leaders from Maharashtra are of the view that the party should exploit the situation. Another section

of Congress leaders believe the party should not wade into the Shiv Sena-BJP tussle, arguing that the Sena is merely indulging in pressure tactics and the two parties will soon bury the hatchet.

A senior NCP leader told *The Indian Express* that he sees little possibility of the NCP and the Congress joining hands with the Sena. "The talk about Shiv Sena being in touch with the Congress and the NCP is superficial. They are just doing it to tease and instigate the BJP. I don't think there is anything serious... It is easy to say but I don't think it (Congress and NCP joining hands with the Sena) is happening," he said.

Maharashtra Congress leaders Ashok Chavan, Prithviraj Chavan, Manikrao Thakre and Balasaheb Thorat held discussions with Sonia and AICC general secretary in charge of organisation K C Venugopal. Sources said while the leaders apprised Sonia about the situation, there was no decision. "As of now, we are waiting and watching how the situation is

evolving. We did convey to her that the Shiv Sena is feeling humiliated and Uddhav is unhappy with the BJP," one leader said.

The leader said Sonia heard the state Congress leaders and is likely to discuss the Maharashtra situation with NCP chief Pawar.

Former Mumbai Congress president Sanjay Nirupam, meanwhile, hit out at Congress leaders who are in favour of supporting the Sena to keep the BJP out of power.

"It is their temporary fight to grab more power share. They will be together again and will keep abusing us. How can some Congress leaders think of supporting Shiv Sena?" he said.

"It is going to be a futile exercise. Hope the state leaders will realise the truth. Instead of getting into a futile exercise, we must introspect why the party lost 2 percentage of votes as compared to the 2014 Assembly election. As a party, we have come down to the 4th number from 3rd in the state," Nirupam said.

Shiv Sena says can form state govt on its own strength

State may head for President's rule if govt not in place by Nov 7: BJP's Mungantiwar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 1

AMID THE ongoing tension between BJP and Shiv Sena over government formation, Sena MP Sanjay Raut on Friday said that his party could form the government in the state and install a chief minister if it wanted.

"If Shiv Sena decides, it can form the government on its own strength," Raut told mediapersons, adding that talks are yet to start between the two allies on government formation.

He added that there is no need to give political colour to his visit to NCP chief Sharad Pawar on Thursday. "It was a courtesy visit. If you are looking at it with doubts due to the current political scenario in the state, I am not going to address your doubts," he said.

The comments came on a day when BJP leader and state Finance Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar said that Maharashtra may head for President's rule if the new government is not in place by November 7. The tenure of the existing Legislative Assembly ends on November 8.

"A new government will have to be in place within the stipulated time, or else the President will have to intervene... Else, like 2014, when BJP had won 122 seats, and was called to form the government, it can be called again by the Governor as it is the largest party," Mungantiwar said.

He, however, added: "The Sena and BJP are natural partners. Everything will be resolved amicably... Both understand the ground reality... In any discussion, there is always give and take. Gradually, both will arrive at some meeting point."

In the October 21 polls, the BJP won 105 seats, while the Sena got 56 in the 288-member Assembly. The NCP got 54 and

the Congress 44 seats. Sena is demanding the CM's post for half of the tenure years and 50:50 division of portfolios. Both these demands have been rejected by the BJP.

Insiders in BJP said that the party has adopted a wait and watch policy. A senior leader said: "Our talks are on the right track. We are working out a formula that would be mutually acceptable to both parties."

The party is hoping that the Hindutva plank would again bring the two warring allies together. "This is especially in the backdrop of developments on upcoming Ram temple verdict," said the leader.

"Also, the BJP is willing to give more Cabinet berths to Sena when compared to the 2014 state polls. In 2014, it had given 12 portfolios and retained 30. Now, BJP is ready to concede 13 to 15 ministries, including PWD, revenue and excise," another leader said.

Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray, meanwhile, has decided to visit Aurangabad on Sunday to review losses following unseasonal rainfall in the state. Party leaders said that Uddhav would interact with farmers from the villages in Kannad and Vijapur teshils. "He is also scheduled to hold a review meeting with the divisional commissioner," said a leader.

The editorial in Sena mouthpiece *Saamana* on Friday attacked the BJP over the crops affected by unseasonal rain. The farmers are waiting for the assistance and not the new government, it said.

"Instead of standing behind the farmers, attempts are being made to garner support... the caretaker government is more focused on increasing its numbers for the government formation," it said. It added that attempts should be made to provide immediate relief to the farmers.



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- मशीनों के प्रयोग से समय अनुसार बहाई होती है।
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मनोहर लाल
मुख्यमंत्री, हरियाणा





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8 GOVT & POLITICS



Prime Minister Narendra Modi gifts German Chancellor Angela Merkel a Ratnam pen and a handloom woollen Khadi stole, in New Delhi, on Friday. *PTI*

SPECIAL GIFT

THE NEW Union Territory of Ladakh gave a personal touch to German Chancellor Angela Merkel's visit to the national capital. Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented a handloom woollen khadi stole from Ladakh to Merkel, the first visiting foreign dignitary after the bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir into two Union territories. The PM also presented her a set of the Ratnam Pen used by Mahatma Gandhi to write letters, along with a recycled wood and brass framed copy of the letter that Gandhi had written to Ratnam for developing that ink pen for him in 1934.

GREEN AWARD

THE ELECTION Commission announced the poll schedule for Jharkhand on Friday. While press conferences on election announcements are usually addressed by all three election commissioners, Ashok Lavasa was conspicuous by his absence on Friday. It turns out he was in Australia to receive the International Alumnus of the Year Award at Southern Cross University. Lavasa, who has an MBA degree from the university, was recognised for his contribution to address issues of environment, forests and climate change.

BALANCING ACT

EIGHT GERMAN women from the German side and one Indian woman — Indian envoy in Berlin Mukta Tomar — were in a photograph tweeted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who hosted German Chancellor Angela Merkel for bilateral talks. While this looked like a gender imbalance in the Indian and German delegations, Merkel held a separate roundtable, with some women Indian leaders from different walks of life attended it.

QUICK SHIFT

EVEN AS the government has sought an explanation from WhatsApp on the alleged surveillance of phones of more than two dozen people through spyware, users of the messaging platform within the government seem to be reacting in their own ways. While the government waits for WhatsApp's response, its National Technical Research Organisation (NTRO) chief — Satish Jha — is known to have joined another messaging platform, Telegram, Friday evening.

Bengal govt gives 'Y' category security to Sovan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 1

THE STATE government upgraded former Kolkata mayor and BJP leader Sovan Chatterjee's security to 'Y' category on Friday.

The development comes in the wake of Chatterjee and his close associate Baishakhi Banerjee's meeting with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on October 29, the occasion of Bhatridwitiya. This also led to speculation that Chatterjee may return to TMC soon.

Earlier, as a mayor and TMC leader, Chatterjee used to enjoy 'Z' category security. However, when he resigned as the mayor and also from other party posts, his security was downgraded to 'Y' category. Later, when Chatterjee and Banerjee had both joined the BJP last month, the state government withdrew his security with immediate effect.

At present, under the 'Y' category, Chatterjee will be provided 11 security personnel, including one or two commandos.

A senior police official said, "It is a routine process. The state review committee, under the leadership of state DGP, regularly evaluates the security and threat perception of VIPs and VVIPs. Accordingly, their security cover is upgraded or degraded."

However, a few top TMC leaders do not think that the development is a routine process.

According to a TMC source, Chatterjee and Banerjee used to visit CM's residence every year to



Sovan Chatterjee

celebrate Bhatridwitiya. However, last year he had skipped the event, and had later joined the BJP. But after a while, both Chatterjee and Banerjee were reportedly unhappy with the BJP. The duo's visit to the CM's house led to speculation that Chatterjee's return to the TMC was just a matter of time.

"This is a signal that Chatterjee will return to the party fold very soon," said a top TMC leader who did not wish to be named.

Medinipur MP and BJP state president Dilip Ghosh said, "Chatterjee used to get security from the state government. I do not know why that was withdrawn and now why it is being provided again. Only the state administration can clarify."

Later, addressing mediapersons at the state BJP headquarters, Ghosh took a dig at Chatterjee.

"When he (Chatterjee) joined the party, no one had given any assurance that certain responsibility or post will be given to him. Even after joining our party, he remained inactive. Only once he came to our state party headquarters after his induction...I had talked to him but could not make an impact on his behaviour."

BJP targets 65-plus tally, Oppn slams 5-phase polls

Ruling party to focus on scheme implementation, Oppn to highlight 'misrule'

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, NOVEMBER 1

SOON AFTER the Election Commission announced five-phase polls in Jharkhand, the political climate heated up in the state, with Opposition parties alleging that the poll panel did not heed their views on conducting the elections in one phase.

Leader of Opposition and JMM chief Hemant Soren said, "The five-phase elections show that everything is not right in Jharkhand." Congress working president Rajesh Thakur said, "The EC sought our views, but it was a fruitless exercise as our request was not heeded. We had demanded election in one phase. It is clear that Left-wing extremism has not reduced in the state."

Jharkhand's Nodal Officer for conducting elections and ADG (Operation) ML Meena said, "Left-wing extremism has been a challenge in Jharkhand, they boycott polls and target polling parties. We have started the preparations."

He said the polls have to be conducted in rough terrain and communication remains a challenge. In 2014, he said, Jharkhand had 21 Left-wing extremism-affected districts, which has reduced to 19 in 2019. "There were 16 most-affected districts, the number is now 13," Meena added. BJP is in power in Jharkhand, which has a large tribal population, and an alliance of Opposition parties — mainly the Congress and Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) — is making a bid to oust the Raghubar Das government.

While the Opposition parties try to recoup after a dismal performance in the Lok Sabha elections, the ruling BJP is eyeing a 65-plus tally in the 81-member Assembly with the "Ghar ghar Raghubar" campaign. Their main poll plank will be the government's work on "effective implementation" of central schemes and setting up of companies under Momentum Jharkhand to provide employment.

Asked if BJP was perturbed by poll verdicts in Haryana and Maharashtra, Das had told *The Indian Express*, "Maharashtra and Haryana do not have 26 per cent tribal population and situation is very different here. We will definitely win."

The BJP now has 48 seats in the Assembly, with five MLAs from Opposition parties having



Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora (right) with Election Commissioner Sunil Chandra at a press conference to announce the schedule for Jharkhand Assembly polls, at Nirvachan Sadan, in New Delhi on Friday. *PTI*



joined recently.

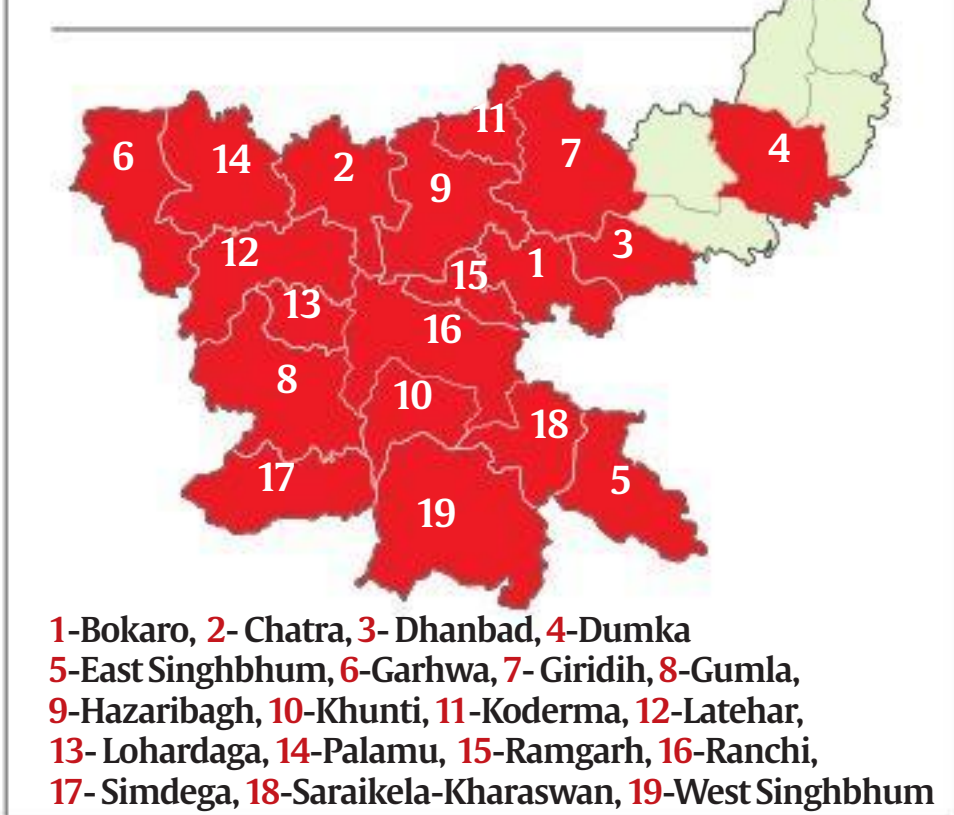
The Opposition, on its part, has been raising the issue of "misrule of the government" and "anti-adivasi" decisions such as attempted tweaking of tenancy Acts and creating land banks without taking tribals' consent.

Alliances, meanwhile, have been on the backburner. The BJP has been in alliance with All Indian Jharkhand Students Union (AJSU), but there has been no consensus on seat-sharing. Lok Janshakti Party, the BJP's ally in Bihar, is exploring an alliance with the BJP in Jharkhand.

The Opposition, too, has not reached a consensus on seat-sharing. Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee had been grappling with infighting over its president Ajoy Kumar, who resigned after writing a scathing letter against veteran leaders like Subodh Kant Sahay and Pradeep Balmuchu.

JMM has also not reached an agreement on seat-sharing. "The issue is over tribal seats, which will be sorted soon. Some senior Congress leaders were irked because Hemant was projected as the CM face," said a source.

MAOIST-AFFECTED DISTRICTS



MHA, February 2019

EXPLAINED LS poll spell broken, Jharkhand a new test

THE FIRST set of Assembly elections after the Lok Sabha polls was sobering for the incumbent BJP, which witnessed a slip in tally in both Maharashtra and Haryana. It also gave hope to the Opposition, which improved its performance. The Jharkhand elections follow the two Assembly elections that have broken the spell of Lok Sabha elections, in which the Opposition got swept away. Jharkhand will test whether the earlier two state elections marked the beginning of a new trend after Lok Sabha polls, or a one-off sobering reminder to the incumbent.



The Raghubar Das-led BJP emerged as the leading party in at least 57 Assembly segments in Jharkhand in 2019 Lok Sabha elections

BJP slams MP govt's liquor moves: Won't allow state to become 'Madira Pradesh'

Leading the BJP's opposition to the moves was former chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who warned the Kamal Nath government that he would not let Madhya Pradesh become "Madira (liquor) Pradesh".

He claimed that most rapes are committed by people in inebriated condition, and said that the government's decisions would lead to an increase in crime against women and would result in a law-and-order issue.

Chouhan said his government did not allow a single new liquor shop to come up, and had made attempts to reduce the existing shops with an aim to gradually take the state towards prohibition. He cited the decision to close down shops close to the Narmada as a step in that direction.

"Even we used to get such proposals to increase liquor

(BJP got 8 and AJSU 2). Opposition parties Congress and JMM won 3 seats each. The JMM was runner-up on maximum 7 seats followed by BJP (5) in the seats with thin victory margin.

In terms of the overall performance in the last Assembly election, out of 81 seats, the BJP won maximum 35 seats — almost double of its tally of 18 seats in 2009. JMM won 17 seats, Congress six and AJSU five, and 18 seats went to others.

The BJP's vote share increased to 31 per cent in com-

parison to 20 per cent in 2009. Among the Opposition parties, the JMM's vote share increased from 16 per cent in 2009 to 20 per cent in 2014, while Congress's vote share came down from 12 to 10 per cent.

An analysis of the 2019 Lok Sabha election results shows that BJP emerged as the leading party in at least 57 Assembly segments in Jharkhand, whereas the Congress was in leading position on 11 seats, JMM 7 and AJSUP 6.

In the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, too, BJP was the leading

After recent poll dent, BJP may rethink strategy for Jharkhand

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 1

WITH THE below-expectation election results in Haryana and Maharashtra, the ruling BJP is treading cautiously in Jharkhand, where elections will be held in five phases from November 30. Sources said the BJP will be careful in its ticket distribution and campaign strategy, despite the morale boost it received with a number of opposition MLAs joining the party.

Like in Haryana and Maharashtra, the BJP leadership has assessed that the Opposition's failure to come up with a formidable alternative, the goodwill created by populist measures of the Raghubar Das government and the surge in the wake of its spectacular performance in the Lok Sabha elections would prove advantageous to the BJP in Jharkhand, too. However, the October 21 election verdicts seem to have prompted the party to review its strategies for the polls to the 81-member Jharkhand Assembly.

Sources pointed out that the BJP had never won a simple majority on its own in the state — formed in 2000 — hence, setting a tall tally as a target was not on the cards. "The BJP will work hard to ensure that we retain power, and if we get a simple majority on our own it will be a big achievement," said a party leader from Jharkhand. The source added that a cohesive Opposition alliance between the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) and Congress could pose a challenge. He pointed out that the Opposition could not project a credible alliance in the Lok Sabha polls as there was confusion till the last minute.

In 2014, the BJP won 37 seats in Jharkhand and formed the government after cobbling up an alliance with All Jharkhand Students' Union (AJSU), which won five seats. The coalition won 12 of the 14 Lok Sabha seats in the 2019 general election.

The recent Assembly results have underlined that the electorate may behave differently for national elections and state elections. For Jharkhand, sources said the situation was

not rosy for the BJP as the Lok Sabha poll results would suggest. In fact, they said, Chief Minister Raghubar Das's tactics to rally the non-tribal support base could be counter-productive for the party. The party's performance in tribal areas of Maharashtra were also a warning to the leadership, said a leader.

According to sources, the top leadership has received feedback from the state in-charge that tribals and minorities — Muslims and Christians together form around 20 per cent of the population — could consolidate against the BJP, if there is a formidable Opposition coalition in the electoral scene. Tribals form more than 26 per cent of the population.

The sources also said that populist measures, such as Rs 5,000 per acre to 22.76 lakh medium and marginal farmers, have built tremendous goodwill for the chief minister.

BJP president Amit Shah appointed O P Mathur as election in-charge for Jharkhand months earlier, but the poll results in Maharashtra — where the BJP is relying heavily on its partner Shiv Sena to form the government — and Haryana — where it had to stitch a post-poll alliance with newly formed Jannayak Janata Party as it could not cross the halfway mark — could lead the BJP to recalibrate its strategy and regroup.

Even as leaders like BJP general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya have pointed out the the BJP could have performed better if the organisation had done effective micro-management on the ground, O P Mathur, the party's election in-charge for Jharkhand, and Saudan Singh, party joint general secretary in-charge, have been working overtime to calm the waters. Singh is learnt to have interacted with influential party workers from all 81 Assembly segments of the state to effect corrective measures. Mathur has been holding organisational meetings. According to sources, Singh briefed the leadership about the political challenges in the state during a meeting of general secretaries held by BJP working president J P Nadda last month.

Conclave on MP govt's right to health initiative begins

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BHOPAL, NOVEMBER 1

A TWO-DAY conclave that will brainstorm over fulfilling the Madhya Pradesh government's promise to provide right to health to its residents, began in the state capital on Friday.

While reviewing the activities of the health department in May this year, Chief Minister Kamal Nath had instructed officials to work out a scheme that will ensure right to health. Experts who are attending the conclave will suggest ways to enable the scheme.

Inaugurating the event, the CM said right to health is the most important among human rights. He added that the state will have to ensure not just infrastructure and financial resources but also skilled manpower to ensure peo-

ple have access to health facilities. Admitting that the current infrastructure is not up to the mark, the CM said though the state has budget, it lacks qualified medical practitioners and other human resources. He said he supports PPP model in the field of health but the best model will have to be chosen carefully. There are many villages with primary health centers but there are no doctors, the CM added.

State Health Minister Tulsi Silawat said the government will try to cover 97 per cent illnesses under the proposed right to health initiative.



State lacks qualified medical practitioners: Kamal Nath



NORTH

25-year-old's body found, head smashed by hammer

Muzaffarnagar: A 25-year-old man who went missing three days ago in Uttar Pradesh's Muzaffarnagar district was found murdered with the killer smashing his head with a hammer and recording the brutal incident, police said on Friday. Rajiv, a native of Chapar village in the district, went missing on October 29

and his body with severe injuries was found at a nearby field on Thursday evening, police said. Officials said one Aryakant was behind the killing who is now absconding. He made videos of the murder and four clips have been found, they said. Police said they are yet to ascertain the motive. **PTI**



Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat flags off a rally against the use of plastic and polythene in Dehradun on Friday. *Virender Singh Negi*

EAST

17 girls rescued from bus in Odisha, 'trafficker' held

Koraput (Odisha): A group of 17 girls was rescued from a bus in Koraput district, police said on Friday. One person, accompanying them, was being arrested on trafficking charges, a police officer said. The operation was carried out on Wednesday night, Jeyvora Sub-Divisional Police Officer Varun Guntupalli said. "We had specific infor-

mation that the girls were being trafficked from Nabarangpur district to Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh," he said. The accused revealed during interrogation that from Visakhapatnam, he would have taken the girls to Chennai to engage them in construction work, the officer said. **PTI**

WEST

Woman held for sharing objectionable video of sister

Mumbai: A 25-year-old woman was arrested for allegedly shooting an objectionable video of her sister and sharing it with her married boyfriend, an official said on Friday. The incident came to light on Thursday, when the victim approached the police with a complaint against her sister and the man, an official said. The accused man al-

legedly took screenshots of the video, saved them on his mobile phone and later shared them with the victim's relatives. The man had allegedly asked his girlfriend to take nude pictures of her sister and promised to marry her in return, he said. The accused woman has been released on bail, while the man is on the run, police said. **PTI**

SOUTH

Andhra govt cancels Vizag land allotment to LuLu Group

Hyderabad: The Andhra Pradesh government has cancelled the land allotment in Visakhapatnam made to the multinational conglomerate LuLu Group by the previous Telugu Desam Party regime. Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy on Wednesday decided to take back 13.83 acres given to the LuLu Group to build an inter-

national shopping mall and convention centre near the city's Harbour Park, facing the sea. A decision was also taken at the Cabinet meeting to cancel the agreement signed with the conglomerate. State Information and Public Relations Minister Purni Venkataramaiah said that the land was allotted unethically. **ENS**

KARTARPUR

Sikhs from India won't need passport for visit, says Imran

SHUBHAJIT ROY

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 1

PAKISTAN PRIME Minister Imran Khan on Friday said Sikh pilgrims from India would only need a valid ID and not a passport to travel to Kartarpur and are not required to register 10 days in advance to visit the Gurdwara Darbar Sahib.

In a tweet on Friday morning, Khan also announced that the pilgrims who arrive on the day of the Kartarpur corridor's opening on November 9 and on the 550th birth anniversary of the Sikh Guru on November 12 will not be charged a fee of \$20 to visit the holy shrine.

While there was no official word on Khan's announcement, sources in New Delhi said that while it is a move in the right direction, the gesture is limited to "only" Sikh pilgrims whereas Indians of all faith are going to be part of the pilgrimage.

Also, sources in Delhi said it would have been better if the fee is waived for all days, as has been their demand. Except the two days, each pilgrim would be required to pay \$20 as fee although India has requested Pakistan not to charge them.

"For Sikhs coming for pilgrimage to Kartarpur from India, I have waived off two requirements: i) they won't need a passport-just a valid ID; ii) they no longer have to register 10 days in advance. Also, no fee to be charged on day of inauguration and on Guruji's 550th



Pakistan Punjab Governor Mohammed Sarver addresses the media at Gurdwara Nankana Sahib in Pakistan. *PTI*

birthday," Khan tweeted.

The Kartarpur Corridor will connect the Dera Baba Nanak shrine in India's Punjab with Darbar Sahib at Kartarpur, just 4 km from the International Border, located at Narowal district of Pakistan's Punjab province.

Despite the escalation of hostilities on the Line of Control, India and Pakistan signed the

pact on the Kartarpur Corridor last month.

The government has taken the initiative to put in place the state-of-the-art infrastructure and open the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor on the auspicious occasion of the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev so that the pilgrims from India and those holding Overseas Citizen



RAJNATH IN TASHKENT

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh pays tribute to former PM Lal Bahadur Shastri in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, on Friday. Singh described Shastri as epitome of simplicity and honesty. *PTI*

Rampur court convicts five of 2008 CRPF camp attack, sentencing today

MANISH SAHU

LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 1

A LOCAL court in Rampur on Friday convicted five people, including two Pakistani alleged Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) operatives, for the 2008 attack on a CRPF camp in Rampur that led to the death of eight people.

The convicted include alleged LeT operatives Imran Shahzad and Mohammad Farooq, and Shareef (41), Jung Bahadur (56) and Sabauddin (40). The court also acquitted two others — Gulab Khan (41) and Mohammad Kausar (48)

— for want of evidence.

Police had booked Gulab Khan and Kausar for allegedly hiding the weapons used at their residences before the attack.

"Additional District and Session Judge Sanjay Kumar today held five accused identified, as Imran Shahzad, Farooq, Shareef, Jung Bahadur and Sabauddin guilty in the CRPF camp attack case. The court acquitted Gulab Khan and Mohammad Kausar for want of evidences," district government counsel Dalvinder Singh said.

The same court, in another case, convicted Mumbai native

Faheem Ansari, who was arrested along Shareef. Police had said they recovered two hand grenades, a pistol, a fake driving licence, a Pakistani passport and nine hand-drawn maps of Mumbai from Ansari's possession. One of the maps was then claimed to have carried sketches of the routes in Mumbai used by militants in the November 26, 2008 attack.

Singh said Faheem Ansari was not accused in the CRPF camp attack case and has been convicted in a separate case.

The court will pronounce the quantum of sentence in both cases on Saturday.

According to the prosecution, militants entered the CRPF camp in Rampur in the early hours of January 1, 2008, firing indiscriminately and killing seven CRPF men on the campus and a rickshaw-puller outside. During the course of investigation, the UP Special Task Force arrested Shareef, Jung Bahadur, Kausar, Gulab Khan and Sabauddin, along with Imran of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and Mohammad Farooq of Pakistan's Punjab.

Faheem and Sabauddin also faced trial in the Mumbai attack case, but were acquitted by a court that city.

PDP expels sole MP for attending L-G swearing-in event

BASHAARAT MASOOD

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 1

THE PEOPLE'S Democratic Party (PDP) on Friday expelled party leader and Rajya Sabha member Nazir Ahmad Laway for attending the swearing-in ceremony of J-K's first Lt Governor, Girish Chandra Murmu, on Thursday. Laway, however, questioned who had issued the order saying that the party president in presently in jail.

Laway, a resident of south Kashmir's Kulgam, was the only mainstream political leader, other than leaders of the BJP, who attended Thursday's ceremony at the Raj Bhawan in Srinagar.

In a release on Friday, the PDP said Laway was being expelled for "anti-party activities".

"Member of Rajya Sabha Nazir Ahmed Laway has been expelled from the basic membership of the party. The decision has been taken by the party leadership after learning about the participation of Laway in the official function of the swearing-in ceremony of the newly-appointed Lieutenant Governor in Srinagar, thus undermining the party leadership in entirety".

"The participation of the MP was in contravention to the party stand regarding the current political situation and revocation of Article 370," the release said.

It added that this was not Laway's first violation of the party's directives. "This is not for the first time that the MP has gone against the directives and instructions of the party. Earlier, he abstained from the voting against the Triple Talaq bill, which was tabled in the Rajya Sabha this year. Even after seeking an explanation for such an unruly behaviour, he remained adamant in violating the basic



Nazir Ahmad Laway

party norms," the release added.

Laway, however, defended his decision to attend the ceremony saying he had been invited as an MP.

"I am a leader and I know what I have to do and where I have to go," he told *The Indian Express*.

"I am a representative of the people. I have to go to the LG tomorrow with demands of people. If I didn't go today, I think, it would not have been appropriate for me to go tomorrow," he added.

"I had an invitation. I didn't go on my own. It is the highest forum and only dignitaries are invited there. I was invited and I went. I am an MP and this invitation was an honour for me. I had to honour it and go there," he said.

He asked who had ordered the expulsion. "But the question is who expelled me? Our party president is in jail. So who is doing it? Earlier also we were asked to resign (from parliament). We came to know about it through TV channels. We are being directed to do this and that. But who is giving these directions?" he asked.

Laway said he was not part of any plan to form an alternative political formation in J-K and continues to be a member of the PDP. "Who is part of that (plan)? I don't know," he said.

No annual prayer at Srinagar shrine, police cite security

ADIL AKHZER

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 1

A DAY after Jammu and Kashmir officially became a Union Territory, police on Friday prevented thousands of people from holding special annual prayers at a shrine in Srinagar. While the cleric of the mosque termed this an "interference in religious affairs", police have cited the "present security situation".

The Khwaja Naqshband Sahib shrine in the old city area is visited by thousands for annual congregational prayers called Khoja Digar. These prayers were to be held on Friday.

On Friday morning, security personnel were deployed in large numbers to prevent people from reaching the shrine.

Mohammad Tayib Kaamli, the cleric of the mosque, told *The Indian Express* that police informed him on Thursday that prayers won't be allowed on Friday. "This is interference in religious affairs. This is against the Constitution and it is oppression on Kashmiris. Since 1976, this is the first time I am witnessing this," he said.

Local residents who tried to

reach the shrine had heated arguments with the security personnel. "This is our fate after we became a Union Territory. The government has now started barring us from holding the prayers too. I feel very sad," said Ghulam Mohammed, a Srinagar resident who has been visiting the shrine for the last 32 years.

"People came and were waiting for the prayers. I saw an elderly woman having an altercation with policemen," Moulana Khursheed Ahmad Kanoongo, a known religious figure in the Valley told *The Indian Express*.

Mufti Fareed ud Din, CEO of J&K Waqf Board, told *The Indian Express* that all preparations had been made for the prayers. "I don't know what happened. May be due to security reasons, the prayers were not allowed," he said.

J&K police officers said they cannot afford to have thousands of people on road in the "present security scenario".

"It is only because of the present security scenario. In the present security situation, particularly in Srinagar, we cannot afford to have 20,000 men on road," Srinagar SSP Haseeb Mughal told *The Indian Express*.

Prison authorities didn't allow me to give books to Sudha Bharadwaj, claims activist

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

PUNE, NOVEMBER 1

AN ASSOCIATE OF activist Sudha Bharadwaj — an accused in the Elgaar Parishad case currently lodged in Pune's Yerawada prison — has claimed that jail authorities prevented her from providing books to Bharadwaj as per the rules.

Bharadwaj was arrested by the Pune City Police last year for her alleged links with the banned CPI-Maoists and has been in the women's jail in Yerwada since then.

Ahead of Bharadwaj's birthday on November 1, activist and



Sudha Bharadwaj

lawyer Shalini Gera went to meet her in jail on Thursday. Gera told *The Indian Express* that she had carried two books for Bharadwaj but was not allowed to give them to her.

PRIEST OF GIR TEMPLE VOTED IN EVERY MAJOR ELECTION

Lone voter of Gir polling booth dies at 69

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

RAJKOT, NOVEMBER 1

BHARATDAS DARSHANDAS, a priest for whom the Election Commission had set up a polling station deep inside Gir forest during every major election for two decades, died in a hospital in Rajkot on Friday after prolonged illness. The 69-year-old was hospitalised four days ago with renal complications.

Bharatdas was the priest of Bangangeshwar Mahadev temple inside Gir forest in Una Assembly constituency. The EC would set up a polling station at

Banej, a forest outpost near the temple, and Bharatdas would be the lone registered voter there for every election. He would cast his vote without fail.

The EC would send a team of five to six staff and set up the booth inside the forest, as the law mandates that no voter should have to walk more than 2 km to cast his vote. The nearest other polling station from Bangangeshwar Mahadev temple is at least 20 km away.

"Bharatdas was diabetic and both his kidneys failed. He also had high blood pressure. We admitted him to Christ Hospital on Monday. But his health deterio-

rated further Thursday night and doctors put him on ventilator. Doctors said his heart was failing gradually, and declared him death on Friday afternoon," Haridas Darshandas, head of Jamadagni Ashram in Kodinar taluka of Gir Somnath, told *The Indian Express*. "He had been battling these ailments for five years."

Haridas is "gurubhai" of Bharatdas. Both were disciples of Darshandas. Bharatdas's last rites will be performed at Jamadagni Ashram at 11 am on Saturday, Haridas said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had mentioned Bharatdas in one of his Mann Ki Baat.



Bharatdas Darshandas



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Bid document will be available in website <http://tntenders.gov.in> till **3.00 P.M. on 09.01.2020** for online bidding. The bidders must possess Digital Signature Certificate for submission of bids through online in the above website.

EMD Amount	Rs.8,17,000/-
Pre-bid meeting Date and Time:	19.12.2019 at 3.00 P.M
Last date and Time of Tender Submission:	09.01.2020 up to 3.00 P.M.
Tender opening Date and Time:	10.01.2020 at 3.30 P.M

DIPR/3992/Tender/2019

Superintending Engineer/Bridges

कार्यालय, कार्यपालक अभियन्ता,
लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, गुमला

Tender Extension Notice

इस कार्यालय के अत्यकालीन E—Tender No.WRD/MID/Gumla-F2-28/2019-20 Renovation of Chitragutu M.I. Scheme जिसका P.R.N. 218932 M.I. (2019-20) है, अपरिहार्य कारणों से Tender date में संशोधित किया गया था जिसका प्रकाशन P.R.N. 219985 M.I. (2019-20) D है, इस योजना का पुनः Tender date में निम्न प्रकार संशोधित किया जाता है।

Particulars	Previous date	Extension date.
(1) Date of publication of Tender	31.10.2019	02.12.2019
(2) Last date/Time for submission of Tender in website.	07.11.2019	10.12.2019
(3) Submission of Cost of Tender & bidding document.	08.11.2019	11.12.2019
(4) Opening of Tender	09.11.2019	12.12.2019

अन्य शर्तें पूर्ववत् रहेगा ।

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता,
लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, गुमला।

P.R.221407 Minor Irrigation(19-20)-D

कार्यालय, कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, गुमला

Tender Extension Notice

इस कार्यालय के अत्यकालीन E—Tender No.WRD/MID/Gumla-F2-29/2019-20 Renovation of Asani M.I. Scheme जिसका P.R.N. 218933 M.I. (2019-20) है, अपरिहार्य कारणों से Tender date में संशोधित किया गया था जिसका प्रकाशन P.R.N. 219986 M.I. (2019-20) D है, इस योजना का पुनः Tender date में निम्न प्रकार संशोधित किया जाता है।

Particulars	Previous date	Extension date.
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अन्य शर्तें पूर्ववत् रहेगा ।

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता,
लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, गुमला।

PR 221408 Minor Irrigation(19-20)D

जल संसाधन विभाग, झारखण्ड सरकार

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय,
जलपथ प्रमंडल, राँची

शुद्धि-पत्र

e-Procurement Notice(SBD) 2nd Call, Re e-Tender Reference No.: WRD/WWD, RANCHI/10/ 2019-20 date-10.10.2019 (PR-219268 Water Resources)19-20'D के द्वारा प्रकाशित निविदा के क्रमांक-7, 9 एवं 10 को निम्नलव संशोधित समझा जाय।

		From 14.10.2019 to 13.11.2019 upto 5:00PM
1	Bid Submission Period	
2	Last Date and Time of Submission of Hard copy of Bid cost and EMD	Date 14.11.2019 Time-up to 03:00 PM.
3	Date of opening (Technical Bid)	Date 16.11.2019 Time 11:00 A.M.

निविदा की अन्य शर्तें यथावत् रहेगी। साथ ही SBD में भी तिथि संशोधित समझा जाय।

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता,
जलपथ प्रमंडल, राँची।

P.R.221475 Water Resource(19-20):D

WESTERN RAILWAY-AHMEDABAD DIVISION

Corrigendum Details Corrigendum No. 1 Corrigendum Publish Date: 30.10.2019 15:53

Tender No: DRM-Snt-ADI-Sig19 of 19-20 (Open Tender) Closing Date/Time: 18.11.2019, 15:00. Name of Work: Part Supply of signaling material, installation testing and commissioning in connection with various signaling works pertaining to construction of restricted height subway between Chandoliya-Sabarnati stations, raising & rehabilitation works of platforms at various stations in Ahmedabad-Virangam, Samakhilyai - Gandhidham-New Bhuj section and other works related to track circuit and points in various sections of Ahmedabad Division.

New Items Added Documents

S.No.	Document Description	File Name
1	Schedule	2. SCHEDULET. No. 19 of 2019-20 pdf
2	Cover Page	1. COVERPAGE. No. 19 of 19-20 pdf
3	Technical Specification	2a. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION. No. 19 of 19-20 pdf
4	General Instruction	4. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONST. No. 19 of 19-20 pdf
5	Format Annexure	5. FORMAT ANNEXURET. No. 19 of 19-20 pdf
6	Special Condition	3. SPECIAL CONDITION OF CONTRACTT. No. 19 of 19-20 pdf
7	Tender Form	1a. TENDER FORMMS-FIRSTSHEETSECONDSHEETT. No. 19 of 19-20 pdf

Items Deleted Tender Documents

S.No.	File Name	Document Description
1	1. COVERPAGE. No. 17 of 19-20 pdf	Cover Page
2	1a. TENDER FORMMS-FIRSTSHEETSECONDSHEETT. No. 17 of 19-20 pdf	Tender Form
3	2. SCHEDULET. No. 17 of 2019-20 pdf	Schedule
4	2a. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION. No. 17 of 19-20 pdf	Technical Specification
5	3. SPECIAL CONDITION CONTRACTT. No. 17 of 19-20 pdf.	Special Condition
6	4. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONST. No. 17 of 19-20 pdf	General Instruction
7	5. FORMAT ANNEXURET. No. 17 of 19-20 pdf	Format Annexure

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person (depicted in the photo) **Namely Unknown S/o Unknown R/o Unknown Age : 50-55 years, Height : 5'6", Complexion : Shallow, Built : Thin, Face : Long, Wearing : Yellow colour shirt & White colour Lungi** has been found dead at Infront of Shree Ram Hospital, Krishna Nagar, Delhi on 22.10.2019. In this regard a case vide DD No. 04A dated 22.10.2019 has been lodged at P.S. Krishna Nagar, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this found dead person may kindly inform to the following:-

SHO
P.S. Krishna Nagar, Delhi
Shahdara Distt. Delhi
Tel. No. 011-22093224, 22093887

DP/1284/SHD/19

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Corrigendum-I

No. 62- Med/WC/Divil.Hospital/Delhi/2019-21 Dated: 01.11.2019 In reference to Tender No. 62- Med/WC/Divil.Hospital/Delhi/2019-21 Dated 01.11.2019 for Washing contract for washing of linen of Northern Railway Divisional Hospital, S.P Mukherjee Marg, Delhi-110006 with contractor's labour and washing material etc for a period of two years from the date of award of work corrigendum is as under:-

1. Tender Notice No.	No. 62- Med/WC/Divil.Hospital/Delhi/2019-21
2. Tender Cost	Rs. 23,523.97/- per month or Rs. 5,64,575.28/- (Rs. Five lakh Sixty Four Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Five and twenty eight paise Only)

The Tender document may be read with corrigendum-I

All other terms and conditions will remain same. 3520/2019

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GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION

Special Project Department

S.P.D.C.No.B1/0789/2019

CORRIGENDUM-I

The Special Project Department has invited Expression of Interest (EoI) for Selection of Concessionaire to install, Commission and Maintain underground City Wide Optical Fiber Connectivity for Chennai City under PPP mode and was published in Deccan Chronicle and New Indian Express English Newspapers on 01.10.2019. The following changes are to be published.

As Published	Revised
Due date and time of submission of EoI 04.11.2019 upto 3.00 p.m	Due date and time of submission of EoI 21.11.2019 upto 3.00 p.m
Date and Time of opening of EoI 05.11.2019 at 3.30 p.m	Date and Time of opening of EoI 22.11.2019 at 3.30 p.m

All other Conditions remains same.

DIPR/3989/Tender/2019

Superintending Engineer (Special Projects)

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION

BRIDGES DEPARTMENT

BR.D.C.No.B3/0857/2019

e-TENDER NOTICE

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

Construction of additional bridge at Arunachalam Road across coom river in Dn-62, Zone - V.

Bid document will be available in website <http://tntenders.gov.in> till 3.00 PM on 06.01.2020 for online bidding. The bidders must possess Digital Signature Certificate for submission of bids through online in the above website.

EMD Amount - Rs. 8,36,000/-
Pre-bid meeting Date and Time: 16.12.2019 at 3.00 P.M
Last Date and Time of Tender submission: 06.01.2020 up to 3.00 P.M.
Tender Opening Date and Time: 07.01.2020 at 3.30 P.M

DIPR/3994/Tender/2019

Superintending Engineer (Bridges)

कार्यालय, कार्यपालक अभियन्ता,
लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, गुमला

Tender Extension Notice

इस कार्यालय के अत्यकालीन E—Tender No.WRD/MID/Gumla-F2-27/2019-20 Renovation of Itkiri M.I. Scheme जिसका P.R.N. 218929 M.I. (2019-20) है, अपरिहार्य कारणों से Tender date में संशोधित किया गया था जिसका प्रकाशन P.R.N.219983 M.I. (2019-20) D है, इस योजना का पुनः Tender date में निम्न प्रकार संशोधित किया जाता है।

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अन्य शर्तें पूर्ववत् रहेगा ।

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता,
लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, गुमला

PR 221406 (Minor Irrigation)19-20'D

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
MINOR IRRIGATION DIVISION, JHARSUGUDA.

No. 1682/Date, 28.10.2019

e-PROCUREMENT NOTICE

BID REF No: EE,MID,JSD/10/2019-20

Name of work	
No. of works	: Civil Construction Works
Estimated cost:	: 09 (Nine) No.
	: Varies from Approximately Rs.15.00 lakh to Rs.48.00 lakh for 09 Nos. of works is Rs.251.00 Lakh.
Tender paper cost	: Referred to DTCN.
Period of completion	: Referred to DTCN.
Availability of bid documents	: From 14.11.2019 10.00 AM to 26.11.2019 up to 05.30 PM website (www.tendersorissa.gov.in)
Period of receipt of bid through online:	: From 14.11.2019 10.00 AM to 26.11.2019 up to 05.30 through online.
Date of opening of bid documents	: On dt. 27.11.2019 at 11.00 AM. onwards.
Digital signature certificate of Bidder	: The bidder must possess compatible digital signature certificate (DSC) of Class-II or Class-III.

The detail tender call notice can also be seen in the DOWR website - <http://dowr.orissa.gov.in>

Name & Address of the O/I : Executive Engineer, M.J.Division, Jharsuguda At-Jharsuguda,Near Pahadi Mandir,PO-Kalimandir Road, District Jharsuguda PIN-768002.

Further details can be seen from the : <http://tendersorissa.gov.in> e-Procurement market place.

sd/- S.K Pattanaik
Executive Engineer
M.I.Division,Jharsuguda.

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Woman kills self

Coimbatore: Upset over being told by her father to part with her pet dog, whose barking irked neighbours, a 24-year-old woman allegedly committed suicide at her home on the outskirts of Coimbatore, police said. Kavitha, a private sector employee, hanged herself in her room on Thursday, police said. PTI

Office of the Executive Engineer Construction Division, U.P. Jal Nigam, Hathras

Ref No. 1273/Nivada/34 Dated : 26.10.2019

Very Short E-Tender Notice

U.P. Jal Nigam, E-tenders are invited on single bid system for Installation of India Mark-II Handpump and its related all works as per departmental design and drawing in various Tehsil of Urban Local Body (Nagar Palika / Town areas) of Hathras Distt as per given Package. Tender document shall be available at e-procurement website <http://etender.up.nic.in>. Interested contractors may view & download tender document and upload their tender, duly filled, online as per schedule given below :
Date for : (i) Uploading bid document at website : 11.11.2019 at 17:00, (ii) Online Submission of e-bids : 18.11.2019 at 17:00 (iii) Opening of Technical & Financial bid : 20.11.2019 at 12:30

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Building Organisation - Form of Contract : Lumpsum

Short Time Tender Notice No. 10/VLRCLE/2019-20 / Dated : 01.11.2019

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu Sealed Tenders are invited by the Special Chief Engineer, PWD., Buildings (Construction and Maintenance) Circle, Vellore-1 for the following works from the eligible Contractors registered in Public works Department of Government of Tamil Nadu, upto 3.00 pm as per office clock on 19.11.2019 under Two cover system (Pre qualification and Price tender). The Prequalification cover (Cover-I) alone will be opened on 19.11.2019 at 3.30 PM by the Special Chief Engineer in presence of the Tenderers or their authorised agents.

PACKAGE NO.1 - Construction of Warehouse for proper Storage of EVMs and VVPATs at Slice 1 : Vellore in Vellore District, Slice 2 : Thiruvannamalai in Thiruvannamalai District and Slice 3 : Construction of Centre for examination of Vulnerable Witnessess and Child Witnessess court halls in Criminal cases in the Combined Court campus at Thiruvannamalai in Thiruvannamalai District.

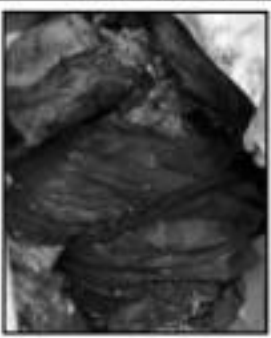
PACKAGE NO. 2 - Construction of Warehouse for proper Storage of EVMs and VVPATs at Slice 1 : Cuddalore in Cuddalore District, and Slice 2 : Villupuram in Villupuram District.

The E.M.D. remittance and other details can also be available from the Govt. designated website (<https://www.tenders.tn.gov.in>) and Office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Building (C&M) Circle, Vellore - 632001. The tender schedule can be downloaded at free of cost from the above website upto 18.11.2019-5.45 pm.

DIPR / 4005 / TENDER / 2019

Special Chief Engineer, PWD., Buildings (C&M) Circle, Vellore - 1

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY



General Public is hereby informed that one person **Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, Address: Unknown** was found dead at Ganda Nala, "Service Road, Machhi Market, chandan vihar, Nilothi Extension, Delhi in the area of P. S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi on 06.10.2019 at 07.15 pm. In this regard a case has been lodged vide **FIR No. 698/2019 dated 06.10.2019** at P. S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. The description of the dead person is as under:- **Age: Approx. 20-30 years, Sex: Male, Height: 5', Complexion: Wheatish, Injury: Partially Decomposed body, Wearing: Black colour T-shirt and Black colour Pant.** If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned.

SHO
P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi

DP/2834/OD/19 Ph.: 011-2594710, 7065036129

HYDERBAD GROWTH CORRIDOR LIMITED

HGCL Office Building, 2nd Floor, Kajaguda Road, Adjacent to ORR, Nanakramguda - 500104

Ph: 040-27002913, Email: cgmhgcl@gmail.com

E-procurement Tender Notice

Tender Notice No.74/CGM(T)/DGM(Elec)/HGCL/2019 Dt.31-10-2019
Bids are invited on e-procurement platform for the work of Design, Supply and installation of LED Lighting on MCW, VUPs, PUPS, Up & down ramps & Junctions from Kokapet to Shamshabad (0.00 to 136Km) via Patancheruuvu along the Outer Ring Road Hyderabad.

Approximate Cost of the work : Rs. 100.28 Crores, Opening Date for Downloading Tender Document : 05-11-2019, Pre-Bid Meeting : 11-11-2019 at 11:30hrs. Last date and time of submission of Tender : 21-11-2019 upto 3.00 PM, Date & Time of Opening of Technical Tender: 21-11-2019 at 3.30 PM

Tender documents and conditions can be downloaded from e-procurement website www.tenders.telangana.gov.in and from HMDA website www.hmda.gov.in. Any amendments, updates regarding this Tender Notice will be published in the e-procurement web site only.

Sd/-
R.O. No.: 240-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2019-20, Chief General Manager (Tech) HGCL

कार्यालय, कार्यपालक अभियन्ता,
लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, गुमला

Tender Extension Notice

इस कार्यालय के अत्यकालीन E—Tender No.WRD/MID/Gumla-F2-21/2019-20 Renovation of Shahitoli M.I. Scheme जिसका P.R.N. 218852 M.I. (2019-20) है, अपरिहार्य कारणों से Tender date में शोधित किया गया था जिसका प्रकाशन P.R.N. 219976 M.I. (2019-20) D है, इस योजना का पुनः Tender date में निम्न प्रकार संशोधित किया जाता है ।

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(4) Opening of Tender	09.11.2019	12.12.2019

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कार्यपालक अभियन्ता,
लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, गुमला।

P.R. 221400 Minor Irrigation(19-20)-D

कार्यालय, कार्यपालक अभियन्ता
लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, गुमला

Tender Extension Notice

इस कार्यालय के अत्यकालीन E—Tender No.WRD/MID/Gumla-F2-24/2019-20 Renovation of Khijari Bandh M.I. Scheme जिसका P.R.N. 218918 M.I.(2019-20) अपरिहार्य कारणों से Tender date में संशोधित किया गया था जिसका प्रकाशन P.R.N.219979 M.I. (2019-20) D है, इस योजना का पुनः Tender date में निम्न प्रकार संशोधित किया जाता है ।

Particulars	Previous date	Extension date
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(4) Opening of Tender	09.11.2019	12.12.2019

अन्य शर्तें पूर्ववत् रहेगा ।

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता
लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, गुमला

PR 221403 Minor Irrigation (19-20) _D

Fisherman will be released, can't say when: Bangla foreign minister

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 1

BANGLADESH FOREIGN Affairs Minister A K Abdul Momen on Thursday could not clarify when the Indian fisherman in custody of Bangladesh police will be released.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the 9th Bangladesh Book Fair in Kolkata, he said, "We have a law in our country, which bans catching Hilsa in Padma river for a period of 22 days when they release eggs. But they (Indian fishermen) caught Hilsa on the Bangladesh side of the river. One was caught while others were released. He will definitely be released through bilateral talks, but I cannot say when."

On October 17, three fishermen were caught by Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB) after



(From left) Poet Sankha Ghosh, Bangladesh Deputy High Commissioner Toufique Hasan and Bangladesh Foreign Affairs Minister Abul Kalam Abdul Momen at the 9th Bangladesh Book Fair in Kolkata on Friday. Express

they strayed into Bangladesh waters in Padma river. Pranab Mondal (41), the boat owner, was detained. The others, Bikash Mondal (32) and Achintya Mondal (28), were sent back and asked to call the BSF for a flag meeting.

BSF personnel Vijay Bhan Singh was killed after BGB personnel opened fire during the flag meeting. Pranab is presently in the custody of Bangladesh police.

The Bangladesh Minister said this incident

will not affect friendly ties between the two countries.

He also said the upcoming visit of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to Kolkata to attend a test match between India and Bangladesh, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee may also be present, might see a solution to the Teesta water-sharing dispute.

"Our Prime Minister will visit Kolkata to attend the test match. I hope Indian PM Narendra Modi and West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee will attend the match. We hope friendly ties between India and Bangladesh and West Bengal and Bangladesh will reflect in the meeting of the heads of the states and issues such as Teesta dispute would be addressed."



Harish Rawat

'HORSE TRADING' Harish Rawat moves HC against CBI FIR

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE
DEHRADUN, NOVEMBER 1

FORMER UTTARAKHAND chief minister Harish Rawat on Friday challenged in the High Court the FIR that the CBI had lodged against him for allegedly attempting to buy the support of rebel Congress MLAs in 2016.

In an FIR on October 23, the CBI booked Rawat, his then Cabinet colleague Harak Singh Rawat — now a minister in the state's BJP-led government — and Umesh Sharma, editor of Noida-based Samachar Plus TV. The CBI has charged the trio under IPC sections pertaining to criminal conspiracy and bribery and under provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

The CBI's FIR was based on the findings of a preliminary inquiry launched in April 2016 following a "sting operation" video that purportedly showed Rawat discussing a pay-off with Harak Singh in lieu of the support of rebel Congress MLAs.

The matter was heard by the bench of Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia on Friday. After the hearing, Rawat's lawyer said, "We have filed an amendment application to challenge the FIR. The CBI opposed it but the court has allowed the amendment and has fixed January 7 as next date of hearing."

उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि. निविदा

विस्तारिकरण सूचना

यपान निविदाकर्ताओं द्वारा भाग न लेने के कारण ई- निविदा संख्या टी-131/19-20 दिनांक 14.11.2019 तक विस्तारित की जाती है। हस्ता./- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत परेषण मंडल उ.प्र.पा.ट्रा.का.लि., 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, पाली, ग्रेटर नोएडा "राष्ट्र हित में ऊर्जा बचाव"। कृपया वेब साईट etender.up.nic.in पर सभी सूचना, अन्य संशोधन/विस्तार हेतु निविदा खुलने की तिथि तक लॉग ऑन करें। पत्रांक 1979 वि.पा.मं./ग्रे.ना./T-131/2019-20 दिनांक:- 31.10.2019

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, DEPARTMENT OF FLORICULTURE, JAMMU

NOTICE FOR DATE EXTENSION

The date of downloading and date of depositing of documents in electronic format of E-NIT No. 45 of 2019-20/Floriculture Deptt. Dated: 05.10.2019 issued under No.: EE/FDJ/2019-20/1612-19 Dated: 05.10.2019 followed by the notice for Date Extension issued vide No.: EE/FDJ/1848-52 Dated: 25.10.2019 for Development of Bhour Garden Jammu (Phase-I).

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DISPROPORTIONATE ASSETS CASE

Jagan’s plea for exemption from appearance denied

SREENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, NOVEMBER 1

IN A big setback for Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, the Special CBI court hearing the disproportionate assets case filed by the CBI against him has dismissed his petition seeking exemption from his personal appearance during hearings every Friday.

The CBI had filed cases against Jagan in 2011 for alleged quid pro quo investments by businessmen and industrialists in his firms in lieu of favours and benefits given by the government which was then headed by his father, late Dr Y S Rajasekhara Reddy. The CBI had filed 11 chargesheets against Jagan and several others.



YS Jagan Mohan Reddy

The trial in the case is yet to start, but the court had directed Jagan to appear during hearings. It also directed several former ministers and IAS officers named in the cases to be present in the court. After becoming the CM in May, Jagan had filed a petition seeking exemption from personal appearances on the ground that as a chief minister, it was not possible to appear before the court every time. In the petition, Jagan’s counsel told the CBI court that as a CM, he had many important duties to attend to everyday and it was not possible to come to Hyderabad often to appear in the

court. The counsel also stated that due to court appearances, the CM had to spend two days in Hyderabad and lost a number of working hours, which was a loss to the AP administration, and each trip also cost several lakh rupees for arranging security, convoys, and to make travel arrangements. The petition sought permission from the court to allow him to be represented through a lawyer.

“It is almost six years from the date of filing of the last chargesheet in the case, but the trial proceedings are yet to start... If the request of the petition is allowed, it will virtually entail him to liberate himself from the lawful restrictions imposed by the court to ensure the end of justice...,” the CBI’s counter appeal stated.

The CBI stated that in all 11 chargesheets, Jagan is an accused. On hearing the counter appeal, the court dismissed Jagan’s petition and directed him to present for all the hearings.

After drought, Marathwada’s farmers hit by untimely rain

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MUMBAI, PUNE, NOVEMBER 1

EXACTLY A year since the Maharashtra government declared an early drought in 151 talukas after a poor monsoon, torrential rain over nearly two weeks before Diwali has damaged standing crop on 54.22 lakh hectares of farmland across the state. Almost the entire state is affected, with officials in 325 talukas now receiving urgent requests to assess the crop damage so as to announce relief measures.



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Marathwada’s eight districts, which bore the brunt of acute water scarcity through the first seven months of 2019, are now worst affected by the latest floods, with lakhs of acres of standing crop, including soyabean, cotton and bajra, washed out.

“There is nobody in our village and nearby areas who is not affected. Every single farmer has suffered damage and complete destruction on one or two acres of land,” said Shrikant Gadale, a farmer in Beed’s Kaij taluka, where moisture stress in August had already led farmers to anticipate only about 50 per cent of average yield for their soyabean and cotton. “Now that too has been destroyed,” said Gadale, a resident of Dahiphal Vadamauli village.

Gadale on Thursday wrote an application to the Maharashtra governor seeking to be ap-

pointed chief minister until the BJP and Shiv Sena resolve their differences — a letter that went viral. “It’s not to be seen as comedy. It is a serious problem. The Sena and BJP have been voted to power. When farmers are in such a delicate condition, they should form the government expeditiously to give us relief,” Gadale told The Indian Express. His 2 acres of land witnessed destruction of soyabean and bajra.

In Georai taluka’s Chaklamba, where farmers went on relay hunger strike multiple times this year to seek a sub-canal from Jayakwadi, farm animals were in fodder camps, a drought relief measure by the state, for five to six months until early September. “My well stayed dry through the first half of the monsoon; we had tankers supplying

water even in August. Now our fields are flooded,” said Satish Patil of Chaklamba.

In Latur, resident deputy collector Anant Gavhane said official panchnamas to assess damage have been slow due to the continuing rain, expected to last till mid-November. “Approximately 1,97,857 hectares of crop in 10 talukas of Latur are damaged, but the number may vary once assessment is complete,” he said.

Soyabean, an important cash crop that has become very popular among farmers, suffered extensive damage across the region. Soyabean (18.69 lakh hectare), cotton (19.73 lakh hectare), tur (1.18 lakh hectare), maize (4.89 lakh hectare) are the main affected crops. State government officials estimate that total losses could be more than

Rs 5,000 crore.

In Jalna’s Math Pimpalgaon village, Babasaheb Jige said he was preparing to harvest his soyabean when the rains began in mid-October. “It rained for 12 days without a stop, losses are tremendous,” he said. In Nanded’s Ardhapur, scores of farmers have been lining up outside the taluka’s agriculture department office, hoping to get assistance in filling crop insurance claims.

After a delayed start, the southwest monsoon this year picked up pace in July. In Marathwada, with districts such as Beed and Jalna suffering a rain deficit until well into August, thousands of farmers delayed sowing. Sowing picked up later, with some regions receiving just enough rain for crops like soyabean, cotton and tur. Barring a dip in sowing of pulses like urad and moong, which are usually sown early in the season, acreage of other crops reported growth.

The cyclonic disturbances in the Arabian Sea and revival of the monsoon as it withdrew led to rain towards the end of October. Between June to November 1, Maharashtra reported an average of 1,353.11 mm rain as against the normal 1,199.4 mm. The eight districts of Marathwada have reported the maximum crop damage — 22.71 lakh hectare across 6,943 villages. Districts in North Maharashtra and Vidarbha have reported damage on 16.69 lakh hectare and 12.47 lakh hectare, respectively.

Meghalaya to bring entry law for visitors

Norms similar to inner line permits

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, NOVEMBER 1

THE MEGHALAYA Cabinet Friday approved amendments to the Meghalaya Residents Safety and Security Act (MRSSA) 2016, which will lead to laws that require non-resident visitors to register themselves on the lines of the Inner Line Permit (ILP) system of Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Mizoram.

The move comes in the backdrop of demands for an ILP-like regime and concerns by civil society and political leaders, including Chief Minister Conrad Sangma, that people excluded from the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam might try to enter Meghalaya. ILP is based on the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation Act (BEFR), 1873. It is a special permit required by “outsiders” from other regions of the country to enter the three states where it is currently in force.

Meghalaya Deputy Chief Minister Prestone Tynsong told reporters that the amendments, in the form of an ordinance, will come into effect immediately and be regularised in the next Assembly session. They came after consultations between the government with political parties, stakeholders and NGOs in the state. The amendments give more teeth to the laws in place

through the existing Act.

Tynsong, however, declined to comment when asked about similarities between these amendments and the ILP. He also did not comment on the implementation of NRC in Meghalaya. Speaking to *The Indian Express* later, he said the amendments were not particularly for illegal foreigners, since there are other laws against them.

Tynsong told reporters that in the original Act, the focus was on registration and documentation of tenants and that the amendments will extend similar rules to cover all non-state residents visiting or living in the state.

“This Act is indicative only for those people who are interested in visiting our state as tourists, labourers or for education and business. With this Act in place, they will need to comply with guidelines to be prepared in the form of rules,” Tynsong said.

He said the new rules will encompass not only tenants but all visitors and tourists staying, for example, in hotels, home stays, relatives’ houses, etc. “We are not stopping them. We welcome them, but with detailed information...,” he said.

The Deputy CM said the government will soon draft new rules regarding what documents people need to submit. He said the government would try to make the process “short and simple”.

Project launched to build capacity of TB drug resistance testing facilities in India

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS
PUNE, NOVEMBER 1

THE FOUNDATION for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND) on Thursday announced a new initiative, supported by Johnson & Johnson, that will help build and strengthen the capacity of at least seven tuberculosis (TB) culture and drug-susceptibility testing (C&DST) facilities in India, in collaboration with the country’s Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP).

FIND will work with state officials to establish and enhance the capacity of TB C&DST laboratories in the high-burden TB states of Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

TB is the world’s deadliest infectious disease; in India, a person dies from TB every minute. Growing resistance to the most commonly-used drugs is compounding this public health challenge. India experienced about 1,35,000 new cases of drug-resistant TB in 2018, more than any other country. Globally, only one in three people with drug-resistant TB is diagnosed and put on treatment and, of those, only 56% are successfully cured.

To address this, the RNTCP established the National Strategic Plan (NSP) 2017-25, with the goal of eliminating TB in India by 2025.

The NSP emphasises the need for expanding and strengthening C&DST laboratory capacity.

The WHO recommends at least one TB C&DST laboratory per 10 million people — in India, this equates to 125-130 laboratories.

“Achieving India’s ambitious TB goals depends not just on finding those with the disease, but also ensuring they can be treated with drugs that will work, and for this access to C&DST facilities is essential,” said Dr Sarabjit S Chadha, Regional Technical Director, FIND India and South-East Asia region.

Youth unemployment rising with educational qualifications: Study

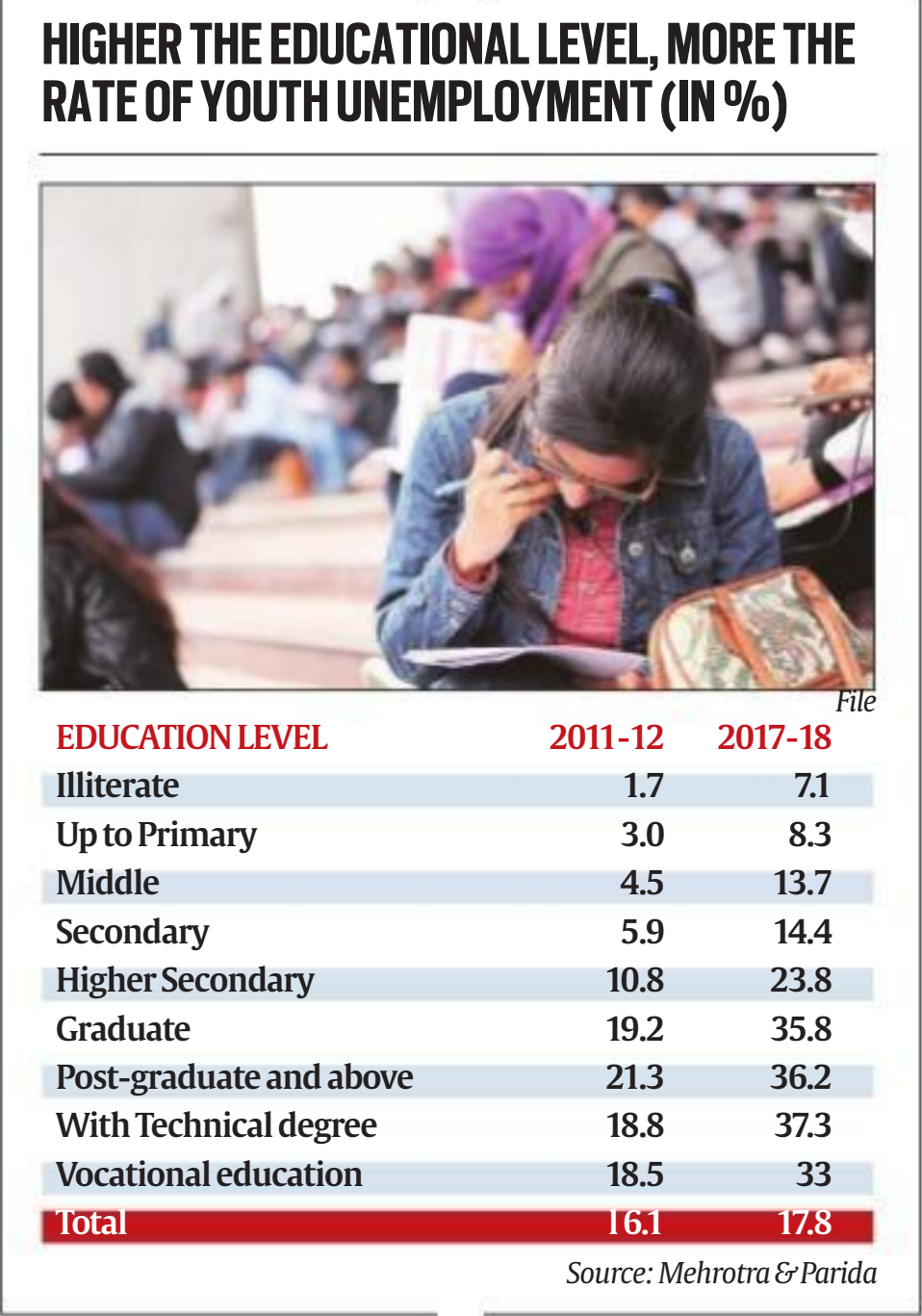
UDIT MISRA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 1

A KEY takeaway from the study of India’s unemployment trends by Santosh Mehrotra and Jajati Parida (of Jawaharlal Nehru University and Central University of Punjab, respectively) is the fast-rising trend of youth unemployment.

By youth, the study refers to people in the age group of 15 to 29 years of age. The total number of unemployed youth went up marginally from 8.9 million in 2004-05 to 9 million in 2011-12 but, has since shot up to 25.1 million in 2017-18.

What is worse is that the rate of unemployment (in per cent) is higher as one goes up educational attainment (see chart). Moreover, the authors have concluded that youth unemployment has risen for all categories of educational attainment. The states that housed most of these 25 million unemployed youth include Uttar Pradesh (3 mn), Andhra Pradesh (2.2 mn), Tamil Nadu (2.2 mn), Maharashtra (1.9 mn), Bihar (1.9 mn), West Bengal (1.5 mn), Madhya Pradesh (1.3 mn), Karnataka (1.2 mn), Rajasthan (1.2 mn), Odisha (1.1 mn), Gujarat (1 mn) and Kerala (1 mn).

Mehrotra & Parida have



based their conclusions on the National Sample Survey Organisation’s Employment-Unemployment Surveys for 2004-05 and 2011-12, and the Periodic Labour Force Survey for 2017-18.

According to Mehrotra, while

the total jobs in the agricultural sector have continued to decline massively from 232 million in 2011-12 to 205 million in 2017-18 — and this is a desirable trend — the rate of new job creation in the other sectors of the economy has not been enough to absorb the excess labour. As such, while jobs have gone up in the services sector (from 127 million to 144 million in 2017-18) and the non-manufacturing sector — which includes activities such as construction, mining etc. — from 55 million to 59 million, yet manufacturing, a sector which has the most capacity to soak up excess labour, saw total employment fall — far from growing — from 60 million to 56 million between 2011-12 and 2017-18.

“The slow growth (or scarcity) of non-farm jobs and the rising open unemployment together have resulted in a massive increase of disheartened youth,” state the authors. A reflection of this is that the number of youth (between ages 15 and 29) declaring themselves as “Not in Labour Force, Education, or Training” rose to over 100 million in 2017-18 from 83 million in 2011-12. “These are young people who are disheartened by the state of affairs and are neither looking for jobs, nor are they interested in studying or training themselves,” says Mehrotra.

Be cautious while speaking on Ayodhya verdict: Yogi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 1

UTTAR PRADESH Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath called a special meeting of his council of ministers on Friday and instructed them to show restraint while giving out statements on the Ayodhya verdict, whenever it comes.

Sources said that during the special meeting ahead of the Cabinet meet Friday, the CM asked his ministers to educate people in their regions against indulging in any acts that could agitate others.

“Chief Minister has said show restraint and don’t say anything that could stir up tensions,” a senior minister said.

He added that during the meeting, Yogi asked the ministers to ready people in their respective regions to handle the verdict with control and caution. “We were asked to tell the masses not to hurt the sentiments of others while expressing happiness (if the verdict is in the favour of Hindus),” said the minister.

Sources said that some of the



Yogi Adityanath called a special meet of ministers

ministers told the CM that they have already started communicating this to the people in their respective regions.

Later, the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved a proposal by the Ayodhya district magistrate to acquire 61.38 hectare of land in Meerapur Dawa village to build a statue of Ram, along with a digital museum, an interpretation centre and a library, besides other amenities like a food plaza. A fund of Rs 447.46 crore was also sanctioned to acquire the land.

Cabinet minister Srikant Sharma said that Rs 200 crore had been approved for the preparation of a Detailed Project Report. “Already, Rs 100 crore has been approved for the project in 2019-20. The Cabinet has authorised the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister to take further decisions on the project,” he said.

Accept SC verdict, maintain peace: AIMPLB member

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 1

PROMINENT SUNNI cleric and All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) member Maulana Khalid Rasheed Firangi Mahali Friday made an appeal to Muslims to “accept the verdict of the Supreme Court in the Ayodhya case.”

The verdict is expected on or before November 17.

“The final judgment in the Ayodhya case is expected soon. Most people are aware that the Ayodhya issue is the most sensitive matter in Independent India. Not only in India, the international community is also keeping a watch. It is the responsibility of each person to accept the

verdict of the Supreme Court and maintain peace,” Rasheed said in a statement issued late on Thursday night.

He added, “I made an appeal to all imam that during the Friday prayers, they should appeal to people that there is no need to be scared. The Constitution should be trusted. Whatever the verdict, it should be accepted... Muslims should not say anything that may hurt anyone’s religious sentiments. The communal harmony of the country should not be affected.”

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Rasheed said, “My appeal was to all clerics in the country. During Friday prayers, clerics at different mosques asked Muslims to stay calm and accept the verdict.”

DEATH OF KERALA SISTERS

NCSC may ask govt to transfer case to CBI

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 1

THE NATIONAL Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) may ask Kerala to transfer the case of rape and suspicious death of two minor Dalit sisters to the CBI for a thorough probe, its vice-chairman L Murugan said Friday.

Public outcry and protests erupted in Kerala after a special POCO court

in Palakkad on October 25 acquitted all the accused for lack of evidence. The two girls, belonging to Palakkad district, were aged 11 and nine and were found hanged in January and March, 2017 respectively.

Post-mortem reports suggested that they were sexually assaulted. The police arrested four people, one of whom was acquitted in September this year, and the remaining three on October 25.

“In view of gravity of the issue and

to provide justice to the girls’ family, we are considering recommending to the Kerala government to hand over the case to the CBI for a thorough probe,” Murugan said.

Kerala DGP Loknath Behera said the police was yet to get the certified copies of the court verdict.

According to him, the judgment copy would be available on November 5 or 6.

“After going through it, we will decide the next course of action,” he said.



P Chidambaram

rector to constitute a medical board to give an opinion on the 74-year-old Congress leader’s health condition.

The medical board on Friday

placed the report before Justice Kait, stating that “hospitalisation of Chidambaram was not necessary as all his vitals are normal”.

Referring to the report, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said the Congress leader does not require a sterile environment.

The judge then directed Tihar jail authorities to provide Chidambaram with clean surroundings, mineral water, home-cooked food and protection from mosquitoes. The court also directed that Chidambaram’s check-ups be conducted regularly.

The court disposed of the

plea when senior advocate Kapil Sibal, representing Chidambaram, said they do not require any further direction.

Chidambaram had sought interim bail, saying his health condition is deteriorating and he needs to be in a sterile environment. He had stated that he wants to get examined by his doctor at the Asian Institute of Gastroenterology in Hyderabad.

The CBI arrested Chidambaram on August 21. He was remanded in custody the next day and sent to judicial custody in Tihar jail on September 5, which was subsequently extended.

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